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MARY TODD LINCOLN

Mental-health struggles tainted First Lady’s image

By **TOM EMERY**
For The Weekly Post

She was reviled by a scornful public in life, and has been labeled the worst First Lady ever in death. Today, the winds are changing in her favor.

Mary Todd Lincoln, the devoted wife of the 16th president, suffered from severe mental instabilities that cloud her public perception, then and now. However, a string of recent historians have viewed her more sympathetically, leading to a reassessment of her strengths, weaknesses and legacy.

“We should view her with compassion, understanding and sympathy,” said Kathryn Harris, the retired director of library services at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield. “We should cut her some slack. And how do you do that? By learning more about her.”

...

Born Dec. 13, 1818, in Lexington, Mary was the fourth child in a socially prominent family. However, her parentage may have produced an ominous sign for her future stability.

In customs that were not unusual for Southern high society, Mary’s parents were second cousins, while her maternal grandparents were first cousins.

Mental illness also ran in the Todd family. As many as 14 of Mary’s relatives were in asylums.

In 1825, Mary’s mother died a day after her seventh childbirth,

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Mary Todd Lincoln portrait by noted photographer Matthew Brady.

Princeville plan put on hold by Peoria

Hope for sales-tax increase dim

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville School District can use some extra sales-tax money, according to its superintendent. Princeville might have to rely on its counterpart in Peoria to get it.

Right now, such assistance doesn’t appear to be forthcoming. Earlier this month, the Peoria School Board voted to delay a decision about whether to ask voters to increase the County School Facility Occupation Tax. The tax would rise from one-half of a percent to 1%.

A tax increase can be placed on the ballot if school boards that represent more than 50% of a county’s total student enrollment ask for it. The Peoria district alone is close to that percentage, Princeville Superintendent Tony Shinall told his community’s

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Petition foils proposal in Farmington

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Never underestimate the power of a petition.

After a long discussion about rezoning a business on Monday night, the Farmington City Council voted 3-2 in favor of the change.

“The motion passes,” Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said of the vote to rezone 447 W. Fulton St. from I-1 light industrial to I-2 heavy industrial.

“No, it doesn’t,” said the faint voice of City Attorney Bill Connor, who was monitoring the meeting online via computer.

Connor explained that because of an anti-rezoning petition signed by 61 residents and turned in moments earlier by resident Sarah Veach, the ordinance needed a two-thirds majority of the council to pass. In other words, approval came up one vote short.

Voting in favor of the ordinance were council members Alex Gilles, Leslye Smith and Dave Rose. Opposed were Joey Boggs and Nate Fleming. Jeni Crusen was absent.

After another discussion, the council voted unanimously to reconsider the ordinance at its next meeting on Aug. 3.

Business-owner Justin Stevens sought rezoning for a building on the south side of his property at 447 W. Fulton St. to accommodate a new steel-fabrication company. The company, to be operated by Dimitri Kapsalis and his wife, Farmington native Ashlan Kapsalis, hopes to eventually hire 10-12 workers.

The city’s planning commission had voted 5-0 in favor of the zoning change on July 6, at which time the council also indicated it

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This building on the south side of 447 W. Fulton St. in Farmington was the subject of a lengthy discussion Monday at a meeting of the Farmington City Council. An attempt to rezone the property as I-2 Heavy Industrial did not pass at the meeting but will be revisited at the next city council meeting, scheduled for Aug. 3. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

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PRINCEVILLE: 3-year pact with teachers

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school board during its meeting July 14.

“I would love it if we had it,” Shinall said about the additional sales-tax money. “As of right now, I don’t know and don’t care to predict what Peoria’s board will do. I’m not say-

ing they hold the whole vote, but they hold a lot.”

The Peoria board put a decision on hold to allow its new superintendent, Jerry Bell, to evaluate the tax and present options, according to the Peoria Journal Star.

That makes it unlikely the board will authorize anything in time for the proposed sales-tax hike to appear on the November-election ballot.

“If (Peoria) votes no, it’s probably not going to happen,” Princeville Board Member Darwin Stahl said.

Princeville receives about \$160,000 annually in sales-tax money after abatement, according to Shinall. Tax receipts can be used for capital improvements, bonds, property-tax reduction and school-safety purposes.

The additional sales-tax money, perhaps twice the current amount, could help pay for the district’s school-resource officer, according to Shinall.

Currently, the district and the village split the cost, although the contract between them is nearing its end. The tax also can finance additional school counselors.

Should the Peoria board not advance the sales-tax increase, it’s doubtful every other district that includes Peoria County territory would unite to do so, Shinall suggested.

“If Peoria’s dead-set against it, it would be a hard sell,” he said. “But we’re hoping they go for it. I’m sure they could use the money as well.”

Regarding action items, the board authorized a three-year agreement with the district teachers’ union. The agreement calls for pay raises of 5.02% in the first year, 4.93% in the second and 5.17% in the third. More than 50 employees are covered, including almost all certified staff, according to Shinall.

Also OK’d were a transfer of \$300,000 from the district working-cash fund to the transportation fund; a data-access and evaluation agreement with Northern Illinois University regarding the Peoria Educational Region for Employment and Career Training; and milk and fuel bids for the 2026-27 academic year.

Prairie Farms Dairy Inc. of Edwardsville offered the only milk bid. Ag-Land FS Inc. of Pekin was one of two fuel bids the district received, according to Shinall. The Ag-Land per-gallon price for the type of diesel fuel the district uses the most was lower than the other bid, from Michlig Energy, Ltd., of Manlius.



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Hot Picks Ahead

- **Family Farm Day** – The Princeville Heritage Museum offers a day focused on farming and families on Friday, July 24, 2-8 p.m., featuring antique tractors, kids activities, a food truck, blacksmithing demonstrations, story time and more.
- **Historic Voices** – Laura Keyes will give a presentation at Farmington Area Public Library on July 28 at 6:30 p.m. on black revolutionaries who helped build pathways for American independence from the beginning of colonization of North America through the final shots of the Revolutionary War.

This Week's Events

- **Band Concert** – The Elmwood Municipal Band will play Sunday, July 25, at 7 p.m. in Central Park. Concerts continue every Sunday through the summer.
- **VBS** – Brimfield E Free Church has its Vacation Bible School July 27-30 from 6:15-8 p.m. for children in Pre-K through 6th grade. Theme is an Irish adventure through Psalm 23. Call (309) 446-3571.
- The Baptist Church of Brimfield has VBS on Aug. 1 from 2-6 p.m. Bible classes, singing, crafts, games wiener roast and more. Call (309) 678-2208.
- **Plant History** – Explore 250 years of American history through the lens of plants, gardens and environmental action on July 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library. Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle presents the free program for ages 18 and up.
- **Frog Fest** – Dahinda United Methodist Church has its annual Frog Fest Aug. 1, 4-7 p.m. Jumping games with real frogs, live

- music, fried frog legs and plenty of other food. Bring a lawnchair.
- **Diabetes Cruise In** – The 20th annual Brimfield Super Cruise In for Diabetes is Aug. 1, 3-8 p.m. downtown and features food and drinks, raffles, a silent and virtual auction, live music, a dunk tank and kids activities in the American Legion.

Future Events

- **Orphan Train** – Rochelle Gridley will speak on The Orphan Train in McLean County on Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library. Free program for ages 18 and over.
- **Garden Club** – A garden meeting will be Aug. 6 at 5:30 p.m. Lillie M. Evans Library in Princeville.
- **Old Settlers Days** – Brimfield has its Old Settlers Days on Aug. 13-15 downtown. Carnival rides, food, live music and more. A 5K race/walk, 1-mile walk and kids fun run will be held at 8 a.m. on Aug. 15. Sign up by July 25 for guaranteed T-shirt.

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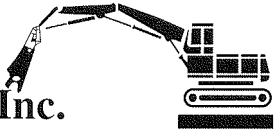
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Ironing out details for a digital presentation

Once upon a time, while still working for The Journal Star, I was told digital media would save newspapers. The wise sages of that long-ago era assured us posting stories online for free would attract enough advertisers to offset losses in paid circulation.



Jeff LAMPE

Evidently The Brothers Grimm authored that storyline, because it proved to be a fairy tale. While giving away free content may only have hastened the inevitable decline of newspapers, it was still a terrible business decision.

Which brings us to our own little publication, The Weekly Post. We have a website (illinoisweeklies.com) where since 2020 we have posted our entire paper online for free. Prior to that, from 2013-18, we posted digital copies at issuu.com/wklypost. (We're not sure what happened in 2019.)

Originally, my theory was that since we offer a printed version of the paper for free, the digital version should also be free.

My view has changed. Understand, that will not impact those of you who receive the paper in your mailbox for free. That will continue.

But before prep football season

starts on Aug. 21, we will probably establish a paywall on our website, illinoisweeklies.com. While a few stories will be posted for free, viewing the online version of the paper and all the archives will require you to either be a paid subscriber to the print version or to pay a fee for digital access.

We are still working out the details of this change. There are plenty of paywalls to sort through and lots of advice on how much to charge.

Why the change? For two weeks, we did not post a digital copy of the paper online. As a result, several readers asked where it was. A few said they cancelled paid subscriptions to read the online one for free.

That got me to thinking, "Why are we creating extra work by running a website that is actually costing us money?"

The situation also presented a possible solution to a growing problem: the reliability and timeliness of U.S. Postal delivery. As one subscriber noted, "By the time I get the paper through the postal service, it's two weeks old. Too late to attend any events such as a friend's funeral."

Others have told us they go weeks without receiving a newspaper, only to find four copies in their mailbox one day the next week. These types of calls are becoming more common. So, I share your frustration.

That's why we are also going to offer paid subscribers an option to receive the paper via email, instead of snail mail. Delivery would be guaranteed on the same day the paper is delivered locally.

And while the cost for a print subscription will increase soon, cost for that email version will be less expensive.

We'll announce final details in early August. Until then, please email me your views. Would you be willing to pay for an emailed version of the paper? Would you rather pay to read it on the website? Or do you still prefer poring over a printed copy, like me?

With any luck, we may find a solution that works better for everyone.

Not all news of local businesses is good. Someone from the Nickel Plate in Farmington posted on Facebook Monday that the bar was closed. The tavern at 18 W. Fort St. has been sale for some time. ... Parting shot: At least one caterpillar that was eating in the maple tree at my house (and pooping on the deck) has transformed into a polyphemus moth, a large tan silk-moth spotted in the yard this week. Never been so happy to see a moth, since its appearance means the pooping is stopping.

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LINCOLN: Well read and politically astute

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and her father remarried 17 months later. She endured a rocky relationship with her stepmother, who produced eight half-siblings. Mary later described her childhood as “desolate.”

She attended an array of fine boarding schools, attaining an education that left her well-spoken and highly cultured. In 1839, she settled in Springfield to live with her older sister, Elizabeth, who had married the son of an Illinois governor, Ninian Edwards.

Described as flirtatious with a pleasant Southern drawl, Mary was the life of many parties and was surrounded by flocks of suitors. “She loved to laugh, and she loved having a good time,” said Pam Brown of Springfield, who presents a variety of living-history programs on Mary’s life.

She met the gangly, awkward Lincoln at a Springfield ball in late 1839, and he reportedly said, “Miss Todd, I want to dance with you in the worst way.” Mary, noting the scuffling to her dancing slippers, later told a cousin, “and he certainly did.”

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Their stormy courtship included several breakups, including one on what Lincoln called “the fatal first of January in 1841” that left him “the most miserable man living.”

Some historians credit Mary’s cousin from Jacksonville, attorney John J. Hardin, with helping to reunite the couple. Hardin was elected to Congress the following year and was often politically at odds with Lincoln, even though both were Whigs.

Despite their differences, Hardin helped Lincoln avert a duel with another political rival, James Shields, in September 1842 over derogatory letters to a Springfield newspaper. One of the letters was actually written by Mary herself.

Five days after the scheduled duel, Mary and Abraham attended the marriage ceremony of Hardin’s sister, Martinette, at the Hardin family home in Jacksonville.

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Mary and Abraham married in November 1842, and the union has been

overanalyzed by writers for decades. Some, such as Lincoln’s former law partner William Herndon, claim the marriage was one of misery. But credible research says otherwise.

“I think the marriage was a strong one, a good one,” said Harris. “I have no doubt that they truly loved one another. The words ‘love is eternal’ were inscribed in her wedding band, after all.”

Immensely well-read, Mary shared Lincoln’s ambitions and was politically astute, a rarity for women of the era.

“She had a high understanding of the political realm in which she lived and was highly educated, more than most men in that time,” said Brown. “In that era, it wasn’t a woman’s place to express that, but she frequently did anyway, because of her strong will.”

That earned her the wrath of many around her, and her firecracker temper did little to help her cause.

Mary also had several relatives in Confederate service and invited some of her pro-Southern family members to stay at the White House, leading many to question her patriotism. But she was intensely devoted to both the Union and her husband’s policies.

Brown said Mary may have suffered from some issues of self-esteem. “Mary always seemed to need reassurance and acceptance,” said Brown. “... But sometimes, if it was hard for her to gain acceptance, she became volatile.”

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Sadly, Mary endured a string of tragedies that further rocked her stability. She lost three of her four children before adulthood, starting with their second son, Eddie, before the age of 4 in 1850. Their third son, Willie, died in the White House at age 11 in 1862, shattering both parents.

By then, Mary’s well-documented mental instabilities had taken hold. She was sitting next to her husband at Ford’s Theater on April 14, 1865, when assassin John Wilkes Booth plunged a bullet into Abraham’s skull. He died the next day, sending Mary into a lifelong tailspin that only worsened with the

death of her youngest son, 18-year-old Tad, in 1871.

“Tad was the last stronghold in her life and when he died, Mary’s life pretty much came to an end,” said Brown.

Mary’s behavior continued to deteriorate, and her wild spending habits were out of control.

“She was very cavalier with money,” said Harris. “Hers, and everyone else’s.”

As her actions became increasingly erratic, in May 1875 her eldest son, Robert, had her committed to a mental institution for upper-class women in Batavia.

Her insanity trial has been likened by some to an ambush, driving a wedge between Mary and Robert that never fully healed. She was released after four months, and was judged sane in a court proceeding in 1876.

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The stigma of mental illness, which was particularly prevalent in the 19th-century, followed Mary in both life and death. Today, some researchers, including Harris, believe she suffered from bipolar disorder.

“In our time, I think that’s how she would have been diagnosed,” Harris said. “She had tremendous mood swings.

“But if you think of all the bad things that happened to her, you can see

why her life would not have been the same. I think anyone would have been affected by that.”

Nomadic in her post-White House years, Mary drifted across the country and Europe before returning to Springfield. She died at her sister Elizabeth’s home on July 16, 1882.

For decades after her death, Mary was maligned by many historians and much of the general public, building a negative perception that lingers today. A number of modern researchers, however, consider that perception unfair.

In 1969, one female writer from Lincoln’s hometown of Springfield declared that “the blackest spot in our American history is the way that Mary Todd Lincoln has been treated.” Harold Holzer, one of the biggest names in current Lincoln studies, also views Mrs. Lincoln in a sympathetic light.

“Many of these modern historians are women, and they are finally opening the door to understanding what Mary was dealing with,” concluded Brown. “I think we’re tired of hearing all of the negatives about Mary, and want to highlight the positive. Mary was a complete person, not just a shrew.”

Tom Emery is a freelance writer and historical researcher from Carlinville. He may be reached at 217-710-8392 or il-civilwar@yahoo.com.

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AUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SALES

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 8:30am, 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).

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.mrpllc.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# 24-191221L

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.

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
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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.

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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
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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 0000211
I3290245
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Peoria Peoria, ILLINOIS
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff vs.
GEORGE W. MOREFIELD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant
26 FC 3
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 26, 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. 13-19-326-013.
Commonly known as 9929 WEST EDWARDS STREET, EDWARDS, IL 61528.

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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State rep touts efforts to lower prescription costs

For The Weekly Post
SPRINGFIELD – According to State Rep. Ryan Spain (R-Peoria), “too many families are stretched thin by high prescription costs.”

Spain was chief co-sponsor and helped pass the Prescription Drug Affordability Act (Public Act 104-452), a new law that puts patients first and reins in pharmacy benefit managers. It holds PBMs accountable by addressing predatory practices, delivering lower drug costs for Illinois families and protecting local pharmacies.

“Through the Prescription Drug Affordability Act, we have helped stabilize our community pharmacies, provide critical access to rural and low-income communities and empower consumers with tools to receive direct benefits through pharmaceutical manufacturer rebates and discounts,” said Spain

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

Police reports

• **PEORIA** – A Yates City man was accused of multiple offenses following an apparent police chase in Peoria.

Zachary R. Cassel, 33, was in a 2003 Ford Ranger pickup truck that Peoria County Sheriff’s Office deputies stopped about 4 a.m. June 23 on Otley Road, according to heavily redacted reports.

Cassel was charged with two felonies, unlawful possession of a stolen motor vehicle and aggravated fleeing and eluding. He also was accused of 12 major traffic violations.

Among the other charges against Cassel are reckless driving, speeding 26-34 mph above the limit, improper lane use, failure to stop at an intersection, driving on a suspended license, disregarding traffic-control devices and operating an unregistered vehicle.

Following the same incident, 35-year-old Dustin S. Miller of Peoria was accused of driving on a revoked license, attempting to elude a peace officer, disregarding a stop sign, not wearing a seat belt, operating an uninsured vehicle and two counts of failure to signal.

Cassel also had four active warrants, three in Peoria County and one in Knox County.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Hanna City man was implicated in a domestic-battery case.

Rupert S. Winston, 60, was arrested June 22, a day after the incident occurred at a residence in the 13700 block of W. Cottonwood Rd., a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated. The victim was a female from Hanna City.

Winston was transported to the Peoria County Jail. He also was accused of aggravated domestic battery.

• **ELMWOOD** – A two-car crash north of Elmwood resulted in no apparent injuries.

Shortly before 10:45 p.m. June 21, Tasha L. Widger of Elmwood was driving a westbound 2002 Jeep Grand Cherokee on Illinois Route 8 when at Illinois Route 78 it rear-ended a stopped 2013 Ford F-150 pickup truck, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.

The other driver was Dennis Edwards of Brimfield. Widger said she was retrieving a bag that fell inside the Grand Cherokee and did not see the pickup truck. Edwards had one

passenger. The report did not specify damages to each vehicle, although they exceeded \$1,500.

• **FARMINGTON** – No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle wreck southeast of Farmington.

Courtney B. Ashwood of Canton was driving a northbound 2005 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck shortly before 11:45 a.m. June 20 on Downs School Road when at Moul Road the vehicle collided with a westbound 2007 Jeep Liberty, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated.

Mary G. Gomez of Elmwood was the other driver. She said she had stopped at Downs School Road but did not see the pickup truck because of corn growing on the south side of the intersection. Ashwood had one passenger, a female. At least \$1,500 in damage was reported.

• **ELMWOOD** – An Elmwood-area man convicted of murder 36 years ago was arrested for failure to register with authorities.

A Peoria County Sheriff’s Office deputy contacted John M. Barton, 63, June 16, according to a heavily redacted report. Barton was non-compliant regarding the Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act.

Under that regulation, individuals are to register with law enforcement if they are convicted of committing first-degree murder of a victim younger than 18 and the offense was not sexually motivated.

• **HANNA CITY** – A single-vehicle accident south of Hanna City resulted in minor injuries to the driver’s hands and mouth. At 10 p.m. June 19, Derek S. Rybolt of Mapleton was driving a 2021 Jeep Gladiator in the 10200 block of W. Riekena Rd. when he tried to swerve around a small animal, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. Rybolt overcorrected and the vehicle went into a ditch. Logan-Trivoli firefighters evaluated Rybolt, who refused hospital treatment. The vehicle was towed.

• **YATES CITY** – A traffic stop in Yates City resulted in a Canton man being cited for driving with a suspended license.

The incident happened shortly before 9:30 p.m. June 18 on Illinois Route 8 at Knox Road 2300 East. Andrew J. Lewis, 58, was driving an eastbound 2009 Ford van pulling a trailer that had no taillights or registration light, according to a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report.

A check revealed Lewis’ license

was suspended. The vehicle was impounded.

• **HANNA CITY** – A case of apparent credit- or debit-card fraud was reported in Hanna City. The male victim, who resides in the 12500 block of W. Lancaster Rd., notified the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office shortly before 9 p.m. June 17. A sheriff’s-office report was redacted almost entirely. Heartland Bank of Pekin was listed in the report.

• **DAHINDA** – A Brimfield man was driving 37 mph above the speed limit south of Dahinda, according to authorities.

Nolan A.C. Collins, 19, was behind the wheel of an eastbound 2023 Chevrolet Malibu a Knox County Sheriff’s Office deputy recorded as traveling at 92 mph shortly before 4 p.m. June 14 in the 1500 block of U.S. Route 150.

He was cited for driving 35 mph or more over the speed limit. The vehicle was impounded.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A Princeville male was accused of harassing someone through Facebook Messenger.

The incident in the 300 block of S. Cottage Grove Ave. happened about 1:45 p.m. June 14, per a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The victim also was a male from Princeville.

Both parties were told not to communicate with each other.

• **TRIVOLI** – A Trivoli-area woman was accused of domestic battery. Brittany K. Ross, 34, was arrested following an incident that happened shortly after 6:15 a.m. June 13 at a residence in the 17000 block of W. Smithville Rd., according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.

The victim was a male from Trivoli. Ross was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Scott E. Garretts, 45, of Princeville was arrested at 9:30 p.m. June 21 and accused of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office. Garretts also was wanted in connection with a 2025 case of nonconsensual dissemination of a sexual image.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff’s Office responded between June 28-July 4: DUI, Yates City; custody dispute, Yates City; fireworks, Williamsfield; stray dog, Williamsfield; suspicious vehicle, Dahinda; alarm, Dahinda; driving complaint, Williamsfield; prowler, Dahinda.

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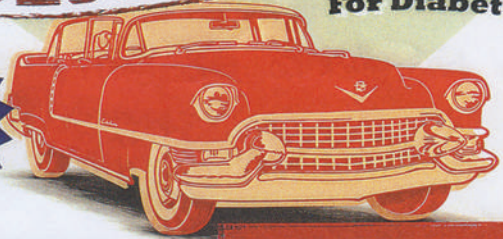
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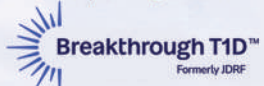
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FARMINGTON: Sewer bill adjustment tabled

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in favor of the change.

But several residents in a crowd of nearly 20 voiced concerns about the zoning change, which would allow noise from the business to pass beyond its property line.

Veach said hydraulic steel presses to be used by the new company would make a sound that reaches 80-100 decibels each time one hits a piece of steel.

“That’s a little loud on an eight-hour shift,” she said, noting there are six autistic children nearby who could be adversely impacted by the noise.

Veach, who lives two houses away from the business at 87 N. Hickory St., said she took her petition around to other residents who live near the business. The petition stated, “We the undersigned do not believe the property, 447 W. Fulton St., should be rezoned as I-2 heavy industrial. As this property is in a residential neighborhood with a city park one-half block away.”

Jim Van Houten lives at 55 N. Hickory St., directly west of the proposed business, and said he worries it would hurt property values. Other neighbors said they merely wanted to know more about the business.

Still others said the new factory would help Farmington.

“It’s shocking to hear how anti-jobs and anti-business some of our city folk are,” said Matt Ulm, who lives two blocks away from the business. “We need more jobs here and people who will do business in town.”

Ashlan Kapsalis said she helped convince her father-in-law, Stephen Kapsalis of Louisville, Ky., to locate the business in Farmington instead of Peoria.

“I want to be a good neighbor,” she said. “We’re going to be here. We’re in the community. I don’t want our community to get ruined, I just want to help it.”

Her husband, Dimitri Kapsalis, said the company does not actually need rezoning to start work because noise will be under legal thresholds.

That prompted other residents in the crowd to ask, “Then why make the zoning change?”

Stevens said he does not think the noise will be as much of a factor as people were indicating.

“A lot of it is the unknown,” he said, noting hydraulic presses in the new business actually require less pressure to operate than the mechanical presses in his shop. And Stevens said he has heard no complaints about the noise from his business, Phoenix Industries, where he manufactures parts and pieces for hollow metal door frames.

In other business, the council also tabled an ordinance that would limit how many times residents can request adjustments to their sewer bills. Resident Mike Cecil said limiting residents to two adjustments per year is too few.

Stufflebeam said he will amend the ordinance, with three or four adjustments both mentioned, to bring back for a future meeting.

In new business, the council voted 5-0 in favor of an intergovernmental agreement with Farmington Public Library for a \$150,000 TIF grant. The grant will be paid out at \$15,000 per year over the next 10 years to build and maintain an outdoor classroom.

The council also voted 5-0 to sell lots at 66 W. Fort St. located across from the U.S. Post Office.

With a crowd on hand, several other topics were also discussed.

- **Brick sidewalks** – Resident Gail Shockey asked whether the city could do something about replacing brick sidewalks in the city. Stufflebeam said the city is planning a sidewalk-replacement program for next summer through which the city would use TIF money to pay half the cost of new sidewalks. The homeowner would be responsible for the other half. “It will be first come, first served,” Stufflebeam said.
- **Road repairs** – A resident asked when permanent repairs will be made to trenches dug by Illinois American Water to install new water lines. Stufflebeam said the Illinois EPA is involved and requires a permit to inspect each project, which could take 90-120 days. He said Idlewhile Drive will be the first to be repaired since work started there.



PRINCEVILLE CUSD #326
2026 - 2027 REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FEES
K-5th Grades \$80.00
6th-8th Grades \$85.00
9th-12th Grades \$90.00
K-12th Technology Fee \$100.00
Agenda Fee 4th & 5th \$8.50
Plus additional fees as required

ONLINE REGISTRATION
K-12 online registration will start: June 15th
Registration payments may be made online or mailed to the school.

WALK-IN REGISTRATION
Walk in registration for **NEW FAMILIES** will be held at the schools on: Monday, August 3rd
PreK-5th will be at the Grade School
6th-12th will be at the Jr/Sr High School 4-7pm.

FAMILY ATHLETIC FEES
Athletic passes will be available at registration in the high school office and at home games.
Family pass \$100.00
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Free and Reduced lunch applications, Fee Waiver applications, and Student Insurance forms for those wishing to purchase insurance will be available.

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2:15 PM DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS
AUGUST 12TH - AUGUST 14TH
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Kindergarten - 12th Grade
Wednesday, August 12TH
8:00 AM - 2:15 PM

FIRST DAY OF PRE-SCHOOL
Orientation - Monday, Aug 17TH
First Day - Wednesday, Aug 19TH

K - 5TH GRADE UNPACK YOUR BACKPACK
Monday, August 10TH from 5:30-7pm at Princeville GS
Students should bring their school supplies with them.

6TH - 8TH GRADE LOCKER SETUP NIGHT
Monday, August 3RD from 6-7pm.
JH students set up lockers and locate classes.

6th Grade Student/Parent Orientation - Monday, August 3rd at 7:00 PM in the JH Collaboration Area.

9TH - 12TH GRADE LOCKER SETUP NIGHT
Monday, August 3RD from 5-6pm
HS students set up lockers and locate classes.

PJHS FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS
Softball Tryouts
Tryouts - Monday, July 27 & Tuesday, July 28th from 8:00 am - 10:30 am at the high school softball field. Wear softball attire, bring equipment and bring water.

Baseball Tryouts
Tryouts - Monday, August 3rd from 3-6 pm at the high school baseball field. Wear baseball pants and a hat. Bring baseball equipment and water. Practices will follow the rest of the week.



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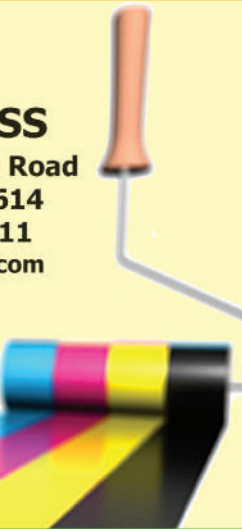
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Brimfield District 309
Important Upcoming Dates:
2026-2027

August 4th- In-person registration for new students or families needing help @ BHS 10-6pm
(Bright Futures will be there 4-6 pm)

August 11th- Teacher assignments posted in Skyward

August 12th- Back to School Night @ BGS

August 14th- K-12 1st Day of School
Dismiss at 1:50

August 20th- Bright Futures 1st Day



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BRIEFS

PCA announces 2026 scholarship winners

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville Civic Association recently announced its 2026 scholarship recipients. The scholarships were awarded to Bronwen Hill and Caitlin Murphy.

This year, each scholarship amount was \$1,000. PCA provides two scholarships to graduating seniors from Princeville High School and recipients must attend a community college, college, university or trade school in the immediate semester following high school graduation.

Hill will be attending Illinois Community College in nursing and plans to complete her degree at OSF Peoria. Murphy will be attending Kansas State University in animal science and has already been confirmed for early admission into the veterinarian program.

Each scholarship applicant wrote a short essay on ways he or she used high school volunteer hours to make a difference in the Princeville community. A committee of PCA members reviewed the applications without knowing the identity of the students.

The PCA was organized to promote community and economic development in Princeville.

College graduate

• Abigail Driesner of Edwards graduated summa cum laude (3.9 gpa) with a bachelor’s degree in engineering from Abilene Christian University.



Hill



Murphy

College honors

• Alexa Salverson of Brimfield was named to the Missouri University of Science and Technology Dean’s list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2026 spring semester.

• Several local students made the Carl Sandburg College Dean’s list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2026 spring semester: Brimfield – Landon Binder and Brady Johnson; Dahinda – Elizabeth Aigner, Oliver Anderson, Keagan Gerlach, Mackenzie Goff, Stori McKown, Kennedy Miller, Owen Rigg, Ella Rigg, Chloe Secrist, Riley Smith, Alisha Snyder and Karleigh Whiteside; Edwards – Connor Johnson; Elmwood – Sosie Binder; Farmington – Ava Essex, Dena Fleming, Ryan Helle, Nevaeh Howard, Brooklyn Murphy, Kayleigh Toombs and Dax Ulm; Hanna City – Madeline Lettow; Princeville – Dakota Roger; Williamsfield – Connor Buck, Kai-lea Custer, Emerson Hannam, Mi-rella Parente, Henry Powers, Lewis Sams, Nolan Sornberger, Trent Stiers and Rylee Triplett.

IPA names Rogers as new president, CEO

SPRINGFIELD – Jeff Rogers will

become the next president and chief executive officer of the Illinois Press Association, IPA Board President Jim Slonoff announced Monday.

Rogers will also remain executive director of the Illinois Press Foundation. He began his leadership role with the IPA on July 21, focusing on member relations and programming, with an emphasis on growing the organization and its role in the state’s changing journalism infrastructure. Rogers replaces Steve Jameson, who left the IPA on Monday.

Rogers has led the Illinois Press Foundation since 2018 and was the founding editor of its not-for-profit news service, Capitol News Illinois.

Before joining the Illinois Press Foundation, Rogers was a newspaper editor and reporter for 30 years with news organizations in Sterling, Dixon, Galesburg, Freeport and Monroe, Wis.

Rogers grew up in Lanark in north-west Illinois and has a journalism degree from Bradley University in Peoria.

Et cetera

• The Illinois State Police continue to target vehicle theft, hijacking and related violent crimes using grant funding from the Illinois Secretary of State’s Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council. From April through June 2026, ISP missions recovered 342 vehicles that were stolen or hijacked and resulted in 28 arrests. Ten firearms were seized as a result of the recoveries.



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Visit www.dist265.com for all important information, including School Calendar, School Supply Lists, Fees, Medical & Residency Requirements and other important announcements.

Important Dates

- District Wide Open House
Friday, Aug. 21st 4pm-6pm
- 1st Day of School - Monday, Aug. 24th
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OBITUARIES

Richard E. Shane

BRIMFIELD – Richard E. Shane, 77, of Brimfield, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on Oct. 16, 1948, in Peoria, Richard was the son of Ervan and Julia (DeWulf) Shane. He married Martha Yates on July 29, 2017, in Peoria and together they cherished nine years of love, laughter and memories.

Richard was raised with a strong work ethic and a deep appreciation for family and the land, values that remained at the center of his life. He dedicated 48 years of service to Caterpillar Inc., where he worked in purchasing until his retirement on Oct. 1, 2014. While Richard enjoyed his career, his true passion was farming. A lifelong farmer, he took immense pride in caring for the land and preserving a way of life that meant so much to him.

Above all else, Richard was a devoted family man. His greatest joy came from spending time with his children and especially his grandchildren, who were truly the twinkle in his eye. Nothing made him happier than cheering them on at their sporting events, celebrating their accomplishments and creating lasting memories together. His family was the center of his world.

Richard cherished traveling with his family, especially the many memorable trips they shared to Las Vegas. He was a proud member of the Peoria County Farm Bureau and the Kickapoo Sportsman's Club, where he enjoyed the fellowship of others who shared his interests.

Richard was known for his generous heart and giving spirit. He was always willing to lend a helping



Shane

hand, whether to a neighbor, a friend or even a stranger in need. Richard leaves behind a legacy of hard work, generosity, unwavering love for his family and dedication to farming. His gentle spirit, kind heart and steadfast presence will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him.

Survivors include his wife, Martha, of Brimfield; two children, Mar-nie (Chad Davis) Shane of Dunlap and Rick (Stephanie) Shane of Brimfield; two stepchildren, Darilynn (Mark) Criss of Germantown Hills and Brad (Megan) Patterson of Tremont; nine grandchildren, Dylan, Caleb, Shelbi, Kenzie (Brad), Kirstyn, Chad Jr., Pierce, Kiptyn and Tyra; seven great-grandchildren; and one brother, Robert (Barbara) Shane of Princeville.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Barbara Wyman.

Visitation was held at St. Mary Kickapoo parish hall on Monday, July 20, 2026. A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Kickapoo on Tuesday, July 21, 2026. The Rev. William Miller officiated. Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery in Kickapoo.

Preferred memorials in Richard's memory may be made to St. Jude Midwest Affiliate or the Brimfield Fire Department.

Friends and family are encouraged to go to www.wrightandsalmon.com to leave condolences, upload photos and share Richard's memorial page via social media.

Funeral arrangements were made under the direction and care of Wirght & Salmon Mortuary.

married the love of his life, Barbara L. Northrup, on Jan. 22, 1954 in Hanna City, spending 72 years together before she preceded him in death on June 5, 2026.

Surviving are two daughters, Tracy (Scott) Ruder of St. Jacob and Shalaine (Sean) Maher of Brimfield; six grandchildren, Nick (Sarah), Holly (Erika), Philip III "Boomer" (Lindsey), Kyla, Ashlyn (Austin) and Erin; five great-granddaughters, Willa, Lynleigh, Lily, Grace and Amyra; and beloved niece, Cindy Parr. He was also preceded in death by one son, Philip Snodgrass Jr.; one brother, Tom Snodgrass; and one sister, Marvel Passmore.

Philip joined the U.S. Marine Corps on Oct. 22, 1953, beginning his nearly 25 years in military service. He proudly retired from the U.S. Army on April 30, 1978, as an E-9 sergeant major. Philip later worked as a production associate for Mitsubishi Motors Manufacturing for many years, retiring on April 1, 2004.

Family was a huge part of Philip's life; he loved the time spent with his children and grandchildren. He also had a soft spot for the beloved pets he and Barbara had over the years. He was an avid reader and was the No. 1 patron at the Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood. Philip also enjoyed working around the house and took great pride in his yard.

To honor Philip's wishes, there will be no public services for him at this time. A burial for Philip and Barb will be held privately at a later date in Penn Ridge Cemetery. Golnick Family Funeral & Cremation Services (formerly Haskell) in Princeville is assisting with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood. Philip



Snodgrass

Philip A. Snodgrass

ELMWOOD– Philip A. Snodgrass, 90, of Elmwood, passed away at 8:40 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 2026, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria. Philip was born on Aug. 5, 1935, in Hanna City to Frank and Data (Beasley) Snodgrass. He

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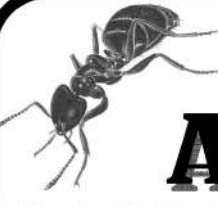
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— Earl Dibbles Jr.

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OBITUARIES

loved the library staff, they took great care of him over the years, ordering him books they knew he would enjoy.

Condolences may be left for Philip’s family on his tribute wall at www.golnickhaskellfh.com.

Judith A. Scott

HANNA CITY – Judith Ann Scott, 84, of Hanna City, passed away on July 10, 2026, at The Loft Rehabilitation and Nursing of Canton.

She was born on March 20, 1942, in Hardin to Elmer DeWitt and Mildred (Beckett) DeWitt-Miller. Raised in East Alton/Wood River, she settled in the Peoria area for 61 years, spending 38 years in Hanna City. She was a devoted wife for 65 years and a loving mother of two.

Judy worked 30 years at Caterpillar Inc. in many areas of human resources, lastly in East Peoria, and was a longtime member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Bartonville. Later in life, she attended Hanna City United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a nephew. Judy is survived by her husband, Carl “Scotty” Scott; her sons, Shawn Scott and wife, Dawn, and Brian Scott; her brother, Bob DeWitt, and wife, Jane; and five nieces and nephews.

A visitation was held July 22 at Hanna City United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to Hanna

City United Methodist Church, to The Pantry or The Women’s Group.

Frederick Seghi

FARMINGTON – Frederick Seghi, 96, of Canton, passed away on July 15, 2026, at Farmington Village in Farmington. He was born on July 9, 1930, in Norris to Eugene and Edith (McGee) Seghi.

Fred married Jacqueline Duffield on Feb. 10, 1956, in Canton. She preceded him in death on April 12, 2026. Also preceding him in death were his parents, daughter Connie Seghi, brother Donald Seghi and stepsister Roberta Looker.

Surviving are two children, Gina (DJ) Johnson of Farmington and Todd Seghi of Bloomington; two grandchildren, Caleb (Jeana) Johnson and Emily Johnson; two great-grandchildren, Corbin Johnson and Ansley Johnson; and nieces and nephews.

Fred retired from International Harvester Company as a foreman. He loved to hunt, fish and play cards. Fred wrestled at Manual High School, Bradley University and then made the Marine Corps wrestling team. Fred was a Marine Corps veteran. While at Bradley he transferred into the Air Force reserve.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial of ashes in Norris Cemetery will be at a later date.

Condolences can be left online at oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

Michael Williams

WASHINGTON – Michael Williams, 84, of Washington, whose life touched many, passed away on July 16, 2026, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Mike was born on June 25, 1942, in Benton to Charles and Ethel Beaty Williams. He married Sharon Pinkham on June 14, 1969, in Benton.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon, of Washington; three children, Jeff (Elyse Curtner) Williams of Herrin, Steven (Jennifer) Williams of Elmwood and Becky (Jesse) Donahoo of Bloomington. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Annalise, Brody, Brendan, Kiera, Kaylin, Levi and Laa.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert.

Mike was an honorably discharged U.S. Air Force veteran. He spent over three decades working with GTE and later Verizon, where he was a district manager, retiring after 31 years.

Mike had a charming and amusing sense of humor. He was always so welcoming, never met a stranger and loved connecting with others.

At Mike’s request, cremation rites have been accorded. While there will be no public services, his family will privately celebrate his life. His family invites you to share your favorite stories and memories of Mike to honor his memory.

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Pastor Doug Seeley
321 S. Jefferson St. Brimfield
(309) 678-2208
Sun. School: 9:30 am
Sun. Worship: 10:40 am
Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm

**St. Joseph
Catholic Church**
Father Corey Krengiel
Father Deogratias Mpewo
314 W. Clay Brimfield
(309) 446-3275
incarnationcatholic.org
Sat. Confession: 4-4:45 pm
Sat. Mass: 5 pm
Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
Daily Mass: Mon. & Thurs. 8 am
Adoration: Thursday 7 am

Saint Paul Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
Rev. Michael Wagnitz, Pastor
204 W. Clay St. Brimfield, IL
(309) 446-3233
The Lord bless your day.

**Sunday
9:30 a.m.** Divine Service

Brimfield E-Free Church
Pastor Donald Blasing
11724 Maher Road
Brimfield IL 61517
(309) 446-3571
brimfieldefree.org
Worship: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am
AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm ages 3-12

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

BIBLE TRIVIA
By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Psalms (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Song of Solomon 1:15, what kind of eyes does the beloved say the Shulamite has? Kind, Red of the demon, Doves, Blue of the sea

3. Used as both a greeting and farewell, what's the Hebrew word for "peace"? Shass, Simcha, Shabbat, Shalom

Sunday Worship: 9 am
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm
• First Sunday is Communion Sunday (gluten-free offered)
• Grief & Loss Group meets Tuesday afternoons 3-4:30 pm until further notice.

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

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

4. In Matthew 6, what did Jesus say not to use when we pray? Loud curses, Impure thoughts, Vain repetitions, Wandering shifts

5. From Esther 1, King Ahasuerus lived in what city? Ur, Shushan, Antioch, Tarsus

6. Who was the first son of Moses and Zipporah? Haggai, Gershom, Mark, Zebudah

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Doves, 3) Shalom, 4) Vain repetitions, 5) Shushan, 6) Gershom
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Maquon UM Church page

EDWARDS
Baptist Church
7422 N. Heinz Ln. Edwards
(309) 692-1755
bethanycentral.org
Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 am
In person and livestream
(Coffee pastries 8:30-10:30 am)
Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Father William Miller
9910 W. Knox St. Edwards
(309) 691-2030
stmaryskickapoo.org
Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm
Saturday Mass: 4 pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30 & 10 am
Mon., Wed., and Fri. Mass: 8 am
Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm

ELMWOOD
Crossroads Assembly of God
Pastor Don Nuttall
615 E. Ash St. Elmwood
(309) 742-6409
crossroadselmwood.org
Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am

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

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

**United Methodist Church
of Elmwood**
Pastor Austin Miller
821 W. Main St. Elmwood
(309) 742-7221
elmwoodumc.org
Sunday Worship: 9 am NEW!
Youth Sunday School: 10 am

FARMINGTON
Farmington Bible Church
Pastor Tony Severine
497 N. Elmwood Rd.
Farmington
(309) 245-9870
Sunday School: 9:30
Worship Service: 10:30

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

**First Presbyterian Church
of Farmington**
Pastor Cindy Bean
83 N. Cone Street Farmington
(309) 245-2914
firstpresfarmington.com
Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship: 10:30 am
Live on Facebook also
Fellowship: 11:30 am

**New Hope Fellowship
Assembly of God**
Pastor Tom Wright
1102 N. Illinois Route 78
Farmington
(309) 231-8076
Sun. Worship: 10 am
Wed. Worship: 7 pm

PRINCEVILLE
**Princeville United
Methodist Church**
Pastor David Pyell
420 E. Woertz Princeville
(309) 385-4487
princevilleumchurch.com
Sun. Worship: 8:30 am
Sunday School: 8:45 am

**St. Mary of the Woods
Catholic Church**
Father Corey Krengiel
Father Deogratias Mpewo
119 Saint Mary St. Princeville
(309) 385-2578
incarnationcatholic.org
Sat. Mass: 4 pm
Sun. Mass: 9 am
Wed. & Fri. Mass: 6:45 am
Tues. & Thurs. Mass: 8 am
Wed. Confession: 7-8 pm

TRIVOLI
Brunswick Community Church
4027 S. Stone School Rd, Trivoli
Pastor Terry England
Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:45 am
Sunday Evening: 6:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 pm
(309) 403-4626

**Zion-Penn Ridge
Lutheran Church (LCMC)**
18015 W. Smithville Rd., Trivoli
Pastor Mark Schoenhals
Pastor Jay Johnson
(309) 696-1300
zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com

Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
4th Sunday of month Worship: 8 am with communion

WILLIAMSFIELD
**St. James
Catholic Church**
Father Deogratias Mpewo
214 N. State Route 180
Williamsfield
(309) 446-3275
stjameswilliamsfield.org
Sun. Confession: 7-7:20 am
Sunday Mass: 7:30 am

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

YATES CITY
Faith United Presbyterian Church
Reverend Marla B. Bauler
107 W. Bishop St. Yates City
(309) 358-1170
Worship: 9 am
Sunday School: 10:15 am
Thursday Choir: 7 pm

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 13, 2026, a Certificate of Ownership of an Assumed Name Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois, stating that RAYE ANN BURDIN of 301 Main Street, Glasford, IL, 61533, intends to conduct and transact business under the name of Raye's Crafts Crochet & Collectibles at 301 Main Street, Glasford, IL 61533.
Dated this 13th day of July, 2026.
Rachael Parker
Peoria County Clerk
Published 7/23, 7/30, 8/6/26

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 NORTH-WESTERLY 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 DEGREES 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.mrpllc.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.
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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:

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 DIS-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Illinois State Statutes and the permanent **Zoning Ordinance of Peoria County, the Peoria County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold public hearings on August 13, 2026**, as follows:

Case No. ZBA-2026-0029 at 9:00 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of **CODY & KELSEY ROBERTS**, acting on their own behalf, a **SPECIAL USE** request from Section 20-6.2.1.1.b of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section allows for a special use when a proposed land split does not meet the 40 acre minimum lot size in the "A-1" Agricultural Preservation Zoning District. The petitioner proposes to divide 5 acres from an existing 45.5-acre tract.

That part of the Northeast Quarter of Sec-

TANCE 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
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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:

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 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.

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

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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

tion 14, Township 9 North, Range 5 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, which lies South of Meehan Road and East of the centerline of Clark Branch Creek and that part of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14, which lies East of the centerline of Clark Branch Creek; EXCEPTING THEREFROM, HOWEVER, a tract of land located in part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14 and in a part of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, all in Township 9 North, Range 5 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, more particularly bounded and described as follows and bearings for the purpose of description only: Beginning at an iron rod at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 14; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 49 seconds East, along the East line of said Section 14, a distance of 3955.40 feet to the Southeast corner of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14, a distance of 633.18 feet to an iron

rod; thence North 03 degrees 23 minutes 31 seconds East, 2890.94 feet to an iron rod; thence North 02 degrees 16 minutes 47 seconds East, 1076.43 feet to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 14, a distance of 385.00 feet to the Place of Beginning; said excepted tract containing 45.55 acres, more or less, and being shown on the Plat of the Survey thereof recorded on August 8, 1994 in Tract Survey Book 29 at Page 89, situated in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois. **(ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP 11-14-200-007)**

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BY: **ROB ASBELL**
CHAIRPERSON

Published 7/23/26

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
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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.
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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. GEORGE W. MOREFIELD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant
26 FC 3
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 26, 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:

TRACT 1: PART OF LOT 2 IN THE TOWN OF EDWARDS, A SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "F" PAGE 5, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN SAID TOWN OF EDWARDS, AND RUNNING THENCE WESTERLY. PARALLEL WITH THE CHICAGO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY 609.5 FEET. THENCE NORTH, 14 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT TO BE DESCRIBED: FROM SAID PLACE OF BEGINNING, RUNNING THENCE NORTH, 247 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT 175 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF A PRIVATE ROADWAY: THENCE WESTERLY, ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH AND 175 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID PRIVATE ROADWAY, A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET. RUNNING THENCE SOUTH, 247 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT 14 FEET NORTHERLY OF THE CHICAGO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 70 DEGREES EAST 100 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL THE COAL AND MINERAL RIGHTS UNDERLYING SAID PREMISES: SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 13-19-326-013.
Commonly known as 9929 WEST EDWARDS STREET, EDWARDS, IL 61528.
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.

TOWN OF EDWARDS, A SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "F". PAGE 5, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS. TO-WIT: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN SAID TOWN OF EDWARDS, THENCE WESTERLY 515 1/2 FEET AND 64 FEET NORTH FROM THE CENTER OF THE MAIN TRACK OF THE CHICAGO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY RAILROAD TO AN IRON PIPE AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN TO BE DESCRIBED: THENCE NORTHERLY. 240 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE: THENCE WESTERLY. 100 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTHERLY. 240 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE EASTERLY. 97 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL THE COAL AND MINERAL RIGHTS UNDERLYING SAID PREMISES; SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY ILLINOIS.

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SCHOOL YEAR | 2026-2027

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: School Year 2026-27 National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and Special Milk Programs

Princeville CUSD #326 _____ today announced its policy for free and reduced-price lunch, breakfast, milk, and after-school snacks for those students unable to pay the full price for meals and snacks under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and the Special Milk Program.

The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility.

Income Eligibility Guidelines										
Effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027										
Free Meals						Reduced Price Meals				
130% Federal Poverty Guideline						185% Federal Poverty Guideline				
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks
1	20,748	1,729	865	798	399	1	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136
2	28,132	2,345	1,173	1,082	541	2	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540
3	35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683	3	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944
4	42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825	4	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349
5	50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967	5	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753
6	57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109	6	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157
7	65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251	7	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561
8	72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393	8	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965
For each additional household member, add:	7,384	616	308	284	142	For each additional household member, add:	10,508	876	438	405
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Children from households that meet Federal guidelines are eligible for free or reduced-price meal services. Complete one application per household for all children that attend the same school district.

All meals served must meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture meal requirements. However, if a child has been determined by a doctor to have a disability and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, this school will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please contact the school for further information.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced-price meal services, households must complete the application as soon as possible, sign it, and return it to the school. Additional copies of the application form are available in the principal's office in each school. Households should answer all applicable questions on the form. An application that does not contain all the required information cannot be processed and approved by the school. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free/reduced-price meals and are encouraged to complete an application for benefits.

SCHOOL YEAR | 2026-2027

The required information is as follows:

- SNAP/TANF HOUSEHOLDS: If the school provided you a letter that stated your child(ren) is eligible for free meals via the direct certification process, you do not have to complete this application to receive free meal benefits. Households that currently receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for their child(ren) only have to list the child(ren)'s name and at least one SNAP or TANF case number and sign the application. If at least one SNAP/TANF case number is provided for **any** household member, then all children listed on the application are categorically eligible for free meals. Applications listing LINK card numbers cannot be used for free or reduced-price meals.
- ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: If a household's income is at or below the level shown on the income scale, children are eligible for either free or reduced-price meal services. Households must provide the following information: (1) the names of all household members; (2) the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member signing the application (or indicate if the adult does not have a social security number); (3) the amount of income each household member received last month, how frequently it is paid, and where it comes from (wages, child support, etc.); and (4) the signature of an adult household member.

The information on the application may be checked by school or other officials at any time during the school year.

Households may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. Households that are not eligible now but have a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, or a household member that becomes unemployed, should fill out an application at that time.

Homeless, migrant, runaway youth, Head Start, and foster care children are categorically eligible for free meals. Please follow instructions and return the form to the school.

Households that do not agree with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss it with the school. Households also have the right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the following official:

Name/Title	Tony Shinall, Superintendent	Mailing Address
Phone	(309) 385-2213	909 N Town Avenue
Email	tshinall@princeville326.org	Princeville, IL 61559

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For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-378456
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
JOCELYN FREY; ZACHARY S NEVELLS A/K/A ZACHARY S NEVELLS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2026-FC-0000083
919 EAST WILSON AVENUE
PEORIA HEIGHTS, IL 61616
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE

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

LOT 32 IN HIGHLAND ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, INCLUDING LOT 121 OF HIGHLAND GARDENS, A PART OF LOT 3 AND ALL OF LOT 4 OF A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 919 East Wilson Avenue
Peoria Heights, IL 61616
and which said Mortgage was made by, Jocelyn Frey and Zachary S Nevells a/k/a Zachary S Nevells Mortgageor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Herget Bank, N.A., a National Association Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of

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

Estate of
MARK A. WINEFORDNER, deceased
No. 2026-PR-0000140

Notice is given of the death of MARK A. WINEFORDNER. Letters of Office were issued on July 8, 2026, to JAY D. WINEFORDNER, 328 S. Prospect St., Cambridge, IL 61238, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Michael Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Peoria County Circuit Clerk, 324 Main St. G22., Peoria, IL 61602, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Massie & Quick, LLC
Attorneys for Estate
P.O. Box 205
Galva, IL 61434
Telephone: (309) 932-2168
Published 7/16, 7/23, 7/30/26

Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2011003355; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before August 24, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is

possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411- 1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820
Chicago, IL 60606-1220
Ph. (312) 346-9088
File No. 26-268121L-1433555
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Answers on Page 10 — **Super Crossword** — OPENING SEQUENCE

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Off-guard way to be caught | 58 Removes (oneself) |
| 9 Bread has a lot of them | 60 Veteran |
| 14 Anchorage locale | 61 Europe's "Eternal City" |
| 20 Aspire to something specific | 62 French battle site of '44 |
| 21 Love, in Lido | 63 Doesn't skip, as an event |
| 22 Hoped for | 65 Reagan appointee Antonin |
| 23 Founder of the Miracles | 67 Speak frankly |
| 25 Lodged | 71 Jungle gym |
| 26 Pulley part | 73 Film director |
| 27 With long suffering | May |
| 29 Rajah's wife | 74 1954-76 Dodgers manager |
| 30 Alternatives to Cokes or Pepsis | Walter |
| 33 — -mo | 76 T-man Eliot |
| 34 Twice LI | 77 Outing ruiner |
| 35 Raptor's claw | 78 "How was — know?" |
| 36 Record | 79 Self-server |
| 41 Ape in an arcade game | 81 Some IRA contents |
| 43 1307-27 king of England | 84 Master of the dog Pluto |
| 44 Prefix with natal or con | 88 Sundown's direction |
| 46 Comic book shriek | 89 Accepted |
| 47 Thick deli cut | 90 China's Long March leader |
| 48 This, in Baja | 91 2012 Best Director Lee |
| 50 Olduvai | 93 Alternative to Match or OkCupid |
| Gorge pale-ontologist | 95 It's pushed in an ice rink |
| 57 Beer cask | 6 Singer Acuff |
| | 101 Tart gin cocktail |
| | 103 Once-popular anesthetic |
| | 104 Certain pipe shape |
| | 105 Maple fluid |
| | 106 Tax return ID |
| | 107 Tiger's sound |
| | 108 Restricting freedom of thought |
| | 111 Work site welfare org. |
| | 115 Poppas' partners |
| | 117 "Arrow's Fall" novelist |
| | 121 Of high peaks |
| | 122 "Rapture" singer Baker |
| | 123 All aspects considered |
| | 124 Fitting one inside another |
| | 125 A-bomb trial |
| | 126 Index entries ... or what 10 |
| | 127 Answers in this puzzle have? |
| | 1 KGB's land |
| | 2 Lost clown fish of film |
| | 3 Sitting on |
| | 4 Stir to life |
| | 5 Go gray, say |
| | 6 Singer Acuff |
| | 7 It may get plugged up |
| | 8 Pig food |
| | 9 Jenner of reality TV |
| | 10 Prenatal exam |
| | 11 Suitor's flower |
| | 12 Rodeo horse |
| | 13 Submitted, as an entry |
| | 14 Out of whack |
| | 15 Taoism's — -tzu |
| | 16 Inuit parka |
| | 17 Fr. resort port |
| | 18 Really into |
| | 19 Appending |
| | 24 Bottom |
| | 28 In this way |
| | 30 — Nabisco (old corp.) |
| | 31 World Champion Bull of 2009 |
| | 32 Clip, as a coupon |
| | 35 Young kid |
| | 36 Study fixture |
| | 37 Not in use |
| | 38 Gala bagful |
| | 39 Hailed car |
| | 40 Thing flown in the wind |
| | 41 Scooby- — |
| | 42 Wiggling fish |
| | 45 Otherwise |
| | 49 "Still I Rise" poet Maya |
| | 51 Until this time |
| | 52 Element #26 |
| | 53 Saudis, say |
| | 54 Nut with caffeine |
| | 55 Kuwaiti royal |
| | 56 Positive votes |
| | 58 Env. alert |
| | 59 Santa's bagful |
| | 62 Short-limbed lizard |
| | 64 Urban haze |
| | 65 Reel from a wallop |
| | 66 Certain skin bulge |
| | 67 Time in office |
| | 68 Jai — |
| | 69 Secular |
| | 70 Green Hornet's valet |
| | 72 Fried stuffed dumplings |
| | 75 Many a new driver |
| | 78 "Pass the ball to me!" |
| | 80 Crawl (with) |
| | 81 Diner worker |
| | 82 Concluded |
| | 83 Vodka brand |
| | 85 Part of ER: Abbr. |
| | 86 "Huzzah!" |
| | 87 Cinch — |
| | 89 Sister station of Flix, in brief |
| | 92 Give the evil eye to |
| | 94 — Tin Tin |
| | 95 Politico |
| | 96 "Troy" actor |
| | Peter |
| | 97 Bites, as a horse at the bit |
| | 98 Muppet frog |
| | 99 Tracey of "Mrs. America" |
| | 100 Patron |
| | 102 Apple debut of 2010 |
| | 105 Splinter groups |
| | 108 Opposite of new |
| | 109 Spreadable cheese |
| | 110 It may get plugged up |
| | 111 Eight, in Baja |
| | 112 Alternative to Heath, candy-wise |
| | 113 Clutched |
| | 114 Positive votes |
| | 116 Netflix's "Anne With —" |
| | 118 Opposite of NNW |
| | 119 Install, as tile |
| | 120 "How cute!" |

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Pages From The Past

Compiled by Andy Latora

Six Years Ago

- The Brimfield School District plans to start school on Aug. 19 with in-person instruction offered five days per week.
- The Farmington City Council on Monday resumed discussing a commitment, which aldermen last November unanimously approved, to the Rails-to-Trails effort to buy a railroad right of way. "If we don't act soon," said Mayor Kent Kowal, "the opportunity will go away." Skeptics of the conversion of the old Union Pacific Rail line question the cost.
- The annual Redneck Fishing Tournament was cancelled for the second straight year. Last year the unusual event fell victim to flooding. This year COVID-19 was the cause.
- While training continues for many athletes, the looming question nobody can answer is whether there will actually be games this fall. Some clarity should come Friday, though ironically, the decision

whether athletes take to the court could ultimately be decided in court.

11 Years Ago

- With a large audience and a steamy room as the backdrop, the Farmington City Council approved a TIF agreement with Peterson Health Care.
- Akron-Princeville, Williamsfield and Brimfield fire departments were among those responding to a house fire July 17 at the corner of Illinois Route 40 and Santa Fe Road. A candle reportedly fell over in a bedroom, starting the blaze at the house occupied by Tim and Denise Kieser. Due to the extreme heat, firefighters took turns battling the blaze.

16 Years Ago

- Main St. Diner & Ice Cream opened at 608 W. Main St. in Elmwood (formerly the Tastee-Freez) on July 13. The new business is owned and operated by J&G Cafe.

36 Years Ago

- A rain and wind storm blew a large tree limb down on the

Rodger Depperman home and punched three holes in the roof and damaged siding. Neighbors helped clean up the tree.

56 Years Ago

- A tornado hit Elmwood on Tuesday night, striking the home of Frank Reicheneker about 11:15 p.m. The tornado tore the garage up and the whole roof of the house was ripped off. No one was injured. The half-constructed home of Elwood Wheeler, located across the street from the Reichenekers, was the second house struck. They were the only two houses hit by the tornado.

76 Years Ago

- Illinois farmers expect to harvest 20.5 million acres of field crops this season, only 1.3 percent less than last year's record.

96 Years Ago

- The Palace Theatre in Elmwood has means for cooling air that passes through a large ventilating fan over ice to keep patrons comfortable during the hot weather.

FAMILY FARM DAY

FRIDAY, JULY 24

2 PM - 8 PM



PRINCEVILLE HERITAGE MUSEUM

- Antique Tractors
- Kids Activities
- Food Truck
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- Blacksmithing Demonstrations and Much More!

MANNA Meal

Elmwood United Methodist Church
821 W. Main

Thursday, July 30th • 12:00pm

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad & dessert

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Remember to bring your own table service



Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: How many vertebrae are in the human spine?

2. U.S. CITIES: Which city is home to the Gateway Arch, known as the tallest arch in the world?

3. TELEVISION: Which 1970s sitcom introduced a neighbor named Phyllis Lindstrom?

4. HISTORY: When was the first heart transplant performed?

5. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Cape Verde islands located?

6. MOVIES: Which 1991 film featured a villain named Max Cady?

7. MUSIC: When did Taylor Swift's second studio album ("Fearless") win the Country Music Association's Album of the Year award?

8. SCIENCE: What is nephology?

9. MEASUREMENTS: What instrument is used to measure the depth of oceans?

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby deer called?

Answers

1. 33.

2. St. Louis, Missouri.

3. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."

4. 1967.

5. Off the west coast of Africa.

6. "Cape Fear."

7. 2009.

8. The scientific study of clouds.

9. An echo sounder or fathometer.

10. A fawn or calf.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Moana

2. Minions & Monsters

3. Toy Story 5

4. Evil Dead Burn

5. Young Washington

6. Obsession

7. Supergirl

8. Disclosure Day

9. Backrooms

10. Gail Daughtry and the Celebrity Sex Pass

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

THESE FISH WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT 'EM. I'VE CREATED MY OWN SECRET WEAPON.

I TOOK CORN DOGS AND STUFFED THEM WITH CHUNKY PEANUT BUTTER AND SKITTLES.

OK, FISHIES, IT'S CHOW TIME!

GEEZ, I THINK THERE'S MORE NUTRITIONAL VALUE IN THOSE DUMB PLASTIC LURES.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I NEED TO JOIN WEIGHT WATCHERS

...BEEN EATING WAY TOO MANY OF MY OWN WORDS LATELY.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT GOING GRAY. BY WHAT I'M SEEING, IT'LL HAVE ALL FALLEN OUT BEFORE THAT.

GRIN & BEAR IT

by Wagner

"I could have been a bigger success than you could have been!"

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.

VFNKN EVK VKA, BGA CN

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XKRRKV RPEW EWU WCLPR

FW RPK RFOV.

- KEVZ ACXXZKN HV.

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BASKETBALL: Promising performances for Farmington players

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players and their families this spring in coordinating a schedule that was as accommodating as possible.

“Too many years, we just set a schedule and maybe not had everybody with us,” Fugitt said. “I’ve tried to get ahead of that as best I can.

“I’m out of town and traveling as much as our players are. It’s good for them to be able to get away and not feel like anybody’s holding it against them. That’s what the summer’s for, to get some time.”

The Trojans had some time together away from the court, too – a team-building camp at the Western Illinois University Horn Field Campus, a lodge-and-cabins facility outside Macomb. On the court, they played at Farmington, Monmouth and a three-team round robin at Stark County.

Elmwood returns incoming senior Quinton Johns and juniors Karsyn Bolton and Gavin Strom, among others, from a 17-13 team. Fugitt said those guys should be solid, but more work needs to be done before the season begins in November.

“We’re going to have to be a lot better together, probably, than what we looked like at times this summer,” Fugitt said. “We have the numbers of returning guys who know our system well. We just have got to be a little bit better at executing it.”

As of last week, Fugitt still was looking for a varsity assistant coach. His previous one, Brandon Butler, left to become girls basketball head coach at Brimfield.

• **Farmington** – Monmouth also was a destination for Farmington, which won one of five games it played there for Tyler Southwood, the Farmers’ new head coach. Abingdon-Avon, Orion, Sherrard and one of at least two teams from Moline were among the opponents.

“We were missing some kids who were at baseball, so we had some other guys step in and get their feet wet a little bit,” Southwood said. “It was an opportunity for us to play some really good basketball teams that we don’t always see.”

The Farmington summer league consisted of 14 varsity teams. Farmington also was host the first week of June to the Wierzba Shootout, a six-team event that had three Class 1A teams and two 2A teams besides the host.

Farmington lost six seniors from a 17-14 team that reached the 2A sectional semifinals. The top returnee might be Logan Gardner, an incoming junior who emerged as an interior force toward the end of last season.



Southwood

“Logan looked really good,” Southwood said. “I think one of the big adjustments for him is we’re breaking in a full new set of perimeter players. It was maybe a little easier with those guards getting him the ball last year. This year, we had to do a little bit of changing.

“We asked him to go outside and see what he looked like on the perimeter. He’s a good shooter and a very underrated passer. He’s going to only continue to get better.”

Blake Melz, an incoming senior, will be asked to do more in terms of point-guard leadership, according to Southwood.

Senior Cole Blackhurst and juniors Logan McCoy and Kolben Haroldson also showed promise, as did sophomore Carson Noy. So did Jakoby Johnson, a 6-foot-3 junior who transferred from Brimfield.

“They’re (all) very coachable, quality kids, and when you have that, you feel like there’s going to be some good things that eventually happen for them,” Southwood said.

• **Princeville** – Another first-year head coach, Aaron Cowser of Princeville, kept summer activities to a minimum.

Princeville was host to Monday round robins that included ROWVA-Williamsfield and Stark County, among others. Cowser also ran a camp for a week. Participation on the part of the Princes appeared to be spotty.

“I feel like you get groups of kids who really love basketball and won’t ever miss and other groups where it’s not as important to them,” Cowser said. “I think every school goes through that at certain times.

“You go do these scrimmage things and you beat a team and feel pretty good, but then you realize they had three kids gone. Hopefully the seniors show up and we’ll get after it and get in the gym and have a successful season.”

One incoming senior, Blake Dickinson, impressed this summer, according to Cowser. Classmate Gavin Carroll improved. Others to watch include juniors Cooper Cox and Cam Lauber and sophomore point guard Carson Reuber.

“I feel like we’ll have our days where we can compete with really good teams, but I also feel we’ll have our struggling nights as well,” Cowser said. “How hard of an effort and work we put in during the season will determine how good a team we are by the end of the season.”

Princeville lost two key seniors, Brady Day and Collin Lowery, from a 15-16 finisher in 2025-26.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Winners of only one game out of 31 last season, ROWVA-Williamsfield fared better this summer.

The Cougars won five of 18 summer games, according to Coach Ryan Hart. They played at home, at Monmouth, at Princeville, Stark County and Granville Putnam County.

“We’ve just got to learn how to win,” Hart said. “That seems to be our biggest bugaboo.

“Our skill work is getting better. Defensively we do all right, offensively we do all right. We had two or three games slip away from us at the end because we didn’t know how to finish.”

Hart said he isn’t relying on anybody at the moment, but incoming seniors Daniel Skala, Hayden Tucker and Joe Wick might be the top candidates. Their summers were productive.

“They proved they can take direction and kind of put it to use,” Hart said. “The last year or two, when they were younger, it was harder for them to transfer all the knowledge into actual game play.”

A sign things might be looking up for R-W came early in summer play, with a victory over Princeville.

“It just seemed like ‘OK, we should be able to get some stuff accomplished this summer,’” Hart said. “The one thing I’m going to take away from this summer is we can win some games. ... Overall, it was productive.”



Elmwood C.U.S.D. #322

REGISTRATION FOR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS 2026-2027

BEGIN/END DATES: Monday, July 6th 8:00 AM – Friday, July 31st at midnight
Please access your TeacherEase account to complete the registration process. In-person registration will be on Thursday, July 23rd from 10:00am to 2:30pm in the elementary office or 2:30pm to 7:00pm in the high school lower commons. (A separate packet will be sent out by the school nurse the first full week of school for any required forms - medical or otherwise)

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Wednesday, August 12th: Backpack Night for PreK-12 6:00-7:30PM
Wednesday, August 12th: 7th Grade Orientation at 6:30PM
Thursday, August 13th: First Day of School - 8:10AM – 2:15PM

PHYSICALS / DENTAL EXAMS / IMMUNIZATIONS

***All student health & immunization records must be on file before the start of school.**
Examinations: Students entering Kindergarten, 6th and 9th Grades must have a new physical exam on file in the school office before being allowed to start school. Students entering Kindergarten, 2nd, 6th, and 9th grades are required to have a dental examination. Students enrolling in Kindergarten or upon first entry into an Illinois school beyond Kindergarten (i.e., grades 1-12) are required to have an eye exam. **Please Note:** It is also recommended that children entering Kindergarten or Preschool for the first time be lead tested.
Immunizations: One chickenpox/varicella vaccination is required for Pre-School and proof of having had two chickenpox/varicella vaccinations is required for students entering Kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades or a letter from their physician stating they’ve had the chicken pox. All students entering 6th grade are required to have proof of completion of the Hepatitis B series shots. All students entering, transferring, or advancing into 6th through 12th grades will be required to show proof of receipt of one dose of DTap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) and proof of receipt of two doses of MMR (measles, mumps, Rubella). All students entering 6th & 7th grades will be required to show proof of one dose of Meningococcal Meningitis vaccine given on or after their 11th birthday. All students entering 12th grade will be required to show proof of two Meningococcal Meningitis vaccines with the second dose being given on or after their 16th birthday. (Only one dose is needed IF the student’s first dose was given at age sixteen years or later).

FEES & INFORMATION

Registration: Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2026, in order to enroll and will be screened as part of the registration process. To reserve a screening date for your child, please call 309-742-4261. All Kindergarten and newly enrolled students must bring a certified copy of live birth when registering. All students will need to bring their social security number with them when registering.

Book Rental & Technology Fees:
\$110.00 – K-6
\$125.00 – 7-8
\$150.00 – 9-12
\$25.00 – K-12 (Tech. Ins.)

Additional Fees:
\$150.00 – Driver’s Education
\$35.00 – Art Class
\$25.00 – Foods Class

Sports Fees:
HS - \$50/sport (max per athlete \$70)
JH - \$40/sport (max per athlete \$50)
5th/6th grades - \$40/sport
(\$120 max sports fee per family)

Lunch Prices:
\$2.85 – K-6
\$3.10 – 7-12
(Free/reduced lunch applications available at registration)

FAMILY ATHLETIC PASS: \$125



Elmwood 2026 Fall Sports Start Dates

A Junior High Fall Sports Parent/Guardian Meeting will be held on Friday, July 31st at 5:45 pm in the HS Auditorium. Please plan to attend!

- *Elmwood Junior High Softball** - 1st practice Monday, July 27th; Sweetwater Park; 5:00-7:00 pm.
- *Elmwood Junior High Baseball** - 1st practice Monday, August 3rd; Sweetwater Park; 3:45-5:45 pm.
- *Elmwood Junior High Cross Country** - 1st practice Monday, August 3rd; Elmwood JH; 8:00-9:15 am.
- *Elmwood Junior High Girls Basketball** - 1st practice Monday, September 14th; Elem. Gym; 5:00-7:00 pm
- *Elmwood/Brimfield Trojan Football** - 1st practice - Wednesday, August 15th; 4:00-7:00 pm. Parent meeting Sunday, August 2nd 7:30pm; EHS Auditorium.
- *E/B High School Spirit Squad** - 1st practice Monday, August 3rd; HS Commons; 9:00 am - noon.
- *E/B High School Boys and Girls Cross Country** - 1st practice Monday, August 10th; EHS; 6:30 am. Parent meeting Monday, August 10th at 6:45 pm; Elmwood HS Gym.
- *Elmwood High School Volleyball** - 1st practice Monday, August 10th; HS Gym; 4:00-7:00 pm. Parent meeting Monday, August 10th at 7:00 pm; Elmwood HS Gym.
- *Elmwood Boys/Girls Golf** - 1st practice Monday, August 10th; Maple Lane Country Club; 8:00 am. Parent meeting August 10th; 7:00pm; Elmwood HS Commons.

Every Junior High and High School athlete must have an updated physical on file at their school to be able to participate in the first practice.

Athletic Activity Fees

- HS football, cross country, basketball, track, volleyball, baseball, softball, golf, cheerleading, spirit squad, dance:
Per sport \$50 ~ Max per individual \$70
- JH basketball, volleyball, cross country, track, baseball and softball, cheerleading: Per sport \$40 ~ Max per individual \$50
• 5th & 6th - grade basketball: Per sport \$40

****The athletic activity fee is a maximum of \$120 per family, whether athletes are in HS, JH, or 5th & 6th grade.**

Weekly Post Sports

Brimfield hoops faced curveball

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

The summer of Sams has been a little weird, from a basketball standpoint. James Sams, the new Brimfield boys head coach, summarized it that way recently. The success of the Brimfield-Elmwood baseball team, of which he also is head coach, had something to do with it. So did a class trip to Ecuador that included some of his basketball players.

The baseball team's advancement to the Class 2A supersectionals crossed into the first few weeks of summer-league basketball play. Some Brimfield athletes participate in both sports. A parent volunteered to coach the mostly freshman and sophomore basketball players in that stretch, Sams said.

Sams also said his full basketball team was together only a few times in May and June, when much summer activity happens.

"I thought it went as well as it could, given our circumstances," Sams said. "The last two weeks, we did have everybody there. We won a couple of games, but it was hard to get a true read on everything with mixing and matching all summer."

Sams was an assistant coach for a Brimfield team that finished 25-8 last season and advanced to a Class 1A sectional final. He ascended after Scott Carlson retired for a second time. That Brimfield sectional qualifier had four senior starters.

The Indians played in a four-week summer league in Farmington and were four regulars short in a five-game shoot-



Hougham Sams

out at Monmouth College. In that event, Brimfield went 1-4, with a victory over Knoxville and losses to Burlington (Iowa) Notre Dame, Kewanee, Monmouth-Roseville and Rockridge.

"It was a good experience for our young kids, and even for some of the kids we're going to rely on this year who don't have a ton of varsity experience," Sams said.

Incoming junior Griffin Hougham is the only returning Brimfield starter. Sams is to rely on him and incoming seniors Lane Symonds and twins Logan and Luke Estes. Point guard appears to be a competition among senior Blake Bruner, sophomore Keegan Forney and junior Westin Smith.

Smith might have the edge right now, according to Sams.

"Westin had a really good summer," he said. "I thought he did a good job distributing the ball."

• **Elmwood** – Conflicts with summer-basketball activities were few at Elmwood, according to Coach Josh Fugitt. That was by design.

Fugitt said he consulted with his

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The Elmwood Elementary Parents' Club presents:

The Golf Fore Education Outing, Dinner, and Silent Auction

Saturday, August 22nd
Maple Lane Country Club
Golf starts at 12pm
Dinner starts at 6pm
Browse the auction throughout

A Night for Everyone

Not a golfer? No problem! Our Dinner and Silent Auction is open to everyone. Enjoy a delicious meal, connect with fellow parents and teachers, and bid on exciting items – all while supporting Elmwood students. It's a wonderful way to be part of the event and make a meaningful impact.

Registration Form

Name/Business: _____ Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

- ___ \$25 Raffle Ticket – 250 available: chance at \$1000, 1/2 hog, or multiple cash prizes
- ___ \$40 Individual Dinner – attend dinner, raffle and silent auction
- ___ \$75 Couples Dinner – attend dinner, raffle and silent auction
- ___ \$250 Trojan Way Sponsor – hole sign + business/family name on marketing
- ___ \$500 Trojan Tradition Sponsor – Trojan Way + social media shoutout and dedicated post
- ___ \$600 Golf Team – team of 4 golfers, greens fee, 4 golfer dinners, and 4 shirts (available ONLY online)
- ___ \$3000 Event Sponsor – Golf Team + Event Sponsor sign, dedicated social media post, name on marketing
- ___ \$40 Mulligan Package – one per team
- ___ Monetary Donation – donation in appreciation for having nothing to buy, sell or do
- ___ Donate – item or gift certificate (any value) to be used as a silent auction item or for goody bags for golfers

Please indicate: _____

Visit <https://elmwood-parents-club.square.site/> or use the QR code to register. Forms can be returned to the school in an envelope labeled "Golf Fore Education" with a check made payable to "Elmwood Elementary Parents' Club"

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