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ECF ending pursuit of Wellness Center in Elmwood

By JEFF LAMPE
 For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – An inability to raise enough funds to keep pace with rising construction costs has prompted the Elmwood Community Foundation to end its quest for a wellness center on the north edge of the city.

In the planning for a decade, the wellness center was to be a joint venture among the ECF, Graham Health System and the Greater Peoria YMCA.

But while the ECF was able to raise more than \$10 million

in gifts, pledges and grants for the project, construction costs for the 33,000-square-foot center continued to rise, with marked increases seen in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We just couldn’t keep up,” said Sarah Inskeep, an ECF board member.

Original estimates placed cost of the building at \$12.4 million. Another \$2 million was to be set aside in an endowment to help with operating expenses.

But according to ECF Pres-

ident Dick Taylor, more recent estimates show the price of construction alone has increased to more than \$17 million.

“Knowing our campaign cannot overcome inflation, the ECF Board of Directors and Campaign Co-Chairs have regretfully come to the consensus that we must end this campaign in its original vision,” Taylor said in a letter sent out to donors last week.

According to the letter, all pledges are rendered null and void. The ECF is developing a

Pictured is a 2023 artist's rendition of a proposed wellness center on the north side of Elmwood.

process for donors to redirect any gifts or payments already made to the group, minus expenses already incurred in the fundraising campaign.

“There was great interest in this project and we greatly ap-

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Princeville approves new budget

By ANDY LATORA
 For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville Village Board approved the village's budget and the annual appropriations ordinance at its meeting Monday night at the Princeville Village Hall.

The budget passed unanimously. Trustee Spencer Wilson dissented on the appropriations ordinance, however. He had a simple reason why.

“There were some figures that I thought we could have done differently and I think, since we couldn't actually amend it at this time, it was either vote yes or no and I

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FARMINGTON'S 4TH

Farmington's annual July 4 parade and celebration drew a large crowd of people – many dressed in red, white and blue – to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. Photos by Dave Giagnoni.

Farmington may gain factory

By JEFF LAMPE
 For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The Farmington City Council indicated it plans to accomodate a zoning change for a steel manufacturer looking to start a business in the city.

Prior to the council meeting, Justin Stevens approached the Farmington Planning Commission seeking a change from I-1 Commercial to I-2 Heavy Industrial zoning for the south side of his property at 447 W. Fulton St. The I-2 designation is for heavier, noisier industrial manufacturing as compared to I-1.

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FARMINGTON: Company hopes to employ 10-12

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Stevens said the change for the south end of the former Alexander Lumber property was requested by a steel erector who expects to create 10-12 jobs within a year after starting with five employees.

The new manufacturer is Stephen Kapsalis of Louisville, Ky., who is president of Capstone Equipment. Stevens said Kapsalis sold a steel erection plant in Mexico in 2023. Kapsalis became aware of Farmington after his son married a

Farmington native and told Stevens there is demand for steel fabrication in the area.

Stevens currently runs his own business, Phoenix Industries, on the north side of the 447 W. Fulton St. location, where he manufactures parts and pieces for hollow metal door frames.

Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said Kapsalis' fabricating business would not be able to operate efficiently under I-1 zoning, which requires noise to terminate within the property line.

At the meeting of the

planning commission prior to the council meeting, Stufflebeam said he has contacted neighbors of the business and heard no complaints about the change.

Stufflebeam said the city will enlist Maurer-Stutz, Inc. to inspect Apple Alley to see if it can handle expected semi-truck traffic.

The planning commission voted 5-0 in favor of the zoning change.

The council heard a first reading by title only for an ordinance changing the zoning. Action on the ordinance is expected at the next council meeting, on July 20.

Also accepted were TIF grant projects recommended by the Farmington CEDC Committee. The largest grant, \$150,000, to be paid out over 10 years is for Farmington Public Library to build and maintain a new outdoor classroom.

In-TIF grants went to Jim Schreiner for tree removal (\$2,500), Chris Helle for gutters (\$675), Tyler Schmidgall for patio and retaining wall work (\$2,500) and Steve Passmore for window replacement (\$1,595.25).

Out-of-TIF grants of \$1,000 went to Bob East for roof work, Chad Hol-

loway for tree removal, Greg Holloway for tree removal and Kevin Huprich for tree trimming.

In other business, the council accepted a bid of \$2,012 from Jay Steffen for a 1979 work truck (the highest of five bids) and approved spending \$7,187 for two steel doors to replace doors on the community-center gym. One of the doors would allow for handicapped access to the facility.

Police Chief Chris Darsham reported he recently sent out 26 ordinance letters for tall grass and weeds and parked vehicles.

Darsham said former police Chief Carl Powell has officially retired as a part-time lieutenant.

The council also heard high praise for the summer recreation program from parent and educator Carrie Jordan.

Finally, the council discussed allowing residents to make adjustments to their sewer bills twice per year for lawn watering or pool filling. Currently there is no limit on the number of adjustments and Stufflebeam said the city averages 40-50 such requests each month. The issue will be brought up for action at a future meeting.



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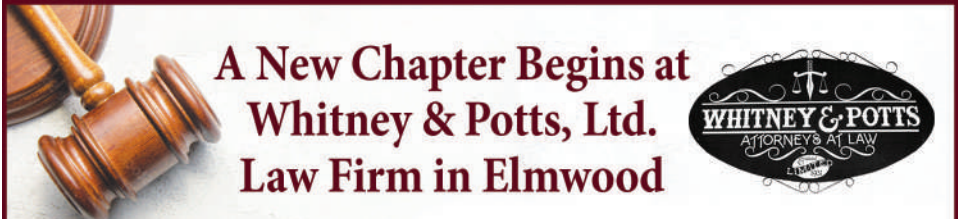
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This transition marks an exciting new chapter for the firm. Stephanie has been a valued member of Whitney & Potts, Ltd. Law Firm for over 20 years, and Ashlee has proudly served clients here for over 11 years. Together, they bring decades of experience, a strong commitment to personalized legal representation, and a shared dedication to the values that have defined the firm for the past 55 years.

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• **The Fathers** – The Daughters of the American Revolution will remember the signers of the Declaration of Independence in a free program July 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library.

• **Harvest Home** – A Harvest Home fundraiser dinner will be held July 16 at the Yates City Community Center, 4:30-6:30 p.m. The menu includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, a roll, dessert and a drink. \$13.

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• **Peoria Reads** – Two native American authors will be at Camp Big Sky near Middlegrove on July 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to make a presentation on their books for campers.

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• **Crochet Group** – Morison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood hosts a crochet group every Monday, 10 a.m. to noon. Crafters can bring projects.

• **Band Concert** – The Elmwood Municipal Band will play Sunday, July 12, at 7 p.m. in Central Park. Concerts continue every Sunday through the summer.

Future Events

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• **Food Pantry** – Christ Alive Church in Kickapoo has a food pantry on the third Monday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• **Food Pantry** – Farmington has a drive-through food pantry the third Wednesday each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at New Hope Fellowship Church.

• **Diabetes Cruise In** – The 20th annual Brimfield Super Cruise In for Diabetes will be Aug. 1 from 3-8 p.m. downtown and features food and drinks, raffle drawings, a silent and virtual auction, live music, a dunk tank and kids activities in the American Legion.

• **Garden Club** – Lillie M. Evans Library in Princeville has its monthly garden meeting Aug. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

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As a card-carrying member of the Aging Curmudgeon Club, I'm not very interested in AI. The little machinated wizards did come in handy the other day, though.

The past few weeks have seen me spending lots of time outside on our back deck in between moves of the lawn sprinkler. Yes, planting grass during a heat wave in July is dumb, but the challenge was too enticing.

In between finding odd jobs to pay for the watering bill, I have also spent a lot of time pondering an oddity. Scattered in two spots on our concrete patio are a collection of almost-square, dark-brown pellets that look a bit like a hand grenade.

My first thought was that the oak tree was shedding odd pods, since there are always odd things growing on oak trees, the host for so many critters.

Continued investigation indicated the hard pellets were smushy and green. Ah hah. Poop. But from what creature?

After eliminating a list of suspects – chipmunks, turtles, snakes, birds or maybe a sick cat – I finally turned to Google Lens. After a few prompts and pictures, the little wizards behind the lens settled on a poop source. Hornworms.

Solving one mystery created another. What is a hornworm and why the heck was it pooping all over my concrete deck?

That's when I realized AI was



Jeff
LAMPE

wrong. Hornworms have specific diets, eating mostly tomato leaves. Our only tomato is at the other end of the yard. Above the patio, though, are branches from oak and maple trees. So the pooping culprits are actually oakworms or maple worms.

Based on where the worm deposits are located, my bet is the creepy little answer is luxuriating right now in the soft maple tree that towers over our yard (and makes us worry whenever the wind blows, which of late has happened a lot). That's the same tree that crushed my truck topper back in Twenty Aught Nine when the straight-line winds visited. The tree's falling limbs broke more things a year later when the tornado visited.

Compared to that damage, a few pineapple-shaped poops are easy to handle. The whole experience has been educational. I've learned both mapleworm and oakworm caterpillars grow to 1-2.5 inches long and eat a lot. AI tells me they can defoliate a tree if the infestation is heavy.

Eventually they will grow into moths. In the case of the mapleworm, the caterpillar turns into the Rosy Maple Moth, a wild pink-and-yellow critter that never eats and has no mouth. Instead, they live off the fuel consumed as caterpillars.

Frankly, I'd be perfectly happy if the mapleworms ate every leaf on the maple tree, which is slated to come down later this year with the help of **Jeremy Pierson** and the fine folks at Advanced Tree Service. Until then, I'll be watching for pink moths.

...

Kudos to **Blanche Wilson** of Farmington, who recently celebrated her 108th birthday and received more than 108 cards to celebrate the day, which she spent with family and friends. Said Blanche, "I have always been blessed with supportive family members and community friends." ...

Kudos also goes to attorneys **Ashlee Stabler** and **Stephanie Schmieg**, the new owners of Whitney & Potts, Ltd. in Elmwood. **Bob Potts** has served the area for more than 55 years and will remain an of counsel attorney but will not take new clients. In his role, Bob will serve as a senior expert of sorts, a fitting use for his knowledge after so many years of assisting clients. As for the new owners, AI tells me that 41% of all active attorneys are women but only 28% of women hold partnership positions and just 12% serve as managing partners. No glass ceilings in Elmwood, it appears. ... Speaking again of AI, people also tell me it will make my life easier. Maybe. What definitely makes my life easier is having helpful attorneys located within 50 yards of the office. ... The change at Whitney & Potts is among several new business-related developments on the south side of Elmwood's Main Street that will fill space in this column next week.

...

In case you heard a rumor about us "selling the paper," well that's sort of accurate. Just not this paper. On Monday we officially closed on the sale of our other publication, The Prairie News, to The Kewanee Voice, a non-profit online publication that is expanding into print. CEO **Susan DeVilder** of Kewanee is changing the name of the paper to The Henry-Stark Voice. Like me, folks from The Kewanee Voice still see value in print papers. We wish them good luck. As for TWP readers, you are stuck with me for awhile longer. ... Parting shot: Last weekend's fireworks displays were top notch – both the one that lit up the sky at Sweetwater Park and the shows put on afterward at seemingly every other house in town.

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WELLNESS: Downsizing not an option

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preciate that,” Taylor said.

Taylor said the ECF explored downsizing the facility, which was to include a swimming pool, work-out equipment, a gymnasium, an indoor walking track and space for after-school programs and community gatherings.

Taylor said the ECF decided eliminating some of those features was not an option, since it would not allow the wellness center to meet the needs of Graham and the YMCA.

The ECF began talks about a wellness center in 2015 after a survey of community interests showed strong interest in such a facility.

Eventually, ECF members toured a similar facility in Rushville that opened in November 2020 and cost \$6.6 million to build.

The ECF hired a fundraising consultant in 2021 and initiated a feasibility study. The study indicated the wellness center could succeed with a model based on usage by Graham medical patients and an operating agreement with the YMCA to handle programming.

Fundraising received a major jump start after receiving a \$3.5 million grant from the USDA. Others making major pledges included Doug and Diane Oberhelman (\$1 million in matching funds) and former Graham President and CEO Bob Senneff (\$500,000).

Despite an estimated 100 in-person meetings with community members in the planned service area around Elmwood and thousands of hours of work, the ECF fundraising ultimately fell short of the goal.

“It was a moving goalpost,” Taylor said. “There was great interest in the project and we greatly appreciate that.”

Taylor said the ECF is exploring ways to preserve and utilize the USDA grant funds. He said the ECF remains dedicated to finding ways to enhance the lives of people living in rural communities of central Illinois.

PRINCEVILLE: Discussing lot in Aten Acres

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don't think I was originally a part of the actual appropriations and there were some areas that I thought we could address, particularly as it related to the water,” Wilson said. “The sewer is fine, it was more the water side. I thought we could appropriate it differently because we’re showing a larger deficit and, since we couldn’t technically amend it, I voted no for it.

“On the appropriations side itself there are numbers in there that we need to address going into next year and I think that water is something that needs to be more appropriately funded.”

Regarding the budget, in general, the board and committees crunch numbers for weeks to find workable decisions. The FY 2026-27 budget was tabled at the June 16 meeting. Monday it was approved without discussion.

“The budget is there,” said Wilson. “It is what it is based upon the costs of everything and what we can afford to do. The only thing we can try to do is try to get grants, but right now those are few and far between.

“We’ve already gotten cut from so many organizations that typically gave out money, but when the federal government cut the state and federal grants it’s hard to get funds for almost anything. To the point where if you’re trying to buy something and, if you do, you’re going to be waiting several years to ever see that realized.”

Village President Jeff Troutman said the process remained the same as previous years and the budget was what was expected.

“We go through the previous year’s budget and see where we had deficits and increases,” Troutman said. “Based off of that we’ll adjust it. There’s also capital expenditures that we plan on every year.”

Like the upgrade to the sewer plant, which the village is paying off an Environmental Protection Agency loan. Or the water-tank upgrade that’s been planned as a capital expenditure for several years.

Troutman said the village was at about 101% in revenues and 99% in expenditures, so revenues were slightly up for the previous year.

“We review those things about halfway through the year each year and adjust from there,” he said.

The board also approved:

- An amended intergovernmental agreement and village ordinance for the Peoria Rural Enterprise Zone.
- An agreement with Princeville State Bank for ICS deposit placement.
- Tax-increment financing applications for the residential rehabilitation program. The board OK’d an application for \$1,824.75 for 116 W. Marlynn Ave. and \$2,500 for 313 E. North St. from TIF District I and \$2,500 for 103 N. Cottage Grove Ave. from TIF District IV.

The board again discussed a request to extend a building project in the Aten Acres Subdivision. Chad Gardner, the village’s director of public works, explained the plan for the infrastructure needed to accommodate the request.

Curbs and gutters, sewer and water lines and asphalt – and their price – were mentioned. The board scheduled a property committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. on July 21, before the board’s next regularly scheduled meeting, to consider options.

In a response to a question that arose during a meeting last month, Peoria County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Jon Greer looked into e-bikes and scooters. Greer said there are state laws pertaining to those vehicles. He was asked his opinion on enforcement.

“Me personally, I can enforce it because it’s a traffic violation,” Greer said. “My thing is I just worry about the kids being safe. “If they’re being a nuisance I’ll go talk to the parents, but as long as they’re just outside having fun I’m fine with it.”

Gardner also updated the board on the water tank, which he said is done and the membrane is installed and operational.

The lagoon and the pumping station at the sewer plant were finished. The southwest sewer plant just need Ameren to install an electric pole the village paid for last January.

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AUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SALES

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff
vs.
KAREN RENE BARBEE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
25 FC 73
CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on July 29, 2026, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 13-13-181-001.
Commonly known as 6219 N. RANDWICK RD., PEORIA, IL 61615.

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

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-297575
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*** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JAMIE L. WATSON et al
Defendant
2025-FC-0000252

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 2, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on July 23, 2026, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, NE Jefferson St., Main Entrance, PEORIA, IL, 61602, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 507 W GARFIELD AVE, BARTONVILLE, IL 61607

Property Index No. 17-25-104-011
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 Ju-

dicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

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

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

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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 2025-FC-0000252
TJSC#: 46-579

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.

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
KATHLEEN L LUTZ A/K/A K LUTZ A/K/A L LUTZ KATHLEEN A/K/A KATHLEEN L TRAVIS-LUTZ A/K/A KATHLEEN LUTZ A/K/A KATHLEEN TRAVIS A/K/A KATHLEEN L TRAVIS; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOP-

MENT,
DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2024-FC-0000194
1215 NORTH JONES CIRCLE PEORIA, IL 61604

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on April 22, 2026, will on August 10, 2026, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 17-03-327-021
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1215 North Jones Circle
Peoria, IL 61604

Description of Improvements: Tan Frame, single family home, attached garage

The Judgment amount was \$148,819.08.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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For Information: Visit our website at http://ilforeclosuresales.mrplc.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 24-19122IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

I3286382
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*** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Peoria Peoria, ILLINOIS

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Plaintiff

vs.
BRADLEY A. HARTWIG; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
25 FC 263
CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on August 12, 2026, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 05-30-254-016.

Commonly known as 213 NORTH HAZEL STREET, CHILLICOTHE, IL 61523.

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

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

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
Plaintiff,

-v.-
JANET LYNN THIELEN N/K/A JANET LYNN WATTS, ALEX THIELEN, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Defendant
2025 FC 0000211

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 11, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 13, 2026, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, NE Jefferson St., Main Entrance, PEORIA, IL, 61602, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4813 WEST WANDA AVNEUE, BARTONVILLE, IL 61607

Property Index No. 17-23-252-016
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$141,055.81.

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 25 1698. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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Case Number: 2025 FC 0000211
TJSC#: 46-1211

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PUBLIC RECORD

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Police reports

• **EDWARDS** – An Edwards man required a hospital visit following a single-vehicle wreck.

Robert J. Dwyer was riding a northbound Harley-Davidson touring motorcycle at 6:15 a.m. June 12 in the 6300 block of N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. when he lost control while attempting to avoid hitting a deer, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.

Dwyer was bleeding from the top of his head because of several deep lacerations and had a large, purple bruise on the front of his head. An ambulance transported Dwyer to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. The motorcycle sustained minor damage.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Peoria man was accused of violating an order of protection multiple times.

Trevor A. Wolfe, 33, was arrested following the fourth incident, which happened June 12, according to a Farmington police report. Wolfe’s estranged wife, a 29-year-old Farmington resident, reported the alleged violations.

Wolfe was part of a text chain that included his wife, the report stated. The order, issued June 4 in Peoria County, also was violated June 7 and twice on June 8.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Almost 1,000 bushels of corn spilled from a truck that rolled over south of Princeville.

Brady S. Martin of Edelstein was driving a southbound 2018 Freightliner about 11:15 a.m. June 8 in the 13200 block of N. Princeville-Jubilee Rd. when he reached over to grab his lunch, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The truck veered into the right shoulder.

Martin then lost control of the truck, which rolled onto its passenger side. Grain spilled onto the pavement and into the west-side ditch. A mailbox also was damaged, as was the side of the truck and trailer.

The trucking firm and the Peoria County Highway Department cleared the corn from the road. The truck was towed. Martin, who sustained minor abrasions, was cited for improper lane use.

• **ELMWOOD** – A two-vehicle crash in Elmwood resulted in no apparent injuries.

Kierstyn D. Bledsoe, 20, of Yates City was driving a northbound 2004 Honda Civic shortly before 10:15 a.m. June 5 on Magnolia Avenue when at Hurff Drive the vehicle rear-ended a 2018 Ford, according to an Elmwood police report.

The other driver was Brian R. Hamby, 57, of Brimfield. He said he was turning right onto Hurff Drive and activated his turn signal. Bledsoe said she overcorrected after her vehicle drifted onto the pavement shoulder and didn’t realize the Ford was slowing to turn. Both vehicles

were drivable.

• **LAURA** – A traffic stop north of Laura resulted in a Peoria woman’s arrest regarding an outstanding warrant.

Tempestt N. Lawson, 40, was driving an unspecified vehicle when a Stark County Sheriff’s Office deputy stopped her shortly before 11 p.m. June 4 on Illinois Route 78 at Lorraine Road, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.

Lawson was stopped for speeding. A check revealed she was wanted in Peoria County in connection with a 2015 case of criminal damage to property. A Peoria County deputy took custody of Lawson, then transported her to the Peoria County Jail.

• **ROME** – No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle crash in Rome that involved a Brimfield woman.

Shortly before 3:15 p.m. June 4, Angela J. McGowan was driving a northbound 2026 Nissan Pathfinder sport-utility vehicle in the right lane of Illinois Route 29 near Stevenson Avenue when she entered the left lane to pass a vehicle. The SUV then struck a northbound 1996 Buick Century in the left lane.

John H. Vissering of Chillicothe was the other driver, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. McGowan said she did not see the Century in her blind spot. Both vehicles sustained minor damage.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A Stark County man was accused of stealing from a Princeville business.

Chad R. Craig, 56, of Wyoming was booked June 3 into the Peoria County Jail, one day after a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office deputy was summoned to EB Buildings & Lumber Co., 610 N. Santa Fe Ave. Someone there reported a stolen chainsaw, according to a heavily redacted sheriff’s-office report.

The alleged theft happened April 6. A Peoria pawn shop was listed in the report. Craig was charged with two counts of burglary and two counts of theft.

• **PEORIA** – A Farmington woman reported no injuries following a two-vehicle accident in Peoria.

Carlin H. Alcocer was driving a 2022 Mazda sport-utility vehicle shortly after 6:15 p.m. June 3 on Park Road when at Farmington Road it rear-ended a 2026 Honda SUV, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The other driver was Jonathan M. Frederick of Peoria.

Frederick said he was stopped at the intersection and planning to turn right. Alcocer said she didn’t see the Honda. Also reporting no injuries were Frederick and Alcocer’s passengers, both females. Both vehicles were drivable.

• **FARMINGTON** – A 16-year-old boy riding an off-road motorcycle led a Farmington officer on a chase while committing multiple traffic violations, according to authorities.

The officer noticed the Farmington-area boy riding the two-wheeled dirt bike shortly before 12:30 p.m. June 1 near Fort and Gold streets. When the officer attempted to stop the boy, he drove away, according to a police report.

With the officer pursuing, the boy drove onto Fulton Street, Elmwood Road, Wilson Street and Lightfoot Road. He drove on a walking path near Jacobs Park, onto railroad tracks and disobeyed at least two stop signs before the officer captured him at his residence, in the 24500 block of W. Farmington Rd.

The boy was accused of aggravated fleeing, disobeying stop signs and improper operation of an off-road vehicle. He was released to his mother’s custody and given a notice to appear July 10 in Fulton County Circuit court in Lewistown.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Keys were reported stolen from a Princeville residence. Peoria County Sheriff’s Office deputy was notified shortly before midnight June 1 regarding the apparent theft in the 100 block of N. Walnut St. Keys to the owner’s mailbox, the owner’s apartment and a 2014 Chevrolet Equinox were missing, according to a heavily redacted sheriff’s-office report.

• **HANNA CITY** – No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle crash at an intersection east of Hanna City.

At 2 p.m. May 30, Dorran J. Harmon of Canton was driving a southbound 2019 Nissan Sentra stopped on Taylor Road and preparing to turn west on Farmington Road when a 2014 Chevrolet Malibu rear-ended it, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated.

John T. Pezold of Oak Park was the other driver. Pezold had one passenger, a female. Both vehicles were drivable.

• **HANNA CITY** – Shortly after 8:45 p.m. May 29, Jared E. Mayall of Canton was driving a 2021 Nissan Altima in the 17000 block of W. Smithville Rd. when the vehicle struck a deer. Mayall didn’t appear to be injured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The vehicle was towed.

• **ELMWOOD** – Zach D. Beintema, 41, of Elmwood was arrested shortly after 1:15 a.m. June 18 and accused of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff’s Office responded between June 14-20: fire, Dahinda; two wires down, Dahinda; custody dispute, Williamsfield; burglary, Yates City.

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Interest high to manage Billtown website

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD — Several firms might be interested in managing the official Williamsfield village website, apparently. An online solicitation Village President Robert Johnson posted recently

elicited dozens of emails and other messages within minutes, he said during a Village Board meeting Monday night. Johnson has winnowed some 100 prospective vendors to about 20.

Next month, Johnson intends to present at least one

proposal for board consideration. Whoever the board chooses to manage the website, www.williamsfieldil.org, will be responsible for updating content, handling technical requirements and establishing village-controlled email addresses for trustees.

“I don’t need development, I need management,” Johnson said about the website. “The platform’s already there. I just need somebody to manage the content, manage the email addresses, manage the day-to-day stuff to keep it up to date.”

The website was updated a few years ago by the same firm that designed the Knox County government site. The village does not have enough staff to handle website organization, according to Johnson.

“I’m hoping to enhance it where we’ll be able to do permitting, pay your water bill through there, things to make it more interactive so

hopefully it’ll serve as more of a community interface,” he said .

A new website manager also might create a portal to handle Illinois Freedom of Information Act requests, according to Johnson. He said the village is averaging about 30 FOIA requests a month. Many are from spammers looking to process village FOIA requests for a fee.

Having village-created email accounts for trustees would better facilitate processing legitimate FOIA requests, Johnson suggested. Currently, trustees use their personal email accounts regarding village business.

The monthly quotes Johnson received for website-management fees ranged from \$200 to \$2,000, he said.

Regarding action items, trustees approved sale prices for five vacant residential lots the village owns along Cottonwood Court in the Ralph Norman Subdivision.

Lots at 103 and 203 Cottonwood Court were priced at \$8,000 each, and a lot at 301 Cottonwood Court was priced at \$10,000. Those are the values at which they were assessed during a recent appraisal.

The lot at 106 Cottonwood Court is \$14,000 and one at 108 Cottonwood Court lists at \$15,000, Johnson said. Those lots are priced higher, he stated, because they don’t require extra fill dirt.

Last month, the village authorized repurchase of those two lots from owners who did not develop them within a required time period.

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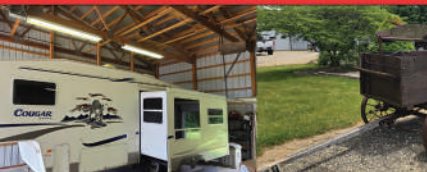
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Election Commission needs election judges

PEORIA – The Peoria County Election Commission is recruiting election judges for the upcoming Nov. 3 general election and beyond. The Election Commission is hoping to recruit 100 more judges to ensure the lines stay moving on Election Day.

The Election Commission is hosting two election judge recruitment open houses in July for those interested in serving.

- First open house: Thursday, July 16, 5:30 p.m.
- Second open house: Friday, July 24, 9 a.m.

Both open houses will be held at the Election Commission offices, 4422 N. Brandywine Drive, Peoria.

Election judges’ duties include setting up the polling place and voting equipment, checking in and processing voters, demonstrating voting procedures, assisting voters, closing the polls, tallying location results and ensuring chain-of-custody procedures.

To be an election judge, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be a registered voter in Peoria

- County.
- Be able to speak, read and write the English language.
 - Be able to lift 20 pounds.
 - Be of good repute and character.
 - Must represent an established political party.
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 - Cannot be a registered sex offender.

If you are 17 years old, you may be eligible to serve if you are a junior or senior in good standing with a gpa of at least 3.0.

Election judges will be selected and trained by the Election Commission and will receive compensation of \$250 for work on election day.

Collection events set for hazardous waste

PEORIA – The Peoria County Sustainability & Resource Conservation Department and GFL will be hosting three household hazardous-waste collection events this year.

- These events will be held:
- Aug. 8 from 7 a.m.-noon at Peoria Transfer Station, 4349 W. Southport Rd., Pottstown.
 - Sept. 12 from 7 a.m.-noon at Three Sisters Park, 17189 Illinois Route 29, Chillicothe.

- Oct. 10 from 7 a.m.-noon at Alpha Park, 1525 W. Garfield Ave., Bartonville.
- No registration or appointment are required. These collection events are open to Peoria County residents only.

Accepted materials include used motor oil; insecticides, pesticides, herbicides; lead-acid batteries; old gasoline; cleaning products; paint thinners; lawn chemicals; antifreeze; pool chemicals; mercury; fluorescent-lamp bulbs; drain cleaners and corrosives; solvents; hobby chemicals; cids; and aerosol paints

Materials not accepted include lithium-ion batteries, latex or enamel paint, agricultural wastes, business/commercial sector wastes, explosives, fireworks, controlled substances, propane tanks, smoke detectors, farm-machinery oil, fire extinguishers, biohazard waste or institutional or business waste.

College honors

- Ella R. Frazee of Elmwood was named to the Wichita State University Dean’s Honor Roll (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2026 spring semester.
- Mia Holmes of Edwards was named to the Georgia Southern University President’s list (4.0 gpa) for the 2026 spring semester.

Billtown seeks School Board member

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – Officials in the Williamsfield School District are seeking a new board member.

That person would succeed Wes Wrage, whose resignation is expected to be accepted when the board meets July 13, according to Williamsfield Superintendent David Mills.

“He had some personal situations he had to attend to. I didn’t get into too many details and didn’t pry,” Mills said Tuesday. “He’s been very direct and

honest, bringing up good points. This is his decision and I support that decision, and we still support him as a member of the community.”

Wrage first was elected in 2021. Whoever is appointed to replace Wrage is to serve until the state consolidated election next April. That winner is to serve the remainder of Wrage’s four-year term, which expires after the April 2029 election.

As of Tuesday morning, the district had received interest from two potential appointees, according to Mills. The opening was

posted July 1 on the district Facebook page. The application deadline was noon today (July 9).

Board members are to interview finalists and select a new peer. That vote is expected during the board’s meeting in August, according to Mills. He wasn’t sure how the interview process will be conducted, but he did say the selection must happen within 30 days of Wrage’s official resignation.

The potential new member could be a caretaker or someone who plans to run to fill the full term. It appears Mills

doesn’t have a preference. “I think the goal at this point is to get someone willing to come in and is up to speed and ready to go,” he said. “I think adding someone to the mix isn’t going to be a problem. Whether long term or short term, that’s not something I place a high priority on.”



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Fred T. Swanson

PEORIA – Fred Thomas Swanson, 82, died on June 30, 2026, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital after a fall at his assisted-living apartment.

He was born in Peoria on April 26, 1944, the son of Leonard and Irene (Robinson) Swanson.

Fred married Karen (McKeever) Swanson on July 5, 1964. She survives, along with a daughter, Sherri Swanson of Trivoli; a grandson, Dezmond Swanson of Peoria, and his two children, Bryson and Miley; and a sister, Shirley Litwiller of Eureka.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his son Shawn and a sister, Dolores Lee of North Pekin.

Fred attended Bradley University on a football scholarship, graduating with a degree in civil engineering.

He worked as an engineer for Caterpillar Inc. for 30 years while also raising and showing Angus cattle. He served as president of the Illinois Angus Association and as a voting delegate of the National Angus Association.

In his lifetime, Fred enjoyed many hobbies, including horseback riding, motorcycle racing, fishing and golf. He was a member of Maple Lane Country Club for over 50 years and a member of Trivoli United Methodist Church. Fred served as a volunteer fireman in Trivoli, coached youth baseball and hosted the famous “Trivoli/Elmwood Frog Fries.”

He was a loving husband, father and grandpa who helped shape many lives. He will be sorely missed.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington. Service immediately followed at the funeral home. The Rev. Walter Wilkins officiated. Burial followed the service in Trivoli Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Parkinson Disease Association.

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Swanson

Natividad Esquivel Jr.

DAHINDA – Natividad “Nate” Esquivel Jr., 58, of Dahinda, died June 23, 2026.

Born on July 29, 1967, in Galesburg, Nate lived a life defined by service, hard work, and an unwavering love for his family.

Nate proudly served his country in the U.S. Army as an infantryman. During his military service, he served overseas, earning several ribbons and multiple qualifications recognizing his proficiency in marksmanship.

Following his military service, Nate built a long career with BNSF Railway as a signal maintainer, where he worked until his retirement.

Nate found his greatest happiness in the quiet of country life. He loved spending time outdoors, listening to music and making memories with his wife, children, grandchildren and his “fur babies” he adored throughout the years.

Survivors are his beloved wife, Jessica Esquivel; his children, Nate Esquivel III and Bianca (Logan) Block; his beloved fur children, Bentley and Blanca; siblings, Margo (Jeff) Thompson, Luz (Felicia) Esquivel, Romona Whitson and Mary Jane (Ron) Gutierrez; and his grandchildren, Andrik and Izik Esquivel and Izzy, Julian, Camilla and Tony Block.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Maria Esquivel and Natividad Esquivel Sr., and his brother Jesse Esquivel.

Nate will be remembered for his strength, unwavering loyalty, generous heart and deep love for his family.

Patricia A. Hunt

FARMINGTON – Patricia A. Hunt, 65, of Farmington, passed away at 11:09 a.m. on Friday, July 3, 2026, at her home. She was born on Oct. 19, 1960, in Havana to Charles E. and Joyce (Cox) Hunt.

She is survived by her mother; three children, Alison Young, James Young and Zayne Young, all of Farmington; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Jim Hunt of Canton and Charles Hunt Jr. of Morton; and one sister, Marsha Cullen of East Peoria.

She was preceded in death by her father and one brother-in-law, Jerry Cullen.

Patricia loved her kids, grandkids and dogs. She also enjoyed gardening, canning and eating good food. She was a member of the Faith Tabernacle United Pentecostal Church in Canton.

Visitation will be held from noon-2 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2026, at the Faith Tabernacle United Pentecostal Church in Canton. Service will be held the same day at 2 p.m. at the church. Pastor Fred Albanito will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded after services, with Sedgwick Funeral Homes & Crematory in Canton.

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The clean tongue, the clear head and the bright eye are birthrights of each day.

— William Osler

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Pritzker signs landmark AI regulation bill

By MAGGIE DOUGHERTY
Capitol News Illinois

CHICAGO — Gov. JB Pritzker signed artificial-intelligence legislation modeled after similar bills in California and New York on Monday, furthering a push for a state-driven national framework in lieu of federal regulations.

“Congress and the president ought to be passing similar legislation, but they’ve so far been unwilling, because many are captive to special interests that profit from the industry having no regulation,” Pritzker said before signing the bill. “We can work together to establish thoughtful guardrails in ways that benefit both industry and the public, or we can allow a handful of actors to evade accountability and push the costs and detriment onto ordinary people. Illinois has chosen our path.”

Senate Bill 315, also known as the Artificial Intelligence Safety Measures Act, increases transparency and accountability requirements for the largest artificial-intelligence models – those that generate more than \$500 million in annual revenue and are trained using massive computing power.

The bill mirrors California’s SB-53 and New York’s Responsible AI Safety and Education Act, which were each signed in late 2025. It establishes new reporting standards for the possibility that the AI model could be used for large-scale harms, such as by providing users assistance in creating a chemical, biological or nuclear weapon or committing cyberattacks.

Senate sponsor Sen. Mary Edly-Allen, D-Libertyville, said there is an urgency for states to protect against those potential harms.

“We are not willing to wait for Congress to act,” Edly-Allen said. “There’s an old saying: Give a man a

fish, he eats for a day. Teach him to fish, he eats for a lifetime. Teach AI to fish, though, and it might just empty the whole river trying to figure out how.”

Lawmakers estimate the three states represent roughly 40% of the U.S. AI market, effectively creating a de facto national standard.

New guardrails

The new law requires model developers to publish an AI framework outlining how the developer identifies and assesses “catastrophic risk,” defined as the likelihood that incidents that could cause death or serious injury to more than 50 people or more than \$1 million in property damage.

Developers will also be required to report any incidents that could cause harm to the state within 72 hours of identifying the incident, or 24 hours if it poses an imminent risk for death or serious physical injury.

The bill’s House sponsor, Rep. Daniel Didech, D-Buffalo Grove, said the harms the bill will regulate are not theoretical.

“We have already seen the first AI-inspired mass shooting. We have already seen AI systems utilized to attack a municipal water and drainage utility,” Didech said.

He also alluded to the example of Anthropic’s Mythos model, which the company said was too powerful a cyberweapon to release to the public. Anthropic supported Illinois’ bill and had representatives present at the signing Monday.

“Every transformative technology in our history, from automobiles to electricity to air travel, has delivered enormous benefits while carrying real risks, and in every case the government responded not by banning the technology and not by taking a hands-off approach, but by building safeguards, so everyday people can trust that these technologies are

safe,” Didech said.

Illinois’ version, similar in most ways to the standards set in New York and California, adds a first-in-the-nation requirement for mandatory annual third-party audits; New York’s version only required a single independent audit at the time when developers became large enough to qualify under the law.

During debate in the General Assembly, the third-party audit provision was a point of contention for some industry stakeholders, including TechNet, a coalition of tech executives across the industry.

“We remain concerned that Illinois would effectively be requiring private actors to make highly subjective determinations requiring AI safety compliance without established national standards, certifications, or clear regulatory guardrails,” TechNet representative Ninia Linero said in committee May 20.

OpenAI and Anthropic supported the bill on its path through the General Assembly, and it passed with broad bipartisan support in both chambers.

Although the large developers pushed for a federal framework rather than what they were concerned would be an inconsistent patchwork of state regulations, Caitlin Niedermeyer of OpenAI’s Global Affairs told the Senate’s AI and Social Media committee in April that OpenAI was open to a coordinated state-driven approach.

“While we have been very clear that the federal government remains well-positioned to lead on frontier safety because it has the resources, expertise and institutions, we also strongly actually see a position for Illinois ... really lead in advancing aligned frameworks, which we believe can absolutely help create a de facto national direction of travel,” Niedermeyer told the committee.

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Sunday Worship: 9 am

BIBLE TRIVIA
By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Nehemiah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Nehemiah 10, what was the most common starting letter of the 87 names listing priests, Levites, chiefs and fathers? C, B, T, H
3. In Matthew 10:34, who said, "I came not to send peace, but a sword"? Herod's guard, Judas, Roman centurion, Jesus
4. Which prophet foretold about

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Dahinda IL 61428
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Sunday School during worship Church: (309) 639-2768
Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389
Email: williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com

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

the ministry of John the Baptist? Levi, Isaiah, Aaron, Mordecai

5. What was unique about Balaam's donkey? Fast galloper, Could speak, Turned to stone, 6-legged

6. From 1 Chronicles 20, Elhanan slew Goliath's ...? Father, Brother, Mule, Oxen

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) H, 3) Jesus, 4) Isaiah, 5) Could speak, 6) Brother

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stmaryskickapoo.org
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Sunday Masses: 7:30 & 10 am
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Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm

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firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org
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Sun. School: 9:30 am

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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NOTICE OF ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to “An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State,” as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Peoria County on June 18, 2026, under the Assumed Name of Royer Lawn Maintenance & Snow Removal, with the business located at 4027 N. Westport Ct., Peoria, IL, 61615 and 150 Joliet Rd. Marquette Heights, IL, 61554. The true name and residence address of the owner is: Isaiah Royer, 4027 N. Westport Ct., Peoria, IL 61615.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Peoria
Peoria, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff
vs.
KAREN RENE BARBEE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
25 FC 73
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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on July 29, 2026, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT 147 IN CREIGHTON WOODS, SECTION THREE, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 2, 1968 IN PLAT BOOK “Z-1”, PAGE 122, AS DOCUMENT NO. 68-04233, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 13-13-181-001.

Commonly known as 6219 N. RANDWICK RD., PEORIA, IL 61615.

The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection(g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgement of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff’s Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-297575
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
JAMIE L. WATSON et al
Defendant
2025-FC-0000252

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 2, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on July 23, 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 2 IN HILLCREST PLACE, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 507 W GARFIELD AVE, BARTONVILLE, IL 61607

Property Index No. 17-25-104-011

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

NOTICE OF 5%
ADMINSTRATIVE COST HEARING

Williamsfield CUSD #210 will hold a hearing to discuss the 5% Administrative Costs waiver for the 25-26 School year. The hearing will be held on July 13, at 7 pm in the Kutkat Conference Room in Williamsfield High School, located at 325 W. Kentucky Ave, Williamsfield, Illinois 61489.

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VILLAGE OF YATES CITY
Notice of Public Hearing:

Request for Special Permit for Modular Home

The Village Board for the Village of Yates City has scheduled a public hearing on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Yates City Community Center at 102 W. Main Street, Yates City, IL.

At this meeting, a public hearing will be held on the request from the property owner at 304 W. Williams Street, Yates City (PIN: 20-11-127-006), for a special permit to allow the installation and construction of a modular home on this property in compliance with Village Ordinance No. 2007-660 (adopted April 11, 2007), including under what terms and conditions such permit request would be granted.

A copy of the special permit request for the property at 304 W. Williams Street has been placed on file at the Village Office in the Community Center and is available for inspection prior to the hearing. All interested persons wishing to speak about or against the proposed special permit to allow the installation and construction of a modular home on this property at 304 W. Williams Street are invited to attend the meeting and will be heard.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2026.
/S/ Neely Carr, Village Clerk
Published 7/9/26

or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

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

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff’s Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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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-0000252
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF PEORIA
STATE OF ILLINOIS

IW HECM LLC,
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF OLLIE L. MCPHEETERS, THE GREATER PEORIA SANITARY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT, LINN PERKINS AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, FLOYD SHELDON, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendant(s).
Case No. 26 FC 103

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF OLLIE L. MCPHEETERS, NONRECORD CLAIMANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Peoria County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

PART OF LOTS ONE (1) AND TWO (2) IN BLOCK THREE (3) IN JACKSON PARK EXTENDED, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF LOT ONE (1) ON PEORIA AVENUE, FORTY (40) FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINES OF LOTS ONE (1) AND TWO (2), FORTY (40) FEET; THENCE EAST AT RIGHT ANGLES EIGHTY-ONE (81) FEET AND SIX (6) INCHES; THENCE SOUTH AT RIGHT ANGLES FORTY (40) FEET; THENCE WEST AT RIGHT ANGLES, EIGHTY-ONE (81) FEET AND SIX (6) INCHES TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, COUNTY OF PEO-

CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re **ESTATE OF THEODORE G. MOTTAZ**,
Deceased. CC 2026-PR-0000132

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **THEODORE G. MOTTAZ** on May 11, 2026. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **JANET R. MOTTAZ**, of **708 North Fairgrounds Way, Elmwood, Illinois 61529**, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk’s Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the **8th day of January, 2027**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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DATED this 24th day of June, 2026.

JANET R. MOTTAZ, Executor of the Estate of **THEODORE G. MOTTAZ, Deceased.**

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RIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Tax Number: 14-33-253-022
commonly known as 2626 N PEO-
RIA AVE, PEORIA IL, 61603; and
which said Real Estate Mortgage
was made by OLLIE L.
MCPHEETERS, and recorded in the
Office of the Peoria County
Recorder as Document Number 06-
26091; that Summons was duly is-
sued out of the said Court against
you as provided by law, and that the
said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the
said named Defendant, file your an-
swer to the Complaint in the said
suit or otherwise make your ap-
pearance therein, in the office of the
Circuit Court of Peoria County, lo-
cated at 324 MAIN STREET, PEO-
RIA, IL 61602, on or before July 27,
2026, default may be entered
against you at any time after that
day and a judgment entered in ac-
cordance with the prayer of said
Complaint.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PEORIA COUNTY
PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Planet Home Lending LLC
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Brandon Wade; Unknown Owners
and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 2026-FC-0000079
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Brandon Wade
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord
Claimants

That this case has been com-
menced in this Court against you
and other defendants, praying for
the foreclosure of a certain Mort-
gage conveying the premises de-
scribed as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
734 Princeville Ave
Princeville, IL 61559
and which said Mortgage was made

by:
Brandon Wade
the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage
Electronic Registration Systems,
Inc., solely as nominee for INB, Na-
tional Association, as Mortgagee,
and recorded in the Office of the
Recorder of Deeds of Peoria
County, Illinois, as Document No.
2024018003; and for other relief;
that summons was duly issued out
of said Court against you as pro-
vided by law and that the said suit
is now pending.

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file your answer or otherwise file
your appearance in this case in the
Office of the Clerk of this Court,
Robert M. Spears
Peoria County Courthouse
324 Main Street, Room G-22
Peoria, IL 61602
on or before July 27, 2026, A DE-
FAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST
YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT
DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE
ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road,
Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
Our File No. 14-26-01764
NOTE: This law firm is a debt col-
lector.
I3289491
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PEORIA COUNTY
PEORIA, ILLINOIS

NewRez LLC
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Rebecca Carr; Unknown Owners
and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 2026-FC-0000136

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Rebecca Carr
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord
Claimants

That this case has been com-
menced in this Court against you
and other defendants, praying for
the foreclosure of a certain Mort-
gage conveying the premises de-
scribed as follows, to-wit:

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Hanna City, IL 61536

and which said Mortgage was made

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by: Rebecca Carr the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Caliber Home Loans, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2020018194; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Robert M. Spears Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Room G-22 Peoria, IL 61602 on or before August 3, 2026, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-26-03046 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. I3289885 Published 7/2, 7/9, 7/16/26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS.

KATHLEEN L LUTZ A/K/A K LUTZ A/K/A L LUTZ KATHLEEN A/K/A KATHLEEN L TRAVIS-LUTZ A/K/A KATHLEEN LUTZ A/K/A KATHLEEN TRAVIS A/K/A KATHLEEN L TRAVIS; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2024-FC-0000194 1215 NORTH JONES CIRCLE PEORIA, IL 61604

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on April 22, 2026, will on August 10, 2026, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30 am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

EIGHTY-FIVE FEET OF EVEN WIDTH BY FULL LENGTH OF LOT OFF OF THE ENTIRE NORTHWESTERLY SIDE OF LOT 82 IN WILDWOOD HEIGHTS SECOND DIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND OTHER MINERALS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. ALSO, A PART OF LOT 81 IN WILDWOOD HEIGHTS, SECOND DIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE MOST

EASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 81 IN WILDWOOD HEIGHTS, SECOND DIVISION AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT TO BE

DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTH 44' 23" WEST ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 81, A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 12'-05" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 8.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 44' 23" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 115.17 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF JONES CIRCLE; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHWESTLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF JONES CIRCLE ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 40 FEET FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 12.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 956 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND OTHER MINERALS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 17-03-327-021 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1215 North Jones Circle Peoria, IL 61604 Description of Improvements: Tan Frame, single family home, attached garage The Judgment amount was \$148,819.08. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpilc.com>

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 24-19122IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3286382 Published 7/9, 7/16, 7/23/26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Peoria Peoria, ILLINOIS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff vs. BRADLEY A. HARTWIG; UN-

KNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 25 FC 263 CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on August 12, 2026, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

ALL OF LOT FIFTY-FIVE (55) AND PART OF LOT FIFTY-SIX (56) COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 56 AND RUNNING THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 56 A DISTANCE OF 124.83 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 56; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALON THE WESTERLY LOT LINE OF SAID LOT 56 A DISTANCE OF 12.1 FEET; THENCE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN WESTAIR COURT, A SUBDIVISION IN THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "1" AT PAGE 89, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 05-30-254-016.

Commonly known as 213 NORTH HAZEL STREET, CHILLICOTHE, IL 61523.

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

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-381624

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3290011 Published 7/9, 7/16, 7/23/26

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

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff, -v.- JANET LYNN THIELEN N/K/A JANET LYNN WATTS, ALEX THIELEN, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Defendant 2025 FC 0000211

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 11, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 13, 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 de-

scribed real estate:

LOT 142 IN MARDELL MANOR SECTION FOUR, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, AND A RE-SUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOT 94 IN MARDELL MANOR SECTION THREE, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, NORTHEAST QUARTER AND SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS FILED IN BOOK "Z-1" OF PLATS, PAGE 76, PEORIA COUNTY RECORDS, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL COAL AND MINERAL RIGHTS.

Commonly known as 4813 WEST WANDA AVENUE, BARTONVILLE, IL 61607

Property Index No. 17-23-252-016

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$141,055.81.

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 with-

out any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our

building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 25 1698. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650 Chicago IL, 60602 312-541-9710 E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. 25 1698 Case Number: 2025 FC 0000211 TJSC#: 46-1211

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 0000211 I3290245 Published 7/9, 7/16, 7/23/26

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Super Crossword

Q2 REPORT

ACROSS

1 Pet plagues

5 Keg party dispensers

13 Iranian city with a 1,200,000+ population

16 Brainpower stats

19 Cries of awe

20 Having hay fever, say

21 Italian "a"

22 Bring to court

23 More proficient than anybody else

26 Tchr.'s union

27 Figure skating leap

28 Sauna setting

29 Photo lab blowup: Abbr.

30 Barbie or Ken

31 "He wouldn't hurt —"

33 Fairly often

38 Kung — chicken

39 Extremist sect

40 Female graduates

41 Ball hitter in a certain court

47 Center or glottis lead-in

48 Old JFK jet

51 Tallinn locale

52 — Christian Andersen

53 She sang "Skyfall"

55 Grandma, in Italy

57 Sri Lankan monkey with a hatlike whorl of hair

62 Nosy sort

65 Yuletide poem opener

67 Skip out (on)

68 Business attire

69 French "the"

70 Dental buildup

73 Joked around

75 Cooler cubes

76 Competent

78 Gallivant

79 Doubt-free

80 Deep-seated

82 Cartoon short featuring a bird who was a precursor to Tweety

85 Lamp cover

88 Sheer

89 Goopy cheese

91 Designer with the fragrance Lucky Wish

95 Quaint suffix with poet

96 Reply to "Are you?"

99 Dropping extra work and "acting your wage"

101 Wicca's realm

103 Jethro — (rock band)

104 Excavate

105 NHL team that became the Colorado Avalanche

111 Saintliness

113 Draws upon

114 Nutrition fig.

115 Debt memo

116 Tear apart

117 — Lady of Fatima

118 Algebraic statement graphed as a parabola

125 Bi- plus one

126 Poet's dusk

127 Counterpart of digital (Var.)

128 Norway port

129 Kong, for one

130 1950s prez

131 Actor Clint

132 "Sheesh, close call!"

133 Hitter Gehrig

134 Tiny particle

135 "Calm down!"

136 Suffix similar to "-ish"

137 Joan of folk

138 Letter after kay

139 English cathedral city

140 Necessary: Abbr.

141 Have faith in

142 Visibly awed

143 Relative of risotto

144 — fi

145 Latin for "five"

146 A single block of sugar, say

147 Irrate

148 Playground comeback

149 Subdue

150 Serta rival

151 Stage actress Hagen

152 Have a hunch

153 Genetic stuff

154 Vaulted church area

155 E-help pages

156 Sacred book of Islam

157 Suffix with form

158 Hanker (for)

159 Disloyal type

160 Seminal '40s computer

161 Goatee spot

162 Top-shelf

163 Pig's noise

164 Doha locale

165 Pizza chain, informally

166 Atty.'s title

167 Costume spangle

168 Channel for excess water

169 Move like a seesaw

170 Govt. lawyers

171 "Shaq —!"

172 (O'Neal memoir)

173 Lyft rival

174 Makes lighter

175 Sch. close to Harvard

176 Heady drink

177 Dental buildup

178 Disproves

179 Land specks in the sea

180 Bank bought by Chase in 2008, in brief

181 Financier Onassis

182 "Apollo 13" director

183 Andrews of "Mary Poppins"

184 Failed to

185 Dallas-to-Nashville dir.

186 Assistant on iDevices

187 Uncluttered

188 In a — (very quickly)

189 — Dhabi (emirate)

190 Schleps

191 Deep blue dye

192 Dying rebuke from Caesar

193 Course part, in an eatery

194 Course part, in school

195 — Azalea ("Fancy" rapper)

196 Like built-up interest

197 Ordinary

198 Div. of an NBA game

199 "— Sera, Sera"

200 Drs. who deliver babies

201 Washful

202 Sales target number

203 Seize illegally

204 Hair-raising

205 Pop diva Ross

206 Teensy bits

207 Thick cover

208 Item in a pod

209 Being pulled

210 Regretted greatly

211 End-of-proof abbr.

212 TV actress Charlotte

213 Dairy beast

214 Psyche part

215 Status —

216 Corrida cry

217 This minute

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Pages From The Past

Compiled by Andy Latora

Five Years Ago

• A long-planned open house for the expanded, remodeled Oak Run Fire Station was held on July 10. The open house was set to take place in 2020 but due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event was postponed and had to be rescheduled.

• Somewhere in the area, some Lucky Day Lotto ticket buyer is smiling. Still unknown, though, is who purchased the \$1 ticket in Princeville last week that is now worth \$950,000. What is certain is that a Lucky Day Lotto player correctly picked five numbers (5-9-17-20-34) on a ticket purchased at American Liquor & Foodmart located at 615 E. Main St. on the eastern edge of Princeville. The numbers were selected in the July 2 midday drawing. As of July 6, clerks at the store said they had no idea who bought the winning ticket.

• There's gold lurking in the summer forest and woodlands, and it's in the form of fabulous flushes of chanterelle mushrooms. These gorgeous golden treats flourish during the warm, wet days of late summer.

• The Princeville School Board approved the hiring of Tait Sennett as head boys basketball coach, Aaron Cowser as sophomore boys basketball coach and Jessi Tolly as junior-high cheerleading coach.

• The Williamsfield Village Board heard that a USDA grant to repair the Village KP Hall was approved. The goal is for the project to be completed in August.

10 Years Ago

• Farmington took another step in the restoration of its historic district after the city council passed a resolution and ordinance progressing the streetscape project and regulating the signage used downtown.

• The Farmington Board of Education voted to approve wrestling as a school-sponsored activity for the 2016-17 school year after the team's sixth self-supported season. In those six years, the program has gained the community support and student participation that the board previously asked of them, Board President Dakota Horn said.

16 Years Ago

• Just over a month after the June 5 tornado, demolition of four buildings in Elmwood commenced.

26 Years Ago

• Madeline & Lymoin's Consignment Shop opened in Princeville and carries a variety of items such as clothes, shoes and antiques.

36 Years Ago

• Boy Scout Jamie Ellis, 18, of Trivoli earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

56 Years Ago

• Taking part in the music concert at the end of the WIU Summer Music Camp were Debbie Doubet, Kevin Cain, John Nodeen and Doug Baird.

76 Years Ago

• Tommy Timmons moved his grocery store to the lower floor of the Masonic building in Princeville.

81 Years Ago

• The Dennis brothers, Harrison and Milton, sold their Queencastle Dairy route to William Holliday of Peoria and gave possession July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Petrini became owners of the James Davis 334-acre farm south of Farmington.

• Fire caused an estimated \$65,000 in damage to the Princeville Methodist Church.

86 Years Ago

• The Illinois Department of Conservation sent 440 pheasant chicks to Farmington to be released after they attained proper size in growing pens.

• I.F. Green was named farm advisor of Peoria County Farm Bureau.

91 Years Ago

• The Princeville kindergarten reopened after being closed for a period of several weeks. Mrs. Merle Schaad and Miss Vivian Stowell were in charge.

• A shed on the James Rodgers farm was struck by lightning during a storm.

96 Years Ago

• The barn on the William Byrnes farm southeast of Princeville was struck by lightning, burning the building to the ground.

• A rubber stop sign has been set in the pavement at the west intersection of Main and Fort streets in Farmington.

106 Years Ago

• C.C. Hill sold his ice business to Bowton and Sons.

126 Years Ago

• W.E. Boswick of Farmington is organizing a company of Rough Riders to take part in the coming election.

• Cement walks are being laid on the south side of Fort Street in Farmington.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

5	2	6	3	4	8	1	7	9
1	8	3	7	6	9	4	2	5
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7	1	9	5	2	4	8	6	3
6	5	8	1	9	3	7	4	2
2	3	4	6	8	7	5	9	1
4	7	5	9	3	1	2	8	6
3	6	1	8	7	2	9	5	4
8	9	2	4	5	6	3	1	7

FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 10

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X 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.

ANM QKMOG AEGIXM, ANM

QKMOH NMOT OGT ANM

FHZINA MLM OHM FZHAN-

HZINAW EV MOQN TOL.

- RZKKZOD EWKMH

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What is Walter White's codename in the drama "Breaking Bad"?

2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month of the year has the fewest letters in its name?

3. U.S. STATES: Which state is known as the Prairie State?

4. LANGUAGE: What is the British term for a bike's training wheels?

5. ASTRONOMY: What is the Earth's only natural satellite?

6. FOOD & DRINK: What is a more common name for the fruit sometimes called "alligator pear"?

7. MOVIES: What kind of creature is Thumper in the animated movie "Bambi"?

8. LITERATURE: What is the name of the python in "The Jungle Book"?

9. GEOGRAPHY: Which countries and islands make up the geographic area known as Oceania?

10. ANATOMY: What is a more common name for cerumen?

Answers

1. Heisenberg.

2. May.

3. Illinois.

4. Stabilisers.

5. The Moon.

6. Avocado.

7. Rabbit.

8. Kaa.

9. The four regions are Australasia (Australia and New Zealand), Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia.

10. Earwax.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Toy Story 5

2. Supergirl

3. Obsession

4. Jackass: Best and Last

5. Disclosure Day

6. Backrooms

7. Scary Movie

8. BLEACH: Thousand-Year Blood War - The Calamity

9. Masters of the Universe

10. Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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trated wrote that “Secretariat transcended horse racing and became a national phenomenon, a sort of undeclared national holiday from the tortures of Watergate and the Vietnam War.”

The horse was so popular that the William Morris Agency, a public-relations firm that handled Elvis Presley, was hired to deal with the crush. Remarkably, Secretariat seemed to be aware of it all; his handlers noted how the horse always seemed to turn toward the cameras.

Some even claimed that Secretariat noticed pretty women standing nearby. The CBS broadcast of the Belmont drew a 52 audience share, a massive figure in any era.

Secretariat made household names of his management team, as owner Penny Chenery of Meadow Stable charmed the national media while French-Canadian trainer Lucien Laurin worked his magic from every angle despite a myriad of eccentricities.

One Chicago Tribune writer cracked that Laurin “walks around as if awaiting a nervous breakdown.” To ride the great horse, Laurin brought in Turcotte, another Canadian, who had won the 1965 Preakness.

The Chenery-Laurin-Turcotte trio became synonymous with the story of Secretariat, although they were hardly strangers to success. They also had Riva Ridge, who had captured the Kentucky Derby and Belmont only a year before, in 1972. Many believe that Riva Ridge saved Meadow Stable from near-bankruptcy. Several years before, Laurin had also won the 1966 Belmont.

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After the 1973 Belmont, everyone wanted a piece of Secretariat. There wasn’t much time, as he had been sold to syndication before the 1973 season for \$6.08 million, a huge sum for the time, and was headed for stud at the end of the year.

There was some talk that Secretariat may run at the American Derby, a top Illinois race for decades, at Arlington later in June, but that never materialized, as it was too soon after the Belmont.

Secretariat may have been at Arlington to repay a favor. In a 2023 Tribune article, journalist Neil Milbert wrote that the track’s longtime general manager, Bill Thayer, had received a call from Laurin in the early 1970s, asking for passes for some relatives who lived in the Joliet area.

Arlington Invitational (At Arlington Park) June 30, 1973	
Horse	Jockey
1. Secretariat	Turcotte
2. My Gallant	Perret
3. Our Native	Rini
4. Blue Chip Dan	Ahrens

Thayer complied and went the extra mile, personally showing the relatives a good time. Apparently, Laurin remembered. A few days after the Belmont win, he called Thayer, thanking him for his courtesy and telling him “Now I have a chance to do something for you.”

The wheels started turning and on June 19 the track announced Secretariat’s upcoming appearance, 11 days later. Thayer and the track created a special event, dubbed the Arlington Invitational, to give Secretariat a field. The Invite was the last of 10 races on the card for June 30.

Although the field only consisted of three other horses, it was formidable competition. Our Native, who was based at Arlington, had finished third at both the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, while My Gallant had been third at the Belmont and ninth at the Derby.

But there was plenty of jockeying, so to speak, in securing the field. The three owners of Our Native lawyered up in a dispute over whether the horse would run in the Invite. The fourth horse that was supposed to run, Linda’s Chief, had won the Pontiac Grand Prix at Arlington, one of several wins that year. However, that horse never ran in an apparent dispute over the length of the race, a mile and an eighth.

In the end, Blue Chip Dan, an unheralded horse with less than \$21,000 in winnings who had finished second in the Pontiac, became the fourth entrant. Various sources refer to Blue Chip Dan as a “pinch runner” or “pinch-hit.”

Though promotion for the race only had a few days to take hold, the mere idea that Secretariat was coming to Chicago was plenty enough.

Secretariat arrived on June 28, and the upcoming Invite dominated the sports pages, pushing aside the Western Open (one of the PGA Tour’s elite tournaments for decades) at Midlothian Country Club, as well as the White Sox and Cubs. Mayor Richard Daley declared the day of the race as Secretariat Day in the city.

One young woman called the track on June 28, two days before the race,

informing that she was postponing her wedding for a week to attend the race.

Another call came from a man who requested some of Secretariat’s manure to sell. A similar plea came from another man, who wanted the manure for his wife’s roses.

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Ticket prices were \$1.50 for the Invite, which offered a purse of \$125,000, with \$75,000 for the winner. It was pretty obvious who that was going to be. The Tribune ran a headline that blared “an act of God” was needed to knock off Secretariat.

Arlington Park went with a win-wager setup, with two choices: Secretariat or the three challengers, who were grouped as a field entry. As one source summarized, “Fans could either bet on Secretariat, or against him.”

A crowd of 41,223, reportedly the largest at Arlington Park in three decades, showed up. Post time was 5:18 p.m., with Secretariat in gate No. 4. He carried Turcotte, in the familiar blue-and-white-checked Meadow Stable jersey, at 126 pounds, while the others ran with 120.

Secretariat broke slowly from the gate as the other three horses bumped off one another. The Daily Racing Form reported the horse “went three-wide into the clubhouse turn while under tight restraint,” then “moved inside once clear of rivals in mid-turn and continued under a hold down backstretch” as the lead grew.

Turcotte finally “relaxed his hold” down the stretch as Secretariat won by nine lengths. It was the second-longest margin of victory of his career. With a time of 1:47, the horse missed the track record by just one-fifth of a second. My Gallant was second, with Our Native in third.

Secretariat’s victory paid just \$2.10 on a \$2 bet – the lowest amount permitted under Illinois law. A reported \$11,170 in winning tickets at Arlington were never cashed, as the owners apparently held them as keepsakes.

Laurin told the Tribune, “It was a wonderful thrill, the reception we got here. I’m very glad we brought him.” Chenery, who wore a live microphone during the race, remembered it a little differently, that “The crowd was great, and it was nice to show him off in a new place. But it was a put-up race. They didn’t even have a trophy.”

Secretariat would run five more races in 1973 and, oddly, he finished sec-

ond in two of them. His final competitive race was a victory at Woodbine in Toronto on Oct. 28, his 16th win in 21 career starts.

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The Arlington Invitational spawned the Secretariat Stakes, which were contested at the track until its closure in 2021. The event is now held at Colonial Downs in Virginia.

Chenery died in 2017, 17 years after Laurin’s passing. On July 13, 1978, Turcotte fell from a horse during the eighth race at Belmont – the scene of the incomparable win five years before. He spent the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

Secretariat’s stud career never quite lived up to its sky-high expectations, though his descendants included A.P. Indy, the 1992 American Horse of the Year, and Risen Star, who won the last two legs of the 1988 Triple Crown. Every horse in the 2025 Kentucky Derby was said to be a descendant of Secretariat.

A celebrity to the end, he received a never-ending string of human visitors in the years before his death on Oct. 4, 1989. Today, an ESPN count shows that 263 roads nationwide are named for Secretariat, more than any other athlete, human or otherwise.

An autopsy revealed that Secretariat had an inside edge – his heart was 2½ times larger than average, allowing him to pump more blood than his competitors. Considering the way he captured the hearts of millions of fans throughout his life, it comes as no surprise.

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Illinois celebrated Secretariat

Won at Arlington 3 weeks after historic Belmont win

By TOM EMERY
For The Weekly Post

The death of jockey Ron Turcotte, who rode Secretariat to the Triple Crown in 1973, on Aug. 22, 2025, brought the horse back into the headlines. In some ways, it's like he never left.

Over a half-century after his Triple Crown season, Secretariat remains beloved by millions of Americans. He's probably the most popular non-human sports figure ever.

His Triple Crown was punctuated by an unprecedented 31-length win in the Belmont Stakes on June 9, 1973, a seminal moment in American sports history. It remains the longest margin of victory in a Triple Crown race.

Secretariat's runaway win was accentuated by a memorable call from CBS announcer Chic Anderson, who uttered the famous words, "He is moving like a tremendous machine."

Then and now, many are overcome by the inspiring win. Jack Nicklaus, one of the most hard-bitten competitors in golf history, admitted to crying as he watched Secretariat's win. Many fans at the track had not cashed in their tickets, choosing to save them for souvenirs.

Three weeks after his immortal win at Belmont Park, Secretariat made a trip to Illinois, where he captured the Arlington Invitational in decisive fashion.

While there, he enthralled Chicago-area racing fans as he did everywhere else. It was the only one of his 21 career races



Triple Crown winner Secretariat leads a four-horse field to the finish line to win the Arlington Invitational on June 30, 1973, three weeks after his epic 31-length victory in the Belmont Stakes. Photo from Secretariat.com.

that was not on an eastern track.

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Even before the Belmont, Secretariat was a national celebrity. He was named Horse of the Year for 1972, a rarity for a 2-year-old, and opened the 1973 racing season as the clear favorite.

He won the Kentucky Derby by 2½ lengths in front of a record crowd at Churchill Downs on May 5, becoming the first horse to post a time below 2 minutes in the event.

The horse then captured the Preakness Stakes by 2½ lengths on May 19. In both of those victories, Secretariat broke last, then rallied in sweeping fashion.

Prior to the Belmont, Secretariat was on the cover of Time, Newsweek and Sports Illustrated. William Nack of Sports Illus-

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