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Pandemic-era allowance became permanent July 1

By **BEN SZALINSKI**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – July 1

marked a second New Year's Day in Illinois as a new budget took effect, along with more than a dozen new state laws.

In addition to the state's nearly \$56 billion fiscal year 2027 budget being implemented and the 1-cent motor-fuel tax increase being suspended for the

remainder of the year, 14 new laws went into effect on Wednesday.

Cocktails-to-go

A pandemic-era allowance is now law 6½ years later. Senate Bill 618 makes cocktails-to-go permanent.

Illinois lawmakers passed legislation during the pandemic that allowed restaurants and bars to sell cocktails and mixed drinks

for pickup or delivery as businesses were closed to in-person customers. That will be allowed to continue permanently under the new law.

AI and bullying

Posting unauthorized artificial-intelligence images can be considered cyberbullying in Illinois schools under House Bill 3851. This includes posting or distributing sexual images. Creating

sexual images of children can also be charged under the state's child-pornography laws under a law passed in 2025.

"Many people are using AI to produce harmful materials, which has led to a whole new level of cyberbullying," Sen. Meg Loughran Cappel, D-Shorewood, who sponsored the bill, said in a statement. "We cannot let our laws fall behind technol-

ogy. This legislation helps our state meet current challenges and ensures bullying via AI is addressed in the school code."

Illinois lawmakers have broadly sought to regulate artificial intelligence, including its presence in schools.

Department of Early Childhood

The new Department of Early Childhood will officially launch

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B-E softball staff needs pinch-hitter

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Less than a month after a season that ended with a second successive Elite Eight appearance, Brimfield-Elmwood needed a new softball head coach.

During its meeting June 24, the Brimfield School Board accepted the retirement of Kurt Juerjens, who since 2014 had coached the B-E high school varsity program. He also retired as Brimfield Grade School softball head coach, a position he'd held since 2015.

"I just thought it was time," Juerjens said a few days after the meeting. "I have some other things going on in life, and it was just time. I still enjoy coaching the kids, but just like everything in life, time goes on and you do those things over and over again, and you wonder if maybe there's not something else."

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TOUGH ROWS TO HOE



Farm bankruptcies increased 46% nationwide in 2025 and have been on the rise for three straight years.

Farm bankruptcies on the increase

By **TARA SUN**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – With the growing season well underway in Illinois, farmers once again are struggling to turn an abundant harvest into survival.

In 2025, family farm bankruptcies surged 46% nationwide – reaching 315 filings and marking the third consecutive year of increases. The midwest recorded 121 filings in 2025 – up 70% from the

prior year.

The trend has only accelerated. In April alone this year, 62 Chapter 12 farm bankruptcies were filed nationwide – a 130% jump from the prior

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Elmwood adds new AD, dean

School board OKs hire of Nathan Darko

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood School Board on Monday approved Nathan Darko as its new dean of students and director of athletics in the high school and junior high.

A resident of Bartonville, Darko currently works as a teacher with the Special Education Association of Peoria

County. He has also taught physical education and coached junior-high girls basketball at Oak Grove School and was high school cheerleading coach at Limestone (2013-15) and Farmington (2018-23).

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ELMWOOD: Approvals on plenty of staff

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While a student at Limestone High School, Darko had surgeries to remove a brain tumor in 2012 and 2013. But he was still able to play baseball his senior year and was a cheerleader.

An Illinois State University graduate, Darko was also a member of the Redbirds cheerleading team.

Darko said his experience reshaped the way he views learning, since after his first surgery he had to relearn how to walk, talk, eat and do just about anything else. He has shared his story with students to

help encourage them through difficult times.

Darko will take on a new role created to free more time for career and college counselling for Janelle Meyers, the retiring junior-high AD, and to replace Tyler Baysingar, who stepped down as high school AD. Darko has a three-year contract with a starting salary of \$65,000.

The board also approved hiring Elmwood grad Derek McCoy as elementary PE teacher, 8th-grade boys basketball coach and junior-high boys track and cross-country coach.

McCoy was an all-state cross-country runner for the Trojans in 2015 as a junior. He ran at state all four years in high school on teams that won a title in 2013, finished second in 2014 and placed fifth in 2015 and 2016.

His junior-high volunteer-assistant coaches will be his former basketball coach, Jim Valla, and his father, former Elmwood Principal Tony McCoy.

Other paid coaches approved were Dianne Burwell (golf assistant), Ethan Jehle (JH baseball assistant) and Emily Bonebrake (high school scholastic bowl assistant).

Volunteer coaches and classroom mentors approved for 2026-27 are Justin Gunter, Tom Maier and Blaise Steffen (5th- and 6th-grade girls basketball); John Baysingar and Josiah Fleming (JH baseball); Karla and Josh Begner and Shannon Steffen (JH softball); Jared Harkness (JH cross country); Vicki Warner (JH cheerleading); Dustin Funk (JH Lego league); Kenny Blum, Tom Conklin and Brett Powers (HS golf); Tom Gorham, Cooper Hoffmann and Mike Sullivan (HS boys cross country); Tom Bowers, Caleb and Noah Hollis, Landon Kline, Mike

Walker and Brady Westart (HS football); Eric Yarbrough (HS marching band); Penny Silzer (HS volleyball); Ragan Thrasher (HS cheerleading); Sullivan (HS track); Emma Vallas (HS bass fishing); and Phillip Beal (HS industrial arts).

Resignations were accepted from aides Allison Ramsay and Garrett German, HS class sponsor Nicole Foster, 5th-grade teacher Joanne Carlson and HS basketball assistant Brandon Butler.

The board also approved 4th grade teacher Wendy Coulter for retirement on Jan. 7, 2030, a 4.8% pay increase for non-certified staff outside the collective bargaining agreement and a 3% raise for Superintendent Joel Schmiege, whose salary will increase to \$137,917.

The school district will be offering about 25 surplus items for sale between July 1-14. Information on items will be published in The Weekly Post and will be on the district website.

Finally, after a public hearing that elicited no comment, the board in its regular meeting approved an amended budget for 2025-26. The budget includes a deficit of \$471,179.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Hot Picks Ahead

- **Independence Day** – Farmington celebrates July 4 on Saturday with a parade at 10 30 a.m. to Reed Park, where activities include food, ice cream, music and games and activities for children. For parade information, call Matt Ulm at (309) 224-0020. For event information call Chris Evans at (309) 224-6258.
- The annual Elmwood-Yates City-Farmington fireworks show will be held Saturday, July 4, at Sweetwater Park in Elmwood. The fireworks show will start at or after dusk.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Storms	Storms	Storms	Partly Sunny	Storms	Sunny
93	91	88	87	86	88	88
76	73	69	68	69	69	69
SW 11 mph	SSW 9 mph	SSW 8 mph	N 6 mph	NE 7 mph	ENE 6 mph	ESE 7 mph

This Week's Events

- **Farmers Market** – Elmwood has a Farmers Market on Friday, July 3, in Central Park, 4-6:30 p.m. Free space for vendors. Call Fred at (309) 742-3711 for information.
- **Polish Meal** – Holy Trinity Polish National Church in Kewanee, 716 N. Tremont St., has its annual Independence Day Polish meal on July 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Polish sausage and pierogis featured. \$12.
- **Crochet Group** – Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood hosts a crochet group every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. Crafters can bring projects.
- **Cruise-In** – The Canton Gear Jammers have cruise-ins at Elmwood's Central Park from 5-7 p.m. on July 8 and Aug. 12. Times 4-6 p.m. on Sept. 9 and Oct. 14.
- **Band Concert** – The Elmwood Municipal Band will play Sunday, July 5, at

7:30 p.m. in Central Park. Concerts continue every Sunday through the summer.

Future Events

- **Meals on Wheels** – Meals on Wheels delivered in Elmwood and Yates City on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call (309) 772-9284.
- **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.
- **Bingo** – Williamsfield American Legion Post 371 holds bingo the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Call (309) 231-8076.
- **Yoga** – Yoga Thursdays, 6 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library. \$4. Classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Princeville's Lillie M. Evans Library.

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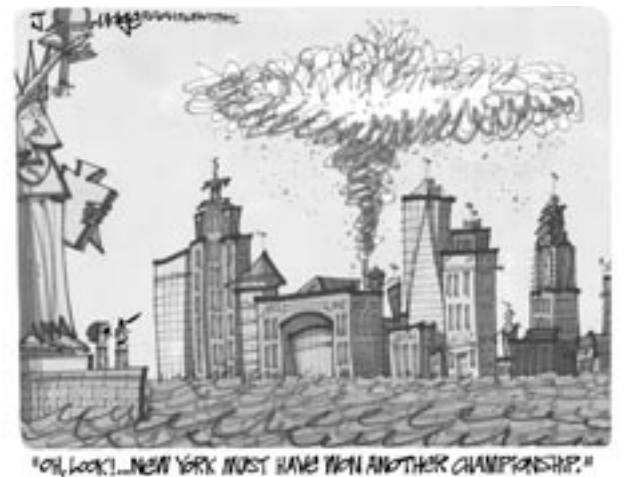
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Of proper flag displays and a penny tax

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Flags will be flying this weekend, what with July 4 weekend and America250 celebrations heating up. With that in mind, reader and former U.S.

Marine **Nathan Schenkel** has a request: Please fly the flag properly and with respect.



Jeff LAMPE

As part of his Marine duties, Schenkel spent one month servicing the flag at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in the early 1980s.

"I came to respect and assure the flag is properly flown," he said.

Unfortunately, since then Schenkel has seen many instances when the opposite is true. What to do? Well, since the flag code is too long to fit in this space, Schenkel suggested a website that might help. Google "Eisenhower Foundation Flage Code" to learn plenty.

Until then, here are a few highlights to remember.

- Fly the flag from sunrise to sunset, unless it is properly illuminated and can then be flown 24 hours a

day.

- Raise the flag briskly, lower it slowly.
- Never use the American flag as a cover, decoration or vehicle drape.
- Keep the flag off the ground and in good condition.
- Retire worn flags respectfully, preferably by burning.

There's more but that's a start. And it makes me wonder: Is the flag we display on the front page appropriate? Nathan, what do you think?

Monday's Elmwood School Board meeting included an interesting exchange that did not fit in my story on Page 1. School districts across Illinois are faced with soaring transportation costs and no additional help from the state to pay those bills. Actually, Elmwood Superintendent **Joel Schmieg** anticipates state funding may even decline.

So he was prepared at the meeting to start a discussion on doubling the district's transportation levy. But Monday's news cycle also revealed another possible alternative. Peoria County is considering increasing its School Facilities Sales Tax from a half-cent to a full penny. With a deadline of Aug. 17 to get the issue on the Nov. 3 ballot, there's not much time for discussion.

The half-cent tax was approved in

2016 and raises about \$5.3 million per year. Of that, about \$300,000 goes to Elmwood CUSD 322.

In addition to doubling the tax, the county would change how money can be used to include school resource officers and mental-health professionals along with school facility maintenance.

Schmieg believes the extra income would provide enough money to fund Elmwood's transportation fund without raising the tax levy.

Those who have seen their property taxes skyrocket once again this year would no doubt appreciate that. Proponents of doubling the tax say it's a user tax and takes some of the burden off property owners, who already pay so much.

I would prefer an increase in the sales tax, even though it's a bit of a shell game. And it would be nice if Illinois would actually fund its schools sufficiently, though to do so would probably result in some other tax.

The Peoria Public Schools Board of Education will vote Wednesday on whether it will back the referendum. If Peoria votes yes, as expected, you can also expect other Peoria County schools to follow suit.

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LAWS: IDOC must report on contraband

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on July 1, completing one of Gov. JB Pritzker's top priorities of his second term.

Senate Bill 1 to create the new agency passed the General Assembly with bipartisan support in 2024 and calls for consolidating a variety of early-childhood services that are spread across multiple state agencies. Those include oversight and funding of preschools, childcare centers, home visiting and early-intervention programs.

Pritzker tapped Teresa Ramos to direct the agency. She worked in childcare advocacy before joining the governor's office's education policy team.

Lawmakers appropriated \$2.1 billion from the General Revenue Fund to the new agency in fiscal year 2027, which also begins July 1.

Contraband report

The Department of Corrections will have to report more information about contraband in its facilities as the department continues to face scrutiny around substance exposures. Senate Bill 2201 requires the department to annually report data about what contraband is found, where it was discovered, how it got into the facility and any disciplinary action that was taken as a result.

It also requires IDOC to report on medical responses and hospitalizations for staff members, including the

cause.

Statewide public defender

The bricks of the new Office of State Public Defender began being laid on July 1, as House Bill 3363 requires an 11-member commission to be appointed by Oct. 1. The commission will identify the costs and funding sources to establish the Office of State Public Defender. The remainder of the bill, including additional processes to set up the office, will take effect Jan. 1.

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BANKRUPTCIES: Up for third straight year

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year and the highest monthly total since February 2020. The USDA projects total farm debt will rise 5.2% to a record \$624.7 billion in 2026, with 330 bankruptcy cases filed.

"I'm scared about there being a real farm crisis," said Eliot Clay, executive director of the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts. "This could come down to people being able to save their farms – just knowing that they could put it into some conservation easement or something. Like, they need anything that they can get."

For Illinois, the crisis is playing out as lawmakers just finished a budget session that delivered few meaningful results for an industry under siege. Gary Asay, who has farmed in Illinois since 1976 and sold crop insurance for more than 20 years, sees clear reasons to worry.

"The increase in the number of bankruptcies

and the increased buying of higher-level crop insurance are both signs of the stress that's in the industry," Asay said. "Farmers are under stress. They may be having to borrow more money. Therefore, they want more protection."

Crop insurance, he pointed out, can't fully protect farmers from losses. The most common policy, Revenue Protection, covers only up to 85% of projected revenue.

In 2025, U.S. soybean production totaled 4.26 billion bushels, with the average yield per acre estimated at a record 53.0 bushels. Illinois alone harvested more than 639 million bushels.

In February 2025, the U.S. imposed a 10% tariff on Chinese products. China – once the world's largest buyer of U.S. soybeans – stopped purchasing U.S. crops. Last September marked the first month since 2018 that imports from the U.S. fell to zero, according to China's General Administration of

Customs.

Farmers had entered the 2025 season with a smaller safety net after the projected price for crop-insurance guarantees fell by 8.7% that year. The drop meant less protection heading into spring planting.

But because yields were high, most farms still generated revenue above their guaranteed floor. Although farmers grew plenty, they sold every bushel for less than it cost to produce.

"A lot of farmers cannot sell their corn or soybeans at a profit right now, just because the price is so low," Asay said.

Bankruptcies in agriculture rarely follow a single bad year. For U.S. farmers,

the financial squeeze began well before 2025.

Real estate debt – tied to the land farmers rent or own – is expected to reach \$404.3 billion in 2026, a reflection of the high cost of farmland that has squeezed so many operators.

"Overhead costs represent the largest cost component on the U.S. farm, accounting for nearly one-half of total costs during the 2020-24 period," said Joana Colussi, a research assistant professor of agricultural economics at Purdue University, citing Purdue data. "Eighty percent of the farmers in the Midwest, they rent the land."

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 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
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Monthly update for local governments

For The Weekly Post
 Along with everything else in central Illinois, local governments are trying to keep things cool.

• **Peoria County Board** met June 11. In regular business, the board approved a \$67,000 engineering agreement with Fehr Graham for the jail ring road and adjacent employee parking lot, and an \$87,000 contract with Tyler Cashiering to standardize cash-receipts processes across county offices.

The approved consent agenda also included:

• Heart of Illinois United Way will retain a \$185,000 Continuum of Care grant in 2026-27, with Peoria City/County Health Department as the sole subcontractor.

• The 2026 landfill budget.

• Continuation of the \$37,000 pavement-management agreement between the county and Bradley University.

• Purchase of \$72,000 in-house toxicology assessment equipment for the coroner's office. The expense will be partially offset by fees charged to 13 out-of-county coroners.

• An agreement between the county and Chillicothe for an initial \$1 million engineering contract to replace the railroad viaduct over Illinois Route 29.

• A \$35,000 federally funded engineering project to improve seven busy county intersections with rumble strips, lighted signs and additional signage.

• **Peoria City/County Health Department Board** met May 18 with a quorum present.

An estimated 13.6% of households in Peoria County report food insecurity. Public Health Administrator Monica Hendrickson offered food-insecurity policy recommendations. Board members approved exploring additional options, including mini-grants for the "hidden hungry," specifically targeting working households with kids.

The board approved con-

sent-agenda items, a one-time budget amendment for a federal grant to combat homelessness and revisions to the health-department fee schedule.

• **Peoria County Board of Elections** met June 9 with all commissioners present.

Newly appointed Executive Director Jessily Joseph presented the month's expenditures for approval.

In addition to hiring new office personnel, an assistant director and interns for next fall's general election, Joseph has been submitting grant applications. A \$97,000 grant was approved, with \$29,000 going toward a voter-registration license and security upgrades.

• **Metropolitan Airport Authority** met May 27 with eight of the nine commissioners present.

Change orders requested by Director of Airports Gene Olson were approved, including a design agreement for field cabling to tie in new and old towers, which was not to exceed \$145,600, and two requests to rehab/relocate taxiways, for \$123,338 and \$63,392.

Director of Operations and Maintenance Randy Hurst reported the pavement-condition inspection is complete, the taxiway project has begun, and the Air Guard is starting the ramp rehab to be completed in August.

Director of Finance and Administration Steve Perrone received approval of a lease amendment with UPS Supply Chain Solutions for an annual rent of \$80,599.

Manager of Marketing & Public Relations Cheryl Bockhold-Sloan said 176 people and 30 agencies participated in the Mass Casualty Event practice on April 25.

• **Tri-County Regional Planning Commission** met June 3. Commissioners approved the 2027 budget. Cost-of-living salary adjustment for staff will be 3.8%. Additionally there are two merit performance reviews.

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BRIMFIELD: Loser OK'd as Kurtz successor

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Among those other things is watching his grandson participate in high school athletics, Juerjens said. Family considerations also were part of the reason he quit coaching summer softball a few years ago.

Juerjens' final two B-E teams were among his best. The Indians finished 29-6 this past season and advanced to a Class 2A super-sectional, like they did in 2025. The 2026 team lost three seniors, including top pitchers Sawyer Drury and Schyer Meinders.

B-E won six regionals, four sectionals and one super-sectional in Juerjens' tenure. The top achievement came in 2015, when pitcher Morgan Florey led B-E to a second-place 2A state finish.

"That kind of kick-started everything," Juerjens said. "It felt like interest was created by Morgan, because she was just one of those kids who had it all going. Morgan was kind of this bigger-than-life player, and the media followed her around like crazy."

Juerjens' B-E record was 226-43. He isn't leaving Brimfield softball entirely. The board OK'd his hiring as a grade-school assistant.

Mallorie Menold was appointed grade-school head coach; she was one of Juerjens' B-E assistants. Grade-school softball is played in the fall, when Juerjens has more free time.

"I enjoy the younger kids," said Juerjens, who also said he appreciated the support he received. "There's just more you can do there as far as teaching."

Juerjens' and Menold's job changes were among 14 personnel moves on the board-meeting agenda.

Additional extra-curricular hires the board approved were Jacob Bowman as high school boys basketball junior-varsity and assistant coach, Brandon Butler as high school girls basketball head coach, Katie Gorham as 8th-grade girls basketball coach and 7th-grade assistant, Phil Johnson as grade-school baseball assistant coach, Alison Jones as grade-school athletics director and Denver Willis as 7th-grade girls basketball coach and 8th-grade assistant.

Non-extra-curricular hires authorized were JoAnna Bernal and Alexis Ebey as grade-school para-professionals, Kourtney Hilyard as grade-school head cook and Marissa

Unes as 6th-grade English and social-studies teacher.

The board also accepted the resignations of high school girls basketball JV coach Josh Clarke and grade-school science teacher Josh McKown. He was Butler's predecessor as girls basketball coach.

Among other items board members approved were:

- A \$30,918.03 expense with Wisconsin-based Renaissance Learning, Inc., for educational software.

- A \$33,180 contract with Tazewell County Asphalt Co. Inc. of East Peoria to remove and replace a grade-school driveway.

- A \$37,724 deal with Dell Technologies for 100 Chromebook computers.

- Revision of an agreement approved in May with M.R. Mason Contractor & Co. of East Peoria for grade-school masonry work. About \$4,000 in additional repairs are necessary, according to Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones.

Before those items were considered, the board authorized an amended budget for the 2026 fiscal year. The budget calls for an operating-fund deficit of \$1,255,018, based on revenues of \$8,820,740 and expenses of \$10,075,758. The fund balance is \$3,918,317.

"It's an amended budget, but it's pretty similar to the one we passed in September," Jones said.

A hearing before the budget was approved elicited no public comment. Budget planning for 2027 might include fund transfers, cuts or belt-tightening, fund-balance spending or revenue increases, according to Jones.

Board members also approved a change to the starting time of their meetings, effective July 15. They are to begin at 6:30 p.m., one half-hour earlier than previously.

The board meeting was the last for grade-school Principal Julie Kurtz, whose resignation was effective June 30. Earlier, Assistant Principal Nicole Loser was approved as Kurtz's successor.

"I feel honored the board was supportive of me moving into that role," Loser said. "I'm excited for what Julie's prepared me for."

Loser was assistant principal for four years. Before that, she taught for 20 years in the Dunlap School District. Loser has bachelor's and master's degrees from Illinois State University and a master's in administration from Aurora University.

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Police reports

• **EDWARDS** – A suspect in a multi-county police pursuit was found west of Edwards in his stopped vehicle, with an apparent self-inflicted fatal gunshot wound.

The vehicle was located about 7 p.m. Sunday on Kramm Road north of Illinois Route 8, according to the Illinois State Police. The vehicle was wanted in connection with a shooting in Springfield. Authorities had stopped the vehicle, but it pulled away, and a chase ensued. State Police did not reveal where the vehicle first was stopped.

Stark County authorities were among the pursuers. The State Police divulged no other details, including the identity of the suspect and the type of vehicle. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene, it appeared.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Hanna City teenager was accused of driving under the influence of alcohol, among other crimes, in Farmington.

The 17-year-old boy was driving an eastbound 2015 Jeep Renegade that was drifting in and out of its lane shortly after 5 a.m. May 29 on Fort Street between Elmwood Road and Short Street, according to a Farmington police report.

An officer pulled over the vehicle in the 800 block of E. Fort St. The driver was slow to speak, confrontational and had bloodshot, glassy eyes. His blood-alcohol content was measured at .162. The legal limit is .08. An officer transported the suspect to Graham Hospital in Canton, where his mother refused to give consent for him to submit blood and urine samples.

In addition to DUI, the boy was accused of unauthorized possession of alcohol, unauthorized possession of a controlled substance and resisting or obstructing a peace officer. He was released to his parents and received a notice to appear July 10 in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown.

• **YATES CITY** – An Elmwood-area man accused of violating an order of protection also was wanted for driving under the influence of alcohol.

William B. Bean, 31, was arrested shortly after 8 p.m. May 31 outside a residence in the 200 block of N. Kel-

logg St., according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. Bean said he was aware he was not supposed to be at that residence but was escaping bed bugs at his current residence.

A check revealed the outstanding Peoria County warrant. Bean was transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg.

• **PEORIA** – An Edwards man required a hospital visit following a single-vehicle crash north of Peoria.

Shortly before 5:15 p.m. May 31, Steven L. Holmes was driving a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck headed north in the 9800 block of N. Radnor Rd when he lost control of the vehicle while attempting to pass a bicycle, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The pickup truck crossed the pavement into the west-side ditch, then rolled multiple times into a cornfield. Holmes complained about a slight headache and was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. The vehicle sustained damage and was towed. A dog that was in the truck was injured.

• **BRIMFIELD** – A Brimfield man was arrested for violating an order of protection. The incident happened about 8 a.m. May 31 at a residence in the 300 block of E. Knoxville St., according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. Sean T. McDonough, 41, was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

A male from Brimfield was the apparent victim.

• **TRIVOLI** – A vehicle fire south of Trivoli resulted in no apparent injuries. The incident in the 22100 block of W. Wasson Rd. was reported shortly before 2 p.m. May 30. The driver said he pulled his 2010 Ford Focus into his driveway after he had been fishing. He saw smoke and retrieved a fire extinguisher, but the fire was too big for him to handle.

No damage estimate to the vehicle was available. Logan-Trivoli firefighters responded.

• **PEORIA** – A Trivoli man was arrested for multiple offenses, including possession of a controlled substance, following a traffic stop in Peoria.

Joseph W. Sieg, 41, was driving a southbound 1980 Chevrolet Camaro that appeared to be exceeding the 30-mph limit shortly before 3:45 a.m. May 30 in the 200 block of S. Western Ave., according to a heavily re-

dacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Sieg was transported to the Peoria County Jail. He also was accused of improper turn-signal use, improper lane use, expired vehicle registration and illegal transportation of alcohol.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Hanna City man said a woman threw a drink at him during a confrontation at a local bar, but no arrests were made.

The incident at Refuel, 12910 W. Farmington Rd., was reported shortly before 10:45 p.m. May 29. The man said he wished the woman a happy birthday. An argument ensued, she threw the drink at him and left, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

• **NORWOOD** – No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle crash in Norwood that involved a Farmington woman.

Hannah M. Stenger was driving an eastbound 2014 Chevrolet Volt shortly after 2:30 p.m. May 28 on Farmington Road near Tower Road when the vehicle rear-ended a 2016 Chevrolet Cruze, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Patrick J. McIntyre of East Peoria was the other driver. He had slowed to make a right turn, but Stenger said she didn't see it.

• **EDWARDS** – A truck struck a utility pole east of Edwards, knocked it down and a small brush fire ensued, according to authorities.

The accident happened shortly before 9 p.m. May 27 at Illinois Route 8 and Mount Carmel Way, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The fire was brought under control by 10:30 p.m.

No injuries were reported. Ameren Illinois was among agencies that responded.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between June 7-13: wire down, Elmwood; suspicious vehicle, Williamsfield; stray dog, Yates City; water rescue, Dahinda; suspicious vehicle, Galva; civil issue, Dahinda; fraud, Yates City; domestic dispute, Dahinda; domestic dispute, Williamsfield; order violation, Yates City; fire, Dahinda.

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New priest taking over in Elmwood, Kickapoo

After five years of service to Roman Catholic parishioners in Elmwood and Kickapoo, The Rev. Jim Pankiewicz has been reassigned to St. Anthony's in Bartonville.

Tuesday was the last day for Pankiewicz to conduct daily masses. He has been replaced at St. Mary's in Kickapoo and St. Patrick's in Elmwood by the Rev. William Miller, who had been serving as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Peoria.

In other news from around the Diocese of Peoria, St. Joseph in Brimfield has recently added a 10:30 a.m. Sunday mass to its schedule and St. Mary of the Woods in Princeville has added a 4 p.m. mass on Saturday.

College honors

The following students were named to the Iowa State University President's list (4.0 gpa for two consecutive semesters): **Audrey Bloms**

of Edwards and **Brinae Rice** of Princeville.

The following students were named to the Iowa State University Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2026 spring semester: **Mason Siegel** of Brimfield and **Joelle Bloms** of Edwards.

Aidan Podhajsky of Princeville was named to the Saint Mary's University Dean's list (3.6 gpa or better) for the 2026 spring semester.

Colin Terrell of Farmington was named to the University of Mississippi Dean's honor roll (3.5-3.74 gpa) for the 2026 spring semester.

Harrison Maly of Dahinda and **Aaron Payne** of Farmington were named to the Carthage College Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2026 spring semester.

College graduates

Julien Rouleau of Edwards graduated from The University of Alabama with a bachelor of arts degree after the 2026 spring semester.

Emma Evans of Farmington, daughter of Clark and Christine (Runyon) Evans, graduated magna cum laude from Augustana College with a degree in communication

studies and kinesiology.

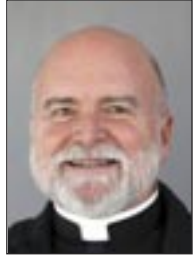
IDNR monitoring river die-off of silver carp

SPRINGFIELD – Staff from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources are monitoring an extensive silver carp fish die-off in the Peoria pool of the Illinois River between Henry and Peoria.

IDNR fisheries biologists believe the incident is naturally occurring, caused by spawning stress and rapid water-chemistry changes from recent rain. No evidence of chemical contamination or pollution was observed, and no native fish species or other aquatic organisms were affected. It's unknown how many silver carp died.

Silver carp is a species of invasive carp found in Illinois waterways.

Deceased fish continue to flow downstream to other areas of the river. People who live near the river or recreate on it may notice unpleasant odors near affected areas as deceased fish decompose. The smell should gradually diminish as river conditions improve and natural decomposition processes run their course.



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Michael Curry

WYOMING – Michael “David” Curry, 61, of Wyoming, passed away at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at his home.

David was born April 18, 1965, in Peoria to John Ewen and Donita (Swanson) Curry. David, who attended Sparland High School, married Betty (Boseke) Johnson on May 30, 1998, at Elmwood United Methodist Church.



Curry

David is survived by his wife; his mother; three children, Amanda Curry of East Peoria, Brandy Sartin of Yates City and Colt (Samantha) Wilcoxon of Woodhull; one brother, James Curry; four sisters, Maria “Kim” Hastings, Gabby Curry, Debby Seguin and Stephanie McWhirter; and five grandchildren, James Wilcoxon, Amaryllis Stillwell, Clover Rogy, Bentley Mackey and Jaxson Mackey.

David was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Christopher Curry.

David was a truck driver for West Jersey Express and Summit Gold. Betty and David were members of the Allendale Conservation Club. He enjoyed fishing and camping with his wife and spending time with his grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 3, 2026, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will immediately follow in Elmwood Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gift of Hope.

To watch David’s video tribute or to leave online condolences, visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

Judith K. Lance

BRIMFIELD – Judith K. Lance, 99, of Brimfield, passed away at 4:25 a.m. on Sunday, June 28, 2026, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She was born June 22, 1927, in Hamilton to Franklin and Edith (Kammerer) Rampley.

Judith married Cecil Lance on Feb. 10, 1945, in West Point. He preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 2003.

Judith is survived by three children, Steve (Paula) Lance Sr. of Glasford, Connie (the late Kenneth) Deppermann of Brimfield and Patricia (Kevin) Kowalis of Bethany; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Judith was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, David Lance; two brothers, Oscar Rampley and Willard Rampley; and one sister, Valeata Monroe.

Judith enjoyed gardening, quilting and sewing. She was a member of Brunswick Community Church. Judith will be deeply missed by her family.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2026, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A visitation will be held prior to the service from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will immediately follow in Brunswick Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Brunswick Community Church.

To leave online condolences, visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com. Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Boord

WILLIAMSFIELD – Mary Boord, 84, of Williamsfield, passed



Lance

away on June 20, 2026, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

She was born on Dec. 25, 1941, in Peoria to Gussie Leroy and Helen (Potts) Kizer. She married John Donald Corney and later married Jerome Boord. They both preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were her parents; brother, Jerry Kizer; and sister, Nancy Rook.

Surviving are three children, John Timothy (Debby) Boord of Elmwood, Willis Terry (Rebecca) Boord of Michigan and Stormy (Bob) Perryman of Williamsfield; brother, Steve Elliott of Monmouth; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren and one more on the way.

Mary worked at Brimfield High School as a custodian for many years. She loved sewing, crocheting and baking. Mary was a member of First Prairie Creek Baptist Church in Terre Haute, Ind.

Cremation rites have been accorded and graveside services will be July 25, 2026, at Brimfield Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to BYE Ambulance.

To make online condolences, visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

Weldon Cooper

YATES CITY – Weldon “Sonny” Cooper, 88, of rural Yates City, died Feb. 26, 2026, at Allure of Lake Storey in Galesburg.

He was born April 30, 1937, in Maquon, the son of Clarence and Mildred (Hultberg) Cooper. He married Rebecca “Becky” VeNard on Jan. 3, 1958, in Knoxville.

Surviving are his wife, Becky, of rural Yates City; two children, Pamela Jean (Stephen) Ebel of Rapids City and Denise Marie (Kevin) Elsasser of Belton, Mo.; one adopted son/very close friend Ernie (Nina Brown) Thurman of St. Au-

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gustine; two grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Phyllis Schultz and Shirley Fishel.

He worked the former Gale Products in Galesburg and worked maintenance for the former Laurel Greens Golf Course in rural Knoxville. He was an avid outdoorsman, a hunter.

The annual July 4 Fish Fry will be held in his memory at the home of Sonny and Becky Cooper. Fish will start frying at noon. Come celebrate the life of Sonny Cooper.

Marie Record

FARMINGTON – Marie Record, 81, of Farmington, passed away on June 24, 2026, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

She was born on June 1, 1945, in Canton to Weldon and Thelma (McCann) Anderson. She married John Record on Jan. 15, 1972, in Elmwood.

Marie was known by many names: Mom, Grandma Ree, Aunt Ree, sister, friend and caregiver. But no matter what name someone called her, they knew the same thing – Marie had a heart big enough to make room for everyone.

She raised and cared for far more than just her own children. Throughout her life, Marie helped raise, guide, love and watch over many children who were not her own by birth but were certainly loved as family.

Marie is survived by her four sons, Sam (Dandy) Ward of Canton, Matt

(Deanna) Ward of Dade City, Fla., Stephen (the late Dolly) Ward of Milan and Jim (Dawn) Record of Farmington; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one brother, Roger Anderson of Canton; and one sister, Sue (the late Joe) Garnett of Pekin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Record; her parents; four brothers, Weldon Paul, Gene, David and Blair; and one sister, Crystal Dietz.

A funeral service was to be held at Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington on Tuesday, June 30, 2026. Burial was to follow in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Farmington.

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By Wilson Casey
1. Is the book of Jude (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Acts 17, in what city were Paul and his companions accused of turning the world upside down? Antioch, Smyrna, Thessalonica, Galatia
3. How many days did it take Nehemiah to get the wall around Jerusalem completed? 6, 52, 10, 1,000
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is supposed to strike at what part of man? Throat, Hand, Heel, Eyes
5. In Christianity, what's the title given to the head of a diocese? Arch, Cardinal, Bishop, Reverend
6. From Revelation 12, what angel fights against Satan? Gabriel, Angel of the Lord, Cherubim, Michael
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Already a record for Illinois tornadoes

By **JENNA SCHWEIKERT**

Capitol News Illinois

Illinois has seen a record number of tornadoes just six months into the year after a series of spring and summer storms barreled their way across the Midwest, causing millions in damage as federal disaster assistance wanes in Democrat-led states.

Experts chalk the sudden increase up to temporary fluctuation, although a small increase over decades is in line with current climate-change research. But more severe-weather events could strain local and state governments as recent analysis shows blue states have struggled to get federal-aid requests approved under the second Donald Trump administration.

The National Weather Service confirmed a record 153 tornadoes in Illinois as of June 23, a number all but guaranteed to increase as teams continue to eval-

uate late June storms while more tornadoes are bound to occur in the second half of the year. Before 2023, Illinois hadn't recorded more than 73 tornadoes in a calendar year since 2006.

When looking at recorded tornadoes since 1950, there is going to be an increase mainly because of better equipment and reporting methods, state climatologist Trent Ford said. But even when scientists adjust for reporting, there is still an increase evident, particularly in the Midwest.

What's difficult is figuring out why that is happening, because it's not just one factor contributing to the increase. Stories attributing an eastward shift in "Tornado Alley" entirely to climate change don't always acknowledge the fact that the Midwest has always been a hotspot for tornadoes in addition to the Great Plains region, Ford said.

There are some signals

for climate change, but generally the past four years are not what climatologists would expect as a symptom of climate change.

"The question of, would we expect what's happened over the last four years to occur (the) next four or five years, might be 'no' because of how unusual the last four years have been," Ford said. "There's not likely a very strong climate-change signal in getting this number of tornadoes."

Although the high frequency over the last four years could partially be due to climate change, Ford said it's more attributable to normal weather variability because climate-change trends take place over much longer periods of time: decades or more.

"We do see an increasing trend in tornadoes that is possibly attributed to climate change within the Midwest, but it's a very small increase. It's not a doubling of the frequency; that's not how climate

change works," Ford said.

This year, several tornadoes have caused severe damage to communities across the state, including five EF-3s verified by the National Weather Service. Those are tornadoes with winds between 136 mph and 165 mph.

At the same time, a decrease in federal-disaster assistance is putting more pressure on local and state governments as communities rebuild following these severe-weather events.

A Politico analysis found Democrat-led states saw just 23% of their disaster requests granted in the first year of Trump's second term, compared to 89% for their Republican counterparts. Under the past six administrations — including Trump's first term — states led by either party saw similar rates of approval, between 70% and 90%. The analysis also found that the administration takes twice as long to issue decisions on requests from blue states.

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Rachael Parker, County Clerk of
Peoria County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and
Decree Creditors, if any of the above
described as "Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties inter-
ested in said land or lots".
TAX DEED NO.: 2026-TX-0000146
FILED: May 29, 2026

TAKE NOTICE
County of Peoria
Date Premises Sold: November
10, 2025
Certificate No.: 202401055
Sold for General Taxes of (Year):
2024
Sold for Special Assessment of
(Municipality) and Special Assess-
ment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.:

N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD
FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 300 Colona
Avenue, Bartonville, IL 61607
Legal Description or Property
Index No.: 17-25-126-010
This notice is to advise you that
the above property has been sold for
delinquent taxes and that the period
of redemption from the sale will ex-
pire on November 10, 2026.
The amount to redeem is subject
to increase at 6 month intervals
from the date of sale and may be
further increased if the purchaser at
the tax sale or his or her assignee
pays any subsequently accruing
taxes or special assessments to re-
deem the property from subsequent
forfeitures or tax sales. Check with
the County Clerk as to the exact
amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you
that a petition has been filed for a
tax deed which will transfer title and
the right to possession of this prop-
erty if redemption is not made on or
before November 10, 2026.
This matter is set for hearing in
the Circuit Court of Peoria County in
324 Main St., Peoria, IL 61602,
Room 203, on December 7, 2026 at
9:30 AM.
You may be present at this hear-
ing, but your right to redeem will al-
ready have expired at that time.
**YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IM-
MEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF
PROPERTY**
Redemption can be made at any
time on or before November 10,
2026 by applying to the County
Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois at the
Office of the County Clerk in Peoria,
Illinois.
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK**

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 Juliet Rd. Marquette Heights, IL, 61554. The true name and residence address of the owner is: Isaiah Royer, 4027 N. Westport Ct., Peoria, IL 61615.
Published 6/25, 7/2, 7/9/26

324 Main St.
Room 101
Peoria, IL 61602
309-492-6059
Private Equity Group, LLC.
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June 3, 2026
13288518
Published 6/18, 6/25, 7/2/26

TO:
3204 Knoxville Avenue LLC;
3204 Knoxville Avenue LLC;
Illinois Secretary of State for 3204
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3204 Knoxville Avenue LLC;
Accountable Financial Services
Group as R/A for 3204 Knoxville
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**NOTICE OF 5%
ADMINSTRATIVE COST HEARING**
Williamsfield CUSD #210 will hold a hearing to dis-
cuss 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.
Published 7/2/26

CBI Bank & Trust D/B/A F&M Bank;
Rachael Parker, County Clerk of
Peoria County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and
Decree Creditors, if any of the above
described as "Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties inter-
ested in said land or lots".
TAX DEED NO.: 2026-TX-0000145
FILED: May 29, 2026

TAKE NOTICE
County of Peoria
Date Premises Sold: November
10, 2025
Certificate No.: 202400506
Sold for General Taxes of (Year):
2024
Sold for Special Assessment of
(Municipality) and Special Assess-
ment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.:
N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD
FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 3204 North
Knoxville Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603
Legal Description or Property
Index No.: 14-28-454-013
This notice is to advise you that
the above property has been sold for

delinquent taxes and that the period
of redemption from the sale will ex-
pire on November 10, 2026.
The amount to redeem is subject
to increase at 6 month intervals
from the date of sale and may be
further increased if the purchaser at
the tax sale or his or her assignee
pays any subsequently accruing
taxes or special assessments to re-
deem the property from subsequent
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the County Clerk as to the exact
amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you
that a petition has been filed for a
tax deed which will transfer title and
the right to possession of this prop-
erty if redemption is not made on or
before November 10, 2026.
This matter is set for hearing in
the Circuit Court of Peoria County in
324 Main St., Peoria, IL 61602,
Room 203, on December 7, 2026 at
9:30 AM.
You may be present at this hear-
ing, but your right to redeem will al-
ready have expired at that time.
**YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IM-
Continued on Page 13**

LEGAL ADS - Call (309) 741-9790

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Lillie M. Evans Library District

Notice is hereby given to the Public that on August 13, 2026, at the hour of 6:45 P.M. at the Lillie M. Evans Library, 207 N. Walnut Avenue, Princeville, Illinois, a public hearing will be held on the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Lillie M. Evans Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. Any person interested in said budget and ordinance may be present at said time and place and may be heard in regard to the budget and ordinance. The tentative budget is now on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Lillie M. Evans Library District, at the Library office and may be reviewed upon request prior to said hearing by the Public.

Date: June 12, 2026

Deb Givens, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Lillie M. Evans Library District
207 N. Walnut Ave, PO Box 349
Princeville, IL 61559
Published 7/2/26

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MEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY**

Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 10, 2026 by applying to the County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Peoria, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
324 Main St.
Room 101
Peoria, IL 61602
309-492-6059
Private Equity Group, LLC.
Purchaser or Assignee
June 3, 2026
I3288516
Published 6/18, 6/25, 7/2/26

TO:
Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;
Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;
United States Corporation Agents, Inc. as R/A for Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;
Illinois Secretary of State for Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;
Ejaz Khan as Manager of Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;
Occupant;
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Dollar Plus;
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Macdonald Shell Number Seven;
Jackpot Supermarket;
P K M Corporation;
Maxie Beauty Supply;
Shell Gas Station;
Citizens Bank of Chatsworth;
Citizens Bank of Chatsworth;
Rachael Parker, County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".
TAX DEED NO.: 2026-TX-0000149
FILED: May 29, 2026

TAKE NOTICE

County of Peoria
Date Premises Sold: November 10, 2025
Certificate No.: 202401507
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2024

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

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 200 North MacArthur Highway, Peoria, IL 61605
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 18-08-281-026

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

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

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

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

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

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
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Room 101
Peoria, IL 61602
309-492-6059
Private Equity Group, LLC.
Purchaser or Assignee
June 3, 2026
I3288514
Published 6/18, 6/25, 7/2/26

TO:
Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;
Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;
United States Corporation Agents, Inc. as R/A for Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;
Illinois Secretary of State for Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;
Ejaz Khan as Manager of Premier Valleyview Investment LLC;
Occupant;
A & N Fashion Inc.;
Citizen's Equity Federal Credit Union;
City Fashion Plus;
Dollar Plus;
DBA Macarthur Food Mart;
Macdonald Shell Number Seven;
Jackpot Supermarket;
P K M Corporation;
Maxie Beauty Supply;
Shell Gas Station;
Citizens Bank of Chatsworth;
Citizens Bank of Chatsworth;
Rachael Parker, County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".
TAX DEED NO.: 2026-TX-0000149
FILED: May 29, 2026

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:

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 Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify

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CLAIM NOTICE

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

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

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.**

ASHLEE E. STABLER, Esq.
WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.
Attorneys for Executor
118 West Main Street
P. O. Box 368
Elmwood, IL 61529-0368
Telephone: (309) 742-3611
ashlee@whitneyandpotts.com

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 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3289177
Published 6/25, 7/2, 7/9/26

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 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

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1

COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF BRIMFIELD SANITARY DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2026, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BRIMFIELD SANITARY DISTRICT, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS

SECTION 1. The following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, or as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the Brimfield Sanitary District, Peoria County, Illinois, be and the same are hereby appropriated and budgeted for the corporate and specific purposes and obligations of said Sanitary District as hereinafter specified, for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of May, A.D. 2026, and ending on the 30th day of April, A.D. 2027.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL CORPORATE ACCOUNT

	Amount Appropriated
1. Operator's salary	\$22,000
2. Salaries - Maint.	14,000
3. Salaries - Trustees	10,000
4. Salary - Treasurer	4,000
5. Unemployment Insurance	350
6. Worker's Compensation Insurance	2,500
7. Social Security Tax	3,000
8. Medicare Tax	1,000
9. Building Maintenance	7,200
10. Equipment Maintenance	8,000
11. Audit Expense	9,000
12. Engineering Expense	6,000
13. Legal Expense	4,000
14. Lab Tests	7,000
15. Misc. Professional Services	30,000
16. W/S Collection Expense	4,000
17. Construction Expense	15,000
18. Utilities	1,500
19. General Insurance	5,000
20. Equipment Maint/Purchase	10,000
21. Maintenance Supplies	15,000
22. Travel Expense	3,000
23. Office Supplies	1,525
24. Operating Supplies	6,000
25. Automotive fuel/oil	1,000
26. Chemicals	7,000
27. Misc. Expense	1,000
28. Reserve for Replacement	<u>320,000</u>
Making the total amount appropriated for the purpose aforesaid	\$518,075

SECTION 2. The foregoing items of appropriation and budget shall constitute the budget of the authority of Brimfield Sanitary District for said fiscal period.

SECTION 3. In support of said budget and as a part thereof, the following statement is made in compliance with the provisions of Section 3 of "An Act Providing for the Regulating Methods of Adopting Budgets and Making Appropriations by Certain Tax Levying Bodies of this State," approved July 12, 1937 as amended (50 ILCS 330/3).

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND RESOURCES

Cash on hand (all Funds as of April 30, 2026)	\$471,478
Anticipated receipt of property taxes	0
Anticipated receipt of interest on investments	10,000
Anticipated receipt of Replacement Tax	3,000
Anticipated receipt of sewer User Charges	49,000
Anticipated receipt of EPA grants	0
Anticipated receipt of rental income	<u>1,250</u>
GRAND TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:	\$534,728
Expenses as per budget:	<u>(518,075)</u>
ESTIMATED BALANCE AT END OF FISCAL YEAR	\$16,637

SECTION 4. That the amounts herein specified shall be deemed to be the limit of the amounts to be expended, except by transfer authorized by the Board of Trustees; but any unexpended balance of any item may be expended in making up deficiencies in any item in the same general appropriation and for the same general purpose or in like appropriations made by this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. The appropriation herein of the amounts to defray the expense of any project or purpose shall not be construed as an approval by this Board of any of said bills or contract liabilities of any project or purpose mentioned herein, but shall be regarded only as the provisions of a fund or funds for the payment thereof when such bills or contract liabilities have been found to be valid and legal obligations against Brimfield Sanitary District, and when properly vouchered, audited and approved by this Board of Trustees, or when any project or purpose is approved and authorized by the Board of Trustees of said Brimfield Sanitary District, as the case may be.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance was passed, approved, recorded and published after the holding of a public hearing hereon on the 26th day of June, 2026, at the Village Hall in Brimfield, Illinois, notice of which was given by posting notices thereof in five of the most public places in the Brimfield Sanitary District (there being no newspaper published within the corporate limits of the Brimfield Sanitary District), and by publication of the notice of hearing once in The Weekly Post, a newspaper with general circulation within the corporate limits of the Brimfield Sanitary District.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and due publication as required by law.

DATED: June 26, 2026.

BRIMFIELD SANITARY DISTRICT
By /s/ Richard Depperman
Its President

ATTEST:
/s/ Jeffrey Challacombe
Clerk

YEA: 3 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
Passed: June 26, 2026
Approved: June 26, 2026
Recorded: June 26, 2026
Published 7/2/26

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Who was the only actress to appear in the 1961 and 2021 film versions of "West Side Story"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month of the year has the most letters in its name?
- SCIENCE: What protects the Earth from solar winds?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the bar in "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the first Ben & Jerry's ice cream shop?
- LITERATURE: What are the names of the two brothers in the "Hardy Boys" novel series?
- LANGUAGE: What is a polyglot?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which herb is most often used in traditional pesto?
- ANATOMY: Membranes called pleurae cover the surface of which human organs?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of South Korea?

Answers

- Rita Moreno.
- September.
- The magnetosphere, an invisible magnetic bubble generated inside the Earth.
- Paddy's Pub.
- Vermont.
- Frank and Joe.
- A person who speaks several languages.
- Basil.
- The lungs.
- Seoul.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

GROW UP, BEAD IT!

FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 10

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXH 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.

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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 PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Tax Number: 14-33-253-022 commonly known as 2626 N PEORIA 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 issued 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 answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Peoria County, located at 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, 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 accordance 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 commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

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, National 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 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 July 27, 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
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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

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Rebecca Carr
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 11818 W Farmington Rd Hanna City, IL 61536 and which said Mortgage was made 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.

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ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff
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FOOTBALL: Fewer seniors at area schools

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ior groups. Senior leadership is less prevalent this year.

Farmington's 80-player roster will include just 12 seniors, four offensive starters and three defensive starters, according to Vallas. One of those offensive returnees is 6-foot-5 sophomore quarterback Carson Noy, who is receiving Division I inquiries already. Noy has or is attending camps at Illinois, Iowa State, Michigan State and Eastern Michigan.

Farmington has plans to attend several 7-on-7 passing camps including Pekin, Stark County and Washington. Noy also works out independently with Rob Garcia at his 4 Verticals Academy in Washington.

E-B has eight seniors on its roster and returns four starters on offense and

three on defense. Hollis said a strong junior class will mesh well with the senior group. The Trojans are headed to a team camp at Monmouth in early July.

R-W expects 45 players out this year, with just five of those seniors. But all five were two-way starters last year, Coach Grant Gullstrand said. The Cougars also have a large junior class and return seven starters on offense and six on defense.

Princeville has 11 seniors among its 54 players but only two starters back on offense and three on defense. The Princes will participate in a 7-on-7 competition at Chillicothe IVC on July 7, will have a joint practice with IVC on July 20 and will also attend two Stark County 7-on-7s.

Even with fewer seniors

to lead the way, more local teams are likely to qualify for the expanded playoff field. Expectations are that a 3-6 record will guarantee a playoff spot.

Along with that, the top 16 seeds in every class will receive a first-round bye – something Vallas is not excited about.

"I don't even know if we'll get a bye this year, but we would have the last few years," Vallas said. "And one year we had a week off due to a forfeit and we did not play well the next week.

"I would not have liked to play Eastland-Pearl City after they were teeing off in the first round and we had a week off."

The Farmers outlasted Eastland-Pearl City 10-8 in the first round en route to a quarterfinal appearance.

As Carruthers said, "You can get healthy with a week off but you can also get rusty. I don't like it at all."

Another change for this season is the realignment of the LincolnLand Conference into three divisions. That change was passed last year after grumbling from some smaller schools.

In the North Division will be A-W, Knoxville,

Princeville, R-W, Stark County and Bureau Valley. The South Division features Abingdon-Avon, Havana, LVC, Monmouth United, Rushville-Industry and South Fulton.

The West Division will be made up of E-B, Farmington, Illini West, Macomb and West Hancock.

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-Village of Yates City

Farmers' Frye good as gold

BLOOMINGTON – Farmington's Chase Frye cruised to a title at the Midwest Nationals Wrestling Tournament on June 27 at Illinois Wesleyan University's Shirk Center.

Competing in the Boys 9th-10th division, Frye opened his run with a 19-3

technical fall over James Stadtler then pinned Torin McPeck in 34 seconds.

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Weekly Post Sports

Earlier start for football

Expanding playoffs means practice must start Aug. 5

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

The high school football offseason has shrunk.

Due to changes in the playoff format, practices this year will start on Aug. 5, one week earlier than in recent years. The season opener also moves up, with games permitted Aug. 20 but most teams playing under the Friday Night Lights on Aug. 21.

Those changes were necessitated by the Illinois High School Association's decision Feb. 12 to expand the playoff bracket from 256 to 348 teams for this season. Member schools voted 290-245 in favor of the change, with 67 votes cast with no opinion.

Will the difference mean much?

"I think moving things up a week really screwed up people's vacations," Farmington Coach Toby Vallas said.

"That just increases your chances of hot practices," Elmwood-Brimfield Coach Todd Hollis said. "You've got another week of that to deal with. That may make some teams have to adjust."

Most outspoken against the change is Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers, who said, "I think the whole thing should have been left alone. I'm less than pleased with the IHSA and how they rolled this out."

Local teams will all be on the road to start the season. Elmwood-Brimfield opens Aug. 21 at Annawan-Wethersfield, Farmington plays at Havana, Princeville is at Illini West and ROWVA-Williamsfield travels to Cuba to face the LVC Miners

2026 Football Schedules		
Elmwood-Brimfield		
Aug. 21	at Annawan-Wethersfield	7:00
Aug. 28	at ROWVA-Williamsfield	7:00
Sept. 4	vs. LVC	7:00
Sept. 11	vs. United	7:00
Sept. 18	at Farmington	7:00
Sept. 25	vs. Illini West	7:00
Oct. 2	at Chillicothe IVC	7:00
Oct. 9	at West Hancock	7:00
Oct. 16	vs. Macomb	7:00
Farmington		
Aug. 21	at Havana	7:00
Aug. 28	vs. Stark County	7:00
Sept. 4	vs. Annawan-Wethersfield	7:00
Sept. 11	at Abingdon-Avon	7:00
Sept. 18	vs. Elmwood-Brimfield	7:00
Sept. 25	at Macomb	7:00
Oct. 2	at Illini West	7:00
Oct. 9	at Seneca	5:00
Oct. 16	vs. West Hancock	7:00
Princeville		
Aug. 21	at Illini West	7:00
Aug. 28	vs. Havana	7:00
Sept. 4	at South Fulton	7:00
Sept. 11	vs. Peru St. Bede	7:00
Sept. 18	vs. Bureau Valley	7:00
Sept. 25	at Knoxville	7:00
Oct. 2	vs. Annawan-Wethersfield	7:00
Oct. 9	at ROWVA-Williamsfield	7:00
Oct. 16	vs. Stark County	7:00
ROWVA-Williamsfield		
Aug. 21	at LVC	7:00
Aug. 28	vs. Elmwood-Brimfield	7:00
Sept. 4	at Illini West	7:00
Sept. 11	vs. Havana	7:00
Sept. 18	vs. Stark County	7:00
Sept. 25	at Bureau Valley	7:00
Oct. 2	vs. Knoxville	7:00
Oct. 9	vs. Princeville	7:00
Oct. 16	at Annawan-Wethersfield	7:00

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Last fall, Farmington and Princeville both made the playoffs led by strong sen-

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