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PRINCEVILLE REDEVELOPMENT

West Jersey business gets TIF funds

Princeville OKs deal

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE – It cost a Stark County-based transportation company at least \$1.4 million to acquire the old Alcoa Building Products facility in Princeville.

That amount and about \$3.7 million more are eligible for municipal tax-increment-financing reimbursement under an agreement the Princeville Village Board approved June 17 with West Jersey Express.

According to the agreement, the village is to reimburse 70% of the annual net increase in property-tax revenue the West Jersey Express project generates. Payments are to continue through 2047 or until the reimbursement reaches \$5,112,720, whichever comes first.

West Jersey Express is moving ahead with redevelopment work at the old Alcoa Building Products facility in Princeville. Silos (right) have already been demolished and offices are being rehabbed. Photos by Nick Vlahos.

Like most of Princeville, the West Jersey facility at 917 N. Santa Fe Ave. is in a TIF district. In those districts, property taxes that are to go to various public bodies are frozen. Subsequent tax increases are diverted into a fund used for infrastructure improvements that can lead to area redevelopment.

West Jersey Express took over the 15-acre Alcoa property last September. Alcoa closed the plant,

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Oglesby implicated

Godmother testifies in long-awaited trial

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Prairie News

GALESBURG – On the witness stand Monday, Karen Doubet implicated her goddaughter in the death of former Maquon Police Chief Richard Young.

The long-anticipated trial of Marcy Oglesby began in Knox County Circuit Court almost 33 months after she was arrested, in October 2022, when Young’s decomposing body was found in a Maquon storage unit. Oglesby is accused of poisoning Young’s food and drink over time, then hiding Young’s body.

Young’s autopsy revealed lethal levels of a drug found in over-the-counter eye drops. Oglesby and Doubet, who resided together with Young, were charged with first-degree

Accused of murder, Marcy Oglesby walks outside the Knox County Courthouse in Galesburg after Monday’s first day of trial. Photo by Nick Vlahos.

murder. But in her testimony, offered as part of a plea bargain, Doubet suggested she had nothing to do with Young’s death.

“I came out of the bathroom one day and she was putting drops in Rick’s coffee. ... She said she was trying-

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Volunteers sought in Henry Co.

For The Prairie News

ATKINSON – Rebuilding Together Henry County is calling on local residents to roll up their sleeves and join in a hands-on volunteer opportunity designed to educate and empower community members.

On Saturday, June 28, at 8 a.m., the organization will host an informational ramp build at 101 N. Church Street in Atkinson.

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OGLESBY: Trial started 33 months after arrest

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ing to poison Rick,” Doubet, 79, said about Oglesby. “She crushed up pills and put them in his food.”

Doubet’s appearance aside Judge Andrew Doyle climaxed the 10-witness opener of a bench trial set to last three days. Testifiers included law-enforcement officials, Young’s ex-wife and two men named Mark Thomas – one the current Maquon village president, the other the former Knox County coroner.

But Doubet’s presence might have been the most surprising.

Like 53-year-old Oglesby, Doubet was charged with aggravated battery and concealment of a homicidal death, as well

as murder. Because of the plea deal, only the concealment charge is to remain for Doubet, who used a cane and a ramp to access the witness stand. Jail time appears unlikely.

Doubet owns the house on Third Street in Maquon where all three central figures lived. Doubet said Oglesby was like a daughter to her. Oglesby and Young were in a romantic relationship that cooled.

“I tolerated him because he was with Marcy,” Doubet said.

Oglesby cultivated an online relationship with a man from Nigeria, an artist nicknamed “Sonny,” according to Doubet and Sgt. Jeremy Moore of the Knox County Sheriff’s Office.

Doubet’s house is across the street from Roberts Self-Storage. Sheriff’s-office deputies were dispatched there Oct. 7, 2022, after neighbors complained about a foul odor emanating from it.

Inside Storage Unit No. 29 was the partially liquefied body of Young, wrapped in plastic and encased in two cardboard boxes, according to court testimony.

Oglesby first told officers a dead, pregnant opossum was in the boxes. As Oglesby was attempting to open them, she hemmed and hawed, Deputy Keith King indicated. Finally, Oglesby took King aside.

“She said, ‘Keith, I can’t do this anymore.’ She kind of went pale, almost a frightened look,” said King, who resides in Maquon. “She said, ‘You’re going to find out, anyway. There’s not an opossum in the box. There’s a body in there.’”

Oglesby said Young died of natural causes, according to Moore. He said Oglesby claimed she panicked because she didn’t know how to honor Young’s final wish – to be buried in a nearby former Native American settlement.

Young was 71 when he died, probably in October 2021. That summer, upon Oglesby’s request, Doubet began to purchase eye drops from stores in Elmwood and Knoxville. Os-

tensibly, the drops were to treat Oglesby’s allergies. Doubet kept buying them after the alleged coffee-tampering incident.

“I didn’t comprehend what she was trying to do,” Doubet said.

According to Doubet, Young died inside her house. He had been progressively weaker and unsteady, Doubet said. Oglesby carried Young’s body into a bedroom, then asked Doubet to help her put it in a box. Doubet said she wore disposable gloves, to avoid fingerprints.

“I didn’t really want to be messed up in this ordeal,” she said.

As Doubet spoke, black-clad Oglesby sat beside her attorneys, public defenders David Hansen and Christopher Kanthak. She showed little expression and took notes for much of the day. Eye contact between Doubet and Oglesby appeared fleeting.

Oglesby was offered a negotiated plea but rejected it, according to State’s Attorney Ashley Worby.

During cross-examination, Kanthak indicated Doubet changed her story from when police first interviewed her. Back then, Doubet said Young needed eye drops, too, and required his oral medication to be crushed, because he had trouble swallowing.

On Monday, Doubet twice said she lied in those early interviews, because she was scared.

Testimony from law-enforcement authorities revealed they found at Doubet’s house 19 empty boxes and six empty bottles for Visine and other eye-drops brands. Also found were 11 empty boxes and six empty bottles for headache-relief tablets.

“It was a messy residence. It appeared that a hoarder had lived there,” sheriff’s-office Sgt. Greg Jennings said.

Testimony Tuesday morning focused on toxicology.

Sherri Kacinko, a toxicologist with the Pennsylvania-based laboratory that tested some of Young’s remains, said concentrations of tetrahydrozoline in Young’s muscle tissue were six times the reporting limit. Tetrahydrozoline is a key eye-drops ingredient that can be fatal if taken orally, according to Kacinko.

“In order to get into the muscle in a detectable level, there would need to be a relatively significant amount in the blood,” she said.



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6-22 - Arjun Jayaraj - Driving 21-25 mph above the limit.
6-22 - Jacquavyian D. Carter - Driving 15-20 mph above the limit and expired registration.
6-22 - Ronnie D. Cummings - Uninsured vehicle, suspended registration and unlawful cannabis possession.
6-22 - Tristen S. Rickard - Suspended license and driving 11-14 mph above the limit.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

6-17 - Criminal felony - Damian J. Carroll - Aggravated domestic battery/strangle of Felicia M. Potter.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

6-15 - A 16-year-old Eureka teen was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 40 zone.
6-16 - Tia Thompson, 34, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 77 mph in a 55 zone.
6-16 - Felicia M. Potter, 33, Kewanee, was arrested for resisting or obstructing a peace officer, aggravated battery to a peace officer and domestic battery. Also arrested in the same incident was Damian J. Carroll, 35, Princeville, charged with domestic battery and unlawful restraint. Both were transported to the Bureau County Jail. They were released with notices to appear.
6-17 - Josh A. Cameron, 38, Toulon, was cited for driving on a suspended registration for mandatory insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. His vehicle was impounded and he was issued a court date.

6-17 - Eddie K. Smith IV, 47, Peoria, was cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone.
6-17 - Wilber J. Zoriano-Munoz, 22, Peoria, was cited for driving without a valid driver’s license and for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone. His vehicle was impounded and he was issued a court date.
6-17 - Cara A. Ferneti, 49, Bradford, ticketed for driving an uninsured vehicle and issued a court date.
6-17 – Drake M. Johnston, 23, Wyoming, was arrested by the Toulon Police Department for driving under the influence, possession of a controlled substance, obstruction of justice, possession of contraband in a penal institution and driving without a rear registration light. His vehicle was impounded and he was extradited to the Bureau County Jail. He was released with a notice to appear.

6-18 - Wayne M. Kraft, of Wyoming, reported a theft after discovering his handicap placement card had been stolen.
6-19 - Thelma L. Draper, 36, Peoria, cited for a defective windshield.
6-21 - Kenneth L. Meeker Jr., 42, Kewanee, ticketed for speeding 63

mph in a 55 zone and possession of adult-use cannabis by a driver. He was released with a court date.
6-21 - Pavle Macut, 41, Chicago, cited for speeding 76 mph in a 55 zone.
6-21 - Jessica D. Smith, 24, Kewanee, cited for operating an uninsured vehicle.
6-21 - Savannah L. Schultz, 24, Peoria, cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.
6-21 - Jace C. Sandhagen, 27, Brimfield, ticketed for operating an uninsured vehicle. He was issued a court date.
6-22 - David A. Closen, 47, Kewanee, cited for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone.
6-22 - Daniel Diaz-Rivera, 30, Kewanee, cited for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone.
6-22 - Brandi N. York, 31, Galva, cited for expired registration. .

Knox County Report

6-8 - A Wyoming-area man had a blood-alcohol content almost three times the legal limit following a single-vehicle accident west of Wataga. Keagan N. Newton, 21, was driving an eastbound 2020 Ford F-150 pickup truck about 1:45 a.m. in the 600 block of Knox Highway 37 when in heavy fog the vehicle failed to negotiate a northerly curve, went off the pavement and struck a utility pole, according to Knox County Sheriff’s Office reports. The vehicle spun, rolled and came to rest upright. Newton was transported to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg, where his BAC was measured at .226. The legal limit is .08. Newton was accused of driving under the influence, failure to wear a seat belt, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. The vehicle was towed.

Peoria County Report

6-17 - A Toulon-area woman was arrested after she and a companion aboard a bicycle tried to elude Peoria police officers. Shortly before 5 a.m., 27-year-old Kyra D. Comer was walking aside Jonathan J. Sterling, 34, of Peoria as he was riding a bike at Forrest Hill and Gale avenues. When officers approached, Comer walked south while Sterling rode west, a Peoria police report stated. Comer was taken into custody without incident, but officers chased and tackled Sterling. He said he fled because he had active warrants. Sterling was wanted in Bureau County for criminal trespass to land and in Henry County for burglary. Both suspects were transported to the Peoria County Jail. Comer was accused of resisting and obstructing a peace officer. So was Sterling, who also was cited for having no bicycle headlight at night.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
6-16 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St.

for a disturbance. Amber Jordan, 30, Galva, was arrested for aggravated assault and disorderly conduct. She was taken to the Henry County Jail.
6-16 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Street for a disorderly conduct complaint after multiple phone calls and emails were sent to dispatch with false claims. John Kurzeja, 44, Galva, was issued a notice to appear in court for disorderly conduct.
6-16 - to the 00 block of NE 4th St. to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.
6-17 - to the 00 block of NE 4th St. to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.
6-18 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a cat-bite complaint. A subject was bitten by their own cat.

6-18 - After a traffic stop in the 100 block of SW 2nd St., Anthony Kimmons, 38, Galesburg, was cited for registration suspended for mandatory insurance and issued a court date.
6-18 - to the 00 block of NE 4th St. to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.
6-19 - to a complaint in the 200 block of NE 7th St. Braden Jones, 46, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on the charge of driving while license revoked. He was given a notice to appear in court.

6-20 - to the 100 block of SE 2nd Street for a harassment complaint.
6-20 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Street after multiple calls from a resident reporting unfounded crimes. An arrest without warrant was signed for the offender. On June 22, John Kurzeja was located and arrested for several counts of disorderly conduct andfiling a false police report. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.
6-21 - After a traffic stop in the 1100 block of SE 2nd Street, Nicholas Miller, 31, Galva, was arrested for not having a valid drivers license, expired registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was issued a court date.

6-22 - to the 500 block of SW 3rd Ave for a domestic disturbance.

Marriages

Delaney Elizabeth Miner and Eric Edward Meaker, both of Wyoming, in Peoria County.
6-18 - Richard Dean Schlegel and Elise Tara Hendrickson - both of Toulon.
6-18 - Skyla Bre-Lynn Pearl Gordillo and Ramsey Lynne Ingels - both of Toulon.

Divorces

6-20 - Sonya Evans, Colfax, Calif. and Kerry Evans, Bradford.



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PRINCEVILLE: Renovation well underway

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at 917 N. Santa Fe Ave., in 2001. A local man owned it most recently.

The TIF agreement listed reimbursement-eligible demolition costs at \$295,380. Eligible reimbursements for interior and exterior rehabilitation, renovation and expansion of existing buildings and repair and rehabilitation of parking lots and driveways amount to \$3,417,340.

West Jersey Express also has facilities in Toulon and in West Jersey. The Princeville facility is expected to create 15 full-time equivalent jobs, according to the TIF agreement.

During a TIF Committee meeting in March, West Jersey Express officials submitted an application saying they plan to spend up to \$5.2 million to renovate their new property.

Troutman said the company plans

to have the work completed in about a year. Some work that is obvious from outside the facility, including demolition of silos, already has taken place.

In other action, the board approved an agreement with the Peoria City/County Health Department for village employees and their immediate family to receive medication and/or vaccines in case of a public-health emergency.

"It is possible that public health may need to administer medical countermeasures to many individuals in a short period of time with little to no lead time," the agreement states.

"By collaborating we will be able to serve (village) employees and their employee family members and reduce the number of individuals that will need to come to Open Points of

Dispensing."

Village President Jeff Troutman said the health department initiated the agreement, which at least three other municipalities have approved.

"It really doesn't have anything that we're going to be doing right now," Troutman said.

Troutman voted to approve the agreement, as did Trustees Ron Delbridge, Rick Pope and Spencer Wilson. Trustee Teresa Gilroy abstained; she said she hadn't had an opportunity to read it, because of technical difficulties. Trustees Donald Peterson Jr. and Steve Potter were absent.


Building permits were issued for alteration of an entry door on a garage at 306 N. Town Ave. and for installation of an above-ground swimming pool at 317 N. Cottage Grove Ave.



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The City of Toulon has available upon request this year’s Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR includes basic information on the source of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during 2024, and compliance with other drinking water rules, as well as some educational materials. Please note, copies will not be mailed out as in the past. You may obtain a free copy at the City of Toulon, City Hall, 122 N Franklin, Toulon.

CITY OF TOULON ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2025

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Toulon
IL 1750150
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 Toulon water system to provide safe drinking water.
The source of drinking water used by Toulon is Ground Water.
For more information regarding this report, contact
Kurt J. Downie : 309-228-9548.
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 ex-

pected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. 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 a and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The drinking water supplier 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 from 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 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 Kurt J. Downie at 309-228-9548. 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 second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. 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 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/wpi/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.
Source of Water: TOULON To determine Toulon’s susceptibility to groundwater contamination, information obtain during a Well Site Survey performed by the Illinois Rural Water Association on August 19, 1998 was reviewed. Based on this information, eleven potential sites of concern were identified within proximity of this water supply’s wells. The Illinois EPA does not consider the source water 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 the available hydrogeologic data on the wells.

Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Meter	Report Status	Location
Well 1 (31357)	GW	Active	In WTP, SE of Vine & Franklin St.
Well 2 (31358)	GW	Active	Is South of WT and North of WTP

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 (ALG): 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: .005 to .049
Lead Range: 0 to 6.3 ppb
To obtain a copy of this system’s lead tap sampling data on drinking water watch at: <http://water.epa.state.il.us/dww/index.jsp>
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 contact: Kurt J. Downie 815-228-9548.

2024 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead & Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over (AL)	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminants
Copper	08/25/2022	1.3	1.3	0.04	0	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead	08/25/2022	0	15	1.4	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 occasions. 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. Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDL: 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	0.9	0.7 - 2	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2024	3	2.76 - 2.76	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2024	7	6.92 - 6.92	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	05/09/2023	0.006	0.006 - 0.006	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	05/09/2023	0.896	0.896 - 0.896	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Sodium	05/09/2023	170	170 - 170			ppb	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.
Zinc	05/09/2023	0.01	0.01 - 0.01	5	5	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates naturally occurring; discharge from metals.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination.
Combined Radium 226/228	04/04/2023	0.916	0.916 - 0.916	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

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BRIEFS

Local prairie tour
Saturday near Billtown

WILLIAMSFIELD – Tour native gardens and learn about creating a bird- and butterfly-friendly yard on Saturday, June 28, from 9:30-11 a.m. at Pleasant Prairie Nursery, 24219 W. Laura Rd.

The University of Illinois Extension is hosting the event as part of its Conservation@Home program.

Participants are encouraged to bring lawnchairs. Light refreshments will be served. The first 15 people who apply for the C@H program get a free native plant. Plants will also be available for purchase.

Pork chops in the park
available July 3

GALVA – Messiah Lutheran Church in Galva will hold its 33rd annual July 3 Pork Chops in the Park event next week. Church members will cook pork chops at the Wiley Park shelter between 5-7 p.m.

Cost is \$6 each or \$8 for a meal including a sandwich, bag of potato chips and a bottle of water.

Rain location is Messiah Lutheran Church, 317 SW Third St., Galva.

College honors

- Two local students made the Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) at the University of Iowa for the spring

2025 semester: **Brett Browning** of Wyoming and **James Kieser** of Bradford.

Et cetera

- GALVA – The Galva Arts Council welcomes country artists Rye Davis and Angela Meyer to Wiley Park Sunday, June 29, for the 2025 Levitt AMP Galva Music Series. The free concert starts at 6 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawnchairs. Food will be sold on site.
- KEWANEE – Abilities Plus has its 34th annual golf outing Aug. 4 at Midland Golf Club. Registration is \$90 per golfer before July 3, \$95 from July 4-25. Call (309) 852-4626 or email laurend@abilitiesplus.org.

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Rain Location: 317 SW 3rd St

5-7pm @ Wiley Park Doss Memorial Stage
GAC John Sloan Memorial Tribute
Feat. Brad Shryack

**Friday, July 4th
at Galva Park Dist.**

Galva Park District
Kickball Tournament
Host: Galva HS 8-Man Football
more info coming soon!

Food Vendors 4pm-dusk
Dunk Tank Fundraiser 7pm-9pm
Bouncy Houses 6pm-830pm
\$5 wristbands to enter
Face Painting at Pavilion 5pm
Galva American Legion
Presentation of Colors 7pm
National Anthem 9pm
Fireworks display to follow

Friday, July 4th at Wiley Park

Freedom Fest 5k - 8am @ Wiley Park
Registration 7-7:45
Kid's Fun Run to follow!! 10 and under

7-9am @ Wiley park
Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast

7-9am @ Wiley Park
Antique Tractor Show Registration
Show Begins at 9am

Galva Arts Council Art Jam!!
9am-Noon @ the Wiley Park Blacktop
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10am @ Wiley Park Doss Memorial Stage
Galva Ministerial Association
Community Prayer Time

11am-230pm @ Wiley Park
Lunch in the Park, Hosted By the
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Noon Parade
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OBITUARIES

Jeffrey D. Hemminger

WYOMING – Jeffrey Douglas “Jeff” Hemminger, 55, of Wyoming, passed away on Friday, June 20, 2025, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home after battling cancer since October 2020.

Jeff was born on April 27, 1970, in Hinsdale to Ralph and Barbara (Kost) Hemminger. He married Amber L. (Donovan) Hemminger on Nov. 24, 2007, in Wyoming; she survives.

Also surviving are their three children, Audrey, Gracie and Donovan Hemminger, all of Wyoming; three siblings, Wendy Erlandson, Alan Hemminger and Eric Hemminger; and his mother-in-law Crystal Donovan of Wyoming. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Kevin Donovan, and good friend, Walt Klausing.

Jeff was an amazing father who enjoyed the time spent raising his children, playing with them, attending all their extracurricular activities and homeschooling them during the pandemic. He was a supportive husband as his wife worked her way through higher education and her career.

Jeff also enjoyed his time working at the Wyoming Caseys, always greeting guests with a smile. He was an avid sports fan too, rooting for the Chicago Bears, White Sox and Bulls.

His funeral service was to be June 24, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming. Pastor Rebecca Klemm was to officiate. Visitation was to take place at the funeral home prior from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or the Stark County CUSD #100.

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



Hemminger

Clark Newell

METAMORA – Clark “Dewey” Newell, 94, of Metamora, a longtime resident of Bradford, Ill., passed away on Friday, June 20, 2025, at Arc Nursing Facility in Chillicothe, Ill.

Born at home in Hallock Township, Ill., on July 14, 1930, to James and Edna (Crotz) Newell, Dewey was the sixth of 14 children. He married Betty (Elaine) Boone in 1957, celebrating almost 68 years of marriage. They settled in Bradford, where Dewey worked as a rural mailman for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife Betty; his children, David (Kathy) Newell and Lisa (Rick) Avgerinos; grandchildren Allison (Ryan) Eckhart, Brian (Caleb Erickson) Newell, Mike (Colleen Casey) DiCola and Jennifer (Michael) Azzaro; and great-grandchildren Patrick, Vincent and Declan Eckhart and Anthony Azzaro.

Dewey was an active member of the Bradford community, involved in the Leet Memorial United Methodist Church, the American Legion and the Masonic Lodge. A veteran of the Korean War, he participated in an Honor Flight to Washington D.C.

Dewey enjoyed 28 years of retirement, never missing an opportunity to hunt, fish, gather mushrooms, bowl or golf.

Visitation was to be at Metamora Christian Union Church on Tuesday, June 24. A funeral was to be held at Leet Memorial United Methodist Church in Bradford on Wednesday, June 25 at 11 a.m.

For more details, visit the Mason Funeral Homes in Metamora website at www.masonfuneralhomes.com.

Elmer Thurston

GALVA – Elmer Thurston Jr., 93, a resident of Allure of Knox County in Galesburg, formerly of Galva, passed away at 4:34 p.m., Friday, June 20, 2025, at the home.

He was born June 2, 1932, in Wyoming, Ill., the son of Elmer and Hazel (Hall) Thurston Sr. He married

Eva L. Boyce on Jan. 9, 1954, in Alexander, Va.. She preceded him in death on April 16, 2016.

Survivors include their children, Pam (Steve) Konstanty of Galva, Philip (Sharon) Thurston of Rio, Donald Thurston of Galesburg and Dwayne (Michele) Thurston of Sheffield; nine grandchildren, Julie (Chuck) Forsythe, Fayth (Nathan) Schiltz, Jenni (Jared) Coan, Lisa (Jeremy) Larimer, Shawn, Chris and Ryan Thurston, Eric (Melinda) Thurston and Emily (Patrick) O’Neill; and 11 great-grandchildren, Harley, Lita, Erin, Mackenzie, Xavier (Mykenzie) Cameron, Shane, Olivia, Peyton, Raelynn and Archer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Ashley Thurston; and his siblings, Doris Stevenson, Shirley Wilmes, Mary Grammer, Ruby Bass and Kenneth Thurston.

Elmer graduated from Toulon High School in 1950 and then served his country in the U.S. Army with the military police. He worked for Cherner Motors in Arlington and then as an assembler at the Hyster Company in Kewanee for 24 years.

He had the privilege of going on the Honor Flight in 2018 and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and thrilled to see them finally win the World Series. He was a member and elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Kewanee for 53 years and was currently attending the First Baptist Church in Galva.

Funeral services were to be Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Pastor Bryan Griem was to officiate. The burial was to follow at Galva Cemetery with military rites conducted by the Galva Fusiliers. Memorials may be directed to the First Baptist Church in Galva or the First Presbyterian Church.



Thurston

Bid Notice

The Village of LaFayette is seeking Sealed Bids for the purchase of the Library building (parcel #03-18-420-003) and adjoining Lot (parcel #03-18-420-001). Minimum \$6000 Bid.

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CITY OF WYOMING ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2025

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Wyoming
IL1750200
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 Wyoming is Ground Water.

For more information regarding this report, contact
Name: Kurt J. Downie
Phone: 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 wild-life.

• 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 contaminants. 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 drinking water supplier 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 City of Wyoming 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 Information			
Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
Well #1 (31361)	GW	Active	IN WTP, East of Main Street
and Well #2 (31362)	GW	Active	70 FT S. OF WELL 1

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: WYOMING Based on information obtained in a Well Site Survey published in 1990 by the Illinois EPA, several potential sources are located within 1,000 feet of the wells. Based on information provided by Wyoming officials,

the following changes have occurred: Farm and Home Service (map code 6203) is out of business, Moats Auto Sales/Auto Body (map code 6205) is out of business and used for storage, Wyoming Dry Cleaners (map code 6206) is closed and has been razed and is now fire department property, the antique and furniture business (map code 6207) is closed and used for storage, Wyoming Motors (map code 6204) is out of business and razed and a bank has been constructed on property, Breeze-Illinois Inc. (map code 6218) is closed and used for storage, and the feed lot (map code 6216) is closed and the property is used for construction equipment storage. The Illinois EPA has determined that the Wyoming 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 theentry 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 Wyoming 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 ground water supply.

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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 (ALG): 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: .007 to .210

Lead Range: 0 to 7.6

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

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: Kurt J. Downie 815-228-9548.

Lead & Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over (AL)	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminants
Copper	09/26/2022	1.3	1.3	0.024	0	ppm	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 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. **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 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	1.5	1.1 - 2	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	08/10/2023	8	7.69 - 7.69	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	03/20/2023	0.0051	0.0051 - 0.0051	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	03/20/2023	0.541	0.541 -0.541	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	03/20/2023	0.054	0.054 - 0.054		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	06/14/2023	0.03	0.03 - 0.03	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	03/20/2023	1.1	1.1 - 1.1	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
Sodium	03/20/2023	130	130 - 130			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	06/14/2023	3.45	3.45 - 3.45	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	06/14/2023	11.9	11.9 - 11.9	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

Violations Table

Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) - Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Violation type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
Monitoring, Routine (DSP), Major	01/01/2024	12/31/2024	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated

Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen - Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome.			
Violation type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
Monitoring, Routine , Major	01/01/2024	12/31/2024	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) - Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Violation type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Vilation Explanation
Monitoring, Routine (DSP), Major	01/01/2024	12/31/2024	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Monitoring Requirements Not Met for City of Wyoming

Our water system violated several drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 01-01-2024 thru 12-31-24 we did not monitor or test for Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) AND Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminants(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be taken).

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Haloascetic Acid HAA5	1	0	01/01/2024 - 12-31-2024	06/2025
Total Trihalomethanes	1	0		

What Happened? What is being done?

The laboratory did not send out the sample bottles, therefore no samples were taken. For more information, please contact Kurt J. Downie at 815-228-9548.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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