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## Unforeseen tower costs a concern

### Contingency plans already established

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Despite some concern about what might be beneath it, an Elmwood site is to house a tower that extends 300 feet into the air.

The goal is for the new communications tower to be in place by the end of the year, according to John Doering, a member of

the Peoria-Stark Emergency Telephone System board. Doering first proposed the tower last September to Elmwood city officials.

The tower is to help facilitate emergency response.

"Our contractors are champing at the bit to start," Doering told the Elmwood City Council when it met June 2.

All six council members voted to approve a lease with the telephone-system board for a 50-by-70-foot city-owned vacant plot near where Rose Street meets Sweetwater Park. The city is to receive no financial compensation.

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## ANTICIPATING SUMMER



The Princeville Heritage Days family fun-fest opens today, June 18, with the carnival, food tent and bingo at 5 p.m. before activities launch on the Stevens Square Park main stage. Heritage Days runs through Sunday.

## Heritage Days on tap in Princeville

By BETH DUTTLINGER

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – A variety of family entertainment and fun will be on display this weekend at Princeville Heritage Days.

The Princeville Civic Association introduced a giveaway last year and it will continue each night from Thursday through Sunday. The nightly giveaway is \$100. Visitors can enter by stopping by the PCA tent each evening from 5-7:45 p.m. (must be 18 and older and present to win). Names will be announced from the main stage at 8 p.m. each night.



The carnival and food tent opens at 5 p.m. today in Stevens Square Park. The food tent features Lions Club sandwiches, Masons onion rings & lemon shakeups, St. Jude water and soda stand and a selection of pies and

desserts from our local churches.

Bingo will start at 5 p.m. in the Lillie M. Evans Library tent and finish by 7 p.m. Voting for the Cutest Pet Contest will take place at the PCA table from 5-8 p.m., with money going to the food pantry. At the main stage, there will be a community sing from 7-8 p.m. At 8 p.m. the first PCA \$100 giveaway winner will be announced, and Chris Delbridge will perform from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

On Friday, the Lillie M. Evans Library's art show opens at 9 a.m. with the

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## Hoping to weather next storm

### Billtown considers new alert system

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – Damage from a recent storm has prompted Williamsfield officials to seek ways to help avoid issues from future storms.

The village is considering a deal with Singlewire Software, a Wisconsin-based company that facilitates emergency notifications automatically through multiple mediums. Those include messages by cellphones, computers and overhead speakers.

Singlewire would activate the municipal fire siren automatically when the National Weather Service issues an alert, according to Village President Robert Johnson. Currently, he and a few weather spotters have that responsibility.

"There isn't any human intervention required," Johnson said about Singlewire. "When the National Weather Service says 'Tornado warning, it's heading your way,' the siren will go off. You're not relying on one person to make a judgment call."

A storm that passed through the area in mid-April knocked out power in the village. That

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# ELMWOOD: Council considering pay raises

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The lease is for 20 years, with two 10-year renewal options.

The tower is expected to enhance Elmwood-area coverage for police, fire and emergency-medical 911 calls. The closest current tower to Elmwood for that purpose is near Kickapoo.

Alderswoman Kristy Johns expressed concern about what might lurk under the Elmwood tower-site land, which is adjacent to railroad tracks. Johns said she supported

the project but wanted more clarity regarding liability issues should construction reveal something unexpected underground.

"I understand that vagueness can pose potential risks to the lessor or the lessee," Johns said. "Are we covered if there's an additional expense?"

Doering attempted to allay Johns' fears regarding the project. Its budget is about \$2.8 million.

"We're leasing the site from the city as is, and that's a key concept," Doering said. "We know

that it's in an older part of town. We know there might be surprises. We have contingency in our budget to handle stuff that might be surprising.

"We want to use this site and be on the air. We're going to do what we have to do to make this tower work."

The telephone-system board is to sign off on the lease agreement before construction begins, according to Doering. He said there are no plans to lease part of the tower to cellphone companies. If an offer arose, amending the lease is possible.

In other business, the council deferred until July a decision regarding pay rates for city employees.

Some council members supported an across-the-board cost-of-living wage increase. Others advocated for potentially higher hikes, based on job duties.

Johns and colleague Kristen Strom wanted more information regarding salaries, duties and from what city funds pay is drawn.

Mayor Andrew Almasi hopes City Treasurer Bonnie Beal will have that information ready by the time of the next council meeting, which is scheduled for July 7.

"I think at the next meeting, at a minimum we could do a cost-of-living increase," Alderman Nathan Brunnelson said.



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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Hot Picks Ahead**

- **Heritage Days** – Princeville has its annual summer carnival at Stevens Square Park today through Saturday, June 18-20. Heritage Days features carnival rides, a food tent and daily activities as well as live music and games on the main stage. Parade is Saturday at 2 p.m. Grand marshals are Ron and Anita Routh.
- **Family Picnic** – Jubilee College has an old-fashioned family picnic Saturday, June 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Drinks and sweet treats for sale. Music. Outdoor activities for children. Jubilee College open for tours.

**This Week's Events**

- **Harvest Home** – A Harvest Home fundraiser dinner will be held today, June 18, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Yates City Community Center. The menu is country-fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, roll, dessert and a drink. \$13.
- **Art Show** – Princeville's Lillie M. Evans Library has an opening reception for its fine-art show Friday, June 19, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Art will be on display through July 6.
- **Farmers Markets** – Brimfield's farmers market is today, June 18, 5-7 p.m., at Mercantile Seventeen.
- Elmwood has a Farmers Market on Friday, June 19, in Central Park, 4-6:30 p.m. Free space for vendors. Call Fred at (309) 742-3711 for information.
- **Band Concerts** – The Elmwood Municipal Band will play Sunday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Central Park. Concerts continue every Sunday through the summer.
- **Route 66** – Paul Buck discusses the places, people and things you can find along Route 66 on Monday, June 22, at

- 6:30 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library.
- **Mobile Clerk** – Peoria County Clerk Rachael Parker's mobile unit will be at Brimfield Public Library on June 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No appointments needed. Cash or check only.
- **Vision Screening** – The Illinois Eye Center offers free vision screenings June 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library. No appointment needed.
- Future Events**
- **Free Concert** – The last concert in Princeville's Stevens Square Park is June 26 at 7 p.m. and features the Central Illinois River Valley Big Band. Food served. Bring chairs.
- **Manna Meal** – A MANNA Meal is June 25 at noon at Elmwood United Methodist Church. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert. \$8.
- **America 250** – Trivoli Township celebrates the 250th anniversary of the United States on June 27 from noon to 3 p.m. with a tractor stroll, raising of the flag, pledge of allegiance and readings. Games for kids. Door prizes. Refreshments.

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- Isaac Behunin, a Mormon pioneer describing present-day Zion National Park

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## SCATTERSHOTS



## Staying in awe of the West

The tarantulas never showed up. That's probably for the best, though the chance to see an iconic spider in the wild is still mildly intriguing ... so long as the sighting does not happen in a cabin.

As it was, there was plenty to see last week in southern Utah without encountering huge, hairy arachnids. After attending a family wedding in northern Utah, we headed south to Zion and Bryce Canyon national parks. The motto at Zion Lodge is "Stay in Awe." It's accurate. Waking there was among the top three views I've ever seen while sipping morning coffee.

Actually, the same Awe slogan is true for much of Utah. I can't recall driving anywhere without seeing mountains in the distance or up close. No wonder Utah ranks third with five of the country's 63 national parks, behind only California (nine parks) and Alaska (eight).

As you are no doubt aware, we have no national parks in Illinois. None in Iowa or Wisconsin, either. The closest parks to us are the Arch in St. Louis and Indiana Dunes along the shores of Lake Michigan. Those are fine places to visit but they do not elicit the same emotions as the massive, wild federal lands out west.

We live in a state where it would really take some doing to get lost, unless you venture into the Shawnee National Forest or go boating around Sanganois State Fish and Wildlife Area. Even in those more remote places, getting lost would be tough.

That's among the reasons my drive to go west as often as possible remains compelling. The latest trip did nothing to change that, even faced with Utah's many odd and restrictive liquor-sales requirements.

I'm betting beyond the five existing national parks, Utah could add another 10 spectacular spots that would make the cut. Understand, I'm not advocating that happen, just glad somebody had the foresight to set aside the land we have.

Because if the federal government didn't already own Zion National Park, there would be little chance for any of us to visit this truly amazing canyon. Fancy homes and development of all sorts stretches for miles on the way to the entrance of Zion. The same is true at many parks.

Without Congressional foresight, we would never have the chance to experience these areas. Sure, Zion and Bryce would be a wonderful place for mansions. They're better preserved.

As Congress wrote in creating the National Park Service in 1916, the purpose was "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

In the case of Utah, the compelling reason to visit is not so much for the wildlife watching as for the wild views. Walking in the shadows of towering canyon walls is humbling and invigorating at the same time. Calling those canyon walls red is an injustice to the English language. You need a box of crayons to describe the colors, which shift and change hourly based on the position

of the sun and clouds.

The same is true of Bryce Canyon, which is smaller than Zion but even more breathtaking. Still, my opinion is that Bryce can be done in a day but Zion requires more time.

That is based on watching grim-faced e-bikers pedaling through the canyon early each morning, rushing to reach the Temple of Sinawava and a unique trail there that ends in the Virgin River. For that hike, with canyon walls closing down into an area called The Narrows, parkgoers are encouraged to take a walking stick and to wear specialized footwear. The e-bikes are even custom-fitted with stick holders.

The Narrows is one of the park's two marquee spots, an amazing place where signs caution hikers on how to avoid death in a flash flood. But so many people pack into the frigid waters of the Virgin River that some luster is lost.

Much better is strolling quieter hikes along the canyon walls and peering ever upward to see the colors change ... all the while watching for a California condor soaring overhead. Yeah, condors.

We saw the endangered birds one day, which still amazes me, given that the population of free-flying condors is about 330-370, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Sure, that's a big increase from the 25-35 condors left in the wild in 1980, but seeing one is a longshot.

Thank goodness we did. Those condors and those fantastic rock structures are among the memories that will keep me going ... until the next trip west.

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# Better to have a budget passed than not

The approved budget for Fiscal Year 2027 in Illinois is \$55.9 billion dollars.

For an old farm boy who thinks having \$200 in cash in his billfold is a lot of money, multiples of a billion dollars is mind-boggling. My laser printer would run out of toner printing all of those zeros.

But Illinois is a massive state and it has a massive budget.

We can sit here and complain that this budget bill was passed in the dark of the night, actually at 3 a.m. in Springfield on June 1.

**Richard KORITZ**

Was it passed basically on party lines? Absolutely, this is a Democratic-controlled budget that was signed enthusiastically on Tuesday in Chicago by Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker.

Are Republicans complaining? Yes. Among those speaking out were Republican Senators Chapin Rose and Sally Turner, who both voiced their objections to the press.

Both are quoted as objecting to \$150 million of sales-tax revenue being transferred to the General Fund instead of being used for roads.

I get it. You have to at least put up a front to justify being the loyal opposition.

Philosophically, I'm with Rose and Turner. Both are good legislators with strong rural backgrounds. Pragmatically and realistically, I do appreciate their opposition to overspending as it does provide a record for the future.

Having said that, everything comes down to the math. You either have the votes or you do not have the votes to prevail.

Illinois is a very large geographical state. Illinois has tremendous assets in farmland and transportation. Farmland has very few residents per square mile. Illinois' population is in Cook County and the collar counties.

An Illinois farmer may live on and control 1,000 acres of prime

farmland. There may be four votes there. Go to Cook County and that 1,000 acres may have 100,000 or more voters. Forty percent of Illinois voters live in Cook County. Do the math.

Rural Illinois may not like the priorities of the state budget, but rural Illinois simply does not have the votes to control the legislation. Chicago and Cook County have the votes.

Our local legislators have done a great job in getting as many state resources directed to local concerns as possible. Our roads are getting better. There is state support for local schools and community infrastructure.

All in all, it is simply better that we have a passed budget than to not have a budget.

*Richard Koritz is an Illinois native and former DeWitt County state's attorney.*

# New organizer appreciates the support

To the Editor:

I'd like to thank the VFW, the Elmwood High School music department and Mit Beres for their help and support as I take over organizing the Veterans Day and Memorial Day programs for the city of Elmwood.

I know that there was some uncertainty about the future of these events, and I hope that we have



demonstrated that the programs will be continuing as they have in the

past.

I am looking forward to continuing these fine traditions for many years to come.

– Rusty K. Koll, Elmwood

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opening reception at 4:30 p.m. at the library. Food tent and carnival open in Stevens Square Park at 5 p.m. and the Cutest Pet Contest voting will continue at the PCA table from 5-8 p.m.

Vacation Bible School will perform on the main stage at 5:30 p.m., followed by a talent show from 6-7:30 p.m. on the main stage. At 8 p.m., the PCA \$100 giveaway winner will be announced, and the band Balderdash will perform from 8-10 p.m. on the main stage.

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On Saturday, the Lions will be serving breakfast from 8-10 a.m. The 5K Run/Walk starts at the LME Library at 8 a.m. (registration opens at 7 a.m.) and the library's art show opens at 9 a.m.

The parade starts at 2 p.m. and the carnival will open directly afterward. Anita and Ron Routh are the 2026 grand marshals, and the parade theme is

"Stars & Stripes: Our 250th Birthday." Prizes will be awarded to parade entries for first, second and third place.

There will be a variety of free children's activities in Stevens Square Park from 2:30-4:30 p.m., including rock painting, a petting zoo and face painting. The car show runs from 3-5 p.m. downtown.

The Cutest Pet Contest will have the last opportunity for voting at the PCA table from 4-6 p.m. At 5 p.m., the winners for the PCA America 250 Youth Contest will be presented.

On the main stage, the Marriage Game will be from 5:30-7 p.m. followed by the band Retrospekt from 7-9 p.m. At 8 p.m., the PCA \$100 giveaway winner will be announced.

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# Farmington approves cemetery fundraiser

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Out of 8,646 people buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, 26% have no burial marker.

Herb Stufflebeam and the Oak Ridge Cemetery Board of Managers have a plan to change that. On Monday, the Farmington City Council voted to allow the cemetery board to start a fundraiser to generate the needed \$26,000.

Stufflebeam said the plan is to fabricate stainless-steel frameworks that will hold tablets with the names of

those buried in unmarked graves. The steel frameworks will be part of a remembrance memorial to be installed in the summer of 2027 on the south side of the new flagpole.

Stufflebeam said the plan is to approach the general public and local organizations for donations.

“We don’t care if it’s \$5, \$10 or \$10,000,” he said. “It’s going to be a really good project.”

Stufflebeam said among those buried with no marker are 59 veterans, 826 children under age 18, 174 children under 1, 828 whose death year

was in the 1800s and 114 whose death year was after 2000.

In other business, the council approved a \$1,000 donation to the Elmwood-Yates City-Farmington Fireworks Association for its annual July 4 show at Sweetwater Park in Elmwood.

Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam also received approval to bid for two Farmington homes in a July 17 tax sale. The homes are at 181 E. Court St. and 427 W. Fulton St. The city plans to demolish both homes if successful in the bidding process.

# Farmington schools OK new garbage contract

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The Farmington School Board on June 8 approved a three-year contract with Waste Management for the district’s garbage and recycling pickup.

The district received three bids for its contract, which covers 80 tons of compacted garbage per year and 15 tons of recycling per year. Waste Management had the lowest bid of \$16,293.19 for a three-year contract with up to a 7% increase in the second and third years of the bid and no fuel, energy, administrative or minimum tonnage charge.

GFL Environmental’s bid was for a 60-month contract starting at \$24,219 with up to a 5% increase in the last four years. Quality Roll Off’s bid was for \$25,500 with no contract

term specified.

The Waste Management bid was well below the \$30,000 it charged the district for April 2025 through March 2026, according to Director of Maintenance Curt Stevens.

The board also approved an amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget after a public hearing and agreed on meal prices for the 2026-27 school year. Lunch prices will be \$3.15 for Pre-K through 8th grade, \$3.25 for high schoolers, \$4.05 for adults and 40 cents for reduced price. Milk is 50 cents per carton. Breakfast will cost \$2.20 for all grades, \$2.45 for adults and 30 cents for reduced price.

The board also authorized Superintendent Zac Chatterton to pay bills through June 30.

In personnel matters, the board approved hiring Dalton Wills as a jun-

ior-high physical education teacher, Josh Johnson and Laurel Keyt as JH student facilitators and the transfer of Jennifer Littrel to the junior high from the high school to teach English language arts. Also approved were Kenny Hawkins as high school baseball coach, Ryan Sunderland as freshman boys basketball coach and Ben Martin as a boys basketball assistant coach.

Resignations were accepted from PE teacher Donovan Benson, student supervisors Elise Haroldson and Valerie McCoy, café worker Jenna Martin and JH teacher Caitlyn Vahle.

Prior to the business portion of the meeting, the board recognized members of the junior-high and high school track teams who qualified for the IESA and IHSA state track and field meets.

# Former Farmington teacher sentenced

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

LEWISTOWN – Justice was delayed but not denied regarding a Farmington woman who pleaded guilty to propositioning a 13-year-old boy.

Kelli Miller was sentenced June 4 in Fulton County Circuit Court to two years of probation and eight days in jail. The sentence stemmed from an August 2024 incident following a party at her home.

The sentencing hearing began March 12 but was stopped after about an hour because of ambiguities in Miller’s proposed probation order. The sticking

point was a doctor’s recommendation that Miller, 41, have no contact with minors, including possibly her children.

According to Fulton County Assistant State’s Attorney Joe Padalino, Miller underwent more clinical evaluation to satisfy Judge William Rasmussen’s concerns. Once the sentencing hearing resumed, it lasted about 10 minutes.

Miller is to begin to serve her jail sentence July 3, according to Padalino. She is to be imprisoned over four consecutive weekends at the Fulton County Jail. Miller also is

to pay \$2,064 in fines and court costs as well as a \$15-a-month probation fee, according to court records.

In October 2025, Miller agreed to plead guilty to indecent solicitation of a child. The felony can be punishable by two to five years in state prison. The deal Miller’s Peoria-based attorney, Rob Hanauer, negotiated did not include prison time.

“I would say it’s a predictable sentence,” Padalino said following the

completed sentencing hearing. “The charge fits the actions she took. There are times where we just have to go along with Illinois law. And based upon what the law is, this was the foreseeable outcome.”

Miller did not speak publicly in court during the hearing, Padalino said.

Miller was a Farmington School District employee at the time of the incident. The Farmington School Board accepted her resignation a few weeks later.

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# Revised grading scale a pass/fail

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – A revised Williamsfield School District grading scale wouldn't be worth the effort.

That appears to be the message the district's top two administrators gave board members when they met Monday night.

Currently, the district uses an accelerated scale – 65% represents the lowest D grade, with anything 92% or above an A. The proposed scale would reduce those thresholds to 60% and 90%, respectively. Grades between 80% and 89% would be a B, and grades between 70% and 79% would be a C.

The rationale for a change, it appears, is to bring Williamsfield in line with the scale the Oneida-based ROWVA School District uses. The districts join forces to field sports teams.

It's easier for students to become ineligible academically for athletics at Billtown than at ROWVA, based on their respective grading scales, according to Williamsfield Board President Chad Goff. He heard from several parents regarding the difference, but that didn't seem to cut much ice with him.

"I think we should worry more about education than worry about sports," Goff

said.

Williamsfield Superintendent David Mills and Principal Zack Binder appeared to agree.

"It would disrupt what we're doing," Mills said. "It would require us to change many things ... all for what would be really no impact."

Mills cited research that showed grade distribution among students is about the same in either scale.

"A student who's going to get an A is going to get an A," Binder said. "A student who's going to get a B is going to get a B, usually."

Members of a district committee charged with revising the student handbook had different opinions regarding the grading scale, according to Binder. That prompted him to ask the board to decide. That vote is expected in July.

Among decisions the board made Monday was approval of an amended budget for the fiscal year that ends June 30. The budget calls for \$5,350,876 in operating-fund revenues, \$5,286,753 in expenses and an estimated fund balance of \$1,156,128.

The district is in better monetary shape than it's been in a while, according to Mills. Deficits forced the board to cut jobs and tighten finances over the

past 18 months or so. The board also approved a property-tax increase.

"I feel like we're in a position of financial health," Mills said. "I hope people understand that we needed to increase the tax rate. It was required. We would be in so much trouble if we had not done that. For 20 years we hadn't done that, and it chewed everything down."

The district should have more cash available to undertake necessary capital-improvement projects, according to Mills. Among them are a new elementary-school playground, a new outdoor concession stand and a tuckpointing effort that began this week.

Before its regular meeting, the board conducted an amended-budget hearing. It elicited no public comment. After the regular meeting began, the board authorized a transfer of \$200,000 from working cash to the district education fund.

The transfer is a loan, to be repaid next year with tax revenue, according to Mills.

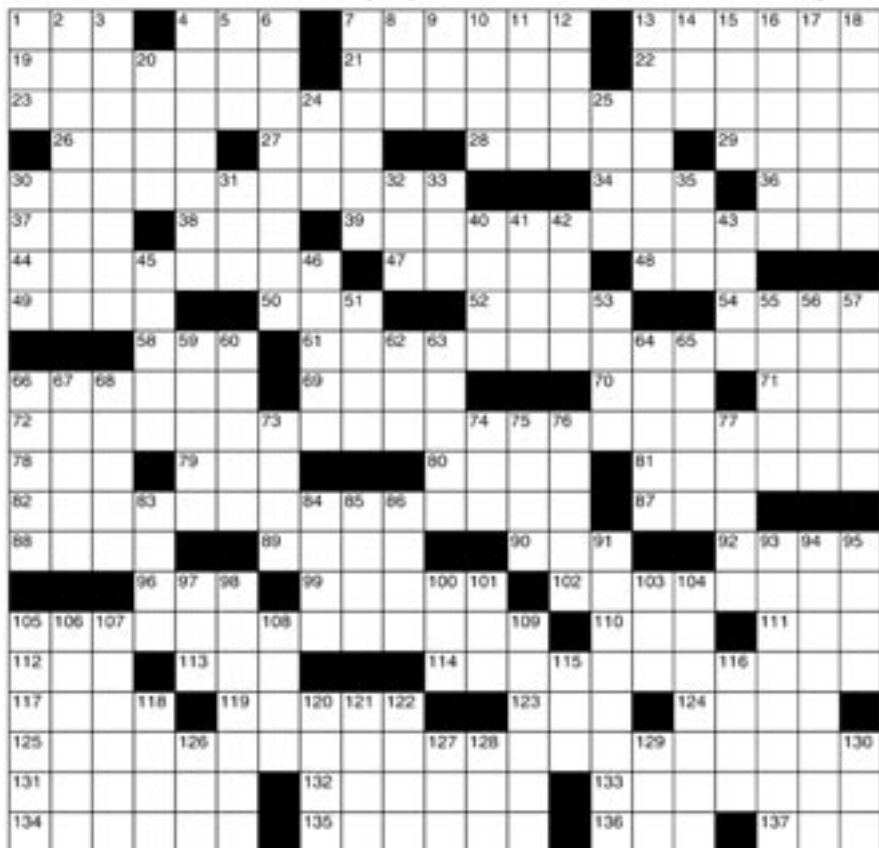
"All things considered, just getting to where we got is great," he said about the budget situation. "Next year it'll be greater."

The board also OK'd a one-year renewal of its technical-services contract with EduTech Partners, at \$3,744 per month, and approved hiring Tim Lynn as a business teacher. A first-year teacher, Lynn has seven years' experience in agribusiness, according to Binder.

Following executive session, board members approved a 3.5% pay raise for Mills, who became superintendent last July.

## Answers on Page 15 Super Crossword "LO AND BEHOLD!"

- ACROSS**
- 1 Police dept. alert
  - 4 Celtics, on scoreboards
  - 7 Like messy beds
  - 13 Beard go-with, for short
  - 19 French department head
  - 21 Got ready, with "up"
  - 22 Epithets
  - 23 Refreshing a web page that has detailed contract wording?
  - 26 Half a quart
  - 27 Meadowland
  - 28 Navigate
  - 29 It might make you red in the face
  - 30 Annual bebop music festival in Sri Lanka's capital?
  - 34 Discontinues
  - 36 That girl
  - 37 It might make you red in the face
  - 38 Unbroken
  - 39 Basketball-stuffing pros taking part in a zigzag ski race?
  - 44 "C'mon, do me this favor"
  - 47 Fountain in Rome
  - 48 Spoil
  - 49 Writer Ferber
  - 50 Visualize
  - 52 "—, vidl, vicl"
  - 54 Sheriff Taylor's son
  - 58 Doi, units
  - 61 Becoming less energetic at the disco?
  - 66 Barbie's little sister
  - 69 "I won't — word"
  - 70 Male bud
  - 71 D.C.'s land
  - 72 Having a boss who will only communicate with you by singing?
  - 78 Boxer Laila
  - 79 Wanted-poster abbr.
  - 80 "Let — already!"
  - 81 IRS probes
  - 82 Technique of kneading bivalve mollusks before cooking them?
  - 87 Big ints. in fashion
  - 88 Watering aid
  - 89 Rescue
  - 90 Big ints. in fuel additives
  - 92 This, in Lima
  - 96 "Golly!"
  - 99 Dog tether
  - 102 Maligns
  - 105 Girls' shirts worn as part of a classroom dress code?
  - 110 Province west of Sask.
  - 111 "Nope"
  - 112 — kwon do
  - 113 Born as
  - 114 Strauss opera performed correctly in every detail?
  - 117 Europe-Asia border river
  - 119 Tree yielding chocolate
  - 123 Zodiac feline
  - 124 Actress Teri
  - 125 Repainting all your yuletide ornaments black and white?
  - 131 Prairie carine
  - 132 Taken illicitly
  - 133 ID attached to luggage
  - 134 Unfurled, e.g.
  - 135 Trunks
  - 136 That girl
  - 137 Hurly-burly
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Spring mo.
  - 2 Got ready
  - 3 Native of Beimopan
  - 4 Officer patrolling an area
  - 5 Condition with rituals, in brief
  - 6 Ben and Jerry of comedy
  - 7 "Roots" actress Leslie
  - 8 After-tax
  - 9 — jongg
  - 10 War god
  - 11 Masterful
  - 12 Falco of TV
  - 13 Breastbone
  - 14 Gratuity
  - 15 Razor option
  - 16 Trite phrase
  - 17 "Taxi" actress Marilu
  - 18 Acid-alcohol compounds
  - 20 "Happy Days" cool guy, with "the"
  - 24 Natal lead-in
  - 25 Requirement
  - 30 Agree (with)
  - 31 Yoko of art
  - 32 Deli classic
  - 33 Rowing blade
  - 35 Genetic ID
  - 40 — Strauss
  - 41 Pizza cooker
  - 42 Very valuable vase
  - 43 Ray of McDonald's
  - 45 Vanzetti's old partner in crime
  - 46 Actress Thompson
  - 51 Israeli airline
  - 53 "— happy to!"
  - 55 Second-century pope
  - 56 Map extra
  - 57 "By Jove!"
  - 59 Kind of wave
  - 60 Japanese watch brand
  - 62 Olive of old comics
  - 63 "Which — Up?" (1977 comedy film)
  - 64 Orderly lineup
  - 65 "— ordo seclorum" (phrase on a dollar bill)
  - 66 Break to bits
  - 67 Verizon, e.g., in brief
  - 68 Pseudonym
  - 73 Salary limits
  - 74 Depot: Abbr.
  - 75 Trendy Aussie boots
  - 76 Bards
  - 77 Did nothing
  - 83 Toy brick brand
  - 84 Galleria
  - 85 2004 Chevy debut
  - 86 Football Hall of Famer Junior
  - 91 Military units
  - 93 Mexican miss
  - 94 Mine railway
  - 95 Tennis star Arthur
  - 97 Untold eras
  - 98 Voted in
  - 100 Boise-to-
  - 101 Vegas dir.
  - 101 Witch's spell
  - 103 Gore and Hit
  - 104 Heat-vs.-Suns matchup, e.g.
  - 105 Wall plaster
  - 106 Drive-in restaurant server
  - 107 Cry from a town crier
  - 108 Sunlight ray
  - 109 Hair parlors
  - 115 Cartoon pic
  - 116 Tardy
  - 118 Jungle cat
  - 120 Put in a role
  - 121 Regarding
  - 122 Stench
  - 125 Holy Mile.
  - 127 Raised rails
  - 128 Co. bigwig
  - 129 Cheering cry
  - 130 Many an intl. charity



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This notice is being sent to you by Village of Princeville Water System ID# 614300750 Date distributed June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

# BILLTOWN: Village repurchases pair of lots

*Continued from Page 1*  
prevented the siren from being activated, according to Johnson, who said the village also is to invest in an emergency generator.

The storm generated hail that caused substantial damage all over town, including about \$18,000 to village facilities, according to Johnson.

Singlewire also could be used to alert residents through their phones, if they download the free application. Weather wouldn't be the only potential reason. Singlewire can issue notifications about boil orders and

other village emergencies.

"Everybody that has a phone attached to that system, you'll get a message on your phone," Johnson said. "It's all about safety."

The Williamsfield Fire Protection District also would have access to the system, per the village president.

A Singlewire subscription would cost the village \$6,000 a year, although it appears there would be additional start-up costs. It's possible the Village Board will consider that and a generator for approval when it meets July 6.

When it met June 1, the board authorized village repurchase from Brian and Michael Johnson of vacant lots at 106 and 108 Cottonwood Court. The Johnsons, who are not related to the village president, indicated they would not be able to build

on the lots within two years of their purchase, as stipulated.

The Johnsons paid \$17,000 for the lots. The village repurchased them for \$13,090. The empty lots will join three others on Cottonwood Court the village intends to market for residential development. Each lot is listed at \$15,000.

Neff Valuation Group of Peoria recently appraised lots at 103 and 203 Cottonwood Court at \$8,000 and a lot at 301 Cottonwood Court at \$10,000. The first two lots are about 0.6 acres, the third about 0.85 acres.

Peoria-based real estate agent Devin McLain is to assist the village regarding potential sales of the five lots. McLain also helped with the recent sale of a building the village received through donation. That building has been converted into an in-

dependent-living facility for those 55 and older.

The Cottonwood Court lots are to be open for public bids. There are 17 lots in the subdivision, which is about 20 years old, according to Robert Johnson.

"It's not a fast mover," the village president said. "We're hoping that with (McLain's) help, we're able to market it to a broader customer base."

"People have complained that there's no place to live here. There are no open houses. For rentals, there's a waiting list. I'm hoping that those lots sell, they build houses on them and we get new families here, because that would really help the village out."

# Trivoli to hold 250 America celebration

For The Weekly Post

TRIVOLI – Trivoli Township will hold a celebration for the 250th anniversary of the United States on June 27 from noon to 3 p.m.

Trivoli's 250America event will begin with a tractor stroll at 12:15 p.m. Participants in the tractor stroll are asked to line up across from the Trivoli post office at noon.

The day's events at the Trivoli Township building, 1823 S. Cramer Rd., also include a 1 p.m. flag raising, a 1:15 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance and a 2 p.m. resolution reading.

There will also be games for children, door prizes for all, free giveaways and refreshments served.

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The family business continued to grow over the years. Pat's wife, Terri, began her career in the flooring industry in Peoria in 1984, gaining valuable experience before joining Breslin's in 1992. Together, Pat and Terri have been dedicated to carrying on the family tradition. Mike Breslin retired in 2015 and Pat has proudly guided the store into its 77th year of continuous service.

Now, as Pat and Terri prepare to slow down, they are excited to transition the business to Eric Black who grew up in the flooring industry, starting as an installer's helper at the age of 14 in Moline, Illinois. His career has taken him across the U.S., Mexico, Canada and even overseas, gaining valuable experience along the way. Recently, Eric has returned closer to home and the opportunity to carry on the Breslin's tradition feels like a natural fit.

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## PUBLIC RECORD

*NOTE: Charges are merely an accusation. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.*

### Police reports

• **PEORIA** – A local man was accused of impersonating a Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy, including pulling over a driver and destroying his license.

Dennis Walker, 43, was charged June 4 with false personation of a police officer in connection with an incident that happened May 27 in the 5800 block of W. Plank Rd. in Bellevue, according to the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office.

The victim said Walker was driving an unmarked Ford Explorer with red and blue lights mounted on the dashboard and was dressed in law-enforcement attire. He told the victim his driver's license was suspended, although it wasn't, then cut it in half and tried to issue a handwritten citation.

Following an argument with the victim, Walker fled. A subsequent search of his residence revealed uniforms, badges, tactical gear and a rifle. Walker also was accused of unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – An apparent gift-card scam was reported at a Princeville business.

A Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy was dispatched about 2 p.m. May 22 to Dollar General, 1107 N. Santa Fe Ave., after a Princeville man complained about a problem with the gift cards. None of them had value, according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The report did not list how many gift cards were invalid. No suspect information was available.

• **BELLEVUE** – A pair of Farmington men appeared to be uninjured following a two-vehicle wreck near Bellevue.

Michael M. Pearson was driving an eastbound 2004 Mitsubishi Lancer shortly before 10:30 a.m. May 18 on Farmington Road when it slid on wet pavement near Hilltop Road and rear-ended a stopped 2021 Ford Escape, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Stephen L. Benedict was the other driver. He said he stopped because of a felled tree in the roadway. Both vehicles were drivable.

• **YATES CITY** – A Farmington woman had a blood-alcohol content above the legal limit following a single-vehicle accident south of Yates City.

Violet J. Solomon, 21, was driving a 2000 Land Rover Discovery sport-utility vehicle that rolled over shortly before 5:30 a.m. May 17 at Knox roads 2300 East and 250 North, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

Solomon said she was swerving from lane to lane to be silly. Her BAC was .139. The legal limit is .08. Solomon also had no valid driver's license. She was transported to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg, then to the Knox County Jail.

A 23-year-old Peoria man who was Solomon's passenger appeared sober and uninjured. Solomon was accused of driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, driving in the wrong lane and operating a vehicle without a valid license. The vehicle sustained damage and was towed.

• **BRIMFIELD** – A fire destroyed a garage and a pickup truck, among

other items, at a property north of Brimfield.

The fire in the 19000 block of W. Martin Rd. began shortly before 10 p.m. May 16, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The homeowner said he was inside his house when he noticed the southwest side of the detached garage was ablaze.

An attempt to use a garden hose to douse the flames was futile. The homeowner said he was burning items in a barrel about two hours before the fire. The burn barrel was about 20 feet west of the garage. A 2001 Chevrolet Silverado was parked inside.

The fire cause was unknown. No damage estimate was available. The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal was to investigate. Firefighters from the Akron-Princeville, Brimfield, Elmwood, Dunlap, Limestone and Logan-Trivoli departments responded, as did BYE Ambulance Service.

• **ELMWOOD** – An Elmwood man was arrested after he hit a police officer, according to authorities.

Austin E. Foster, 31, was accused of aggravated battery and disorderly conduct following the incident. It happened about 11 a.m. May 12 outside a residence in the 400 block of E. Main St., according to an Elmwood police report.

The man's mother requested officers check her relatives because of trouble they were having with Foster. He was outside the residence when police arrived. He was noncompliant and left the area on foot. Officers found nobody inside the residence.

Shortly after that, Foster ran back toward the officers and struck one in the shoulder. Another officer fired his taser at Foster, who fell on the grass. He said he was uninjured. Foster was transported to the Peoria County Jail. Brimfield firefighters and BYE Ambulance Service also responded.

• **KICKAPOO** – A dryer fire resulted in minimal damage to a residence west of Kickapoo.

The fire in the 14000 block of W. Schlink Rd. was reported shortly before noon May 12, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The homeowner said she was doing laundry and after about two minutes of dryer use, she smelled smoke. When she looked in the dryer, she saw clothes on fire.

Everybody evacuated the residence safely, and nobody required medical attention. Brimfield and Elmwood firefighters responded, as did BYE Ambulance. A cat was treated for smoke inhalation.

• **PEORIA** – A Hanna City woman was accused of drunken driving following a single-vehicle accident in Peoria.

Illinois State Police responded shortly before 2 a.m. May 8 to Monroe and Spalding avenues, where a vehicle had struck a power pole. The driver, 33-year-old Mackenzie R. Layman, was standing near the vehicle. Layman was charged with two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol and was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **HANNA CITY** – Someone stole two 750-milliliter bottles of Seagram's whiskey from a Hanna City convenience store, according to authorities. The shoplifting at Casey's, 13032 W. Farmington Rd., was reported shortly after 9:30 a.m. May 7, according to a heavily redacted Peo-

ria County Sheriff's Office report. The incident happened about 5:45 p.m. May 5.

Among the redactions was the name of a suspect. He was driving a Chevrolet Malibu.

• **PEORIA** – An Edelstein man was accused of harboring a stolen pickup truck and reaping parts from it. Ronnie L.R. Bodtke, 42, was arrested May 7 following an investigation by Illinois Secretary of State Police. The vehicle, a 2005 Ford F-150, was located at a residence in the 1500 block of S. Easton Ave. that belonged to Bodtke's late father, a Secretary of State Police report stated.

The pickup truck was reported stolen April 25. No location was listed. The truck was valued at \$9,900. Bodtke said the truck just appeared at the residence, and he denied removing truck parts. He was charged with unlawful possession of a stolen vehicle and transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **EDWARDS** – At 7:30 p.m. May 20, Alexandra E. Queen of Edwards was driving a westbound 2026 Honda HR-V on Interstate 474 near the Interstate 74 interchange east of Edwards when the vehicle struck a deer. Queen was uninjured, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The vehicle sustained major damage to its front passenger-side bumper.

• **FARMINGTON** – Rowdy G. Eldridge, 21, of Farmington was arrested at 10 a.m. May 20 regarding a 2025 accusation of aggravated use of a communications device/bodily harm, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **BRIMFIELD** – Osvaldo A. Nieves Alarcon, 31, of Brimfield turned himself in shortly before 11 a.m. May 14 at the Knox County Jail in Galesburg regarding a warrant for driving with a suspended license, according to the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

• **FARMINGTON** – Lucas K. Price, 44, of Farmington was arrested shortly before 8:15 p.m. May 8 in the zero block of N. Hedden Ave. regarding an unspecified, outstanding Fulton County warrant, according to a Farmington police report. Police transported Price to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown.

• **ELMWOOD** – Chief Aaron Bean reported the following Elmwood Police Department activity for May: three arrests, three traffic stops, six warnings, nine reports and one ordinance violation.

• **FARMINGTON** – Chief Chris Darsham reported the following Farmington Police Department activity for May: 328 business checks, 3,367 building checks, one crash handled, one property crime, nine traffic tickets, five ordinance violations, two crimes against people, three miscellaneous, 58 traffic stops, three total arrests, seven reports, 357 total calls and 12 calls to assist other police departments.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between May 17-30: driving complaint, Yates City; fire, Dahinda; open door, Williamsfield; driving complaint, Dahinda; suspicious incident, Dahinda; dispute, Yates City; dispute, Dahinda; domestic dispute, Dahinda; order violation, Yates City.

### BRIEFS

#### Peoria Transfer Station now accepting dropoffs

PEORIA – The new Peoria Transfer Station at 4349 W. Southport Rd. began accepting free load drop-offs from Peoria County residents on June 8.

All Peoria County residents are eligible to dispose of one load of residential waste per week at no cost via the Free Load Program.

The Peoria Transfer Station is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7-11:30 a.m.

The recycling drop-off center at the Peoria Transfer Station is also open to all county residents. Recyclable items include clean plastic bottles and jars, aluminum and tin cans, flat cardboard and paper.

#### Free Fishing Days in Illinois June 19-22

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois Free Fishing Days are June 19-22, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources invites families throughout the state to enjoy the opportunity at a lake, pond, river, state park or private fishing hole near them.

During these four days, anglers can fish without purchasing a fishing license, salmon stamp or inland trout stamp in Illinois. The goal is for those who don't usually go fishing to discover or rediscover the activity and to introduce children to it.

"Free Fishing Days are a great opportunity for Illinois families to unplug, spend time together out-

doors, and discover the fun and enjoyment of fishing," said IDNR Director Natalie Phelps Finnie.

"Whether you're new to the activity or simply haven't been able to find time for it lately, I encourage residents and visitors alike to grab a rod, head to the water and make fishing an outdoor tradition."

Outside of Free Fishing Days, Illinois requires anyone over the age of 16 to have a fishing license to fish. At \$15, Illinois has one of the most affordable standard fishing licenses in the Midwest. Licenses can be purchased at vendors throughout Illinois or online. Exclusions apply to active-duty military and people with disabilities.

Learn more about fishing in Illinois at ifishillinois.org.

#### Emergency Expo rescheduled for June 18

PEORIA –The Central Illinois Emergency Expo has been rescheduled for today. It remains at The Shoppes at Grand Prairie from 4-7 p.m. The event date was moved due to the weather forecast.

Numerous local emergency-response agencies will display their emergency equipment in the parking lot between Dick's Sporting Goods and Illinois Route 91. Families are invited to explore vehicles, talk with professional first responders and try on gear during this free community event.

Featured emergency equipment includes multiple fire engines and apparatuses, a medical helicopter,

police cruisers and armored vehicles, a rescue boat and more.

#### College graduates

• **Eileen Conklin** of Elmwood graduated Magna Cum Laude from Illinois Wesleyan University with a degree in history and secondary education.

• **Harrison Maly** of Dahinda graduated from Carthage College with a degree in political science.

#### College honors

• **Sawyer Janson** of Hanna City was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Dean's List with high honors (3.7 gpa or better) for the 2026 spring semester.

• The following Monmouth College students achieved a gpa of at least 3.5 during the 2026 spring semester: **Casey Bednar** of Yates City; **Meaghan Carpenter** of Hanna City; **Anthony Guppy** of Elmwood; and **Kynlee Stearns** of Dahinda.

• **William Goldammer** of Princeville was named to the South Dakota State University Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2026 spring semester.

• **Carleigh Comerford** of Princeville was named to the Marquette University Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2026 spring semester.

#### Et cetera

• The Farmington Fire Protection District was one of 73 volunteer fire departments in Illinois to receive a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to help purchase new equipment or pay for training.

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 18**

- 5 PM Welcome
- 5-7 PM Bingo @ **Small Tent**
- 5-7:45 PM Giveaway signup
- 5-8 PM Food Tent Open
- 5-10 PM Carnival Rides
- 5-8 PM Cutest Pet voting
- 7-8 PM Community Sing @ **Main Stage**
- 8 PM PCA Giveaway 1 - \$100 winner announced
- 8:30-9:30 PM Chris Delbridge @ **Main Stage**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

- 4:30-5:30 PM Art Show Opening Reception @ **LME Library**
- 5-7:45 PM Giveaway signup
- 5-8 PM Food Tent Open
- 5-8 PM Cutest Pet voting
- 5-10 PM Carnival Rides
- 5:30-6 PM VBS Performs @ **Main Stage**
- 6-7:30 PM Talent Show @ **Main Stage**
- 8 PM PCA Giveaway 2 - \$100 winner announced
- 8-10 PM Balderdash @ **Main Stage**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

- 8-10 AM Lion's Club Breakfast
- 7 AM St. Jude 5K Run/Walk Registration @ **LME Library**
- 8 AM Princeville St. Jude 5K Run/Walk
- 9 AM-1 PM Art Show @ **LME Library**
- 2 PM Heritage Days Parade (Grand Marshalls: Anita & Ron Routh) Theme: Stars & Stripes: Our 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- 2:30-10 PM Carnival Rides
- 2:30-4:30 PM Face painting & rock painting @ **Small Tent**
- 3-4 PM Petting Zoo
- 3-5 PM Car Show
- 4-6 PM Cutest Pet voting
- 4-8 PM Food Tent Open
- 5-7:45 PM Giveaway signup
- 5 PM PCA Kids Contest Winners @ **Main Stage**
- 5:30-7 PM Marriage Game @ **Main Stage**
- 7-9 PM Retrospekt @ **Main Stage**
- 8 PM PCA Giveaway 3 - \$100 winner announced

**REGISTRATIONS**

5K Run/Walk, & Parade registration forms are available at Village Hall or [bit.ly/PCAdays](https://bit.ly/PCAdays)

**PRINCEVILLE HERITAGE DAYS 5K**  
Saturday, June 20th  
8 AM Walk or run - **FAMILIES WELCOME!** - FREE Pancake and Sausage Breakfast for participants at the conclusion of the race  
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## OBITUARIES

### John P. Crumrine

ROANOKE, Ill. — John Peter Crumrine, 87, passed away peacefully on June 9, 2026, at the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home in Roanoke.

John was born in Streator, Ill., to Chester J. and Victoria F. (Egleton) Crumrine. He married Lanora J. Piasse on June 20, 1959, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Toluca, Ill. She



Crumrine

preceded him in death in 2022. He was also preceded in death by his parents; brother Joe; sisters-in-law Rosemary (Haworth) and Barb (Crumrine); and brothers-in-law Joe Piasse and Steve Piasse.

John is survived by his five children, Cathy (Ken) Bilow of Roanoke, Susan (Sue Fahnestock) of Mapleton, Ill., Dianne (Brandon) Burwell of Elmwood, Ill., John (Kathryn) Crumrine of Fenton, Mo., and Tony (Jennifer) Crumrine of Roanoke; 13 grandchildren, Leslie (Justin) Hensley, Chet (Erin) Walker, LeeAnn (Brandon) Bachman, Caitlyn (Peter) Vorstadt, Kyler Petrey, Kristina Petrey, Dean Burwell, Elea-nore Burwell, Joel (Kelsey) Crumrine, Elise (Ben) Prange, Julia Crumrine, Brooke Crumrine and Lauren Crumrine; and 10 great-grandchildren, Mason Hensley, Grace Hensley, Nolan Hensley, Ivy Walker, Indy Walker, Isaac Walker, Della Bachman, Betsy Bachman, Lennon Bachman and Josie Crumrine. He is also survived by his sister Janet Piasse; his brothers Jimmy, Jerry and Jeff; and one brother-in-law, Philip Hayworth.

John graduated from Toluca High School in 1956 before attending Illinois State University, where he earned his undergraduate degree in education before receiving his master's in education administration. A lifelong educator, John spent 25 of his 40 years in education working at Roanoke-Benson, serving as the high school principal before moving into the role of district superintendent.

Not one to sit idle, John spent his first year of retirement working as an investment banker before realizing that was too boring, so he went back to school — literally. In retirement, John served as the principal at St. Mary's Catholic School in Kickapoo

before becoming the principal at St. Mark's Catholic School in Peoria. It was during John's stint leading St. Mark's that the city of West Peoria proclaimed April 24, 2001, John Crumrine Day, with the footnote that John was known as "a dispenser of suckers and candy with a bark much worse than his bite."

Among his many hobbies, John enjoyed following the Fighting Illini, rooting for his beloved Chicago White Sox and playing golf with his friends and family. He spent many hours traveling to auctions and developing an affinity for them, so much so that he worked with parent's groups at his Catholic schools to help nurture their school auctions into the major fundraisers they are today.

He also was an active member of the Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus and spent hours making one-of-a-kind items for his grandchildren in his woodshop.

John spent countless hours on lakes and rivers with a line in the water, rarely coming home empty-handed, a fact his family and friends happily benefited from at one of his legendary fish fries. Whether the menu featured bluegill, crappie, wall-eye, bass or the occasional carp that "found its way into the batter," no one ever left hungry.

But more important than any hobby, title or accomplishment was the love he shared with Lanora. During their retirement years at Oak Run, they enjoyed countless rounds of golf, pontoon rides on the lake and the simple pleasure of spending time together. When declining health began to limit Lanora's abilities, John met the challenge with the same determination and devotion that defined his life, becoming her full-time caregiver and steadfast companion.

The family extends its heartfelt gratitude to the nurses, staff and caregivers at the Apostolic Christian Home in Roanoke. Their kindness, compassion and loving care brought comfort not only to John, but also to his children and grandchildren. The family will forever be thankful for the dignity, friendship and support they provided during John's final years.

A memorial Mass service will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Toluca at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 20. The Rev. Patrick Greenough will officiate. Visitation will be on Friday, June 19, with Rosary service at 4:30

p.m., followed by a visitation from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home in Roanoke and 9-9:45 a.m. prior to Mass on Saturday. Inurnment will be in St. Ann Cemetery in Toluca.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Apostolic Christian Home, Roanoke. Online condolences and tributes may be sent to the family at knappjohnsonharris.com.

### Jeffrey B. Nevells

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Jeffrey Blaine Nevells, 67, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2026, in Daytona Beach with his brother Greg by his side.

Jeff was born on May 6, 1959, and spent most of his life in Princeville, where he built a life centered around faith, family, hard work and friendship. A devoted follower of Christ, Jeff faithfully served



Nevells

at Princeville Baptist Church for many years and tried to live his life guided by his Christian faith.

Jeff had a long career as the owner and operator of Nevells Flooring Installation. More than anything, however, he will be remembered as a loving father, proud grandfather, loyal friend and kind-hearted man who deeply loved his family.

He is survived by his children, Tyler (Kallie) Nevells of Kansas City, Mo., Calli (Paul) Sowden of Wyoming and Jordan (Tegan) Seitz of St. Louis; his cherished grandchildren, Lilliana Nevells and Auden Frisby; and his brothers Greg Nevells of Ocala, Fla., and Tracy Nevells of Reddick, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carol and Max Nevells; his sister, Sherri Dean; and his brother Jack Ohls.

Jeff found great joy in spending time with his children, grandchildren and his beloved dogs. He was a great father and friend whose impact will continue to live on through the many lives he touched.

Though his family grieves his loss deeply, they find comfort in knowing he is now at peace in the presence of his Savior.

A service for the celebration of his life will be announced by the family at a later date.

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### Cole E. Sloan

WAKE FOREST, N.C. — Cole Evan Sloan, born in Peoria, passed away at his home in Wake Forest on May 13, 2026, at the age of 38.

Cole was a graduate of Princeville High School and completed certifications for phlebotomy and CNA. He was a loyal and loving son.

Though his time on earth was tragically short, his spirit, laughter and bright personality will forever live in our hearts. He touched the lives of everyone he met and leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness. Cole was a passionate animal lover, rescuing stray dogs and dog-sitting for others. He was adventurous and loved to travel throughout the U.S. and internationally, including Italy and Mexico.

Cole was an avid sports fan, especially for the Chicago Cubs, Blackhawks, Bears and Bulls. Anytime the Cubs, Blackhawks, Bears or Bulls played, when he wasn't attending the games in person, he was watching them on TV. Cole visited the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, as well as hockey arenas in Chicago, St. Paul, Minn., and Raleigh, N.C.

Cole was a hard worker, maintaining a meticulous yard and gardens. He loved to cook and enjoyed watching cooking shows, to learn new recipes and techniques, especially Gordon Ramsay. One of his highlights was visiting Hell's Kitchen in Valley Center, Calif. Cole was always willing to lend a hand to help others and those in need.

Cole will be deeply missed by his mother and stepfather, Leslie and David Kendra of Wake Forest, N.C.; his father, Jerry Sloan of Princeville; brother Jason Sloan of Des Plaines; sister, Kate Kendra of Wake Forest, N.C.; sister-in-law Abby Parks and nephew Axel Parks, of Elgin; as well as his beloved service dog, Nelli, and a rambunctious lakeland terrier, Vincent.

Cole is also survived by his paternal grandmother, Mary Sloan of Princeville; aunts April Deer (Sheila) of Delaware and Diane Donsbach (Kenny) of Tennessee; great-aunt Connie Ingolia of Peoria; aunt Mary Davis (Jon) of South Carolina; uncle Joe Kendra (Jody) of Pennsylvania; great-uncle Wes Sloan of Princeville; and many cousins.

Cole was preceded in death by his brothers Clay Parks and Rob Kendra,



Sloan

as well as his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Services will be held at the Princeville United Methodist Church, 420 E. Woertz Rd., on Saturday, June 27, 2026. Visitation is at 10 a.m. with the service to follow at 11 a.m. A luncheon will follow at the church fellowship hall. Please join us in remembrance of Cole.

### Arlene S. West

HANNA CITY — Arlene S. West, 92, of Hanna City, passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at Farmington Village Nursing and Rehabilitation.

She was born on Feb. 18, 1934, to Paul and Elsie (Atkinson) Shaddock in Decatur.

She graduated from Moweaqua High School in 1952. After high school, she attended the University of Illinois in Champaign and received her bachelor of science in home-economics education. There, Arlene met William "Bill" West, and they married on July 1, 1956. They spent 68 years together until his passing on April 1, 2025.

Arlene was a teacher for a number of years at area schools, including Monroe Elementary School and Oak Grove Elementary School. Illini Bluffs students may remember her nickname, "Sarge." She was always involved with farming with Bill and taking care of her family.

She was an avid reader and loved going to Alpha Park Library. She would correct any inappropriate dangling participles and was an assertive passenger-seat driver.

Arlene is survived by her children, W. Bruce (Julie) West of Geneseo and Jeff (Tracy) West of Wyoming; her grandchildren, Callie (Levi) Allen of White Heath, Paul (Amanda) West of Elmwood, Victoria (Andrew) Wells of Edwards and Elizabeth West of Chatham; her great-grandchildren, Ben and Emilia Allen, Evelyn and Lucy West and Lila Wells; niece, Jane (Ed) Fussner; and nephew, David (Debby) Doubet.

She was preceded by her parents; her husband, Bill; her son Robert "Rob" West; and her brother, Robert Shaddock.

A visitation for Arlene was held June 9, 2026, at Davison-Fulton Bartonville Chapel in Bartonville. A funeral service was held the next day at Hanna City Presbyterian Church in Hanna City. Committal service was in Smithville Cemetery.



West

Memorial contributions can be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or Hanna City Presbyterian Church. Condolences and memories can be made on Davison-Fulton-BartonvilleChapel.com.

### James E. Wyman

BRIMFIELD — James Edward "Jim" Wyman, 88, of Brimfield, passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 12:25 a.m. at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria, with his family by his side.

Jim was born July 12, 1937, in Brimfield, a son to Floyd and Florence (Clark) Wyman. On April 28, 1962, he married Barbara Shane in Kickapoo, and together they would raise a family and cherish 54 years until her passing on April 30, 2016.

Jim was a lifelong resident of Brimfield who lived in the same house he built for his young family for 57 years. He worked at the Rock Island railroad until its closure and later for the canning company in Princeville where he ultimately retired. Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and welding. He always said he could weld anything but a broken heart. He was deeply loved by his family and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include two daughters, Julie (Mike) McCarthy of Brimfield and Kris (Mike) Dutton of Brimfield; four grandchildren, Ashley (Scott) Cornelison of Brimfield, Nick McCarthy of Austin, Texas, Kelly McCarthy of Austin, Texas, and Julie (Brad) Fain of Missouri City, Texas; and four great-grandchildren, Rylee, Parker, Ezra and Emery.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one brother, Paul; two sisters, Barb Niehaus and Jacqueline May; and beloved four-legged companions Lucy and Gert.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private graveside services were held in St. Patrick Cemetery in Kickapoo.

Preferred memorials in Jim's memory may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, now known as Breakthrough T1D.

Friends and family can log onto www.wrightandsalmon.com to leave condolences, upload photos and share Jim's memorial page via social media.

Cremation arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Wright & Salmon Mortuary.



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

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC  
Plaintiff,

-v.-  
CHRISTOPHER M. PONISKE et al  
Defendant  
2025-FC-0000100

NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 13, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on July 15, 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:

LOT 47 AND THE WEST HALF OF LOT 46 IN FAIRFAX ADDITION, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B-3, PAGE 287, IN THE

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Commonly known as 1513 E ROUSE AVE, PEORIA, IL 61614  
Property Index No. 14-27-201-047  
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.

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title the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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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.

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TJSC#: 46-966

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-0000100  
I3288976  
Published 6/18, 6/25, 7/2/26

TO:  
The Legacy Build, LLC;  
The Legacy Build, LLC;  
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Brittanie Mason as Manager for The Legacy Build, LLC;  
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Cortni Sweeney as Manager for The Legacy Build, LLC;  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

On Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Of Brimfield Public Library District

Notice is hereby given to the Public that on July 20, 2026, at the hour of 6:30 P.M. at the Brimfield Public Library, 111 S. Galena Ave., Brimfield, Illinois, a public hearing will be held on the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Brimfield Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

George Stenger, Secretary, Board of Trustees
Date: June 18, 2026
Brimfield Public Library District
111. S Galena Avenue
Brimfield, IL 61517
(309) 446-9575
Published 6/18/26

NOTICE

THE FOX CREEK FARMS WATER SUPPLY HAS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST THIS YEAR'S CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR). THE CCR INCLUDES BASIC INFORMATION ON THE SOURCE OF YOUR DRINKING WATER. THE LEVELS OF ANY CONTAMINANTS THAT WERE DETECTED IN THE WATER DURING 2025 AND COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER DRINKING WATER RULES, AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.

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Published 6/18/26

SEALED BID SALE

The following property has been declared as surplus and will be sold to the highest bidder through a sealed bid process. Bids will be due no later than July 3, 2026 at 4 PM. Bids should be turned in to the Farmington City Offices at 322 E. 4th St., Farmington.

Bids will be opened July 6, 2026 at 5 PM in the Farmington City Council Chambers.

- 1979 Chevrolet 3500 Utility Truck
Manual Transmission
Working Order
Former Ameren bucket truck

The above item will be sold "as is."
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Legacy Build, LLC; Cortni Sweeney as Manager for The Legacy Build, LLC; James R. Mason III as Manager for The Legacy Build, LLC; Occupant; Sandra L. Delgado; Kelly R. Hayward; Giovannte S. Rivas; Kaden W. Rivas; Nathaniel J. Nichols; Zekia M. Washington; Property Manager for; Rachael Parker, County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

TAX DEED NO.: 2026-TX-0000146
FILED: May 29, 2026

TAKE NOTICE

County of Peoria
Date Premises Sold: November 10,

2025

Certificate No.: 202401055
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2024

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 300 Colona Avenue, Bartonville, IL 61607

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 17-25-126-010

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 10, 2026.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or spe-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Illinois State Statutes and the permanent Zoning Ordinance of Peoria County, the Peoria County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold public hearings on July 9, 2026, as follows:

Case No. ZBA-2026-0025 at 9:00 a.m.
Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of ZOE WALTON, acting on behalf of NXGEN Farming, LLC (A Limited Liability Company, Ganeshram Muthusamy Devarajan - Manager, of 9710 N Megan Ct, Peoria, IL 61615) (owner), a SPECIAL USE request from Section 20-5.2.2.2.a of the Unified Development Ordinance, which allows for commercial agriculturally-related businesses in the "A-2" Agriculture Zoning District. The petitioner proposes to construct an organic micro-farm with a restaurant and market.

The South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, in Township 10 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian; Subject to a Dedication of Right of Way for the Public Road Purpose Dated February 25, 1987 and Recorded in Peoria County Recorder of Deeds Office on May 1, 1987 as Document No. 87-09294. (RADNOR TOWNSHIP 08-36-200-006).

Case No. ZBA-2026-0024 at 9:00 a.m.
Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of RICHARD & MARY GUNTER, acting on their own behalf, a VARIANCE request from Section 20-5.13.1 of the Un-

ified Development Ordinance, which requires that an accessory structure shall not be commenced prior to the commencement of the principal structure. The petitioner proposes to construct an accessory structure on a parcel which does not contain a principal structure in the "R-2" Medium-Density Residential Zoning District.

Lots 3, 4, and 5 in Block 13 in the Village of Elmore (formerly Rochester), according to the recorded plat thereof, in Millbrook Twp., T11N, R5E, 4th P.M., Peoria County, IL. (MILLBROOK TOWNSHIP 01-07-182-004).

Case No. ZBA-2026-0026 at 9:00 a.m.
Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of JOSHUA & KARLA BEGNER, acting on their own behalf, a VARIANCE request from Section 20-6.2.2.1.c.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance, which requires a road setback of one-hundred (100) feet from the center of the right-of-way in the "A-1" Agricultural Preservation Zoning District. The petitioner proposes to construct an accessory structure at a distance of 80 ft. from the center of W. Graham Chapel Rd., resulting in a variance request of 20 feet.

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION FIFTEEN (15), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE FIVE (5) EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS AND BEARINGS ARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIPTION ONLY:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD AT THE

SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION FIFTEEN (15); THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 790.21 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 382.21 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE 310.86 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 47.78 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1332.12 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1136.85 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1726.25 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 42.26 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A PUBLIC ROAD ALONG THE EASTERLY AND SOUTHERLY SIDES OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT AND ALSO SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS OF RECORD. (ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP 11-15-400-011).

All pertinent written materials by either proponents or objectors pertaining to the above cases should be filed in the Department of Planning and Zoning, 324 Main Street, Room 301, Peoria, IL 61602.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BY: ROB ASBELL
CHAIRPERSON

Published 6/18/26

VILLAGE OF PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:
JULY 6, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Village Board of the Village of Princeville, Peoria County, Illinois, will conduct a public hearing on the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Princeville for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending on April 30, 2027. The public hearing will be conducted at the Princeville Village Hall, 206 North Walnut Avenue, Princeville, Illinois, on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed Appropriation Ordinance is available for public inspection on a daily basis during business hours at the Princeville Village Hall at 206 North Walnut Avenue, Princeville, Illinois.

VILLAGE OF PRINCEVILLE
By /S/ Sarah Cordis
Village Clerk

Published 6/18/26

cial assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 10, 2026.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Peoria County in 324 Main St., Peoria, IL 61602, Room 203, on December 7, 2026 at 9:30 AM.

You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 10, 2026 by applying to the County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Peoria, Illinois.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK

324 Main St.
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Peoria, IL 61602
309-492-6059
Private Equity Group, LLC.
Purchaser or Assignee
June 3, 2026
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TO:

3204 Knoxville Avenue LLC;
3204 Knoxville Avenue LLC;
Illinois Secretary of State for 3204 Knoxville Avenue LLC;
3204 Knoxville Avenue LLC;
Accountable Financial Services Group as R/A for 3204 Knoxville Avenue LLC;
Jacquelyn N. Schnakenberg as Manager for 3204 Knoxville Avenue LLC;
Anthony J. Tranchida as Manager for 3204 Knoxville Avenue, LLC;
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Jacquelyn N. Schnakenberg as Manager for 3204 Knoxville Avenue LLC;
Occupant;
Peoria D Properties;
Villasenor Tax Service;
Robert W. Walker;
Kimberly L. Crubaugh;
Jennifer L. Walker;
Charles B. Lee;
Charles B. Lee;
Tera R. Chapai;
Kenny B. Smith;
Becky J. Hestermcintire;
Trent A. Pullum;
Trent A. Pullum;

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO. 2027-2

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR LILLIE M. EVANS LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF PEORIA AND MARSHALL, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Lillie M. Evans Library District of the Counties of Peoria and Marshall and State of Illinois shall levy a tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purposes, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the ordinance, it shall be published in the WEEKLY POST, a newspaper of general circulation in the Lillie M. Evans Library District and it is effective immediately upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Princeville, Illinois this 11th day of June, 2026.

- 1. The specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of adoption of the ordinance be submitted to the electors of the District is 276.
2. The petition must be filed on or before July 23, 2026.
3. The referendum would be held November 3, 2026.

Deb Givens
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of
Lillie M. Evans Library District

c/o Lillie M. Evans Library District
207 N. Walnut Street
P.O. Box 349
Princeville, Illinois
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John Rene Lastre;
Sandra S. Parker;
John T. Rogers;
Jaimes D. Casinova;
David P. Brown;
Mark A. Stuckwisch;
Sharon Enett Cox;
Chaquona S. Greenlee;
Mandy D. Fobar;
Teresa Marie Gustab;
Christine A. Caglenceley;
Richard E. Carey;
Tara A. Rieck;
Property Manager for;
CBI Bank & Trust D/B/A F&M Bank;
CBI Bank & Trust D/B/A F&M Bank;
CBI Bank & Trust D/B/A F&M Bank;
Rachael Parker, County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".
TAX DEED NO.: 2026-TX-0000145
FILED: May 29, 2026

TAKE NOTICE

County of Peoria
Date Premises Sold: November 10, 2025
Certificate No.: 202400506
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2024

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 3204 North Knoxville Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 14-28-454-013

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 10, 2026.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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If you're not asking guys to wear heels and a dress, then you can't ask me either.
- Kristen Stewart

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REGARDING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
APPROPRIATING AND BUDGETING FOR ALL  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PURPOSES FOR  
ELBA-SALEM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT,  
KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JUNE 1, 2026  
THROUGH MAY 31, 2027**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the ELBA SALEM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT will conduct a public hearing on the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of said Fire Protection District for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2026, and ending May 31, 2027. The public hearing will be conducted at the Fire House located at 110 W. Main Street, Yates City, Illinois on August 3rd, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Copies of the proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance are available for public inspection during office hours of the Fire Protection District at 110 W. Main Street, Yates City, Illinois.  
ELBA-SALEM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
By: /S/ Joey Tusek  
Joey Tusek, Secretary  
Published 6/18/26

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**FARMINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that the Farmington Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **July 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the **Farmington City Council Chambers**, to consider a request for a zoning change for the following described properties:  
**Address:** 447 W Fulton Street, Farmington  
**Property Identification Numbers:**  
• 5-04-02-402-018  
• 05-04-02-405-001  
**Legal Descriptions:**  
• SECT/LOT: 06 GREGORY ADD W PT LT  
• SECT/LOT: 62 GREGORY S ADDITION ALL 56 57 58 59 EX 20 X22 SW COR 20 STR THRU 60 TO 64-52 W OF ESD ALSO W 29.5 N 168 ALY  
The purpose of this public hearing is to receive comments and consider a request to rezone the subject properties from Commercial to I-2 Heavy Industrial.  
All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and be heard regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted prior to the hearing to the Farmington Planning Commission.  
Further information regarding this request is available for review at the appropriate municipal office during regular business hours.  
Farmington Planning Commission  
Published 6/18/26

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November 10, 2026.  
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Peoria County in 324 Main St., Peoria, IL 61602, Room 203, on December 7, 2026 at 9:30 AM.  
You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.  
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Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 10, 2026 by applying to the County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Peoria, Illinois.  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK**  
324 Main St.  
Room 101  
Peoria, IL 61602  
309-492-6059  
Private Equity Group, LLC.  
Purchaser or Assignee  
June 3, 2026  
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TO:  
Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;  
Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;  
United States Corporation Agents, Inc. as R/A for Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;  
Illinois Secretary of State for Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;  
Ejaz Khan as Manager of Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;  
Occupant;  
A & N Fashion Inc.;  
Citizen's Equity Federal Credit Union;  
City Fashion Plus;  
Dollar Plus;  
DBA Macarthur Food Mart;  
Macdonald Shell Number Seven;  
Jackpot Supermarket;  
P K M Corporation;  
Maxie Beauty Supply;  
Shell Gas Station;  
Citizens Bank of Chatsworth;  
Citizens Bank of Chatsworth;  
Rachael Parker, County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois;  
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners";  
"Unknown owners or parties inter-

ested in said land or lots".  
TAX DEED NO.: 2026-TX-0000149  
FILED: May 29, 2026  
**TAKE NOTICE**  
County of Peoria  
Date Premises Sold: November 10, 2025  
Certificate No.: 202401507  
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2024  
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A  
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A  
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES  
Property Located at: 200 North MacArthur Highway, Peoria, IL 61605  
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 18-08-281-026  
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 10, 2026.  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2**

**ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**  
AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR CORPORATION PURPOSES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2026, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2027, FOR THE VILLAGE OF BRIMFIELD, ILLINOIS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BRIMFIELD, COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION ONE.** That the fiscal year of said Village of Brimfield, shall commence on the 1st day of May, 2026, and end on the 30th day of April, 2027.

**SECTION TWO.** That the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of said Village of Brimfield, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes and objects of said Village hereinafter specified for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of May, 2026, and ending on the 30th day of April, 2027.

**1. GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES**

Salaries Staff	\$160,000
Wages – Crossing Guards	8,500
Salaries – Overtime	1,000
Salaries – Elected	10,000
Salaries – Vacation	3,500
Salaries – Holiday Pay	1,000
Unemployment Insurance Expense	1,500
Worker's Comp Insurance Expense	10,000
Social Security Expense	12,500
Medicare Expense	3,000
Retirement Contribution 457K Expense	9,000
Maint Services	1,500
Maint Services – Building	1,500
Zoning Wages	3,000
Accounting Service/Auditors	19,000
Legal Service	9,000
Police Protection	30,000
Other Professional Services	12,000
Postage	2,000
Telephone	8,000
Publishing	2,000
Printing	500
Donations	2,500
Dues	500
Travel Expense	500
Training	500
Lien Filing Fees	500
Utilities	30,000
Garbage Disposal	0
Park Sanitary Removal	100
Impound Fees/Animal Control	2,500
General Insurance	20,000
Employee Health Insurance	70,000
Office Supplies	4,000
Operating Supplies	15,000
Bank Fees	100
Automotive Fuel/Oil	13,000
Road & Bridge Exp	5,000
League Expenses	0
Hunt/ Fish License	100
Land – Purchase	135,000
Land – Maint	500
Building – Purchase	100,000
Building – Maint	4,000
Equipment – Purchase	10,000
Equipment – Maint	5,000
Vehicle – Purchase	60,000
Vehicle – Maint	7,000
Park Expense/Improvements	10,000
Brimfield Museum Exp	5,000
Loans (Principal and Interest)	5,000
Miscellaneous Expense	5,000
Real Estate Taxes	200

Appropriated for the foregoing general expenses from the tax for general corporate purposes, from the municipal retailer's occupation tax, from the Illinois replacement tax, and from the municipal share of income taxes. **819,500**

**2. MOTOR FUEL TAX – EXPENSES**

Maint. Service - Street	\$10,000
Engineering Service	5,000
Miscellaneous Expense	500

Appropriated for the foregoing street purposes from the gas tax refund account **\$15,500**

**3. WATER FUND – EXPENSES**

Salaries	\$0
Salaries – Overtime	0
Salaries – Vacation	0
Salaries – Holiday Pay	0
Unemployment Insurance Ex	0
Worker's Comp Insurance	0
Social Security Contributions	0
Medicare Expense	0
457K Retirement Expense	0
Maint Building	1,000
Maint Equipment	2,500
Maint Vehicle	2,500
Maint Utility System and Water Tower	20,000
Engineering Service	20,000
Legal Services	2,000
Water Testing/Lab Analysis Service	4,000
Other Professional Services	7,500
Postage	3,500
Telephone	0
Publishing	1,000
Printing	1,000
Dues/Licenses	700
Training	250
Publications	100
Utilities	25,000

Residential Garbage Expense	55,000
General Insurance	0
Rentals	2,500
Employee Health Insurance	0
Maint Supp Building	1,000
Maint Supp Equipment	1,000
Main Supp Vehicle	100
Maint Supp Utility System	5,000
Office Supplies	500
Operating Supplies	25,000
Automotive/Fuel/Oil	0
Chemicals	30,000
Computer System/Software	500
Principal Payment – Loan	20,000
Interest Payment – Loan	4,000
Capital Outlay Equipment	10,000
Capital Outlay Vehicle	100
Capital Outlay Utility System	0
Miscellaneous Expense	2,000

Appropriated for the foregoing waterworks purposes from the water fund **\$247,750**

TOTAL AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION **\$1,082,750**

**SECTION THREE.** That all unexpended balances of any item, or items of any general appropriation may be expended in making up the deficiency in any other item, or items in the same general appropriation or for the same general purpose, or a like purpose as provided in this ordinance.

**SECTION FOUR.** In support of said budget and appropriation and as a part thereof, the following statement is made:

**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND RESOURCES**

**1. GENERAL FUND – INCOME**

Beginning Balance (5/1/26)	\$685,713
Grants	-0-
Property Tax – Corporate	105,000
Foreign Fire Insurance Tax	-0-
Liquor Licenses	2,800
Business Licenses	1,400
Hunting/Fishing License Revenue	3,200
Building Permits	1,500
Zoning Permits	0
State Income Tax	128,000
Replacement Tax – To Library	7,000
Cannabis Tax	1,200
Sales Tax	200,000
Use Tax Revenue	30,000
Telecommunication Tax	2,000
Franchise Fees	10,000
Video Gaming Tax	35,000
Licenses/Permits (Golf Carts)	1,000
Land Rent	1,401
Forfeitures & Fines	500
Electrical Aggregation	2,000
Reimb from School for Crossing Guard	8,000
Interest Income	4,000
Donations/Museum	1,500
Miscellaneous Income	500
Other Financial Sources	-0-
(Loans/Grants/Donations)	-0-
General Fund Income Total	\$1,241,714
Less Expenses Per Budget	(819,500)

Year End Balance (Estimated) **\$422,214**

**2. MOTOR FUEL TAX – INCOME**

Beginning Balance (5/1/26)	\$83,327
Motor Fuel Tax	18,000
Motor Fuel Tax Renewal Fd.	18,000
Interest Income	2,000
Misc Income	200
Other Financial Sources (Loans/Grants)	-0-
Motor Fuel Tax Income Total	\$121,527
Less Expenses Per Budget	(15,500)
Year End Balance (Estimated)	\$106,027

**3. WATER FUND – INCOME**

Beginning Balance (5/1/25)	\$95,737
Grants and Loans	0
Water Penalties	5,000
Sewer Penalties	500
Water Sales	230,000
Sewer Sales	10,000
Residential Garbage Revenue	56,000
Sanitary Dist Collection Fees	3,500
Tap-On Fees	400
Loads	10,000
Interest Income	1,000
Miscellaneous Income	1,000
Interfund Operating Transfers or Loan Proceeds	-0-
Water Fund Income	\$413,137
Less Expenses Per Budget	(247,750)

Year End Balance (Estimated) **\$165,387**

ESTIMATED BALANCE AT END OF FISCAL YEAR **\$693,628**

**SECTION FIVE.** That all unexpended balances of appropriation for the fiscal year ending on the 30th day of April, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the purposes herein set forth.

**SECTION SIX.** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in accordance with the law.

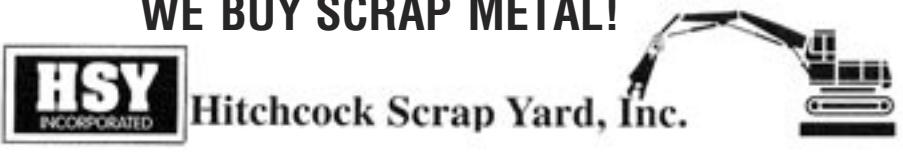
PASSED by the Board of Trustees of said Village of Brimfield this 8th day of June, A.D. 2026, and APPROVED by its President on the same date.

/S/ Danny J. Fishel  
President of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST:  
/S/ Holly Johnson  
Village Clerk

YEA: 5 MAY: 0 ABSENT: 1  
Passed: June 8, 2026  
Approved: June 8, 2026  
Recorded: June 8, 2026  
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TO:  
Lakemart Inc;  
Amandeep Singh as R/A for Lake-  
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Glasford State Bank;  
BP Amoco Gas Station;  
AG- Land FS, Inc.;  
Illico Inc.;  
Peoria County SVCFAST food;  
Illinois Department of Employment  
Security Revenue Collection Enforce-  
ment Unit;  
Illinois Department of Employment  
Security Revenue Collection Enforce-  
ment Unit;  
Attorney General for Illinois Depart-  
ment of Employment Security Re-  
venue Collection Enforcement Unit;  
Morton Community Bank;  
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C T Corporation System as R/A for  
World Fuel Services, Inc.;  
John P. Rau as President for World  
Fuel Services, Inc.;  
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"Unknown owners or parties inter-  
ested in said land or lots".

TAX DEED NO.: 2026-TX-0000148  
FILED: May 29, 2026  
**TAKE NOTICE**  
County of Peoria  
Date Premises Sold: November 10,  
2025  
Certificate No.: 202401096  
Sold for General Taxes of (Year):  
2024  
Sold for Special Assessment of  
(Municipality) and Special Assess-  
ment Number: N/A  
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.:  
N/A  
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD  
FOR DELINQUENT TAXES  
Property Located at: 10013 West  
Lancaster Road a/k/a 10045 West  
Lake Lancelot Drive, Mapleton, IL  
61547  
Legal Description or Property Index  
No.: 17-31-351-005  
This notice is to advise you that the  
above property has been sold for de-  
linquent taxes and that the period of  
redemption from the sale will expire  
on November 10, 2026.  
The amount to redeem is subject to  
increase at 6 month intervals from  
the date of sale and may be further  
increased if the purchaser at the tax  
sale or his or her assignee pays any  
subsequently accruing taxes or spe-  
cial assessments to redeem the prop-  
erty from subsequent forfeitures or  
tax sales. Check with the County  
Clerk as to the exact amount you owe  
before redeeming.  
This notice is also to advise you  
that a petition has been filed for a tax  
deed which will transfer title and the  
right to possession of this property if  
redemption is not made on or before  
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This matter is set for hearing in the  
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Main St., Peoria, IL 61602, Room  
203, on December 7, 2026 at 9:30  
AM.  
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Redemption can be made at any  
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2026 by applying to the County

**VILLAGE OF YATES CITY  
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT**  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2026

**REVENUE SUMMARY:**  
Franchise Fee 6,795.84, Corp Interest Earned 1,700.63, Police Interest  
Earned 25.73, Licenses and Permits 335.00, Video Gaming 11,897.67, Liq-  
uor License 750.00, State Use Tax 21,481.34, Misc. Income 5.00, Ordinance  
Violations 450.00, Replacement Tax 1,609.74, Payroll Tax Reimbursements  
78.00, Reimbursements 2,582.95, Real Estate Taxes 72,464.80, Police  
Real Estate Tax 7,942.01, Sales Taxes 44,170.47, State Income Taxes  
117,716.08, Cannabis Use Tax 891.43, Traffic Fines 240.18, Utility Tax  
27,518.07, Telecommunications Tax 2,673.50, IEPA Well Forgivable Loan  
Project 905,476.93, Water, Sewer, & Garbage Collections 465,505.22,  
Connection Fees 200.00, WW Interest Earned 1,541.04, WW Reimburse-  
ments 596.85, Road and Bridge Real Estate Taxes 13,189.70, Road and  
Bridge Interest 191.00, Road & Bridge Reimbursements 380.00, MFT State  
Allotment 14,076.17, MFT Renewal Fund Allotment 15,320.42, MFT Inter-  
est Earned 971.30.  
**Total Revenues \$1,738,777.07**

**COMPENSATION SUMMARY:**  
\$700.00 and Under: Vonda Brinker, Matt Ehens, Thomas Kinzer, Seth  
Lekies, David Mahr, Doug Sampson,  
Ronald Smith  
\$1,150.00: Abbey Cash  
\$2,100.00 to \$2,200.00: Mark Hostetler, Kenneth McMillion  
\$4,200.00 to \$4,300.00: Jeff Pemberton, Scott Simmons  
\$6,800.00: Neely Carr  
\$11,600.00: James Record  
\$16,300.00: Bruce Brinker  
\$22,000.00: Joy Mahr  
\$41,300.00: Randall Benson  
\$46,300.00: Brian Efnor  
Gross Payroll \$162,407.14  
Employer Fee, Taxes, and Contributions \$28,943.96  
**Total Payroll \$191,351.10**

**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:**  
Ace in the Hole Inc 6,000.00, Advanced Tree Service 1,400.00, Albrecht  
Well Drilling Inc. 867,580.00, Amazon 1,283.52, Ameren 48,311.87, Ameri-  
can Lighting 253.95, AMP Companies Inc. 11,609.00, Artistic Engraving  
138.00, B&B Equipment 500.00, Bank of Yates City 24,762.53, Blankenship  
Custom Remodel 1,650.00, Brian Efnor 500.00, Bruner, Cooper, & Zuck  
133,771.63, Burgess Bros. 272.04, Camilles of Canton Inc. 255.10, Central  
Illinois Pest Management Inc. 1,092.00, Central Illinois Scale Co. 331.50,  
Chris Ebert Company 24,424.47, CK Computers LLC. 1,749.99, Core &

Main 5,517.07, Eagle Enterprises Recycling Inc. 1,763.78, Elba-Salem Fire  
Protection Dist. 400.00, Elba-Salem Park District 4,521.00, Elmwood, Yates  
City, Farmington Fireworks 500.00, Farmington Central High School 250.00,  
Freedom and Glory 484.19, Galesburg Builders Supply Co. 540.00, Gales-  
burg Sign and Lighting, Inc. 300.00, Getz Fire Equipment 241.15, GFL Envi-  
ronmental 50,220.28, Gunther Salt Company 12,412.16, H&H Industries  
Inc. 955.50, Hawkins 4,187.75, Howe Overhead Doors Inc. 150.00, Illinois  
EPA 2,500.00, Illinois Department of Agriculture 120.00, Illinois Public  
Safety Agency Network 936.00, Illinois Rural Water Association 391.94,  
IMRMA 33,012.06, Immense Impact LLC 737.00, Intuit 2,398.95, John  
Deere Financial 180.53, Jordan's Service Center 1,509.70, Joy Mahr  
335.93, JULIE Inc. 143.75, Kinsel Trucking & Excavating LLC 34,796.34,  
Kirby Built 1,478.37, Lakeside Equipment Corporation 16,473.00, Lampe  
Publications 496.00, LCD Uniforms & Gear 245.70, Lozier Oil Co. 3,059.67,  
Marco Technologies, LLC 3,141.34, Mark Hostetler 133.60, MCTC  
4,206.31, Menards Galesburg 196.34, Menards Peoria 635.36, Midwest  
Equipment 1,684.81, Midwest Meter Inc. 1,238.69, Midwest Power Pro-  
ducts 3,298.00, Miller, Trigg & Hall, LLC. 25,387.77, Mobile Team Training  
Unit IV 450.00, Motorola STAR-COM 934.00, MPSG 1,080.00, Niemann  
Foods Inc. 1,721.64, Office Max 255.18, Omni Site 1,564.00, Outdoor  
Power Inc. 15,430.95, Pekin & Gravel 349.60, Petty Cash 702.02, Phillips,  
Salmi, & Associates, LLC 16,500.00, Pitney Bowes 452.56, Purchase  
Power 3,013.50, Quality Roll-Off 1,656.70, Quick Electric Contractors Inc  
9,500.00, Quick Stop 2,203.89, Quick Books Payroll Service 1,987.50, River  
Stone Group 2,534.66, Schulte Supply 14,609.45, Slaughter's Yamaha Polaris  
Cub Cadet 184.43, Stalker Radar Applied Concepts Inc 1,728.99, TEST Inc.  
43,107.13, Tri-County Masonry & Concrete LLC 7,500.00, USA Bluebook  
518.87, Vadim Municipal Software, Inc. 2,053.97, Verizon 1,606.20, West  
Central FS 622.21, WIRC Western IL Regional Council 770.00, Woodcock  
Trucking 4,668.93, Yates City Post Office 334.00, all other Disbursements  
in amounts \$100.00 or less 740.60  
**Total Expenditures \$1,487,646.62**

**SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS**

Beginning Funds	981,465.42
Revenues	1,738,777.07
Expenditures	1,678,997.72
Ending Funds	1,041,244.77

**Certification**  
I, Joy A. Mahr, Village Treasurer of Yates City, Illinois do hereby certify  
that the above is true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal  
year ending April 30, 2026.  
**Joy A. Mahr**  
Village Treasurer  
Published 6/18/26

Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois at  
the Office of the County Clerk in  
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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that each row across, each column down and each  
small 9-box square contains all of the  
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most national parks?
2. ANATOMY: Which blood type is considered to be a universal donor?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three signs of the Zodiac are considered to be Earth signs?
4. ROYALS: What was Queen Elizabeth's favorite dog breed?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Which continent has a mountain range called The Great Rift Valley?
6. MONEY: What is the basic currency of Russia?
7. TELEVISION: Which long-running TV sitcom features a dog named Comet?
8. MUSIC: How many strings does a standard violin have?
9. GAMES: How many title deeds does the Monopoly game have?
10. SCIENCE: What is the main cause of ocean tides?

**Answers**

1. California.
2. Type O negative.
3. CAPRICORN, TAURUS and VIRGO.
4. Corgis.
5. Africa.
6. The ruble.
7. "Full House."
8. Four.
9. 28.
10. The gravitational pull of the Moon.  
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**Amber Waves** by Dave T. Phipps



HEY, FELLAS, I GOT A NEW FOOTBALL AND WILL BE PUTTING A TEAM TOGETHER.

NOW, LET'S SEE... OBVIOUSLY I'LL BE QUARTERBACK AND MIGHT AS WELL BE RUNNING BACK.

FOR SURE I'LL BE WIDE RECEIVER. I JUST GOTTA FIGURE OUT HOW THE HECK TO THROW TO MYSELF.

COME ON, GUYS, ODDS ARE I'LL STILL NEED A WATERBOY AND MASCOT!

**The Spats** by Jeff Pickering



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I HATE ALL BIGOTS!!

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**GRIN THE BEARD IT** by Wagner



"We were going through a phase, Mom!"

**CryptoQuote**

AXYDLBAAXK is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, B for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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X OKQLL, ESQP HIR YXP'E  
XLT DQ QGESQK.  
- TKGLEOP LEQVXKE

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**TOP 10 MOVIES**

1. Scary Movie (R)
2. Masters of the Universe (PG-13)
3. Backrooms (R)
4. Obsession (R)
5. The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act (NR)
6. Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13)
7. Michael (PG-13)
8. The Breadwinner (PG)
9. Pressure (PG-13)
10. The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13)  
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# SECTIONAL: Fagerburg figures heavily in both sectional wins

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home plate gave the Indians a 7-6 victory over Illini West and the sectional plaque.

Fagerburg ignited B-E's final at-bat in the bottom of the seventh by drawing a leadoff walk and stealing second base. Layne Johnson scorched a rocket to center where IW's Grady Blue didn't have to take a step. Kaeden Schatsiek was issued his third intentional walk of the game before Brody Kenney flew out to left.

That set the stage for Malone, who delivered the game-winner with his fourth hit of the game.

"This is awesome, that's what you dream of," Malone said. "I told my coach right here I wanted this, you know, I believed in myself, I've done the work and it's awesome."

Malone shares a team-first approach with his teammates. The 4-for-5 day was big for B-E on a

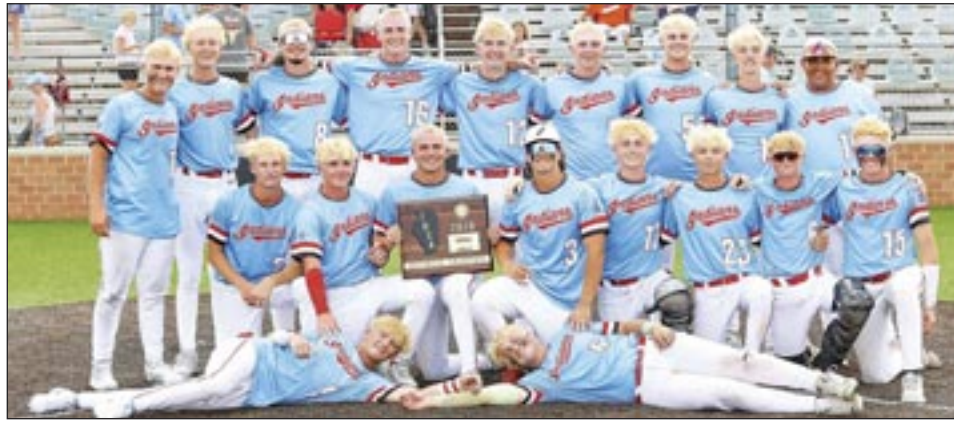
scorching-hot Saturday, but Malone said he was just doing his job.

"I'm not so worried about me, my job is about passing the baton and giving my guys an opportunity," Malone said. "The more I can get on, the more chances my guys get to drive in runs. All I care about is scoring runs."

"This is amazing for the guys. I've been playing with these seniors since we were 8 years old, some of them year-round with summer ball and stuff. It's amazing, that's the only way I can describe it. Just having fun with my guys."

B-E Coach James Sams appreciated the resilience of his team for rallying after losing a 5-2 fourth-inning lead. And he tipped his cap to Malone, though he would have preferred a little less drama.

"Noah was a beast all day," said Sams. "Kaeden has 16 home runs and is hitting .500, so we know



Brimfield-Elmwood's baseball team poses with the Class 2A Chillicothe Sectional plaque. Bottom row (left to right): Brody Kenney and Layne Johnson. Middle row (l to r): Blake Bruner, Noah Malone, Sean Crowe, Evan Patterson, Jay Webb, Weston Smith, Tyler Schatsiek and Dean Dunnaway. Back row (l to r): Dane Fagerburg, Griffin Hougham, Tommy Burkitt, Kaeden Schatsiek, Connor Doe, Quinton Johns, Karsyn Bolton, Kai Nelson and Brashan Butler. Photo by Brimfield/Elmwood Sports Shots.

teams aren't going to pitch to him. That's why our 4-5 hitters and the rest are so key for us, and Noah certainly was today."

B-E took a 1-0 lead in the first when Johnson singled, moved to second after a walk to Schatsiek and reached third on a fielder's choice. Malone plated Johnson with a single to left-center.

IW (28-8) took a 2-1 lead in the top of the second after consecutive singles by Ethan Carlisle and Blue and a bases-clearing triple by Aiden Hocker.

B-E's Blake Bruner had a leadoff single to open the fourth inning and Fagerburg hammered a ball off the fence in right-center that caromed all the way back to the IVC logo in center for a triple to tie it 2-2. Johnson's hard grounder past a drawn-in second baseman scored Fagerburg, and Kenney brought Johnson home with a double to deep left-center for a 4-3 lead.

Holding a 6-4 lead in the sixth, the drama started. Schatsiek, who started for the Indians, walked in a run after four straight walks.

Sean Crowe came on in relief and inherited a big jam – 6-5 score, bases loaded and no outs.

Crowe surrendered an RBI single to IW's Wesley Robertson, but Connor Doe's clean play in left allowed the IW baserunners to move up only one base. Crowe struck out the next two batters before Blue sliced a low liner to right that Bruner ran down and ended the threat with a full-extension grab.

It was a tough chance but one Bruner had a bead on from the crack of the bat.

"I knew I was going to catch it," he said. "I mean it was low and slicing toward the right-field line and I was in a full sprint. I had to make that play for my guys."

After Crowe's Houdini trick escaping the sixth-inning jam, he left no doubt in the top of the seventh with three straight punch-outs to set the stage for B-E's offense.

"I just had to get outs," a beaming Crowe said of the perilous position he conquered. "It was a tough spot, for sure, but I just had to dial in, make good

pitches and trust my stuff. And my defense, they've had our backs all year."

Illini West Coach Zack Burling figured the game was going to be close – IW won 3-2 in mid-April – with teams that mirror each other in some ways.

"We've played two one-run games with them and this was the kind of result we expected," Burling said. "Illini West doesn't have to hang its head about anything. I like where our program is at."

"They're a good team capable of winning a state title. (Schatsiek) has Division I stuff, he's going to be a Division I player. And their lineup is tough 1 through 9. They just battle, no easy outs. I can see them bringing home a state title and I hope they do."

Fagerburg figured in the 7-6 walk-off win in the June 3 semifinal against Taylor Ridge Rockridge. With two outs in the bottom of the eighth, Griffin Hougham singled up the middle and Quinton Johns walked. They both moved up a base on a wild pitch.

Fagerburg knew what he was looking for and didn't

miss it, smashing a ball to right-center to drive in Hougham with the game-ending run. In the scorebook it officially says "single," but the ball bounced off the warning track and over the fence – a ground-rule double.

"It was amazing," Fagerburg said. "I told myself when I was walking into that box that this is what you live for, Dane, this is what you dream about, and I executed perfectly."

"We've all dreamed about it, we've all thought about this moment and coming down to it, we've made it happen."

B-E scored five runs in the third and made it 6-0 in the fourth when Fagerburg doubled and scored on Schatsiek's drive to center. But Rockridge's Cullen Schwigen led off the sixth with a drive that sailed into the trees beyond the left-center field fence. The home run sparked a five-run rally to make it 6-5.

In the top of the seventh, Rockridge opened the frame with two walks and an infield single to load the bases. A flyout to left wasn't deep enough for runners to advance, but the ensuing drive to center was, and Rockridge forged a 6-6 tie and extra innings.

"Evan (Patterson, B-E's starting pitcher) threw really well again today," Sams said. "Evan deserved to win but when things didn't go our way we held strong, we didn't fall apart and that was huge because we could have given in at any time."

"They had all the momentum, but we battled and got it back to the top and Dane did the rest."

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# SUPERS: B-E scored two in 6th to trail 7-6

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fifth after Easton Debernardi lined a single to right and the sinking liner took a short hop past Blake Bruner. Debernardi advanced to third, Drose was hit by a pitch and Durdan ripped a double to the left-center gap to make it 5-4. An RBI single by Novotney and bases-loaded walk pushed the advantage to three.

“They definitely could have broken that game open and 10-ran us just at the snap of a finger, when the ball didn’t go our way,” said Johnson, the B-E senior catcher. “But our pitchers kept fighting, the fielders made some plays when we needed them to and we hung in there and gave ourselves a chance in the seventh inning.”

“Overall we didn’t get the job done, but we gave ourselves a shot and that’s what I’m proud of these boys for.”

After escaping another bases-loaded jam in the sixth, B-E loaded the bases when Hougham walked, Johnson was hit by a pitch and Kaeden Schatsiek was intentionally walked. Brody Kenney drove in Hougham and Johnson with a laser to center field to make it 7-6.

Marquette scored two insurance runs in the seventh to set the final score. B-E threatened in its last at-bat but couldn’t generate the necessary offense.

“The last couple games we’ve had a lot of special things going for us,” said Kenney, B-E’s first baseman and cleanup hitter. “Coming into this game, if we played our best game, we thought we could win.”

“We played a hard game but at the end of the day, we played hard and it didn’t go our way. It just comes down to the little things, making plays in those big situations. I mean they could have put five or



Brimfield-Elmwood right fielder Blake Bruner locks in on a pitch during the Indians’ Class 2A Peru Supersectional game against Ottawa Marquette. Photo by Brimfield/Elmwood Sports Shots.

six more runs up. It was a fun game.”

The end of a 38-game season seemed abrupt on a warm, breezy Tuesday night in Peru. But the Indians accomplished plenty, with 2A regional and sectional plaques plus Prairie-land and ICAC titles.

“Well, I’m sure it’ll feel better tomorrow but it sucks right now,” said Sams. “I’m sure when the

emotions calm down a little we’ll be able to look back on this and recognize how special this was for all the players, especially the seniors.

“I hope these seniors are remembered as winners. We’ve won a lot in my two years here, they’ve won before that and I hope these seniors are remembered as winners who finally got to bring home

## IHSBCA all-state

• Brimfield-Elmwood senior Kaeden Schatsiek was named to the Class 2A first-team all-state squad announced on June 15 by the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association. B-E teammate and classmate Dane Fagerburg and Farmington senior Landon Crawford were honorable-mention selections.

some hardware.”

Johnson, who plans to continue his academic and baseball career at Spoon River College, tipped his cap to his team.

“I’m definitely proud of this group,” Johnson said. “Coming into this year we were a group that hadn’t won a regional, the Class of ’26 was, and every year since ’23 I think we’ve had great regular seasons but we’ve always been early regional exits.

“This year we finally put it all together and made some noise, gave ourselves a shot at state, which would have made Brimfield history. We were that close, one big hit away.”

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<b>June 20</b>	<b>Karaoke by Motteler Crue 8-Midnight</b>
<b>June 22</b>	<b>Tenderloin 5-7pm</b> <b>Bingo 6:30pm (doors open at 5pm)</b>
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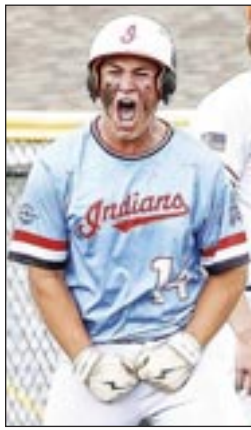
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Brimfield-Elmwood's Dane Fagerburg celebrates on third base after after delivering an RBI triple against Illini West in the finals of the Class 2A Chillicothe Sectional on June 6. B-E beat the Chargers 7-6. Photo by Brimfield/Elmwood Sports Shots.



## B-E can't escape supersectional jam

### Indians bow out of baseball postseason after 9-6 loss to Ottawa Marquette

By ANDY LATORA

For The Weekly Post

PERU – The Brimfield-Elmwood baseball team's deep tournament run ended June 9 against Ottawa Marquette in the Class 2A Peru Supersectional.

Marquette, the Class 1A state champions in 2024 and 2025, scored a 9-6 victory over B-E at Schweickert Stadium to advance to the Class 2A state semifinals on June 12.

The Indians, who finished the year 32-6, took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Connor Doe walked, stole second and scored on Griffin Hougham's single to left field.

B-E got runners aboard in every inning but, with the exception of the second, so did the Crusaders (37-3). Marquette capitalized over the final four frames when B-E faced bases-loaded jams in each of the last four innings.

"That was kind of how it was both ways," B-E Coach James Sams said. "Offensively we got a lot of traffic on the bases but we couldn't get more than one big hit. Defensively it felt like



Brimfield-Elmwood starting pitcher Evan Patterson delivers a pitch during the Indians' Class 2A supersectional on June 9 at Schweickert Stadium in Peru. The reigning two-time Class 1A state champion Crusaders beat B-E 9-6 to advance to last weekend's baseball state finals in Champaign. Right: Layne Johnson went 1-for-3 with an RBI in the supersectional setback. Photos by Brimfield/Elmwood Sports Shots.

every time we got some momentum they'd get a guy or two on base early with less than two outs and they were able to counter."

In the fourth inning, Marquette's Grant Drose singled, Caden Durdan walked and Braxton Nelle was hit by a

pitch to load the bases. A walk to Beau Thompson plated Drose with the tying run before Alec Novotney drove in two runs with a sharp single to left. Griffin Doberstein's base hit scored Novotney for a 4-3 lead.

The Indians answered in the home half of the fourth. Sean

### Class 2A state baseball results

(At Illinois Field, Champaign)



#### Semifinals, June 12

- Elgin Harvest-Westminster 7, Freeburg 5
- St. Joseph-Ogden 6, Ottawa Marquette 1

#### Third-place game, June 13

- Ottawa Marquette 4, Freeburg 1

#### Championship game, June 13

- St. Joseph-Ogden 15, Elgin Harvest-Westminster 1 (5 innings)

Crowe and Hougham drew walks and Dane Fagerburg knocked them in with a booming double off the fence in right-center. Layne Johnson's liner over the shortstop's head brought Fagerburg home for a 4-4 tie.

Marquette made it 7-4 in the home half of the fourth. Sean

## High drama in sectional

By ANDY LATORA

For The Weekly Post

CHILLICOTHE – The old saying "history repeats itself" was on display during the first week of June for Brimfield-Elmwood's baseball team.

The Indians captured the Class 2A Chillicothe Sectional with a pair of dramatic walk-off wins by identical scores after squandering late leads. With the postseason wins, the Indians (32-5) advanced to the Peru Supersectional to face Ottawa Marquette on June 8. Marquette (36-3) reached the Elite Eight with an 11-2 victory over Wilmington on June 6.

B-E walked off the sectional final at Chillicothe IVC on June 6 when Noah Malone singled sharply to right field and Dane Fagerburg's diving slide across

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