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Farm to table? Not in Illinois

More infrastructure needed for crops

By **TARA SUN**
 Capitol News Illinois

CHICAGO — Inside a factory on Chicago’s North Side, the smell of simmering soybeans drifts through the air. On a typical day, “I use about 4,000 pounds of dry beans,” Jenny Yang said.

She and her team grind, cook and press thousands of pounds of soybeans into silky tofu and rich soy milk – the taste of home for Yang and for many who grew up with tofu on the table.

“She still makes it the same way – no preservatives, made mostly by hand,” said Bob Lum, a longtime friend of Yang who helps with the business.

Her company, Phoenix Bean, has been making tofu and soy milk this way since she bought it in 2006. It is one of the few businesses in the state that uses Illinois food-grade, non-GMO, or non-genetically modified organism, soybeans, sourced directly from local farms like Janie’s Mill in Ashkum.

“I know them since back in the day, like at least 10, 15 years,” Yang said. “This is a good, very good partnership.”

Illinois grows more soybeans than any other state, harvesting more than 639 million bushels in 2025, well ahead of Iowa’s 595 million bushels and Minne-

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BILLTOWN NURSING HOME



The Country Aire Senior Manor in Williamsfield is shown in the above photo. Below are the new owners of the building, the husband-and-wife team of Scott Perkins and Bobby Brown. Photos by Nick Vlahos

Couple was sold on Williamsfield

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – One existing building in Williamsfield has become the site of 16 new addresses. Scott Perkins and Bobby Brown hope that leads to at least 16 new residents.

The husband-and-wife team are the owners of Country Aire Senior Manor, a new independent-living facility along Illinois Route 180. The new owners purchased the building earlier this year for about \$200,000 from the village, which received it last year by donation.

For Brown and Perkins, it sounds like it was love at first sight.

“We didn’t even make it into



the building and I told her, ‘We’re buying this place,’” Perkins said. “I knew as soon as we pulled in. I said, ‘Unless we walk in here and I see something completely different than what the outside tells me, we’re buying this place,’

And we did.”

Not to say all was perfect. Brown and Perkins have been upgrading an almost-40-year-old building that was a retirement center-turned-group home. Among the upgrades

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At the root of sidewalk problem

Trees axed during city repair projects

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Insurance costs and planting trees were two main topics of discussion during a brief meeting of the Elmwood City Council on May 15.

As part of recent sidewalk-repair projects on Magnolia and Main streets, several trees located in the city right-of-way were cut down. Alderman Nathan Brunnelson said roots from the trees, some of them quite large, were causing problems with heaving of the sidewalks.

Brunnelson said the plan is to plant trees this fall and to offer residents four species from which to choose. Because of limited space in the right-of-way, those options will likely be for smaller decorative trees or trees with less invasive root systems.

“I don’t think you’ll be able to get 70- to 80-foot maples,” Brunnelson said.

The council also discussed this year’s city insurance premium of \$118,900 from Elmwood Insurance Services, LLC. City Treasurer Bonnie Beal said the premium increased 23% compared to last year’s total of \$96,500. That was more than had been budgeted, even after increasing the budget 19%, and caused Beal to make a transfer

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ELMWOOD: Several claims in past year

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from the General Fund.

“We can cover it, we just didn’t budget for it,” Beal said.

Brunnelson said the city has had its business with Elmwood Insurance for about eight years and he and Alderman Bob Paige said the city could shop for a cheaper premium, though they have generally tried to remain local with the business.

City Clerk Bethany Lovingood reminded the council that the city had several claims in the past year, including dog bites and a few workmen’s compensation claims for city

staff. Salary rates also raise workmen’s compensation rates.

In committee reports, Brunnelson said the city’s sewage lagoon project is going out for bids soon. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for June 2 and bid packages are due back by July 1.

Brunnelson also praised Lovingood for learning a new software system on the fly in the clerk’s office.

Mayor Andrew Almasi said Good Forest Timber Co. of Chillicothe plans to harvest walnut trees in the next few weeks from the city’s newly annexed property on the

north edge of the city. The original plan was to cut 49 walnut trees that would net the city at least \$35,000.

There was some discussion about having Good Forest Timber work on creating trails, but Almasi said he did not think that’s the type of work commonly done by the company.

The mayor said trees will sit for two weeks after being cut and then will be removed from the wooded area.

The board tabled to June 2 further discussion about a ground lease between the city and Peoria County.

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- **Scholarship Fundraiser** – A fundraiser for the Mike Welch Scholarship will be Saturday, May 30, at the Hanna City Sportsman’s Club, 4-10:30 p.m. Event includes food, an auction, live music and tip boards.
- **Container Gardening** – Learn the art of container gardening from Illinois Extension master gardener May Bach on Monday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library. Free program, ages 18 and over.
- **Bible School** – Brunswick Community Church in Tri-voli has Vacation Bible School June 1-5, 9:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 2 through 8th grade. Call (309) 245-4271.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

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This Week’s Events

• **Concert** – Choral Dynamics presents “Raising Spirits With Song” on Friday and Saturday, May 29-30, at The Orpheum Theatre in Galesburg. Tickets at galesburgorpheum.com, or call (309) 342-2299.

Future Events

• **Storm Seekers** – Learn more about extreme weather during a Q&A session with an expert at Brimfield Public Library on June 5 at 10 a.m.

• **Blood Drive** – Farmington United Methodist Church, 187 W. Fulton St., has a blood drive June 5, 1-5 p.m. For appointments call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

• **Concert Series** – Free concerts in Princeville Stevens Square Park start June 5 at 7 p.m. with Kelvis, an Elvis Presley impersonator. Concerts continue June 12 with the New Cats and June 26 with the Central Illinois River Valley Big Band. Food served. Bring your own chairs.

• **Strawberry Festival** – The annual Elmwood Strawberry Festival will be in Central Park on June 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

featuring food, live music, vendors, a car show and strawberry treats of all sorts.

• **Garage Sales** – The Village of Princeville’s annual city-wide garage sales are June 5-6. A map of sales will be available June 3 in town or on the Village of Princeville Facebook page or website.

• **Fundraiser** – The Saddle Up for St. Jude ride is June 5-6 at the James Spurgeon Equestrian Park on the north side of Jubilee College State Park. Public welcome. Food, live music and auctions. Hours 5-10 p.m. June 5 and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. June 6.

• **Author’s Journey** – Author and broadcaster Ken Zurski will discuss his journey from Peoria to The History Channel June 8 at 6 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library.

• **Cruise-In** – The Canton Gear Jammers have cruise-ins at Elmwood’s Central Park from 5-7 p.m. on June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12. Times 4-6 p.m. on Sept. 9 and Oct. 14.

• **Rummage Sale** – St. Mary’s School of Kickapoo has its annual rummage sale June 12, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and June 13, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Donations accepted through June 5 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or call (309) 691-3015.

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- Carl Sagan

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GUEST VOICES



Illinois is failing its regional universities

As someone who has spent their career in both policy and higher education, and as a current trustee for Western Illinois University, I have sadly witnessed the erosion of state support for regional universities. In fact, the western region of Illinois isn't known as Forgotonia for no reason.

Illinois has morphed into a public higher-education system of inadequate, inequitable and unstable funding of our vital regional universities. Assuming there is accountability and affordability criteria from the universities, the time is now for equitable funding of our public colleges.

Today, there is no logical, data-driven formula for distributing funds and no factoring of actual costs to adequately support students. Funding decisions are driven largely by political negotiations, and the recent paltry 1% or 2% across-the-board increases only serve to bake in historical disparities.

Illinois has disinvested in public higher education with no regional university having more than half of what it needs to serve its students.

This imbalance has forced institutions to shift costs to students, parents and families, with students left to pay tuition and fees that are almost 50% higher than the national average.

Disinvestment in the 2010s resulted in Illinois having the largest enrollment declines, and these were mostly at our regional universities. The disinvestment and inequitable distribution hurts minority and rural students most of all. Increased funding boosts enrollment, results in less time to obtain a degree and significantly increases graduation rates for black, Latinx and rural students.

Importantly, a groundbreaking model for equity and adequacy is pending in the General Assembly. In a state budget of \$54 billion, the approximate \$135M investment called for by Senate Bill 13 and House Bill 1581 represents just three-tenths of 1%.

Funding our public universities as written in the legislation is estimated to produce thousands of additional graduates who are more likely to remain in Illinois to begin productive lives and careers that may generate millions of additional dollars in state tax revenue and reductions in Medicaid and SNAP – tremendous state-wide benefits that require a mere drop in the bucket of Illinois' total

budget. The scale of opportunity presented by SB13/HB1581 not only warrants, but necessitates, the investment.

Illinois' regional universities produce critical public servants, including teachers and nursing graduates in larger numbers than other schools. In Western Illinois University's case, it is second in the nation for producing professional, highly-trained law-enforcement graduates. The harm of not enacting the Adequate and Equitable Public University Funding Formula Act is immense, costing not just dollars, but the much-needed trained professionals who will continue leaving our communities for other states.

Illinois is at a tipping point. In the final days of this session, our legislators must consider the role they play in shaping the future of our universities, particularly that of our regional institutions that serve students and communities who sadly have felt forgotten. I fervently hope our lawmakers use their agency to stand with students in Illinois by supporting the passage of SB13/HB1581.

Kirk Dillard is the former chief of staff to the late Gov. Jim Edgar, a former state senator representing Illinois' western suburbs, a former staffer to the Senate Higher Education Committee and a former student trustee on the Western Illinois University Board of Governors. He is currently a trustee for Western Illinois University.



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Meyers' passion for Elmwood runs deep

To the Editor:

On May 22, Gregg Meyers walked out of the doors of Elmwood Junior-Senior High School for the final time as a teacher. All told, Gregg spent 45 years in the halls of Elmwood Schools, including 32 of his 33 years as a teacher.

To say the Elmwood schools are part of his intellectual and emotional DNA would be an understatement. Fortunately for us, he will not be leaving education, as he will continue to coach and mentor the runners that Meyers name has become synonymous with.

In 1997, I accepted my first (and only) teaching job at Elmwood High School. With that contract came the line head track coach. As a first-year head coach, I was just as green as I was as a first-year teacher. Fortunately, I was smart enough to ask Gregg Meyers to volunteer as the distance coach for the track team.

Think about that – I asked eventual Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Famer Gregg Meyers, who led his teams to four state championships, 12 state trophies and more all-state cross country and track runners than can be listed here, to volunteer to be an assistant track coach.

That's Gregg. He's been here for the kids. He's been here to mentor athletes and coaches alike. All of the medals and trophies are simply a byproduct of the relationships built combined with his intense desire to see people approach their potential, which he saw much more clearly than they did themselves.

Great coaches make great teachers, and Gregg is the embodiment of that.

So many times I've said in my science classes, "Do you remember when Mr. Meyers taught you about multiplying by the reciprocal of a fraction in junior high," or some other mathematical concept or operation, and the students in the room would nod their head. They had been taught, they had been drilled, they had been pushed and they knew it.

He taught junior high math the way he coached, by building relationships and helping students approach their potential.

I count myself so fortunate to have gotten to coach alongside one of the best coaches, in any sport, the state of Illinois has ever seen. Over those 29 years, Gregg and I have had so many discussions about coaching. Not the specifics of our individual



sports, but the essence of what coaching is really about. We've both commented on the fact that it doesn't matter if it is cross country, football, basketball, track, baseball or any other sport, coaching kids is the same in all of them.

The challenges of building relationships, meeting them where they are and getting them to where they can be, building strong culture and cohesion, are universal. I just got lucky that I got help realizing that from one of the best along the way.

As always, Gregg, godspeed to you and your runners.

– **Todd Hollis**, Elmwood

Prepare now for carbon sequestration

To the Editor:

As a retired U.S. Marine Corps judge advocate, member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States and State Bar of Texas and owner of a Knox County farm that was once threatened with the use of eminent domain by a CO2 pipeline company, controversy surrounding the contemplated Lapis Project Big River carbon capture and sequestration project at Galva caught my eye.

It immediately made me think of the potential for toxic-tort litigation in the event of a carbon-dioxide leak or underground migration of carbon dioxide from the sequestration site.

Although industry platitudes might lead the public to think CCS is safe, the CO2 pipeline rupture that sent nearly 50 people to the hospital, and forced the evacuation of nearly 300, near Sartaria, Miss., in 2020 suggests otherwise.

While proving that one's family or animals were killed or injured by CO2 leaking into the atmosphere would be relatively straightforward, proving one's domestic water supply was contaminated by sub-surface CO2 migrating from a pipeline rupture or underground sequestration site could be problematic. Without baseline data to show the condition of a plaintiff's water prior to construction of a CCS project, a defen-

dant might persuasively argue to a judge or jury that there is no proof a plaintiff's water is in any worse condition after a leak than it was before.

Hence, although I'm not an Illinois lawyer, I'll go out on a limb and suggest that any resident, landowner or governmental entity near a proposed CO2 pipeline or CO2 sequestration site consider having their water tested prior to construction. This may not be as hard as one might think.

A Google search using the term "water testing Henry County Illinois" produced six pages of information, including the fact that water test kits and advice can be obtained directly from the Henry & Stark County Health Department.

The search results also indicate that in-depth analysis of water samples is available through the use of Illinois-certified commercial laboratories, and provided contact information for testing facilities in Peoria, Peru and Springfield.

If you want to dig deeper, consider contacting the Illinois State Bar Association, or a law firm that handles toxic-tort litigation, for additional suggestions and information. The potential for high-dollar judgments against CCS toxic tort defendants – especially in cases involving mass casualty incidents – should make helping potential plaintiffs prepare the groundwork for such lawsuits attractive to the legal profession.

The bottom line is that if you think you may someday need to sue a CCS company for contaminating your water, get your water tested now. Take it from a retired Marine: the time to prepare the battlefield is before the war begins, not after.

– **John F. Feltham**, Williamsfield

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 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff vs. KEVIN MACGREGOR; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; THE GREATER PEORIA SANITARY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant
 25 FC 207 CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on June 17, 2026, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 P.I.N. 14-31-102-001.
 Commonly known as 3033 W. WARDCLIFFE DR., PEORIA, IL 61604.

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For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-353480 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3286689
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Peoria Peoria, ILLINOIS
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff vs. HEATHER MARIE WHITED; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

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REAL ESTATE: This attractive ranch style home is conveniently located 2 houses south of the corner of the park in Knoxville, IL. The main level contains a smaller kitchen, dining room, a nice sized living room, 1 master and another bedroom, one full bath and various closet areas. Hardwood floors are in the bedrooms and are suspected to be under the house carpet in the other rooms. The basement is full with the potential to finish as it remains dry. A laundry area, toilet and shower are also located in the basement. Outside there is a nice unattached 1-stall garage with workshop to the back, overhead door and a side car port, all with cement floors. There is an extra lot included to the side of the drive. The roof, siding, windows, heat and air are all in good working order. Although in need of some cosmetic updates, this home has been kept tidy and mostly maintained. **TERMS:** A non-refundable \$7500.00 deposit will be required on auction day with the balance to be pd. in full at closing in approx. 30 days. A valid purchase agreement will be signed on the day of the auction. No credit cards accepted for R.E. purchases.

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HOUSEHOLD AND ANTIQUES: nice cream couch—drop leaf coffee table, matching end tables—signed art—vintage floor and other lamps—cedar chest—flatscreen TV and stand—good walker w/ seat—Hot Point electric stove—refrigerator—Amana washer and electric dryer—nice dining table and hutch—Brinks port. safe—Dietz Vista red globe RR lantern—Thomas radio and speaker—ant. full pedestal bed and dresser—stands and shelving—Bombay china dishes and serving pieces—ant. China cups and saucers—Edwin Knowles China—pink/purple Depression dishes—old Stein w/ elk—blue jar, buttons—cut glass—old dec. plates—rooster pitcher—shoe last—Royal Colonial Homestead dishes—misc. dishes, glass, etc.—hand stitched quilt—prim. fern stand—old military group memorial picture—vintage hats—2 old scrapbooks—books—vintage NB items, Disney, S&Ps, x-mas—Crosley AMFM radio—retro weatherband AMFM radio—old metal trunk—old metal livestock dump truck—1 vox Winchester 12 ga. rifled slugs, 1 box 12 ga. Winchester 6 shot, boxes of older 22s, 4 paper shotgun shells, 12 and 16 ga., misc.

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ACROSS	58 Like family-friendly films	99 Shout	2 Suffering, figuratively	38 Prefix with light	83 Film genre
1 PlayStation 3 competitor	59 Pres. after FDR	102 Wish you had never met the star of "Firestarter"?	3 — Kit (police face-maker)	39 Pipe joint	86 Skillfully
4 Prefix for "bird"	62 Bring a Fernis wheel to a complete stop?	107 Curved	4 Part of ACLU: Abor.	40 Foliage unit	87 Tranquil
7 Man-to-man term of endearment	65 Scrape (by)	110 — Fridays (restaurant)	5 — voce	42 Stan of jazz	90 Modern, in Munich
13 Luau skirt	66 Charlotte —, Virgin Islands	113 Bank acct. amount	6 "High Rollers" rapper	45 Region of pre-Roman Italy	92 Scottish port
19 Native (to)	69 Internet ID	114 Uncooked	7 See 109-Down	46 Viewed intently	94 Varnish resin
21 Modern way to shop	70 TV host	115 Response to a question about "Swan Lake"?	8 With the wish (of)	48 Some wheel adjusters	95 Judy glance
22 Neckwear clasp	71 Like a king who has wild mood swings?	119 1996 #1 hit for Los del Rio	9 Actress. Summer of "Serenity"	49 Animal's "family tree"	97 Make more offspring
23 Noteworthy septet of piers?	76 Burns a little	124 Funnel-shaped bloom	10 Encircled with a band	50 Golf pegs	98 Govt. loan agency
25 Spanish fleet	77 Army NCO	125 People with unorthodox opinions about a girl in Wonderland?	11 Not suitable	51 Deep anger	101 LAX guess
26 Worship	78 Teeny bit	127 Quick raids	12 Like many simple questions	52 Pay attention	103 — mater
27 Publicly revealing Edison's secret?	79 Noted period	128 Cringed	13 TDs or FBI	53 Sault —, Mich.	104 Collier's tram
29 Bottom-row PC key	81 Ruling eagle sitting in her high nest?	129 Sugar alcohol used as a sweetener	14 Loud warning device	54 Replace with Bud of Cooperstown	105 Really bug
30 Recipe qty.	84 Org. giving loves	130 Tiny amounts	15 Eliminator	56 Roofing specialists	106 Discarded PCs or TVs
32 Overly	85 Indescent button materials	131 Goes hastily	16 Former first lady Michelle	60 Some roofing specialists	107 At the stern
33 Eggs' shapes	88 Architect I.M. from China	132 From — Z	17 Rafael of tennis	61 Up to, in brief	108 Barber's tool
34 Successfully trap a moray?	89 "Avengers: Age of —" (2015 Marvel film)	133 Pop/soul singer Des'—	18 Lawn surface	63 Suffix with southwest	109 With 7-Down, the original "I" girl
41 Shrek is one	91 Government revenue sources	DOWN	20 Suffix of nationalities	64 Outdoor gear retailer	111 Chews on
43 "There oughta be —" (44 Dozing)	93 Ukraine port	1 Floor cleaner for liquid spills, in brief	24 Amsterdam is its cap.	67 Large city in Iraq	112 Town on Long Island's South Shore
47 Spellbound	95 Baskety willows		28 Sticky gunk	68 Raised FRs	116 Russian news agency
51 "This works like a charm!"			31 Island setting	72 "Either he goes — go!"	117 Chablis, e.g.
55 Up-to-the-minute			35 Appellation	73 Mao —-tung	118 Ovid's "Lol"
57 Director Ang			36 Dressed	74 Diva Sumac	120 Brand of athletic shoes
			37 Bible book before Zechariah	75 Boomer's kid	121 "— la vie"
				76 Mafia chief	122 Slangy suffix with buck
				80 Horse cousin	123 Cup edge
				82 Campus area	126 ER staffers

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

COMMERCE BANK Plaintiff, -v- JAMES E. WILLIAMS et al Defendant
 2025-FC-0000229

NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 18, 2026, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, NE Jefferson St., Main Entrance, PEORIA, IL, 61602, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
 Commonly known as 5428 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD, PEORIA, IL 61614
 Property Index No. 14-19-202-001

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest

community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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Brimfield making progress on new bus barn

By **ANDY LATORA**

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield School Board’s monthly meeting coincided with the last day of school for the district’s student on May 20.

“We’re out before Memorial Day so that’s always very good for everyone’s psyche,” Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones said.

Jones then provided a brief update on the progress of the district’s bus barn, where interior walls have been framed and mechanical and electrical rough-ins are being completed. Power will be provided to all of the existing equipment and overhead doors in the coming weeks.

“It looks terrific in there,” Jones said. “There’s still some things to do before we get in there but the hope is that it will be done before the next board meeting, which is ahead of schedule.”

The next board meeting was moved back a week to June 24,

which was among the agenda items the board approved.

In other new business, the board approved:

- Gorenz and Associates for Fiscal Year 2026 audit services.
- Insurance renewal from The Unland Companies.
- Bus barn IT equipment from Heart Technologies.
- Purchasing agreement for Peoria County Co-Op.
- Lunch prices for the 2026-27 school year, which increased 10 cents, and registration fees for the high school and grade school.
- FY26 tentative amended budget and FY27 Consolidated Plan.
- District’s parent and family engagement policy.

An item that was tabled concerned the summer facility capital projects plan. Jones suggested tabling the blacktop renovation of the parking lot. Board Member Clint Drury noted the differences not only in the

prices of the four bids but the scope of the work presented in the bid.

One bid, for example, was for \$16,500. Another was over \$36,000 but specified it would provide a 10-inch concrete base and 5 inches of asphalt.

“If it’s a way better product ... it’s a lot more expensive but it’ll last way better,” Drury said.

Jones said he would re-bid the project to get “an apples to apples bid” for the board to consider.

The board accepted the retirement of Kim Runyon, effective on May 21, and approved Jamie Henson as the district’s technology coordinator and Kate Olcott as a special-education teacher at Brimfield Grade School.

The board also approved extracurricular assignments and support-staff personnel assignments for Fiscal Year 2027.

SOY: State relies on imports for its soy food

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sota’s 371 million bushels. Lawmakers designated the soybean as the official State Bean in 2025, effective Jan. 1, 2026, with Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, who chairs the Senate Agriculture

Committee, calling Decatur the “soybean capital of the world.” But almost none of those millions of bushels end up as food on Illinois plates. According to the Illinois Soybean Association, 60% of soybeans grown in the state are exported; most of the remaining 40% are processed as animal feed, leaving the state reliant on imports for its soy food.

“Ninety-five percent of food consumed in the state of Illinois is imported,” said Rep. Sonya Harper, D-Chicago, chair of the

House Agriculture and Conservation Committee, speaking of Illinois food crops. “If there were any type of natural disaster, Illinois only has enough food that will last us for three days.”

In 2025, with a trade war freezing exports to China – one of the biggest buyers of Illinois soybeans – Gov. JB Pritzker declared an “Agricultural Export Crisis” on Oct. 29 and directed state agencies to enhance domestic markets. For farmers and food producers, the pressure has made the need for local infrastructure more urgent than ever, raising the question of whether more of Illinois’ own crops can finally start feeding more Illinoisans.

Harper said more effort and massive investment

are needed. She sponsored the Local Food Infrastructure Grant program, which provides local farmers with small grants for processing, storage and distribution.

“We have some of the best soil, the best farmland,” Harper said. “No matter where you are, urban, suburban and rural – we need to be producing more food in the state.”

She described local food production as a win-win that will help create jobs and generate revenue.

For Illinois farmers, the math is brutal. Food-grade soybeans require older genetics that yield 10 to 15 fewer bushels per acre. Jeff O’Connor, a northern Illinois farmer who has

grown food-grade soybeans, said his commodity soybeans averaged in the low 70s bushels per acre last year. His food-grade soybeans, which use varieties more than a decade old, yielded in the low 60s.

Weed control is another issue. Unlike commodity soy, which allows for certain herbicides, food-grade soybeans are non-GMOs, so farmers can’t use any of those chemicals. And fields often look unkempt.

“You can’t do that again,” one landowner told O’Connor after a season of raising food-grade soybeans. “I don’t care if we made a little more money. They looked terrible.”

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Police reports

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Shots were fired at a Princeville-area residence that was the scene of a recent armed standoff. One of the residents told authorities her friends were target shooting on the property.

Illinois State Police and Peoria and Stark county deputies responded about 9 p.m. April 30 to the residence, in the 13900 block of Illinois Route 90. Someone nearby heard more than a dozen shots, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Law enforcement surrounded the residence and commanded everybody inside to exit with hands raised, but nobody responded. Following a telephone call inside, a woman emerged. She said she thought it was not against the law to target shoot on one's property.

A lieutenant advised the woman that was not illegal, but the targets were not equipped with bullet-stopping equipment behind them. He also told her it probably wasn't a good idea to target shoot there for now, given the previous incident.

Brandon March, 40, of Peoria was arrested at that address April 19 following a 13-hour stalemate with law enforcement. He appeared May 14 in Peoria County Circuit Court on charges of domestic battery and unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon. A jury trial was scheduled for July 6.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington woman involved in a disorderly-conduct incident was wanted for a different crime.

Farmington police were summoned shortly before 3:45 p.m. May 2 to the 400 block of W. Fort St. Dominique M. Addison, 23, was arguing with her 26-year-old boyfriend, according to a police report. He decided to leave for a few hours, to defuse things.

Shortly thereafter, a check revealed Addison had an outstanding Fulton County warrant regarding a 2023 domestic-battery case. Police waited with Addison for her boyfriend to return, so he could watch their child. After that, Addison was transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown.

• **KICKAPOO** – A riding lawn-mower being towed on a flatbed trailer caught fire north of Kickapoo.

The incident happened shortly before 3 p.m. May 1 at Princeville-Jubilee and Grange Hall roads, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The Exmark mower sustained severe damage to its seat, tires, electrical system and rear engine bay.

An unspecified vehicle towed the trailer, which sustained apparent minor damage. According to the driver, after the mower was used on a yard that had tall grass, he noticed it was hot and smoking. He used leaf blowers to cool the mower before he departed the job site.

When the driver turned from Princeville-Jubilee Road onto Grange Hall Road, he noticed the mower was engulfed in flames. Dunlap firefighters responded. No damage estimate was available.

• **TRIVOLI** – A report about someone armed with a knife resulted in a Trivoli man's arrest.

Tristen T. Servis, 22, was transported to the Peoria County Jail following the incident, which happened about 2:30 a.m. April 28 at a residence in the 18600 block of Illinois Route 116, according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Servis was accused of domestic battery.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A 17-year-old Brimfield boy appeared to escape injury from a single-vehicle wreck south of Princeville.

The teenager was driving an east-bound 2018 GMC Denali sport-utility vehicle shortly before 5:45 p.m. April 27 on Parks School Road when at Princeville-Jubilee Road he became distracted by a Bluetooth device on the dashboard, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

After the SUV crossed into the westbound lane, it entered the north-side ditch. The driver overcorrected and the SUV rolled across both lanes and landed in the south-side ditch. Dunlap firefighters evaluated the driver and released him. The SUV was towed.

• **ELMWOOD** – An Elmwood woman apparently was a victim of identity theft.

The victim, a resident of the 600 block of S. Althea St., reported the situation to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office shortly before 4:45 p.m. April 27. She said she received a telephone call from a woman from the fraud-investigation department of a credit-card firm.

Someone used the victim's Social Security number to open an account, according to a sheriff's-office report. The victim said she hadn't opened a credit-card account recently. She also said she does not divulge her personal information, particularly over the phone and internet.

• **MAQUON** – A disturbance at a Maquon residence that involved a Farmington-area woman resulted in no arrests. But the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services was advised.

A Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy responded shortly before 12:45 a.m. April 26 to the 100 block of East St. A 68-year-old woman reported her 25-year-old daughter-in-law was intoxicated and awakened her four children, whose ages ranged from 8 to infant.

The younger woman's 31-year-old husband arrived and said he was in a vehicle his wife was driving earlier that night in another county when she drove off the pavement into a ditch. No injuries were reported. They left the scene separately. The suspect's mother and brother drove her to Maquon.

Eventually, the suspect's mother returned and left with the suspect and her 6-year-old girl. The other children remained at the Maquon residence. The mother-in-law received a domestic-violence form.

• **OAK RUN** – The subject of a driving complaint in Oak Run was wanted for failure to appear in court.

Shortly before 5:30 p.m. April 25, a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy found Reece J. Dubin, 24, of Davenport, Iowa, sitting on a guardrail atop the Oak Run dam. The vehicle, a 2014 Honda sedan, was parked nearby.

Dubin was uncooperative and questioned the circumstances of the complaint, according to a sheriff's-office report. A check revealed Dubin was wanted in Knox County regarding a traffic citation. After Dubin was taken into custody, his father arrived at the scene and became argumentative.

The younger Dubin was transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between May 3-9: dispute, Yates City; suspicious incident, Dahinda; road hazard, Williamsfield; fire, Dahinda; alarm, Yates City.

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Princeville to hire officer for Heritage Days

By **ANDY LATORA**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Two agenda items concerning Heritage Days were considered at the May 19 meeting of the Princeville Village Board of Trustees. One was tabled until it could be discussed in a June 1 committee meeting. The other was passed, although the board needs a little more information.

The board approved hiring an officer to help night-time coverage of Heritage Days, which is scheduled June 18-20. The board approved a pay rate of less than \$80 per hour for two eight-hour shifts, from 6:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

“It will keep the mischief down at (Stevens Square Park) and the events afterward,” said Village President Jeff Troutman, who participated in the meeting via Zoom. “I mean it could be as simple as keeping an eye on kids on bikes riding through the park.”

The tabled item was a request by Beth Duttlinger of the Princeville Civic Association to close off the 100 block of E. Main St and municipal parking lot for the Heritage Days Car Show. She said the PCA

was hoping to have spaces available for up to 100 cars.

Trustee Ron Delbridge offered an alternative and Troutman did, too. Without reaching a consensus, Troutman suggested letting the request be discussed by the property committee, which will meet at 6 p.m. on June 1. That’s an hour before the next scheduled meeting of the village board.

“They can discuss it, review it and send a proposal to the board, Troutman said. “I’ll talk with Chad (Gardner, supervisor of public works) to see what he thinks and if he has an

alternative that will work.” The board also approved a TIF I residential rehabilitation program application. The applicant had replaced the roof and gutters at 210 E. North St. The board OK’d \$2,500 for the applicant.

In regards to tax-increment financing, Troutman said he has been contacted several times since property-tax bills are currently being collected.

“TIF appears as a line item on the tax bill but it is not a new tax,” said Troutman, while admitting there can be some confusion – even for village presidents. “It represents an amount

already designated for a specific account.”

The board tabled a vote to approve a service agreement with Paystar and learned of a request for a building permit to build a deck at 408 E. Spring St.

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MANOR: Small, medium, large rooms offered

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 was the addition of 16 new mailboxes, one for each room. Each mailbox required an address.

The new owners suggested that process was laborious. U.S. Postal Service officials had to sign off on it, as did Knox County officials. Perhaps that's why, while Brown and Perkins were providing a recent tour, they appeared to take particular pride in the gleaming mail-



At left is a common area of the Country Aire Senior Manor in Williamsfield. On the right is one of the residences at the independent-living facility along Illinois Route 180.

boxes protruding from a vestibule wall.

"We had to go get addresses, but it's worth it," said Brown, a Canton-based mortgage banker.

Brown and Perkins believe the entire endeavor is worth it.

The two have been in the rental-and-rehab business for years. That work includes Country Aire apartments in Hanna City, which like the new Billtown facility is for tenants 55 and older. Brown and Perkins were looking to expand that concept at a more-affordable price.

Country Aire in Williamsfield offers three types of rooms – small, medium and large – for monthly rents of \$895, \$995 and \$1,095, respectively. The cost includes utilities but does not include internet or cable television. Common areas include those amenities and a full kitchen. Individual units have kitchenettes.

"I'm able to provide a really good service at a really good price because I got the building at a good price," said Perkins, a retired Caterpillar Inc. mechanical engineer.

"From a business standpoint, seniors really are

phenomenal. What you've got to figure out is what they care about. They care about keeping it cheap. They care about survival. They're just worried about where they're going to live, essentially until the end of their lives."

The first Country Aire tenant moved in about two weeks ago, according to Perkins. The building is not staffed 24 hours a day and does not provide medical services, although Graham Health System of Canton operates a clinic in the village.

A local restaurant, Billtown Diner, has agreed to deliver up to three meals a day for residents, at \$8.50 per meal. Ladd's Food Mart in Williamsfield has offered to deliver groceries. Those businesses and services helped convince the new owners to take a chance on the community, Perkins said.

"To me, the town speaks for itself," he said. "The base is solid in this town. They have everything (my residents) need. I own houses in other places that I drive into town and I'm like, 'This town is dying. I need to get out of it.' When I drove into this town, it's not."

Those might be encouraging words for Village President Robert Johnson to hear. He and other village officials weren't sure what they were going to do with the building, although they knew operating it as a retirement facility was beyond their expertise and financial wherewithal.

Devin McLain, a Peoria-based Realtor who has been working with the village, let Brown know the building was available.

"The building wasn't in our hands very long," Johnson said. "I was thankful, because the village doesn't need another building that we own that we can't use. We were very grateful that these folks came along to take the building off the village's hands and provide this service that's so badly needed in this area."

That gratefulness appears to be mutual.

"I want to fill the place up and provide a place that's great for the town," Perkins said. "Obviously, we're capitalists. We're trying to make an income along the way, too. But at the end of the day, I just want this place to thrive, just like our other place is thriving."

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Pulling the trigger on gun law?

By **BEN SZALINSKI**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois lawmakers are considering legislation that a major gun-rights organization says would effectively ban one of the nation's most popular types of firearms.

The House Gun Violence Prevention Committee voted 9-5 along party lines last week to pass House Bill 4471, which seeks to ban the sale of any semiautomatic pistol with a cruciform trigger bar in Illinois. Supporters say that design can be altered to install an already illegal switch, ultimately turning the pistol into a machine gun.

John Weber, the Illinois director of the National Rifle Association, said banning that design would ban Glocks from being sold in Illinois. But like the state's ban on assault weapons, it would not apply to people who currently own that type of gun.

Bill sponsor Rep. Justin Slaughter, D-Orland Park, called the bill a consumer-product safety measure that "continues to support smart, sensible gun ownership."

Slaughter said consumers still have other pistols to choose from that do not use

the same firing mechanism design as Glock, such as Henry County-based Springfield Armory.

Advocates said the goal is to put pressure on Glock to change their design to make it impossible for their guns to be modified with a switch. Lawmakers in California banned the sale of guns with the design beginning July 1, while legislators in Maryland and Connecticut have approved similar policies in recent weeks.

"The Responsible Gun Manufacturing Act will go to the root cause of the source by holding the gun industry accountable," said Kathleen Sances, president of the Gun Violence Prevention PAC. "By requiring the industry to put a safer design, we can prevent convertible (guns) from being made in the first place."

Slaughter said it's a change Glock should easily be able to make since the company sells a model in Europe that would comply with his bill, though it is not sold in the United States. Glock did not respond to a request for comment.

Slaughter said Chicago police have recovered 1,300 modified Glocks used in crimes and argued

that banning its easily modified design is paramount to protect public safety. The bill's appearance in Springfield comes nearly two years after Chicago sued Glock, alleging the company makes guns that it knows can be easily modified with illegal switches. The lawsuit is still making its way through the courts.

Republicans argued Democrats are misplacing their blame on gun owners for violent crimes.

"As a legal gun owner, there's nothing I want more than for gun violence to stop because every time some criminal goes out with a gun, you all threaten to take away my rights to protect my family," said Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, R-Murrayville.

Weber said he doubts the bill would meaningfully reduce gun violence and it raises legal questions since Glocks could be considered common-use guns. The NRA has filed a lawsuit challenging California's law under that basis.

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Sharon J. Hall
ELMWOOD – Sharon J. Hall, 82, of Elmwood, passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at her home. Sharon was born Aug. 20, 1943, in Elmwood, to Floyd and Lois (Settles) Hall. Sharon is survived by two children, Christina Metz of Yates City and James (Julie) Foster of Elmwood; one brother, Dave (Diana) Hall; five grandchildren, Tasha (Josh) Taylor, Alicia (Brandon) Provence, Levi Taylor, Chelsi Taylor (Les) and Lillie Foster; and eight great-grandchildren.



Hall

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents; one half-brother, Bob Hall; three brothers, Floyd “Buddy” Hall, Michael Hall and Steve Hall; and two sisters, Eleanor Wheeler and Roberta Foster. Sharon was a member of Faith Tabernacle Church of Canton. She loved her dogs and enjoyed garage sales and thrift shopping. Cremation rites have been accorded. A graveside service will be held in Elmwood Township Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society and BYE Ambulance. To leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneral-home.com. Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley A. Carrico
KNOXVILLE – Shirley Ann Carrico, 80, of Knoxville, passed away on May 17, 2026, at the Knox County Nursing Home. She was born on July 22, 1945, in Princeville, the daughter of Aaron L. and Evelyn (Blundy) German. She married George “Mat” Carrico on Nov. 25, 1966, in Williamsfield. He preceded her in death on April 15, 2006. Shirley is survived by her nieces, Ashley (Bob Fox) German of Knoxville, Michelle German of Farmington and Kasi (Brandon) Landon of Altona; and her brother, Mark German of Elmwood. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Knoxville Cemetery in Knoxville. Condolences can be left online at hurd-hendricksfuneralhomes.com.

Myrl R. Costa
EDWARDS – Myrl Ray Costa, 90, passed away on May 19, 2026, in Edwards. Myrl was born on May 4, 1936, in Mason City to Salvatore and Bernice (Gilmore) Costa. Myrl was a supervisor at Komatsu. He enjoyed hunting and the outdoors and all the things that came with that. He is survived by his children David Costa, Brian Costa and Tonya Costa. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Kathryn Costa. Services were May 26, 2026, at Bethany Baptist Church. Burial was in Swan Lake Memory Garden in Peoria. Condolences can be left online at www.cumerfordclary.com.

Rhonda R. Jones
DUNLAP – Rhonda Ruth Jones, 68, of Dunlap, passed away on May

19, 2026, at her home in Dunlap. Rhonda was born on Nov. 3, 1957, in Peoria, the daughter of Lawrence and Florence (Slane) Shaw. Surviving are her mother, Florence Shaw of Princeville; one daughter, Christina Jones of Peoria; four siblings, Larry (Maj-Britt) Shaw of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., Christine Ciacio of Arvada, Colo., Linda (Steve) Sorenson of Golden, Colo., and Bill (Liz) Shaw of Princeville; and a bonus granddaughter, Ava in Peoria. She was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence Shaw. Her celebration of life will be at the American Legion of Dunlap on Saturday, June 20, 2026. from 1-3 p.m.

Donald G. Woodcock
TRIVOLI – Donald G. Woodcock, 92, of Trivoli, passed away on Friday, May 22, 2026, in Peoria. He was born on May 27, 1933, in Trivoli to Lyle and Dorothy (Ford) Woodcock. He shared a marriage for 60 years with Judy Horr. She survives. He is also survived by seven children, Mike, Pat, Janice, Jerry, Glen, Sue and Patty; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Bob; and two sisters, Helen and Mary. A graveside service will be held at 11:45 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2026, at Trivoli Cemetery in Trivoli. Visitation will be held the same day from 10-11 a.m. at Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington. Pastor Austin Miller will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Logan-Trivoli Fire Department.

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The family of Gene L. Endres would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, flowers, phone calls, memorials, & prayers for our loved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather's passing. A Special Thank You to the nurses and staff at the Farmington Village Nursing and Rehab, for their loving care. The United Methodist Church Women of Faith for the luncheon & Pastor Joey for the words of comfort.

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GALESBURG – The Knox County 2025 real estate tax bills, payable in 2026, were mailed on May 21. Robin E. Davis, the county treasurer/collector, said area residents can contact her office if they have not received their bill by June 5.

Installment due dates are July 1 and Sept. 1. Property owners can make payments:

- In person – at the Knox County Courthouse, either at the treasurer’s office or via drop boxes located at the parking-lot exit.

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Election commissioners name executive director

PEORIA – The Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners unanimously appointed Jessily Joseph as executive director in a special board meeting on May 21.

“Jess will do a wonderful job in

her new role as executive director and she has the support of all of the Commissioners on the Election Board as well as county representatives and party chairmen,” stated Commission Chairman Jim Manning.

Joseph was appointed as interim executive director at the monthly board meeting on May 12 to fill the vacancy left following the resignation of outgoing Executive Director Elizabeth Gannon.

Joseph joined the Peoria County Election Commission in October 2022 as the assistant executive director. Her background includes political science and psychology. During her tenure, she oversaw vote-by-mail processing, election judge training and the Commission’s financials.

Joseph and the commissioners will start the search for an assistant executive director. The role will be appointed by the Board of Election Commissioners.

Mosquito tests positive for West Nile virus

PEORIA – The Peoria City/County Health Department reported the first West Nile virus positive mosquito sample detected in Peoria County for 2026. The positive sample is an indication that West Nile virus is circulating in the area and individuals should take

appropriate preventive measures to protect their health.

“West Nile virus (WNV) is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird,” said Carey Panier, environmental health director. “The Health Department has been setting mosquito traps throughout Peoria County to watch for areas of breeding and then testing those mosquitoes for WNV.”

Panier further explains, “The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Precautions include practicing the three ‘R’s’ – reduce, repel and report.”

Common WNV symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms. In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur.

College graduates

- **Jeff Jones** of Brimfield graduated in May with a Doctor of Nursing Practice from the Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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Sunday School: 9:30 am
AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm ages 3-12

Union Church at Brimfield
United Church of Christ
Pastor Stephen Barch
105 W. Clay Street Brimfield
(309) 446-3811

BIBLE TRIVIA
By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Simeon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In which book's 13:12 does Jesus predict children rebelling against their parents to be a sign of end times? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. As found in 1 Chronicles 29, how many years did David reign over Israel? Five, Thirteen, Twenty-two, Forty
4. From 2 Samuel 4, what 5-year-

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Sunday Worship: 9 am
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm
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• Grief & Loss Group meets Tuesday afternoons 3-4:30 pm until further notice.

DAHINDA
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Pastor Zoila Marty
1739 Victoria St. P.O. Box 14
Dahinda IL 61428
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am Sun-
day School during worship
Church: (309) 639-2768
Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389
Email: williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com

DOUGLAS
Douglas United Methodist Church
Pastor Kristine McMillan
484 3rd St.
Yates City IL 61572
(NOTE: Church is in Douglas)
Sunday Worship: 8 am
(Maquon worship: 11 am)

old boy was dropped by his nurse and lamed for life? Moses, Mephibosheth, Peter, Andronicus

5. What prophet was the son of Elkanah and Hannah? Samuel, Huldah, Daniel, Nathan
6. How many times in the Bible do the words "Christian" or "Christians" appear? 3, 13, 30, 300

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Mark, 3) Forty, 4) Mephibosheth, 5) Samuel, 6) Three
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stmaryskickapoo.org
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Saturday Mass: 4 pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30 & 10 am
Mon., Wed., and Fri. Mass: 8 am
Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm

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Crossroads Assembly of God
Pastor Don Nuttall
615 E. Ash St. Elmwood
(309) 742-6409
crossroadselmwood.org
Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm

Sun. Worship: 10:30 am

First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood
Reverend Marla B. Bauler
201 W. Evergreen Elmwood
(309) 742-2631
firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am
Sun. School: 9:30 am

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Father James Pankiewicz
802 W. Main St. Elmwood
(309) 742-4921
Sat. Mass: 5:30 pm
Tues. & Thurs. Mass: 8 am
Tues. Confession: After mass.

United Methodist Church of Elmwood
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Worship Service: 10:30

Farmington United Methodist Church
Pastor Austin Miller
187 W. Fulton St.
Farmington
(309) 245-4310
farmingtonmethodist61531@gmail.com
Sunday School 10:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Presbyterian Church

of Farmington
Pastor Cindy Bean
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Sunday School: 9:15 am
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Wed. Worship: 7 pm

PRINCEVILLE
Princeville United Methodist Church
Pastor David Pyell
420 E. Woertz Princeville
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Sun. Worship: 8:30 am
Sunday School: 8:45 am

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Sun. Mass: 9 and 11 am
Wed. & Fri. Mass: 6:45 am
Tues. & Thurs. Mass: 8 am
Wed. Confession: 7-8 pm

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Brunswick Community Church
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Pastor Terry England
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Sunday Worship: 10:45 am
Sunday Evening: 6:00 pm

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zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
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St. James Catholic Church
Father Deogratias Mpewo
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Williamsfield
(309) 446-3275
stjameswilliamsfield.org
Sun. Confession: 7-7:20 am
Sunday Mass: 7:30 am

Williamsfield United Methodist Church
Pastor Zoila Marty
430 N. Chicago Ave.
Williamsfield
(309) 639-2389
Sun. School: during worship
Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 am
Sunday Worship: 11 am

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Pages From The Past Compiled by Andy Latora

Five Years Ago

- The Elmwood City Council took part in a 25-minute discussion on allowing chickens to be kept within city limits during its May 18 meeting. Mayor J.D. Hulslander said at the conclusion of the talk that the subject of chickens will be on future council agendas.
- Princeville had to move its high school graduation to the last day of school on May 26 in the high school gymnasium after nine seniors had to be quarantined May 16-26.
- Brimfield's Board of Education held its monthly meeting in order to approve a tentative amended budget and have it on display for 30 days before final approval on June 16. The public hearing date is the same as the final approval date.

10 Years Ago

- Elmwood senior Maddison Caldwell earned a \$1,000 Stock Show University Youth Scholarships from Sullivan Supply in recognition of her work showing champion pigs while maintaining good grades and showing leadership.

15 Years Ago

- Williamsfield 4th-graders stepped back in time to attend country school in the historic Bishop Hill Steeple Building. Seventeen students from Cindy Fuller's class assumed identities of Swedish colonists, learned arithmetic, spelling and Bishop Hill history by participating in a tour of the village hosted by schoolmarm Vicki Massie of Dahinda.

25 Years Ago

- Patrick W. Keyser of Elmwood was among the 173 students graduating from Culver-Stockton College with a Bachelor of Fine Arts.
- A new book of local interest was presented to Williamsfield Public Library by the compiler, former Billltown resident Maxine Caldwell Benjamin. "Truro Families" is the result of several decades of work.

35 Years Ago

- Melissa Hockgraver of Williamsfield received the Nettie Caldwell Art Scholarship to Western Illinois, and Tifanie Ellis earned the Hobey Weekend at Illinois Wesleyan, both sponsored by the Home Culture Club.

45 Years Ago

- 1981 inductees into the National Honor Society from Williamsfield were Tine Menken, Julie Courson, Asako Kamimura, Joyce Johnson and Christine Williams.

55 Years Ago

- Mike Connor of Farmington received a full NCAA football scholarship, one of 20 given by Drake.

65 Years Ago

- A tornado that struck Douglas on Mother's Day destroyed 20 homes, damaged 14 and destroyed 29 farm buildings.


75 Years Ago

- Farmington Township Park was to be reopened with William F. Foose as caretaker.


85 Years Ago

- Farmers in the new Elmwood Soil Conservation District elected directors at Elmwood City Hall. Land owners elected were Howard McDonald, Trivoli; Ruth Rudolph Bruniga, Elmwood; Walter Taylor, Hanna City, all to serve two years; Clarence Ramshaw and George Shissler, Elmwood, for one year.
- A break in the Sinclair pipeline spread a heavy coating of oil over the surface of Happy Hollow Lake and Spoon River, extending downstream to Maquon.

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 HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES 2005-3 TRUST, HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-3
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 S. LINN PERKINS, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR VIRGINIA L. WHITE, LEVI SMITH, A-Z PAYDAY LOAN CO., LTD., EMERGENCY LOAN CENTER, INC., UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF VIRGINIA L. WHITE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
 Defendant(s).
 2025-FC-0000084

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Virginia L. White Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Virginia L. White, that this case has been

commenced in this Court, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:
 LOTS 39 AND 40 IN BLOCK 1 IN LINCOLN PLACE; SITUATE LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1905 WEST WISWALL STREET, PEORIA, IL 61605

And which said Mortgage was made by: Virginia L. White (DECEASED), the Mortgagor, to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois as Document No. 05-25507; and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Peoria County Circuit Clerk 324 Main Street

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN BOARD MEETING DATE (School Board)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School board of Princeville School District Number 326, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, that the Regular Board Meeting for June 2026 will be moved to June 22, 2026. The meeting will begin at 6:45 o'clock pm, in the Collaboration Area at Princeville Junior/Senior High School in this School District Number 326. Dated this 20th day of May, 2026.

By Sue Hefler, Secretary
 Published 5/28/26

Peoria, IL 61602

On or before June 15, 2026, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

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 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt

NOTICE OF ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Peoria County on May 4, 2026, under the Assumed Name of Peak-Point Web Design, with the business located at 901 E. London Ave., Peoria Heights, IL 61616. The true name and residence address of the owners is: Carter Little and Maggie Smith, 901 E. London Ave., Peoria Heights, IL 61616.

Published 5/21, 5/28, 6/4/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AKRON-PRINCEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the AKRON-PRINCEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Peoria County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from and after 5:00 P.M. on the 31st day of May, 2026, at the PRINCEVILLE FIRE STATION, 240 East Main Street, Princeville, Illinois.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at **6:00 P.M., the 1st day of July, 2026**, in the PRINCEVILLE FIRE STATION, 240 East Main Street, Princeville, Illinois, and that final hearing and action on this Ordinance will be immediately thereafter taken at a regular meeting of the Trustees of the AKRON-PRINCEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT. DATED this 14th day of May, 2026.

TIMOTHY CONNOLLY, Secretary
 AKRON-PRINCEVILLE Fire Protection District.
 Published 5/28/26

The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Sales Department

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Answers

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 — Barbara McClintock

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ment at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-336661

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Peoria Peoria, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff

vs.
KEVIN MACGREGOR; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; THE GREATER PEORIA SANITARY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
25 FC 207
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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on June 17, 2026, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT 326 IN WARDCLIFFE SUBDIVISION NO. 6, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8, EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON AUGUST 26, 1969, IN BOOK Z-2, PAGE 46, AS DOCUMENT NO. 69-12282; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N. 14-31-102-001.

Commonly known as 3033 W. WARDCLIFFE DR., PEORIA, IL 61604.

The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a common interest community unit, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON**ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET**

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Peoria and Knox Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection weekdays from and after the 6th day of June, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 4:00 P.M. at the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP HALL, by contacting David Wagner, President of the Board of Trustees, at (309) 231-3774.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at **2:00 P.M., Monday, the 6th day of July, 2026** in the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP HALL, located at 111 West Main Street, in Elmwood, Illinois, and that final hearing and action on this Ordinance will be thereafter taken at a meeting of the Trustees of the ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

DATED this 22nd day of May, 2026.

CHAD JORDAN,
Secretary, Elmwood Rural Fire Protection District.

Published 5/28/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the Board of Education of Farmington Central Community Unit School District #265 in the Counties of Fulton, Knox, and Peoria, State of Illinois, that an Amended Budget for 2025-2026 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Farmington Central CUSD #265 District Office, 212 N. Lightfoot Road, Farmington, IL 61531 from the 4th day of May through the 8th day of June, 2026.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held on said Amended Budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026 at 6:30 p.m. on the 8th day of June, 2026 at the Farmington Central CUSD #265 Elementary School Research Center, 108 N. Lightfoot Road, Farmington, IL 61531

DATED this 30th day of April 2026, Board of Education of Farmington Central Community Unit School District #265 in the Counties of Fulton, Knox, and Peoria, State of Illinois.

Dr. Zac Chatterton, Superintendent
Farmington Central CUSD #265

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF,

VS.

GERALD NORDGREN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF CAROLYN S PATTON, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CAROLYN S PATTON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DARRELL HASLETT, SR.; MICHELLE HASLETT; KENDRA ESTES; EDDIE PATTON, JR.; RACHAEL PATTON; WHITNEY PATTON A/K/A WHITNEY ROBINSON, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2026-FC-000004
319 EAST FORREST HILL AVENUE
PEORIA, IL 61603

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU,
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Carolyn S Patton

Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

Michelle Haslett

Kendra Estes

defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 1 IN MAYFAIR SUBDIVISION, A RESUBDIVISION OF FORREST HILL COURT, A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 2, 1934 IN PLAT BOOK "O", PAGE 50, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 319 East Forrest Hill Avenue Peoria, IL 61603 and which said Mortgage was made by, Carolyn S Patton a/k/a Carolyn Haslett a/k/a Carolyn S Haslett a/k/a Carolyn Whitney Mortgageor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Arc Home Loans LLC Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria

County, Illinois, as Document No. 2021019263; and for other relief.

PUBLIC NOTICE**Notice of Proposed Change in Schedule of Rates to Customers of Aqua Illinois, Inc.**

Dear Aqua Illinois Customer:

Aqua Illinois, Inc. hereby gives notice to the public that it has filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) a proposed change in its rate schedules for water and wastewater service in certain areas of Kankakee, Vermilion, Will, Boone, Knox, Lake, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Ogle, Winnebago, McHenry, and Champaign counties.

AQUA ILLINOIS' RATE REQUEST

If this rate request is granted, in full as filed, an average combined monthly residential wastewater (collection and treatment) and water bill (4,000 gallons) would increase by \$23.79 (\$0.79 per day) to \$177.99. If this rate request is granted, in full as filed, an average combined monthly residential wastewater (collection only) and water bill (4,000 gallons) would increase by \$23.27 (\$0.78 per day) to \$102.15.

The estimated bill impact may vary based on multiple factors, including, but not limited to, meter size, usage volume, and public fire protection charges. The bill impact also will depend upon the nature of the service received and will differ for those customers taking wastewater service only, water service only, or wastewater service on a flat rate charge instead of a usage-based charge. The proposed changes in wastewater rates are set out in Tariff ILL. C.C. No. 50, Section 6 filed with the ICC and the proposed changes in water rates are set out in Tariff ILL. C.C. No. 49, Section 8 filed with the ICC.

This request will undergo a review by the ICC for up to 11 months. The approximate date of the change(s), if approved by the ICC within the statutory 11-month process, is April 26, 2027. However, the effective date of any change(s) approved by the ICC will differ for those systems that may not be subject to full consolidated rates as of that date in accordance with the terms and conditions of certain Asset Purchase Agreements approved by the ICC. If the request is approved by the ICC, the changes would result in an increase to base rates of \$19,471,600 for all classes of water service statewide and \$7,028,658 for all classes of wastewater service statewide.

THE RATES YOU PAY DIRECTLY BENEFIT YOUR COMMUNITY

Aqua Illinois' improvements have increased reliability and enhanced process improvements for source-of-supply and water treatment. They have included distribution system improvements to enhance water quality. Depending upon the nature of service provided in your community, examples may include:

Wastewater

- Wastewater treatment plant improvement projects to replace aging and deteriorating equipment, which will prevent service interruptions and improve operational efficiency
- Lift station replacement projects to replace undersized and/or aged equipment to reduce and minimize service interruptions and backups
- Infiltration and Inflow reduction projects to extend service life of infrastructure and reduce costs associated with treatment
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) projects to replace obsolescent data collection and historian equipment to increase service reliability and operational effectiveness

Water

- Water treatment plant additions to improve water quality, increase capacity and reliability, and accommodate industrial growth
- Improvement of well pumps and equipment to increase reliability and sustainability
- Replacement of aged water meters to improve accuracy of water usage data and reduce non-revenue water
- New and replaced fire hydrants to improve fire protection and water quality due to additional flushing capability
- Replacement of aging and deteriorating water mains to improve water quality, pressure, service reliability, and fire protection services
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) projects to replace obsolescent data collection and historian equipment to increase service reliability and operational effectiveness

For customers other than single-family residential customers receiving water and wastewater service from Aqua Illinois, an option exists to install a separate irrigation meter to mitigate volumetric wastewater charges on irrigation and other outdoor uses. Aqua Illinois will provide the irrigation meter; however, customers are responsible for any applicable charges, such as plumbing necessary to accommodate the irrigation meter, proper backflow prevention, and monthly customer charges.

For single-family residential customers receiving water and wastewater service from Aqua Illinois, summer wastewater usage charges generally are based on the average water usage in winter months, a period in which outdoor watering activities are minimized. This methodology for calculating wastewater usage charges is known as historical based consumption and is detailed further in the Company's Tariff.

Customers can receive more information or request an irrigation application by calling 877.987.2782.

ICC ROLE

Please be advised that the ICC may alter or amend the rates or conditions of service after hearings held pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200, and may increase or decrease individual rates in amounts other than those requested by the company.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

Any interested party may file a petition to intervene in the hearings pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200. Pursuant to Section 8-306 of the Public Utilities Act, 220 ILCS 5/8-306, customers may request that the ICC hold a public hearing related to the company's rate request. A copy of the proposed change in rate schedules may be inspected by any interested party at the business office of the company at 1000 South Schuyler Avenue in Kankakee, IL. All parties interested in the matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from Aqua Illinois or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

At Aqua Illinois, water quality and customer service are our highest priorities. We strive every day to listen to you, our customer, and invest in system improvements and enhancements. Our management and staff are always here to assist you. If you have any questions, please contact Aqua Customer Service at 877.987.2782 or visit www.AquaWater.com.

David C. Carter
President
Aqua Illinois, Inc.
Published 5/28/26

ria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2021019263; and for other relief. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before June 15, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate

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ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820 Chicago, IL 60606-1220 Ph. (312) 346-9088 File No. 25-258261L-1381041 I3286895 Published 5/14, 5/21, 5/28/26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

COMMERCE BANK Plaintiff, -v- JAMES E. WILLIAMS et al Defendant 2025-FC-0000229

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 18, 2026, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, NE Jefferson St., Main Entrance, PEORIA, IL, 61602, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, STATE OF ILLINOIS, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS: LOT THIRTY-FOUR (34) IN ROLLING ACRES, SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, COUNTY OF PEORIA, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS Commonly known as 5428 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD, PEORIA, IL 61614 Property Index No. 14-19-202-001

The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest

community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-25-07306 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2025-FC-0000229 TJSC#: 46-78

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025-FC-0000229 I3287139 Published 5/21, 5/28, 6/4/26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. SHAWNA SIMMONS A/K/A SHAWNA R SIMMONS; GREATER PEORIA SANITARY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2026-FC-0000091 3017 WEST SOUTHPORT ROAD PEORIA, IL 61615 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Shawna Simmons a/k/a Shawna R Simmons Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 9 IN TOWNSEND ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN BY PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "Q", PAGE 74, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 3017 West Southport Road Peoria, IL 61615 and which said Mortgage was made by, Shawna Simmons a/k/a Shawna R Simmons Mortgage(s), to PNC Bank, National Association Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2013024175; and for other relief. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before June 22, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document

ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT

State of Illinois - Township of Elba - County of Knox

OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

TOWN FUND

Beginning Balance April 1, 2025		147,624.31
Property Tax	83,016.30	
Replacement Tax	3,172.87	
Interest Income	1,287.00	
Rental Income	30.00	
Misc. Income/TOIRMA	702.00	
Relief Fund Interest Transfer	252.64	
Misc.	0.00	
Total Revenues:	88,460.81	88,460.81
Administration	91,859.75	
Insurance	4,874.00	
Social Security	8,351.15	
Total Expenses:	105,084.90	105,084.90

Ending Balance March 31, 2026 131,000.22

To Whom Paid: Roland Ekstrand 26,604.90; Illinois Dept of Revenue 1,608.80; Ameren Illinois 1,706.85; Boland Plumbing 18,450.00; Township Supervisors of Ill. 30.00; Bank of Yates City 20.00; EFTPS 8,351.15; TOIRMA 4,874.00; BFM 345.00; Foose Construction 18,193.00; TOI 176.15; Julie Newell 774.61; Roger Newell 4,876.08; Philip Goedeke 1,726.94; Lora Ramp 831.42; Mike Lafollette 731.42; David Lynn 731.42; Meals on Wheels 250.00; T.R.I.A.D. 250.00; B.Y.E. 2,500.00; FISH Pantry 250.00; Whitney & Potts 2,278.50; U.S. Postal 78.00; Ingle Electric 0.00; Lampe Publications LLC 206.66; West Central CPA 8,500.00; American Pest Control 540.00; Kay Emmerick 200.00. **Total Expenses: \$105,084.90.**

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Beginning Balance April 1, 2025		31,052.73
Property Tax	0.00	
Interest Income	215.82	
Total Revenues	215.82	215.82

Expenses		
(2024-25 interest to town fund)	252.64	252.64
Ending Balance March 31, 2026		31,015.91

CEMETERY FUND

Beginning Balance April 1, 2025		5,895.66
Property Tax	3,484.15	
Interest	0.00	
Transfer from Town	0.00	
Total Revenues:	3,484.15	
Administration	2,110.00	2,110.00
Ending Balance March 31, 2026		7,269.81

To Whom Paid: Donnie Gladfelter 250.00; Kay Emmerick 165.00; Darla Kovanda 165.00; Diane Potts 165.00; Wyatt Davis 1,365.00. **Total Expenses 2,110.00.**

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVING LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. DAMON RITENHOUSE, SPECIAL

REPRESENTATIVE OF SANDRA JACOBS, DECEASED; PAMELA J WILLIAMSON; TERRY L JACOBS; TIMOTHY ALLEN JACOBS; RICHARD W JACOBS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SANDRA JACOBS A/K/A SANDRA K JACOBS A/K/A SANDRA KAY JACOBS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2026-FC-0000060 413 EAST CYPRESS STREET ELMWOOD, IL 61529 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Timothy Allen Jacobs Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Sandra Jacobs a/k/a Sandra K Jacobs a/k/a Sandra Kay Jacobs Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

THE SOUTH 100 FEET OF EVEN DEPTH OF LOT 7, IN HUMPHREY'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 5, IN THE EASTERN EXTENSION TO THE TOWN OF ELMWOOD. NOW A PART OF THE CITY OF ELMWOOD, EXTENDING THEREFROM THE WEST 13 FEET OF EVEN WIDTH THEREOF; ALSO THE SOUTH 100 FEET OF EVEN DEPTH BY FULL WIDTH OF LOT 8, IN HUMPHREY'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 5 IN THE EASTERN EXTENSION TO THE TOWN OF ELMWOOD. NOW A PART OF THE CITY OF ELMWOOD; ALSO, A PART OF LOT 9 IN HUMPHREY'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 5, IN THE EASTERN EXTENSION TO THE TOWN OF ELMWOOD, NOW A PART OF THE CITY OF ELMWOOD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEING ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 100 FEET OF SAID LOT 9 WHICH LIES WEST OF THE WEST LINE OF DANIELS STREET, BEING ALSO DESCRIBED AS THE WEST 16 FEET OF EVEN WIDTH OF THE SOUTH 100 FEET OF EVEN DEPTH OF SAID LOT 9; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 413 East Cypress Street Elmwood, IL 61529 and which said Mortgage was made by, Sandra Jacobs a/k/a Sandra K. Ja-

Beginning Balance April 1, 2025		100,737.07
Property Tax	80,227.10	
Replacement Tax	3,777.45	
Interest Income	328.98	
Misc.	544.38	
Transfer in from Town	0.00	
Total Revenues	84,877.91	84,877.91

Administration	76,287.25	
Total Expenses	76,287.25	76,287.25

Ending Balance March 31, 2026 109,327.73

To Whom Paid: Dick Johnson 1,760.00; Abigale Doubet 69.26; Doubet Mechanical 284.52; Napa 123.99; THC of Ill. 85.00; French Creek Ag 501.12; Warning Lites of So. Ill. 2,048.07; Heritage Tractor 237.50; ACE 381.08; Kurt Emken 4,000.00; EFTPS 739.03; WCIIHA 35.00; Nutrien 80.00; Central Butane 2,181.59; Roland Ekstrand 2,300.00; Lozier Oil 4,723.64; Barrys 1,350.00; Marty Emmerick 4,391.24; Burgess Bros. 255.61; Zachs Mobile Repair 2,222.00; Bank of Yates City 20,374.54; IPRM 4,627.00; Schockency Fire Equipment 468.00; Crossroads Diesel 601.41; Central Stone 2,611.57; Koenig Repair 193.19; Galena Road Gravel 261.00; Riverbottom Tree Service 7,500.00; Riverstone Group 5,375.96; Brimfield Hardware 84.43; Midwest Truckers 99.00; Quality Spot Repair 6,187.50; Knox Co. Hwy. Comm. Assoc. 135.00. **Total Administration 76,287.25.**

JOINT BRIDGE

Beginning Balance April 1, 2025		48,782.79
Property Tax	8,659.66	
Interest Income	136.34	
Total Revenues	8,796.00	8,796.00
Total Expenses	53,701.43	53,701.43

Ending Balance March 31, 2026 3,877.36
To Whom Paid: Knox County 53,698.43, Bank of Yates City 3. Total Expenses: \$53,701.43.

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

Beginning Balance April 1, 2025		29,151.05
Property Tax	5,474.88	
Interest Income	0.00	
Total Revenue	5,474.88	5,474.88

Administration	0.00	
Total Expenses	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance March 31, 2026		34,625.93

SPECIAL ROAD FUND

Beginning Balance April 1, 2025		72,876.02
Property Tax	29,762.64	
Interest Income	623.37	
Total Revenues	30,386.01	30,386.01
Total Expenses	43,162.29	43,162.29

Ending Balance March 31, 2026 60,099.74
To Whom Paid: Burgess Bros. 519.30; Rodney Siegel 512.41; Central Stone 1,265.69; Goedeke & Son 40,864.89. **Total Expenses 43,162.29.** Published 5/28/26

BUS BIDS

Farmington Central CUSD #265 will receive sealed bids for the purchase of a Diesel powered 83 Capacity 2027 model type "D" Front Engine Transit School Bus.

Specifications can be found at: ww.dist265.com/documents/bids.

All bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Diesel 83 Capacity 2027 model Type "D" Front Engine Transit School Bus Bid" and be received no later than 10:00 a.m. on June 16. Bids will be opened and read publicly at 10:00 a.m. in the District Office on June 16, 2026.

Submit Bids to the attention of:

Toby Vallas, Director of Transportation
212 N. Lightfoot Road
Farmington, IL 61531

Farmington Central CUSD #265 Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in part or whole. Please feel free to call Toby Vallas at 309-245-1000, Ext. 4 with your questions. Published 5/28/26

cobs a/k/a Sandra Kay Jacobs Mortgage(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2021012114; and for other relief. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before June 22, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

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Senate OKs bill allowing birth control to minors

By **NIKOEL HYTREK** and **JERRY NOWICKI**

Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois Senate advanced 40 bills on May 20, including a ban on junk fees and a bill allowing minors to consent to receiving birth-control services without the need for a parent or other person's consent.

Senate Bill 3341 passed 37-19 on party lines and now moves to the House for further consideration.

There are 24 states, plus the District of Columbia, that allow minors to consent to receiving contraceptives on their own, according to the KFF.

Bill sponsor Sen. Graciela Guzmán, D-Chicago, said it's about ensuring young people can get contraceptives if they need them.

"This is about access, this isn't about curtailing parental involvement," she said. "It is certainly our hope that parents are able to be in the lives of young people in ways that facilitate access and these conversations, but as was noted in the previous testimony of someone here in the chamber, that's not the case for every single child."

During floor debate, Republicans objected to the bill and accused Guzmán of trying to cut parents out of important decisions concerning their children and raised the possibility that sex trafficking or abuse victims would go undetected.

Guzmán said she had specific experience from mentoring young people and from being a survivor of assault herself.

"When that happened to me, I would have wanted every single opportunity to have the help that I needed," she said. "And in the instance that there was someone that

was suffering trafficking and needed birth control or needed that kind of interaction with a provider, I wouldn't want to limit that."

Sen. Jil Tracy, R-Quincy, questioned whether minors are able to understand drug interactions and the potential side effects of contraceptives.

"It's just disheartening that we continually think that government knows better than a parent knows about their children," she said. "I recognize not all children have ideal home situations, but that's not to say that most do, and so this bill addresses those that don't, but it also affects those that do."

Junk-fees ban

Three years after the bill was initially introduced, the Senate passed a measure to ban "junk fees," which are charges added to the total cost of ticketed events, hotels, tech and other goods and services.

House Bill 228 would make it unlawful for any business to advertise, display or offer a price for a good or service that does not include all mandatory fees or surcharges before taxes.

Gov. JB Pritzker says he'll sign it. "Illinois consumers have been nickel-and-dimed out of thousands of dollars per year by unnecessary and deceptive junk fees," he said in a statement. "I am proud that the Illinois General Assembly has passed the Junk Fee Ban Act to put money back in the pockets of families and establish fair, honest pricing – from concert tickets to online shopping."

It passed 46-12 with both Democratic and Republican support after passing the House in April 77-18. It still faces opposition from various retail and business groups.

Violations of the law would be subject to civil penalties laid out in the existing Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

Breasted CPR manikins

Beginning in the 2029-2030 school year, secondary schools that teach CPR classes will have to provide breasted and non-breasted manikins if Pritzker signs a bill that will soon head to his desk.

House Bill 4788, sponsored by Sen. Laura Ellman, D-Naperville, passed the Senate 43-13. It cleared the House 73-38 in April. The idea for the legislation began with a Naperville High School student, senior Ashlynn Goldstein.

Sen. Neil Anderson, R-Andalusia, cited his experience as a firefighter, EMT and 20-year holder of CPR certification in voting against the bill.

"I can tell you that whether someone has breast tissue or no breast tissue has no real-world application," he said. "The process of CPR, despite the amount of breast tissue you have, does not matter."

Paid jury duty

Another bill that will soon head to the governor requires employers of more than 25 people to pay their employees for time spent on jury duty.

Sen. Rob Martwick, D-Chicago, said employers would be on the hook for the entire duty, even if the trial last months – though he added the vast majority of jury duty lasts one day.

"This is an attempt to address the financial disincentive that exists for potential jurors to serve," Martwick said, adding it was an initiative of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association.

House Bill 4844 passed 35-20, with Republicans arguing that its unduly burdensome on employers.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female fox called?
- HISTORY: In what year was the first iPhone released?
- MOVIES: What was the first U.S. movie to be rated PG-13?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the southernmost capital city in the world?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the world's largest cave system?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What category of writing are the Hugo and Nebula Awards given for?
- TELEVISION: In what year did the comedy show "Saturday Night Live" debut?
- MATH: What is a polygon with seven sides?
- LITERATURE: What city is the setting for Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet"?
- ENTERTAINERS: Which New Jersey city has a statue of singer Frank Sinatra?

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- Project Hail Mary (PG-13)
- Top Gun (PG)
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SOFTBALL: R-W went 10-3 during the final month of the season

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Walters' home run in the fourth provided the only scoring for the Cougars (16-15), although they threatened in subsequent innings. R-W Coach Beau Burnett didn't sound terribly disappointed.

"We played the best softball that we played all year, against a top-five team in the state, and it was a fun game," Burnett said. "It would be a fun game to re-watch."

West Central swept R-W 11-0 and 15-2 in a double-header April 29 that left the Cougars with a 6-12 record. Following a team discussion during the ensuing practice, R-W lost only three games the rest of the season.

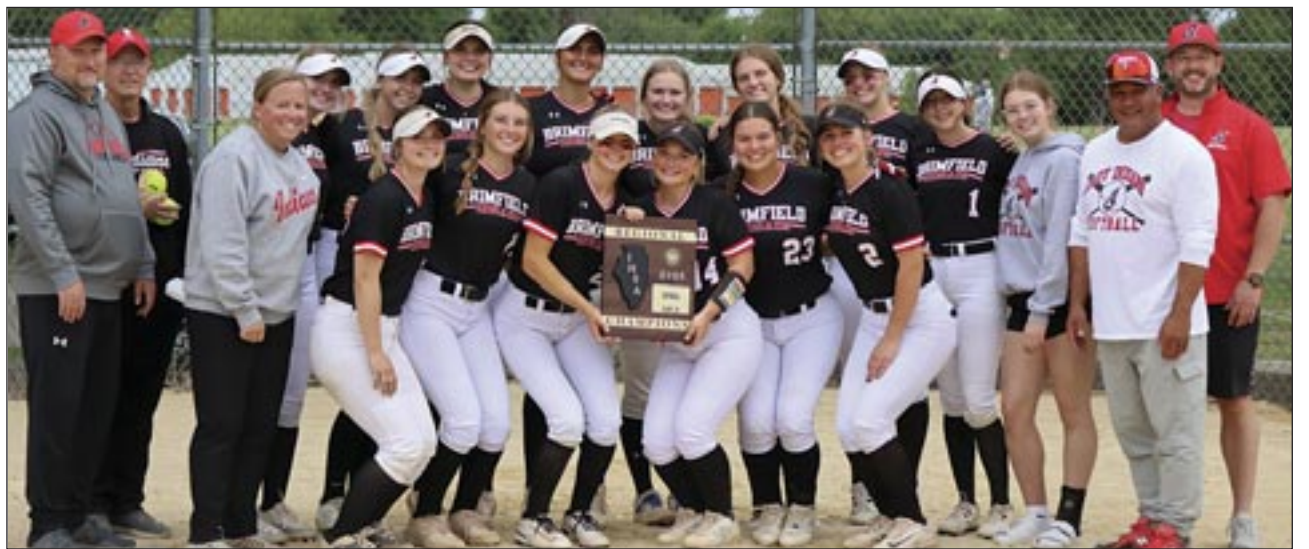
"It's a tale of two halves," Burnett said. "We were pressing a little bit, trying to make the play happen instead of letting

the play that's going to happen happen. Once we settled in the second half, it was exactly what we knew they could do and they knew they could do."

R-W had a heavily underclass team this season – eight sophomores and four freshmen among 17 players.

Hannah Gehring struck out 11 Abingdon-Avon batters in R-W's 8-2 regional-semifinal victory May 20. R-W broke a 1-1 tie with a four-run fourth, highlighted by Riley Smith's home run. Ella Rigg homered in the sixth. Mack Jones had three RBI in her team's third victory over A-Town in eight days.

• **Princeville** – Hallie Newton's RBI single in the bottom of the eighth inning May 20 gave Stark County a 7-6 victory over Princeville in a Class 1A regional semifinal at Annawan.



Brimfield-Elmwood players pose with a second-straight regional plaque. Pictured are, Front row (left to right): Audrey Updyke, Josie Wiewel, Sawyer Drury, Ashlyn Vaughn, Reese Legaspi and Teagan Drury; Back row (l to r): Assistant Coach Richard Monk, Coach Kurt Juerjens, Asst. Coach Mallorie Menold, Layni Linthicum, Adelyn Magee, Brooke Allen, Layla Hersemann, Kendyl Binder, Schyer Meinders, Anja Nelson, Gia Funk, Jenna Lewis, Asst. Coach Matt Legaspi and Asst. Coach Jeremy Pryzbylo.

Seeded eighth in its sub-sectional, Princeville (8-25) trailed early but took a 4-3 lead in the fifth on an RBI single from Olivia Stone. She doubled home two runs in the seventh to expand her team's lead to 6-3. But top-seeded Stark

County scored three times in the bottom of the inning.

Princeville advanced to the semifinal by beating Lowpoint-Washburn 12-2 in a five-inning regional opener May 19. Annie Hofmann's two-run single

and Stone's two-run double highlighted a seven-run fourth inning. Tori Catton and Ella Buckley had run-scoring singles.

Buckley was 3-for-3, and Stone and Claire Sutherland each were 2-for-3. Sutherland homered in the

fifth.

• **Farmington** – Top-seeded Stanford Olympia ousted No. 7 Farmington (11-14) from its Class 2A regional, 9-0 in a semifinal May 19. Olympia pitcher Gabby Frye scattered four hits.

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GIRLS TRACK: Pole vaulter clears PR height

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to injury speaks to the depth of the distance crew.

"It was pretty fun to watch," Hoffmann said.

Schmidgall had the fastest split of 2:20.74 in the finals followed by Forney's 2:22.28, Ori's 2:33.43 and Walker's 2:34.4. All were faster than in the prelims, led by Ori's drop of 6.27 seconds and Forney's 4.39-second improvement.

The finish eased the pain of losing Hill and her 2:18 800 time to a stress

fracture in her foot.

"It was tough for her, but she was a great teammate the last three weeks that she has been out," Hoffmann said. "I don't know if they could have done it without her support. She kept them pretty loose."

The relay time is nine seconds faster than last year's group, which also placed eighth. Stark County won the 4x800 in 9:24.77 thanks in part to a sizzling anchor leg of 2:10.44 by Dusti Smith.

"This year was pretty fast," Hoffmann said.

Also placing eighth for E-B was sophomore pole vaulter Ashlyn Bertsch, who cleared a personal-best height of 10 feet, six inches to earn her medal.

"I think she's pretty even-keeled and once she gets on a roll, she's pretty confident," Hoffmann said.

Bertsch trains with the Flying Dragons club of Normal, the same group that helped E-B alum Mya Strahm win two Class 1A



The Elmwood-Brimfield girls 4x800-meter relay placed eighth at the Class 1A state meet Saturday at Eastern Illinois University. The relay runners (left to right) are Madalyn Ori, Taylor Forney, Bristol Schmidgall and Charlotte Walker.

pole vault titles and a second-place finish from 2022-24.

Beyond the medalists, Hoffmann was also impressed with sophomore Riley Kelly, who posted a personal-best time of 12:15.73 in the 3,200, and with the fact that only one of E-B's state qualifiers graduated. That was 4x400 relay runner Landrie Quiram.

E-B Junior Ella Helms was 13th in prelims for the 400 (1:00.07) and missed the finals by four spots. The 4x400 relay she was part of placed

21st in 4:15.05.

Elsewhere, Farmington freshman Ra'Niya Taylor narrowly missed advancing to finals after clearing 5-1 in the high jump. That tied her for 11th with seven other jumpers but only the top 10 advanced to finals.

ROWVA-Williamsfield senior thrower Megyn Er-lacher led her team with an 18th-place showing in discus (109-7) and a 25th in shot put (32-8.5).

Junior Bethany Sennett of Princeville finished 22nd in the 800 after finishing in 2:25.3.

Farmington medals in 3 IESA relays

EAST PEORIA – The Farmington track team won three medals last Saturday at the IESA Class 3A state track meet at EastSide Centre.

The top finisher was Farmington's 8th grade 4x400-meter relay of Paxtyn Brewer, Drake Joplin, Ted Lewis and Lane Shelby. That quartet placed seventh in a sea-

son-best time of 3:54.35.

The two other Farmington relays to earn medals competed in 7th grade.

The 4x200 relay of Reco Mister, Logan Layer, Caine Rogers and Wyatt Wolfe placed eighth in a season-best time of 1:47.91.

Also finishing in eighth place was Farmington's 4x400 relay of Tryce

Nichols, Quintin Rose, Logan Layer and Mister. That quartet also posted a season-best time of 4:11.50.

Brycen Haroldson was ninth in discus with a throw of 102 feet, 6 inches and was 10th in shot put with a personal-best throw of 36-3.

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Schatsiek sets B-E baseball's single-season HR mark

By **ANDY LATORA**

For The Weekly Post

Kaedon Schatsiek set a school record for home runs in a season on May 19 in Brimfield-Elmwood's 13-6 baseball win against Roanoke-Benson/Lowpoint-Washburn.

Schatsiek homered in the second and fifth innings to set the school's single-season mark at 16. He drove in three runs to help boost B-E to its 15th straight win.

"Kaeden has been impressive all year," B-E Coach James Sams said. "He's put a lot of time and work in during the offseason and it's paying off now. Every time he steps up to the plate he's dangerous."

Sean Crowe and Brody Kenney each had three RBI and Noah Malone was 3-for-5 with a double. A four-run first and seven-run second benefited starter Evan Patterson, who gave up four runs in four innings.

B-E's long win streak ended the next day when Taylor Ridge Rockridge scored a 6-2 home victory. Tanner Dye allowed one hit, a two-run double by Kenney in the first, and struck out five.

"I thought we had poor approaches at the plate," Sams said of the Rockridge loss. "We were popping out and rolling over on 0-0 or 1-0 counts. We swung at

too many pitches out of the zone. That, plus too many mental mistakes in the field doesn't bode well for us."

Rockridge is seeded No. 1 in its Class 2A sub-sectional and will play in the Aledo Regional next week. The winner of the Aledo Regional faces the winner of the Farmington Regional in a semifinal of the Chillicothe Sectional on June 3.

Monmouth United, another team with 26 wins, gave B-E consecutive losses for the first time this season with a 7-3 win on May 21. The Red Storm put the game away with three runs in the top of the seventh.

United, a Class 1A regional host next week, is another team seeded first in its sub-sectional.

"We're trying to be as ready as possible for next week," said Sams. "Nothing is easy once the postseason starts."

The Indians got back on track with a 13-0 run-rule win over host ROWVA-Williamsfield last Saturday in their regular-season finale. Five B-E pitchers threw an inning apiece and allowed one hit with nine strikeouts.

Layne Johnson had a double and four RBI, Kenney was 2-for-4 with a double and three RBI and Dane Fagerburg was 2-for-3 with a double, two RBI and three

runs scored. B-E scored five runs in the fourth and seven runs in the fifth.

Brimfield-Elmwood (28-5) was to face LVC, an 8-1 winner over West Hancock on Monday, in a Class 2A regional semifinal at Farmington on Wednesday, after The Weekly Post deadline.

• **Farmington** – Farmington's bats went silent in the final week of the regular season. The Farmers had two hits in a 1-0 loss to Illini West on May 20.

Landon Crawford gave up three hits and struck out 11 in six innings in a tough-luck loss. A bases-loaded walk in the fifth inning plated the only run of the game for IW, which is a No. 1 seed in its Class 2A sub-sectional. The Chargers are in the Eureka Regional, which feeds into the Chillicothe Sectional.

Bronson Atchley and Brody Wilcoxon had Farmington's two hits.

It didn't get any easier the next day as Tremont, also a No. 1 sub-sectional seed in Class 1A, walked off with another 1-0 win on Justin Muselman's RBI double in the bottom of the seventh.

Atchley struck out four and gave up four hits in five scoreless innings. Jonah Weker fanned three in 1½ innings and gave up the decisive double.

Bradyn Brewer, Crawford and Wilcoxon got the only hits off Tremon's Chase Rhodes, who struck out 14.

Farmington (19-8-1) opened Class 2A regional play against Peoria Christian on Wednesday.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Left-hander Drake DeJaynes threw a five-inning gem on May 19 to launch a busy final week of the regular season for R-W.

DeJaynes didn't surrender a hit and struck out nine in a 2-0 victory over West Prairie. DeJaynes also had an RBI single in the third inning, when R-W added its other run after a West Prairie error. Nick Little was 2-for-2.

The Cougars won their seventh straight in short order, blasting Peoria Heights 15-0 in four innings on May 21. For the second game in a row, R-W held an opponent without a hit. This time, Brody Lytle turned the trick.

Lytle notched 10 strikeouts in the 12 outs needed in the run-rule romp. He also had a two-run single among his four RBI.

Austin Owens was 3-for-3 with two RBI, DeJaynes had two RBI and scored three times and Carter Smith had an RBI triple during R-W's six-run first. R-W also scored six in the third.

Keagan Gerlach's sixth-inning sacrifice fly scored the winning

run in a 4-3 win over host Abingdon-Avon on May 22 that extended R-W's win streak to eight. DeJaynes hit a three-run home run in the fifth to tie the game.

Zander Vest was 2-for-4 and earned the pitching decision, allowing three runs and four hits in 4½ innings. Owens tossed 2½ innings of scoreless relief.

The Cougars' hot streak ended in their regular-season finale against Brimfield-Elmwood last Saturday. The visitors scored 12 runs in their final two at-bats for a 13-0 five-inning win. Owens had R-W's only hit in the game.

R-W (22-12) will open Class 1A regional play today (May 28) against Princeville at Monmouth United.

• **Princeville** – Princeville's regular season ended on a sour note with two losses. Putnam County beat the Princes 15-0 in a five-inning run-rule result on May 20. Cater Peterson was 2-for-3 with two doubles. Cooper Cox and Chase Eberle had two hits apiece.

In its regular-season finale on May 21, Princeville scored five runs in its first two at-bats but faded in a 7-6 loss to Midland. Peterson was 2-for-4 and Coley Palmer was 2-for-3.

Princeville (14-19) opens Class 1A regional play today (May 28) vs. R-W in Monmouth.

BOYS TRACK: Several medal hopefuls heading into state meet

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sprinters and field athletes. Kyle Miller qualified in four events, the 100, 200, 4x100 relay and 4x200 relay. Ethan Martin is also headed to Charleston to run in the 200 and on both sprint relays. Noah Fleming and Jackson Ray are the other two runners on the 4x100 and 4x200.

Ulm will run in the 800 at state after posting a personal best time of 1:59.4 and placing fourth. Ryan Helle was the pole vault winner after clearing 12 feet, 1.5 inches. Sophomore Gage Galyean rounds out the Farmington qualifier list after placing second with a personal-best jump of 20-6.5.

Whitcomb is hoping someone makes the finals Saturday, since he will have to miss prelims for the birth of his first son.

Even if none of the Farmers qualifiers look poised to win a state medal, they will always be able to claim partial ownership of a sectional plaque.

"I think it's super easy for kids to look internally and think about themselves, especially in track, where you're competing by yourself," Whitcomb said. "But a lot of our kids play football and basketball and they really value and appreciate the team aspect of it too."

"Us going home with these big plaques really helps, too."

• **Elmwood-Brimfield** –

Second-place E-B had plenty of individual success at the sectional and has three athletes seeded in the top five in their events heading to state.

Herman won the 800 at Mercer County in a PB of 1:56.29 and also ran a 1:58 anchor leg on the 4x800 relay to pull the Trojans from fourth to first.

"He came around on his last lap and I said, 'Just get second and don't worry about it. Save it.'" E-B Coach Gregg Meyers said of his advice to Herman. "When he got done I said, 'I thought we were going to save it.' He said, 'Coach, I felt good, I didn't feel like I was straining so I did it.'"

Herman ranks second in the 800 among state qualifiers and the E-B 4x800 of Hason Hubbard, Cole Cahill, Kam Stevenson and Herman is eighth.

Exactly who will run in that 4x800 at state remains very much up in the air, though Meyers said Tuesday the plan is for the same quartet at sectional – at least for the prelims.

That could change because E-B has several other distance qualifiers, including Aideon Faulkner – a three-time 4x800 medalist already who ranks second in the 3,200 with a time of 9:42.85. That's behind only Evan Knobloch of Stark County, who won at sectional in 9:32.76.

Danny Sharp was third at sectional (9:52.68) in the 3,200 and is seeded 11th.



Members of the Farmington track team pose with the sectional plaque on May 20 at Mercer County's George Pratt Memorial Field after winning the school's first sectional in 26 years. Photo by Toby Vallas.

Knobloch also won the 1,600 in 4:28.28 ahead of Stevenson, who posted a 4:32.97 and is seeded fourth. Faulkner narrowly qualified in the 1,600, placing fourth in 4:35.24, good for a 14th-place seeding.

Worth noting is that Trojans 4x800 relays have won 19 medals since 1980, including a runner-up finish last year behind Herman, Faulkner, Stevenson and the since-graduated Reed Florey.

E-B's other qualifier is freshman Jake Jackson, who cleared 6 feet, 0.75 inches to place third at sectional and rank 16th heading to EIU.

• **Princeville** – Collin Carruthers emerged from the discus ring with a simple message for his father, Princes Coach Jon Carruthers: "Beat you. I said it was a 150 day."

With a personal-best throw of 151-7, the younger Carruthers not only won his event and punched a ticket to state, he also beat his father's best discus throw of 148-7 set a

few decades ago in West Burlington, Iowa.

"I had no coaching, though," the elder Carruthers said with a smile. "There was no video or YouTube to help us."

But helping his son reach his best was just one of several reasons to smile for Coach Carruthers, whose Princes team had several other sectional successes. Senior Collin Lowery, sixth in the Class 1A shot put last year, returns to EIU after winning at sectional with a throw of 49-11.75. Though still off his personal-best 54-10.75 at last year's sectional, the win gives Lowery time to regain his form.

"I think he's trying too hard. He just needs to settle down and get his feet under him," Coach Carruthers said. "In practice he's been throwing well. He needs to put it together and do it in a meet."

Several Princeville athletes did just that last week by posting PRs.

One went to Jacob Bosch in a loaded 800 that sent

five to state and saw him place third in 1:58.44 – yet rank eighth overall in Class 1A.

The Princes 4x400 relay of Oliver Melick, Kaiden Sarnes, James Hunt and Bosch also set a PR in winning with a time of 3:27.60. That's the fifth-fastest 1A clocking of last week.

The last PR was from Hunter Keyster, whose best time of 9:56.09 earned him a state berth.

"The kids are peaking and it's the right time to be peaking," Coach Carruthers said.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Not that long ago, Taven Ostrander was a successful high jumper, clearing a personal-best 6-2 as a sophomore. This year the senior is a very successful sprinter who owns two school records and heads to state a medal favorite.

Ostrander won both the 100 (10.85) and 200 (21.84) at Aledo and anchored winning relays in the 4x100 (43.9) and 4x200 (1:30.2). The 200 time bettered his school record.

"I was a state-qualifying high jumper and I was better than kids my age for years, so it was hard to say no to it," Ostrander said.

"Then I ran 11.1 last year in the middle of the season and that was really the point when I switched. This is what I think was my true calling all the time."

In switching, he follows the strides of his sprinter father, Jason Ostrander, who also ran for ROWVA.

"He always wanted me to sprint and said I'd be good if I put in the time," Taven Ostrander said.

The 4x100 also featured Parker Tamburro, Emerson Ponce and Daniel Skala. Eagan Ostrander was in the 4x200 for Tamburro.

Also qualifying for R-W was the third-place 4x400 relay (3:32.6) of Skala, Jonas Carlson, West Manning and Ponce and the third-place 4x800 relay (8:25.57) of Manning, Carlson, Logan Washburn and Wyatt Hall.

Ponce also qualified by placing second in the 300 hurdles in 41.45 seconds.

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Teamwork makes the dream work

Farmington boys win sectional

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

ALEDO – Parker Crow is a sectional champion. So are all 41 of his Farmington track and field teammates.

Yet only eight of those Farmers champs will compete today in the Class 1A boys state meet. For Farmington Coach Brad Whitcomb, that's still reason for celebration.

“For the past few years we've had pretty good success qualifying a relay or two and usually a pole vaulter and Dax (Ulm) last year went in a distance event,” Whitcomb said. “But that's a small group. So we've been trying to get the other kids to feel like they can contribute and have some value in this. and I think the boys have

bought into what we are preaching and are starting to see it pay off.”

The sectional win at Mercer County High School is Farmington's first since 2000.

On an evening that saw plenty of individual success from the likes of Taven Ostrander of ROWVA-Williamsfield, Darwin Herman of Elmwood-Brimfield and others, the Farmers' title was accomplished with just one individual win (pole vault) but plenty of point-winners.



Farmington outpaced E-B 101-73 not with elite talent, but with depth and the likes of Crow, whose eighth-place finish in the 3,200-meter race netted one point.

“We never score points



Elmwood-Brimfield senior Darwin Herman (above) edges TY Basham of Illini Bluffs in the 800-meter race in a Class 1A sectional at Mercer County High School on May 20. Herman's time of 1:56.29 was second fastest among qualifiers for the state meet. At left, Taven Ostrander of ROWVA-Williamsfield wins the 100 at Mercer County. Ostrander has the fastest time among state qualifiers in the 200 and is fourth in the 100. Photos by Jeff Lampe.

in the two-mile, but Parker came out here and got eighth place for us,” Whitcomb said. “And every point matters when you are trying to move up from second or third place in the sectional.”

Ironically, Crow's father, Jake Crow, was on the last Farmington sectional winner in 2000 and ran the 800, 400 and 4x400 relay.

Most of Farmington's points came from its
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A pair of 8s

E-B 4x800 relay, pole vaulter place 8th at Class 1A state track meet

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

CHARLESTON – The last few weeks have been a rollercoaster ride for the Elmwood-Brimfield 4x800-meter relay.

An injury, emotions and nerves have all taken a toll on a young relay quartet that includes freshmen Madalyn Ori and Charlotte Walker and sophomore Bristol Schmidgall.

But following a less-than-inspiring preliminary race last Thursday at the Class 1A girls state meet, the relay's veteran member stepped up with needed words of encouragement.

After E-B placed 10th in prelims on the blue track at Eastern Illinois University in a time of 10:01.91, Junior Taylor Forney made an astute prediction.

“She said, ‘We're going to run 9:50 and we're going to be fine,’” E-B



Elmwood-Brimfield sophomore Ashlyn Bertsch cleared a personal-best height of 10 feet, 6 inches to place eighth in the pole vault at the Class 1A state track meet in Charleston.

Coach Cooper Hoffmann said. “So there was some confidence there, to be sure.”

Two days later in the finals, Forney looked like a soothsayer as E-B ran 9:50.85 to earn medals by finishing eighth. That the group could rebound to earn E-B's 8th medal in the 4x800 after losing its fastest runner, Mya Hill,

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B-E repeats as softball regional champion

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

Brimfield-Elmwood softball players pitched and hit their way to a Class 2A Kewanee Regional championship.

Sawyer Drury allowed Taylor Ridge Rockridge one hit in a 9-0 B-E title-game victory May 22. Teammate Kendyl Binder had two doubles and was 3-for-4. That included a two-run double in the first inning that gave B-E (27-5) all the runs it needed.

But the Indians scored three in the third inning and four in the fourth to remove all doubt. Drury had two hits, as did Anja Nelson and Reese Legaspi. Teagan Drury drove in two runs.

“We grinded out good at-bats, good contact,” B-E Coach Kurt Juerjens said

after his program won its second consecutive regional title. “All of the balls we hit, we just hit the balls really hard and the plays weren't easy to make. But putting them together was really good.

“You don't score runs unless you put stuff together, and we put stuff together.”

Sawyer Drury's pitching didn't hurt. She struck out 10 batters as Rockridge finished 25-9.

“She rarely doesn't show up,” Juerjens said. “She's such a competitor.”

The victory sent B-E to a Brimfield Sectional semifinal scheduled for Wednesday, after The Weekly Post deadline. Seeded second in its sub-sectional, B-E faced No. 4 Peoria Notre Dame. The winner is to play Port Byron Riverdale

or Eureka at 4:30 p.m. Friday for the sectional championship.

B-E advanced to the regional final by beating Aledo Mercer County 9-0 in a semifinal May 19. Sawyer Drury struck out 15 and allowed two hits. Brooke Allen had three RBI, and Binder, Legaspi, Layla Hersemann and Schyer Meinders each had two hits. Legaspi homered in the fourth inning.

• ROWVA-Williamsfield – Although ROWVA-Williamsfield didn't win a Class 1A regional championship game, it did make its opponent sweat, unlike the teams' meetings earlier this season.

Host Biggsville West Central scored twice in the third inning May 22, then withstood R-W to win 2-1. Hazel

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Teagan Drury keeps her eyes on the ball in a game earlier this year for the Brimfield-Elmwood softball team. Drury drove in two runs in B-E's regional championship win last Friday. Photo by Brimfield-Elmwood Sports Shots.

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