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Wyoming council explains plans to end water issues

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The City Council on Tuesday discussed plans to avoid future water production issues and passed a three part resolution to acquire equipment to help make that happen.

Mayor Jim Mercer, City Engineer Justin Reeise and the council explained the situation that impacted the city’s water system June 5-6 water issue and outlined new expenditures to prevent the problem.

“We lost both high-service

pumps and then an airlock occurred from the reservoir to the pumps,” Mercer said.

Due to the airlock, the city was unable to produce water for 12-14 hours. Fortunately, there was enough water already in tanks so that there was not an outage.

“We have a solution to this problem to keep it from recurring,” Mercer said.

The council approved \$39,195 to be split among three vendors. Peerless Well and Pump will be paid \$7,333 (excluding freight)

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for a spare booster pump. Sovereign Control Systems is to be paid \$11,878 to design, program and install a panel view Human-Machine Interface into the existing tower panel that includes a programmable logic controller and field wiring.

Finally, G.A. Rich and Sons, Inc. will be paid \$19,984 for the

chemical feed, pump piping and new check-valve improvements at the water plant.

Reeise said in his report that this equipment will create a bypass around the high-service pumps and utilize the booster pump to create water pressure for water distribution on a short-term basis if required in an emergency.

Mercer talked about several residential items during his report.

“Thank you to Jason and Marlo Ingram for cleaning up

the property at 311 W. Smith St.,” Mercer said. “Also, a big thank you to the Wyoming citizens for cleaning up their properties and removing junk.”

Mercer noted that if swimming pools are not being used and maintained, they need to be taken down.

“If used and functional, ladders and gates must be locked to prevent a toddler from entering and possibly drowning,” he said.

Mercer said the city plans to

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FLAG DAY

Honoring the flag

Bradford Legion has retirement ceremony

By ANGIE STANGE
For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – Flag Day is not a forgotten holiday in Bradford.

Last Saturday, Bradford American Legion Post 445 held its annual flag retirement ceremony at Elsie Hodges Park in Bradford.

For years this ceremony was held at the park, before being moved to the Legion Post located west of Bradford for the past few years.

The hope is that bringing the ceremony back to the park will increase community interest in Flag Day and the responsibility of proper flag etiquette, including proper disposal.



Members of Bradford American Legion Post 445 dispose of American flags during a retirement ceremony held June 14 at Elsie Hodges Park. Photo by Angie Stange.

Since 1949, Flag Day has been celebrated across the country on June 14 to commemorate adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

According to the American Legion, “The approved method of disposing of unserviceable flags has long been that they be destroyed by burning.” Such burning must be done in a dignified manner.

Stark school board adds Sherbeyn as member

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School Board is back at full strength.

President Ann Orwig announced at Monday’s monthly meeting that the education/extra-curricular committee selected Chelsea Sherbeyn to be appointed to the board. Orwig swore Sherbeyn into office at the start of the meeting.

Sherbeyn was one of nine candidates who applied to fill the seat Brian Rewerts vacated a few months ago. She will serve the remainder of a two-year term and joins Orwig, Bruce West, Emily Leezer, Erin Price, Joe Rediger and Dane Richards on the board.

Superintendent Brett Elliott



Sherbeyn

provided reports for the principals, as they are on vacation. He gave his own report as well.

The board scheduled a special meeting for Thursday, June 19, for a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025 amended budget that has been on display for the past 30 days.

Elliott said the insurance committee interviewed three health insurance agents for the upcoming renewal and recommended that the school district move to Midwestern Insurance Associates for next year. The board approved this measure later in the meeting.

Approved were bids for milk, trash, bread and the Rebel Reporter for the upcoming year.

There were no bread bids so the school district will purchase bread products as required. Prairie Farms was approved for milk and the board OK’d a three-year contract with GFL for trash

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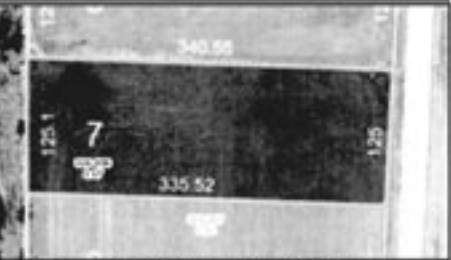
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WYOMING: DMV facility will not be reinstated

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hire an information technology support group. Also, 80 notices have been sent out to residents who have nuisance properties. A fine of \$50 per week will be imposed until the violations are corrected.

Public Works Superintendent Joe Kinsella reported that tree branches are being picked up and that new sidewalks are replacing those in need of repair around the city.

Economic Development director

Denny Rewerts told the council that Rep. Travis Weaver and Sen. Neil Anderson both said the Wyoming Drivers and Motor Vehicles facility will not be reinstated.

The council passed a resolution to purchase three billboards for \$2,343 from PIP Marketing of Peoria. The billboards will list local businesses and will be placed at three entrances to the city.

Dave Bickett, chairman of the Wyoming Community Fireworks,

spoke with the council and requested a \$1,000 donation to help offset the \$5,500 cost for this year’s fireworks. The council approved the donation for the July 3 event to be held at Gary Johnson Field.

Bickett said the city donated \$1,500 last year. The event brought in \$5,492 against expenditures of \$5,586. He also said that there is a 40% tariff this year on fireworks.

The council went into executive session at the end of the open meet-

STARK: Education Found. fundraiser July 25

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pickup and a \$150 increase from Lampe Publications LLC to print the Rebel Reporter.

The Henry-Stark Special Education Cooperative Executive board meeting said they purchased a building to house several special

education programs instead of sending students to other programs outside of the coop.

The Stark County Education Foundation met to discuss its largest fundraiser, the eighth annual Midland Golf Club golf outing to be held July 25. Two years ago the SCES Parents’ Club recruited the foundation to get the annual auction back up and running. Now that it is back, they will take over again completely.

Elliott stated during his report that the new gym construction project will be closed out. This included an extended parking lot. The project was \$105,000 under the projected budget. Elliott said that overall the district is \$1.37 million

under budget.

“When we originally projected the cost of the new track and gym, the board approved spending \$1.6 million from our reserves between two funds to lower the amount that we bonded,” Elliott said. “Now that we have closed out the projects, we will only expend about \$225,000 of the projected \$1.6 million.”

Miller, Hall and Triggs, LLC were approved to handle legal services for another year with a \$9-per-hour increase.

After closed session, the board approved hiring Daymon McDowell as a math teacher for grades 6-12 and Cindy Jenkins as junior-senior high school principal’s secretary.

A one-time clerical stipend of \$2,500 was approved for the fall 2025 semester to acting principal’s secretary Trisha Berchtold. Principal Megan McGann was approved for a new 2025-2030 contract.

Other approvals were James Owens as volunteer cross-country coach, Alisha Lee and Kyla Cassidy as high school assistant volleyball coaches, Maddie Myers as pre-school aide and Jordan Minder as BIST aide.

Finally, the board also accepted the resignation of Kiersten Johnson as a junior high teacher.

The board will hold its annual retreat July 21 followed by the 1:30 p.m. monthly board meeting.



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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

6-14 - Zachary T. DeWeese - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
6-15 - Taran L. J. Kindred - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Incidents & Accidents
Stark County

6-8 - Thomas A. Null, 58, Bradford, was cited for driving on an expired vehicle registration.
6-9 - Trevor L. Shimmin, 25, Normal, was ticketed for speeding 67 mph in a 55 zone and for driving without vehicle insurance. He was released with a court date.
6-10 - Grace N. Bach, 22, Princeville, was cited for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone.
6-11 - Micah J. Cole, 25, Kewanee, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a court date to appear.

6-11 - Cole W. Moon, 21, Elmwood, was ticketed for operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court dater.
6-12 – Francisco J. Naves Marez, 19, Toulon, was arrested for driving without a valid driver’s license, driving with no insurance and for having a fictitious and or unlawful altered identification. He was released with a court date.

6-12 - Alexandra R. Empson, 25, Pekin, was cited for possession of adult-use cannabis by a driver. She was released with a court date.
6-12 - Tamara Ramsey, 64, Chillothe, was arrested by Stark County authorities on an outstanding Henry County warrant. She was extradited to the Henry County Jail.
6-12 - Steven S. Shine, 61, Carol Stream, was cited for speeding 79 mph in a 55 zone, driving a vehicle without insurance and driving on a suspended registration. The vehicle was towed and impounded and Shine was released with a court date.

6-13 - Richard Ortiz, 29, Romeoville, was cited for driving while his license was revoked. His vehicle was impounded. He received a court date.
6-13 - Jessica N. Wagner, 35, East Moline, was ticketed for driving without a valid vehicle registration and possession of adult-use cannabis by a driver. She received a court date.
6-14 - A traffic stop on Illinois Route 78 and 400N netted charges for two Kewanee individuals. Samantha E. Giese-Milnes, 39, was cited for improper lane usage and given a notice to appear for possession of methamphetamine and a hypodermic syringe. Lance E. Carder, 39, was cited for possession of adult-use cannabis by a passenger and a notice to appear for possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. The pair were released with court dates. The vehicle was impounded.
6-14 - Lindsay B. Ehnle, 40, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 79 mph in a 55 zone.



6-14 - Amanda C.A. Tudor, 33, Kewanee, was ticketed for speeding 85 mph in a 55 zone.
6-14 - Lia Hinton, 20, Edwards, was cited for illegal transportation of alcohol by a passenger.
6-14 - Alexia J. Cardenas, 20, Hampton, was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone.
6-15 - Emma G. Whitney, 24, Peoria, was cited for speeding 77 mph in a 55 zone.
6-15 - Jenine M. Welker, 45, Farmington, was cited for driving without a valid vehicle registration.
6-15 - David J. McLaurin, 24, Henry, was ticketed for driving without vehicle insurance and fno valid vehicle registration. He was released with a court date.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
6-9 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. to recover a cellphone that had been found. It was later returned to its owner, who lived out-of-state.
6-10 - As the result of a traffic stop near the intersection of Commercial Sreet and Wiley Street, Paul Story, 74, Williamsfield, was arrested for improper use of registration, operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.
6-10 - to the 00 block of NE 4th St. to assist a resident who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.
6-11 – to speak with a resident in the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. about a city ordinance violation involving too many pets.
6-11 - After a traffic stop in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St., Jamichael Hardeman, 38, Bradford, was arrested for driving while license suspended and speeding 65 in a 45 mph zone. He was released with a court date.
6-11 - Nathan Fox, 46, LaFayette, was cited for expired registration in the 600 block of S. Center Ave.
6-12 - to the 00 block of NE 4th St. to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.
6-12 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 400 block of West Division St., Dane Dearing, 25, Kewanee, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. He received a court date.
6-12 - While patrolling, officer lo-

cated a vehicle with an open door in the 400 block of East Division St. The door was shut and secured.
6-13 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. to remove an unwanted subject who was causing a disturbance.
6-13 - to the Galva Park District to recover a debit card that had been found. It was returned to its owner.
6-13 - to the 1000 block of NW 7th Ave. for a civil standby to retrieve property.
6-13 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. for a possible violation of an order of protection.
6-13 - While patrolling, officer located an abandoned vehicle near the intersection of E. Division St. and NE 2nd Ave.
6-13 - to the 1000 block of SW 2nd St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was impounded and later returned to its owner.
6-14 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a property-line dispute.
6-14 - to the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. to assist a motorist with a disabled vehicle.
6-14 - twice to the 00 block of NE 4th St. to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.
6-14 - to assist Henry County with a physical domestic disturbance east of town.
6-15 - to the 100 block of SE 6th St. for an unattended fire. The fire department was dispatched to put it out.
6-15 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for an animal-neglect complaint.
6-15 - to the area of NW 5th Street and NW 1st Ave. for an abandoned bicycle complaint. It was impounded.
6-15 - twice to the 00 block of NE 4th St. to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

Property Transfers

6-9 - Sandra A. Clark to Tressa R. Dudley, Sandra L. Knobloch, Wendy S. Wagner and Richard F. Webber - Original Town of Wyoming - Block 8 Lots 5 and 6 - 115 W. Williams St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.
6-9 - Lisa R. Gheen to Linda L. and Robert C. Schneider - Pt. Sect. 35-12-5 NE - 615 Township Road 500E, Toulon - Consideration = \$230,000.
6-10 - Darlene Jane and Marvin L. Leman to Darlene Jane and Marvin L. Leman - Pt. Sect. 5-13-5 NE - Consideration = \$0.
6-12 - Rumbold Valley Farms, Inc. to Brice L. and Julie L. Teubel - Pt. Sect. 12-12-7 NW - 17360 Township Rd. 500N, Wyoming - Consideration = \$17,500.
6-13 - City of Toulon to Alan H. and Sandra J. Muggleton - Hender-son and Whitaker’s Add’n. Block 31 Lot 8 - 227 E. South St., Toulon - Consideration = \$5,007.18.
6-13 - David Hamilton to Henry and Paulette Waldinger - Fair Acres Subdivision, Section 1, Lot 14 - 200 N. 3rd St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$152,000.

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TOOLS/OUTDOOR: Nice 1981 Lowe Line 12’ Jon boat w/1985 boat trailer, titles—ant. anchor—Schwinn old bike, kid’s trike—prim. scythe, cradle, seed collector, seed corn plates, grapple, single tree, old barbed wire, axe, tongs, old trap, corn dryers, hay knife, toolbox, wooden 4-H showbox, etc.—gas cans—2 metal wind vane parts—garage items and tools including Job Smart 10 gallon air compressor, battery charger, miter saw, 10” skilsaw table saw, log chains, new battery drill, 4.5” hand grinder, sockets, hand/power tools, saber saw, shop vac, sm. vise, 16” Delta Dremel, drill press, tool chest, cords, clamps, ladders, horses, snow blower, garden tools, electrical, misc.
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When you're 8 or 9 years old, you don't see the world as you will as a 50- or 60-year-old. Much of what seems perfectly ordinary to a child often becomes quite extraordinary with the passing of time.

For example, as a young boy I had six grandparents: my father's mother and father, my mother's father and mother and my father's maternal grandmother and grandfather. That seemed ordinary to me then but is now extraordinary.

Mom's father was Harry, a Depression-crushed farmer resurrected as a skilled carpenter. Dad's dad was Victor who, after two years in the seminary, changed direction and became a stock and bond broker. His father-in-law and my Dad's grandfather was Henry, a retired blacksmith that everyone but family called Hank.

Their spouses, respectively, were Lottie, Ruth and Clara. All were strong, smart women who led by example. Two never drove a car and the third probably shouldn't have.

Looking back at that lineage, it's hard to see where my father, a dairy farmer, found his calling. He was no carpenter and he and Mom had more children, six, than money so he never needed his father's specialty.

And while Dad was competent with the farm's Lincoln welder, he



Alan GUEBERT

often paid the local smithy to repair equipment that needed to stay together longer than one day of use by his machinery-bending Uncle Honey or one season with his easily distracted sons.

Despite all these generations of fathers – and mothers – in my youth, I don't remember celebrating one Father's or Mother's Day with any of them. In fact, I don't know if the thought of either day ever crossed our minds.

Part of the reason might be that we already spent much of our free time – usually some part of most Sundays – together. Since all six grandparents lived in the same small southern Illinois town and attended the same Lutheran church, everyone usually visited after the late Sunday service.

Grandma Ruth, the self-appointed social director of the family, often stretched those Sunday visits into dinners of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, milk gravy and two kinds of pie. Few, including my very over-worked mother, ever objected to Grandma seizing the day, family, or menu.

Then, as the heat of those languid Sunday afternoons took charge, a card table or two appeared on Grandpa's shady carport so adults could play pinochle and cool off with an icy Falstaff beer. In the background, a radio played our summer soundtrack, that day's St. Louis Cardinals baseball game.

Then, by 3:30 pm, my mother would steer us to the car so my father

could be back on the farm in time for the evening milking. Later, when my older brothers and I got our driver's licenses, we left the card games, the grandparents, and Dad and Mom for the milking parlor.

Harry, my mother's father and the most quiet of the six, was the first to pass. That was late 1962 and the first time I heard the word cancer.

Three years later both my great grandparents – each in their late 80s – died, the ailing Henry in March and wheelchair-bound Clara in September. Grandpa Vic, their son-in-law, was buried on his wife Ruth's 67th birthday on a postcard-perfect September day in 1969.

Both my grandmothers, Ruth and Lottie, remained active until 1988 when I last visited Ruth while she helped the St. John's Ladies Aid serve Lottie's funeral dinner. Eight months later and again in September, the same ladies served Ruth's funeral dinner.

And now, as another "Day" drifts into memory, my mind goes to all those fathers and mothers who gave me so much of themselves and how ordinary it all seemed and how extraordinary it truly was.

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VILLAGE OF BRADFORD ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2025

Bradford IL1750050
Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2024.

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by BRADFORD is Ground Water.

For more information regarding this report, contact Kurt J. Downie at (815) 228-9548.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some con-

taminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

- In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.
- Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.
- Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Bradford is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested, contact the Village of Bradford through Kurt J. Downie at 815-228-9548. Information on

lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at (815) 228-9548. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination determination and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: Bradford

Based on information obtained in a Well Site Survey published in 1991 by the Illinois EPA, several potential sources are located within 1,000 feet of the wells.

The Illinois EPA has determined that the Bradford Community Water Supply's source water is not susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and available hydrogeologic data on the wells. Furthermore, in anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Bradford Community Water Supply is not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the community's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper siting conditions; a hydraulic barrier exists which should prevent pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the community's wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should prevent the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the susceptibility determination. Hence, well hydraulics were not evaluated for this system's ground water supply.

Source Water Information			
Source Water Name	Type of Meter	Report Status	Location
Well 2 (31351)	GW	Active	West of Well 1 and WTP
Well 3 (01657)	GW	Active	200' N of WTP at N End of Park St.

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Action Level Goal (AGL): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

Copper Range: .0074 to .310

Lead Range: 0 to 4

To obtain a copy of the system's lead sampling data: co Drinking water watch at <http://water.epa.state.il.us/dww/index.isp>

CIRCLE ONE: Our Community water supply ~~has~~has not developed a service line material inventory. To obtain a copy a copy of the system's service line inventory: 815-228-9548

Lead & Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over (AL)	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminants
Copper	09/08/2022	1.3	1.3	0.13	0	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead	09/08/2022	0	15	1.5	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. **Avg.:** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. **Level 1 Assessment::** A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. **Level 2 Assessment:** A level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions. **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety. **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that additions of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. **na:** not applicable. **mrem:** millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body). **ppb:** micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water. **ppm:** milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water. **Treatment Technique or TT:** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2024	1.1	0.8 - 1.37	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2024	20	19.9 - 19.9	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2024	11	11.34 - 11.34	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination.
Barium	02/07/2023	0.0089	0.0089 - 0.0089	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	02/07/2023	0.533	0.533 - 0.533	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	02/07/2023	0.18	0.18 - 0.18		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	02/07/2023	1.8	1.8 - 1.8	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2024	0.04	0.04 - 0.04	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural depositis.
Selenium	02/07/2023	4.3	4.3 - 4.3	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
Sodium	02/07/2023	190	190 - 190			ppb	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination.
Combined Radium 226/228	04/17/2023	1.77	1.77 - 1.77	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	04/17/2023	7.89	7.89 - 7.89	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.



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Galva school board OKs amended budget

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva School Board passed an amended budget on Monday after there were no comments at a budget hearing prior to the regular board meeting.

The budget was amended due to tuition for several new special education students.

Junior-Senior High School Principal Kurtis Smyth reported that summer school is coming along. He said there is one 7th-grade student and five high schoolers in attendance. Smyth said one high schooler has worked very hard and has already completed the summer school.

The board approved a bid from M&O Environmental Co. of Peoria for asbestos removal services for \$26,000. The junior-senior high school building is getting new exterior doors and when tearing out the door frame on the first one, asbestos was found in the caulking.

Superintendent Joe Becker pre-

sented a strategic plan for the school district for 2025-2030. The board will approve it at the July meeting and a printed copy will be given to all parents.

A new handbook for coaches will also be approved at the July meeting and posted on the website.

The following employment items were approved for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Sheena Murphy, Pre-K parent coordinator
- Brandon Owens, varsity golf coach.
- Josh Harris, assistant golf coach and boys junior high track coach.
- Brad Jackson, JH softball coach.
- Brian Nance, assistant JH softball coach and varsity softball volunteer.
- Becky Wigant, Brooke Jackson, Dustin Weber and Meghan Weber as assistant varsity softball coaches.
- Taylor McMeekan, girls JH track coach.
- Mark Jeffrey, high school boys track coach.

- Tim Foley, HS girls track coach.
- Tim Meier, HS assistant track coach.
- Van White, HS baseball coach.
- Gunner Spivey, assistant HS baseball coach.
- B.J. Hulstrom, HS baseball volunteer.
- Joe Conner and Jeff Burke, volunteers for HS trap shooting.
- Amanda Norway, HS scholastic bowl coach.
- Greg Jurgenson, volunteer bass fishing coach.
- Jillian Rodseth, head play director.
- Justin Robinson, JH assistant football coach.
- the resignation of Josh Harris as 7th grade basketball coach. He was approved as 8th grade girls basketball coach.
- the resignation of Becky Wigant as 8th grade girls basketball coach.
- the retirement of Tammy Ringberg as elementary custodian, effective July 10.

Princeville bars man from school property

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE – A local man is banned for almost one year from Princeville School District property and events.

Following closed session, the Princeville School Board voted June 10 to exclude William Vaughn. According to Princeville Superintendent Tony Shinall, Vaughn brandished a knife during a verbal altercation with someone following a band concert

May 5 at the junior high-high school.

District officials were contacted about the incident, which was recorded on video. A member of the public also addressed the board about it, Shinall said.

The ban against Vaughn is to expire May 8 of next year.

Also following closed session, the board approved hiring Steve Bosch and Ashley Reed as summer custodians at Princeville Grade School, Alex Coulter as district technology

coordinator and Christina Stedman as junior-high science teacher and 8th-grade class sponsor.

Stedman resigned as a permanent-substitute teacher, and Lindsay Garcia resigned as a high school second-shift custodian, effective July 31, Shinall announced. He also announced Bosch is to retire as a teacher after the 2027-28 school year.

The previously announced retirement of Grade School Principal Julie Bayless is effective June 30.

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Wyoming United Methodist Church

Pastor Rebecca Klemm
302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287.
309-606-9027
Email: WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com
Service is held at 10:30 Sunday morning.

Bradford Leet United Methodist Church

Boyd's Grove United Methodist Church

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OBITUARIES

Marjorie A. DuBois

PRINCEVILLE – Marjorie Ann DuBois, 97, of Princeville, passed away on Friday, May 30, 2025, at Apostolic Christian Skylines, Peoria.

Marjorie was born on March 2, 1928, in Stark County, Ill., to the late William M. and Cora E. (Ryan) Long. On July 30, 1955, she married Glenn F. DuBois at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Princeville. He preceded her in death on March 20, 2011.

Surviving Marjorie are seven children, Jim DuBois of Princeville, Diane (Randy) Ingle of Princeville, Marcia (Dan) Shaw of Westerville, Ohio, Bill (Jane) DuBois of Laura, Janice (Rod) Williams of Geneseo, John (Tari) DuBois of Geneseo, and Ron (Katherine Sale) DuBois of Wyoming; 16 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Bertram Long.

Marjorie graduated from Wyoming High School in 1946 and Bradley University in 1950 with a bachelor’s degree in education. She went on to teach home economics at Chillicothe and Princeville high schools. She was also a substitute teacher for the Princeville School District for many years, being called upon to teach anything from kindergarten to ag classes.

Marjorie and Glenn farmed in the Princeville area for many years, being honored as Sesquicentennial and Centennial farm owners. As a farm wife, she played an integral part and participated in the daily farm operation. They hosted farm visits for children from Peoria School District 150 and volunteered with the Ag in the Classroom program. She was a member of the Farm Bureau and was named Peoria County Farm Wife of the Year in 1981.

Additionally, she was a member of Peoria County Home Extension, Princeville Lions Club, Garden Club and was the state director of the Make it With Wool sewing competition.

Marjorie served as Princeville Township supervisor and trustee for 24 years.

At Bradley, Marjorie joined the Sigma Kappa sorority. She actively participated in alumni events for over 70 years. She was a lifelong member of St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church and its Altar and Rosary Society.

Marjorie and Glenn enjoyed traveling with various agricultural groups, Peoria Charter Coach and to Glenn’s Air Force reunions. The friendships formed during these travels were treasured. Marjorie never knew a stranger and she truly valued her relationships and time spent with family and friends.

Her soul is at rest, but the values she instilled and the memories of her long and beautiful life will be cherished forever.

A funeral mass was June 3, 2025, at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Princeville. The Rev. Gerald Ward officiated. Burial was in St. Mary of the Woods Cemetery. A visitation was June 2, 2025, at Haskell



DuBois

Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Akron-Princeville Ambulance; St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church; or Apostolic Christian Skylines.

Online condolences may be left for Marjorie on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Colleen D. Schubring

MADISON, Wis. – Colleen Drake Schubring passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 98 years of age while living at Skaalen Nursing Facility in Stoughton, Wis.

Colleen was born on Sept. 27, 1926, in Chicago and lived in New York until age four when Madison became her home after she lost both of her parents. Her maternal uncle, Ben A. Drake became her guardian until she was 18.

On Jan. 2, 1946, she married Bernard “Bud” Schubring of Madison. They celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Jan. 2, 2010. Bernard died March 26, 2010. They had six children, Mark Richard (Carole) Schubring of Kenosha, Wis., Susan Mary Gmeinder of Madison, Paul Bernard (Elizabeth) Schubring of Rolla, Mo., Mary Colleen (Peter) McKean of Bradford, Ill., Clare Therese (Gregory) Boyle of Cedarburg, Wis., and John Harlow (Elsa) Schubring of Fairfield, Pa.; with 22 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren, all surviving.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, uncle and one son-in-law, Kenneth Gmeinder.

Funeral mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford with The Rev. John Thieryoung, officiating. Burial will immediately follow at St. John’s Cemetery in Bradford. Visitation will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. with the recitation of the rosary at 5:30 pm on Friday, June 20, at Grant-Johnson Funeral Home in Bradford.

Colleen’s family would like to express many thanks and deep gratitude to Skaalen Rehabilitation Center and to Tammy and Amy. We thank, also, Agrace Hospice and Elena for their wonderful care of our mother.



Schubring

Fernando DeVargas

BRADFORD – Fernando DeVargas, 79, of Bradford, formerly a lifelong resident of Benicia, Calif., passed away at 9:28 a.m. Thursday, June 12, 2025, at home.

Fernando was born on Oct. 24, 1945, in Faial Island, Portugal, to Manuel and Carol Vargas. He married Audrey E. (Gardener) DeVargas on Oct. 24, 1964. She preceded him in death on June 16, 2018, in Toulon.

Surviving are one daughter, Maria (Tom Leh) DeVargas; six grandchildren, Kathleen, Emily, Mary, Arra, Caleb and Fernando; three great-grandchildren; and his sister, Lucia Vargas. He was preceded in death by his parents; two



DeVargas

brothers; and one son, Fernando E. DeVargas.

Fernando was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during the Vietnam War. He worked for C&H Sugar in California for 35 years before retiring. After his retirement and moving to Illinois, he continued working at Caterpillar Inc. for several years to keep himself busy. He had a passion for soccer – playing, refereeing and coaching two generations of players. He also loved everything fast: motorcycles, Jet Skis, roller coasters and more.

There will be no public services at this time. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad.

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

Krynn L. Schupbach

BLOOMINGTON – Krynn Lance Schupbach, 27, of Bloomington, was called home by God on Thursday, June 5, 2025. His funeral Mass was held on June 11, 2025, at Holy Trinity Church, Bloomington with The Rev. Bo Schmitt officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Normal. Memorials may be made to the Baby Fold.

Krynn was born June 27, 1997, in Bloomington. He is survived by his parents, Schuyler and Mary Ellen (Hill) Schupbach, Bloomington; four siblings, Tyraina (Matt Stroud) Schupbach, Lehi, Utah, Shayna (Bryce) Bounds, Bloomington, Lexi (Logan) Moore, Jacksonville, N.C., and Tyler Schupbach, Bloomington; his paternal grandparents, Paul and Debra Schupbach, Wyoming, Ill.; his maternal grandparents, John and Kathy Hill, Chillicothe; and five nieces and nephews, with two more on the way.

Krynn graduated from Normal West High School. He enjoyed fishing, music, learning about history and walking the Constitutional Trail. He most looked forward to family gatherings and loved spending time with his siblings, cousins and many aunts and uncles.

He was always excited to tell his parents about the new things he was learning at work and interested in hearing about their day. Krynn was known for being unselfish, kind-hearted, and gracious to everyone he met. He was a loving, caring son and brother and will be dearly missed.

We little knew that day, God was going to call your name. In life, we loved you dearly, In death, we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone. For part of us went with you, The day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, Your love is still our guide. And although we cannot see you, You are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.

To express condolences online, please visit www.carmodykrynn.com.



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CITY OF GALVA ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2025

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Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standard Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested, contact Greg Thompson at 309-932-2555. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and step you can take to minimize exposure is available at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead .			Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standard Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested, contact Greg Thompson at 309-932-2555. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and step you can take to minimize exposure is available at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead .		
Source Water Information			Source Water Information		
Source Water Name			Type of Meter		
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Well 5 (00653)			GW		
Well 6 (02016)			GW		
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Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Action Level Goal (AGL): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

Copper Range: 11 ug/L to 50 ug/L Lead Range: < 1.0 ug/L- to 15 ug/L To obtain a copy of the system's lead tap sampling data; Please contact City Hall at (309) 932-2555 or visit 311 NW 4th Ave., Galva, IL.

CIRCLE ONE: Our Community Water Supply has not developed a service line material inventory. To obtain a copy of the system's service line inventory: Please contact City Hall at 309-932-2555 or visit 311 NW 4th Ave., Galva, IL.

Lead & Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over (AL)	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminants
Copper	2024	1.3	1.3	0.038	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2024	0	15	1.1	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing sytems; Erosion of Natural Deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. Avg.: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. Level 2 Assessment: A level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occassions. Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology. Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million – or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water. ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion – or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water. na: not applicable. Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. na: not applicable. mrem: millirems per year (a measurement of radiation absorbed by the body). ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350.000 gallons of water. ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water. Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2024	2.1	1.3 - 2	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2024	4	3.5 - 3.5	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2024	24	24.2 - 24.2	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination.
Barium	2024	0.027	0.027 - 0.027	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2024	2.34	2.3 -2.34	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2024	0.09	0.04 - 0.09	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	2024	5	5 - 5	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
Sodium	2024	340	340 - 340			ppb	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softner regeneration.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination.
Combined Radium 226/228	2024	1.31	0 - 1.31	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2024	7	7.36 - 7.36	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

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For more information, please call Greg Thompson of The City of Galva at 932-2555. Some home water treatment units are also available to remove fluoride from drinking water. To learn more about available home water treatment units, you may call NSF International at 1-877-NSF-HELP.
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BRIEFS

Storyteller Blake will speak of ancestors

TOULON - The Stark County Genealogical Society will host professional storyteller Anita Blake on Saturday, June 28, at 1:30 p.m., in the Toulon 1st Congregational Church basement at 218 N. Henderson St.

Blake will share stories of her Montooth ancestors. She began her craft by telling stories to her younger sister at the age of 6 and was influenced by her grandfather and mother who passed down family stories.

After joining the Toastmasters International club at work, she rediscovered her passion for storytelling and found the Fox Valley Storytelling

Guild. She has been a member for over 20 years.
Elevator access to the basement is available. The public is welcome.

College graduates

• Several local students completed program requirements at Carl Sandburg College during the spring 2025 semester. They are: **Brayden Collins** of Galva earned an associate degree in applied science in dental hygiene; **Samantha Dewolfe** of Bradford and **Chandler Colgan** of Toulon both earned associate degrees in applied science in Radiologic Technology.

• **Levi Nusz** of Wyoming earned a bachelor of science in materials engineering from Iowa State University, graduating magna cum laude in May.

IHSA changes schedule for boys hoops tourney

BLOOMINGTON – The IHSA Board of Directors on Monday approved a new schedule for the boys and girls basketball state finals that will be the same as one used in 2022-24.

Last year’s schedule was altered so teams did not play semifinals and third-place games on the same day.

The schedule adopted Monday for 2026 features Class 1A and 2A semifinals and third-place games on Thursday, Class 3A and 4A semifinals and third-place games on Friday and all title games on Saturday, starting at 10 a.m.

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Where do we even begin?
Greg and I, along with Ashley, Brooke, Cody and Kennedi, are completely heartbroken. Bailey loved each of us in his own special way, and without him, our work feels incomplete. Words can't express the depth of sorrow – or how much the love and support we've received since his passing has meant to us. We are truly grateful. Bailey will live on in our hearts forever. The memories we have – his kindness, his laughter, his warm spirit – are gifts we'll hold close for the rest of our lives. He brought so much joy and light to everyone around him. He was our happiness, our pride, and our peace. Bailey had a way of touching lives in the most beautiful and unforgettable ways. We still catch ourselves waiting for his voice, hoping for that daily phone call Greg and I always looked forward to. He was so much a part of our everyday. He and Kennedi were truly meant for one another – always side by side, planning weekends with the people they loved most. Their bond was something rare and deeply inspiring. Cody and Bailey shared a bond that ran deep. They were more than brothers – they were best friends. From late night talks to laughing in the garage, Bailey was always there for Cody when he needed him most. That kind of loyalty and love is irreplaceable.
Bailey's love for his sisters, Brooke and Ashley, was full of warmth and fun. He showed it in playful teasing, wrestling matches and lighthearted jokes – but underneath it all was deep affection. Their bond didn't depend on daily conversations; they simply were cherished. He adored his nieces, Sydney and Bristol. Even through playful teasing, Bailey's love never wavered. He was fiercely protective and made sure they always knew they were cherished.
Then there was Jaxon – his nephew, his buddy. Bailey taught him how to mow the lawn, by riding side by side with him on the mower, also taught him his 4-wheeler and dirt bike skills. He passed along not just skills, but love, guidance, and a friendship that Jaxon will carry with him forever. At the twins' 8th grade graduation we were able to write down advice for the twins' future and Bailey had written to them... be prepared to [expletive "stuff"] up. Always keep your head out of your [expletive], be open to anything that is an opportunity, hope you always remember Uncle Bailey is the best uncle, hope you don't turn out like your mother (LOL). Don't be afraid to kick life in the "butt" and work hard. My last piece of advice is have fun and be careful with whatever you do. Love Bailey. (Bailey was never afraid to tell it like it was.)
Bailey's love for Kennedi was powerful and pure. After the loss of her father, Bailey became her rock. He gave her strength, comfort and unwavering support. Their love was evident to anyone who saw them together. Even in his stubborn moments (just like his dad!), but mother's heart, Bailey always showed up for her. We knew from the start they were meant to be. Kennedi's strength today is a reflection of the love and lessons shared with her by both her father and Bailey. We see them in her every day.
Losing our son was the most painful moment of our lives. But through the heartache, we've been surrounded by such immense love. To our friends, our family, and every person who reached out – thank you. Your hugs, messages, flowers, gifts, meals, donations and presence have lifted us more than you know. To those who helped behind the scenes, preparing for Bailey's Celebration of Life, took care of Kennedi, brought food, shared stories, and simply showed up – thank you. You've reminded us how deeply Bailey was loved. Your kindness has brought comfort in the hardest days. Please continue to keep Bailey in your hearts. We pray that his memory lives on forever. That is our greatest hope.

With all our love, always –
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the 1938 Toulon Township High School yearbook, the TOLO. I need this to complete my collection of every TOLO issued. Anyone willing to sell their 1938 TOLO will be well compensated. Contact John Ballentine at (309) 238-1970 or (309) 286-2185.

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STEVENS SQUARE PARK - JUNE 19-21

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PRINCEVILLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

- 5-8 PM Food Tent Open
- 5-10 PM Carnival Rides
- 5-7 PM Bingo @ Small Tent
- 5-7:45 PM Drawing signup
- 5-8 PM Cutest Pet voting
- 6:55 PM Welcome
- 7-8 PM Community Sing @ Main Stage
- 8 PM Drawing 1 - \$100 winner announced
- 8:30-9:30 PM Chris Delbridge @ Main Stage

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

- 4:30-5:30 PM Art Show Opening Reception @ LME Library
- 5-8 PM Food Tent Open
- 5-7:45 PM Drawing signup
- 5-8 PM Cutest Pet voting
- 5-10 PM Carnival Rides
- 5-11 PM Beer garden @ High Voltage
- 5:30-6 PM VBS Performs @ Main Stage
- 6-7:30 PM Football Auction @ Main Stage
- 8 PM Drawing 2 - \$100 winner announced
- 8-9 PM Live Plants @ Main Stage
- 8:30-11:30 PM Kickapoo Junction @ High Voltage
- 11:30 PM-1:30 AM DJ @ High Voltage

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

- 8-10 AM Lion's Club Breakfast
- 7 AM St. Jude 5K Run/Walk Registration @ LME Library
- 8 AM Princeville St. Jude 5K Run/Walk
- 9 AM-1 PM Art Show @ LME Library
- 3 PM Heritage Days Parade (Grand Marshalls: Dennis & Jane Stoecker) Theme: 50s
- 3:30-10 PM Carnival Rides
- 3:30-4:30 PM Kid's Activities: Face painting, & rock painting @ Small Tent
- 4 PM Magic Show @ Gazebo
- 4-8 PM Food Tent Open
- 5-7:45 PM Drawing signup
- 5-6 PM Cutest Pet voting
- 5-11 PM Beer garden @ High Voltage
- 6-8 PM Incredible 45s @ Main Stage
- 8 PM Drawing 3 - \$100 winner announced
- 8:30-11:30 PM Galactic Empress @ High Voltage
- 11:30 PM-1:30 AM DJ @ High Voltage

REGISTRATIONS

5K Run/Walk, & Parade registration forms are available at Village Hall or bit.ly/PCAdays

PRINCEVILLE HERITAGE DAYS 5K

Saturday, June 21st
8 AM Walk or run
- FAMILIES WELCOME! - FREE Pancake and Sausage Breakfast for participants at the conclusion of the race
Register online at: <https://bit.ly/STJ-P2P>

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