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Stark Co. shines at FFA event

By The Prairie News

SPRINGFIELD – The Stark County FFA chapter had a tremendous showing at the 98th Illinois State FFA Convention in Springfield last week. Six agriscience fair projects were selected as state winners and all will advance to the national level for judging.

Students with state-winning projects were Cash Kinsella and Jaxon Carder, Jake Primo, Toby Williams, Taylor Price and Darilis Knobloch, Creighton Stahl and Madison Ensey and Annalynn Terwilliger.

Williams was the 2026 winner for his Agriscience Proficiency Award and was the 2026 State STAR in Agriscience. He will advance with his record book to the national level with further judging this summer, if selected.

Isaac Macke, Will Denton and Stahl were also selected to represent Stark County in the State Convention Band. Macke will audition for the 80-member national FFA band later this summer.

Finally, Stark County FFA was selected as a gold-rated chapter in Illinois, signifying the top 8% of state chapters, and is a finalist candidate for the National Chapter Award. The National Chapter Award is given to the top 3% of chapters nationally and judging will take place this summer.

Macke will represent Stark County in Washington D.C. this month for leadership training with Illinois FFA and the Illinois Farm Bureau.

BILLTOWN SENIOR MANOR



The Country Aire Senior Manor in Williamsfield is shown in the above photo. Below are the new owners of the building, the husband-and-wife team of Scott Perkins and Bobby Brown. Photos by Nick Vlahos

Couple was sold on Williamsfield

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

WILLIAMSFIELD – One existing building in Williamsfield has become the site of 16 new addresses. Scott Perkins and Bobby Brown hope that leads to at least 16 new residents.

The husband-and-wife team are the owners of Country Aire Senior Manor, a new independent-living facility along Illinois Route 180. The new owners purchased the building earlier this year for about \$200,000 from the village, which received it last year by donation.

For Brown and Perkins, it sounds like it was love at first sight.

"We didn't even make it into



the building and I told her, 'We're buying this place,'" Perkins said. "I knew as soon as we pulled in. I said, 'Unless we walk in here and I see something completely different than what the outside tells me, we're buying this place,'

And we did."

Not to say all was perfect. Brown and Perkins have been upgrading an almost-40-year-old building that was a retirement center-turned-group home. Among the upgrades

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DOE grant to fund fall school work

Bus barn, paving work planned for October

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – In planning for expected funds from a Department of Energy Clean Energy Grant, the Stark County School Board on Monday discussed two construction projects slated for October once monies are released.

One project the board approved was for Potter and Son's Blacktopping Inc. to pave the staff parking lot for \$65,000. Other work on a new concrete apron, a main entrance to the bus barn, an asphalt bus lane and additional gravel for \$107,909 was not approved, as Elliott is seeking an extension beyond 30 days on the bid until funds are released.

The district received two bids for an electric bus barn, one from Greiner Buildings of Kewanee for \$100,300 plus an alternative bid for a garage door at \$31,288.55 and one from T&J Builders for \$72,500 and a \$9,950 quote from Sullivan Door for the garage door. No action was taken, as Elliott is seeking an extension beyond 30 days on the initial bids.

After a public hearing that elicited no comments, the board also approved an e-learning plan for 2026-29 that does not force

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SCHOOL BOARD: New baseball coach hired

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the district to use e-learning days but ensures the availability in cases of need.

Again looking to the future, the board established its 2026 meeting schedule, starting with a board retreat at 8 a.m. on July 20 followed by a 1:30 p.m. regular session. Other meeting dates in 2026 are Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21. Dates in 2027 will be Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 15, April 19, May

17 and June 21.

In other business, the board approved replacing 170 Chromebooks for 4th, 7th and 10th grades at a cost of \$69,0004 through the State Bank of Toulon and accepted a bid for milk and for publication of The Rebel Reporter in FY27. The lone bid for milk was from Prairie Farms and included an increase of 4-6 cents per pint. Lampe Publications LLC of Elmwood was the lone bidder for printing The Rebel Reporter.

The board also heeded a recommendation from Superintendent Brett Elliott to retain Miller, Hall and Triggs as board legal counsel for the 2026-27 school year with a 3% increase for the hourly rate. Elliott praised the district's work relationship with the Peoria-based law firm.

In personnel matters the board approved hiring Rich Schertz as head high school baseball coach to take over for Cole Hartley, whose resignation was accepted. Other resignations accepted were from Beth Chapman and Taylor Wilkinson as senior class sponsors.

Donald Trenholm was approved as an elementary school custodian and the board acknowledged the planned retirement of Brandi Helms at the conclusion of the 2029-30

school year, making her eligible for a 6% retirement incentive.

Finally, the board approved closing the Class of 2025 activity account, creating a Class of 2030 activity account and a resolution to transfer Fiscal Year 2027 interest.

Prior to the business portion of the meeting, the board recognized the school's IESA state track meet qualifiers and noted the success of Stark County FFA students at the Illinois State FAA Convention held in Springfield earlier in June.

The board also heard from Elliott that the Education Foundation plans to have its annual golf outing on July 31 at Midland Golf Club.



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To give residents a glimpse into this decision, we have compiled a few items that we acquire regular increases on. Ameren costs alone have increased by approximately 41 % on average from 2023 to 2026. This overall rise is driven by two main factors: rising "supply" prices (market cost for electricity) and periodic "delivery" rate hikes (regulated fees for grid maintenance). Yearly cost of municipality maintenance has increased as well. Wastewater / Sewer costs for some municipalities have increased 25% in 2026 alone, following the 40% increase in prior years to fund required upgrades set by the EPA.

In early 2025 the village experienced an extremely heavy burden. Membranes for the water treatment facility needed to be replaced immediately. These are basically "filters" inside the vessels that the water flows through. Wyoming just had the same issue in July of 2025. The cost of the membrane is around \$75,000. Then, if not installed and pressurized correctly, the membrane can blow out and will need to be replaced again.

In Bradford's case, we were fortunate enough to have our own City Maintenance Manager who is educated in this matter and saved Bradford substantial funds. Bradford replaced the membranes for \$39,480.34.

The increase in the water and sewer bill was not a decision that was made lightly. Several conversations trying to establish alternative actions have been discussed. The increase affects all residents in Bradford. We do understand the constraint that this can put with individuals in low-income households. Copies of funding assistance can be found in the front lobby of the Village Hall if needed. We encourage residents to call these resources if needed.

It was discussed by the board to raise the cost of water and sewer during the February Committee Meeting. Voting on the increase was determined at the April Board Meeting. The rate for water will increase from \$45.50 to \$50.50 and the rate for sewer will increase from \$35.50 to \$40.50 so the total bill will be \$110.00. This is an increase of \$10.00 per month and this will take effect on the bill issued in July.

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Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

6-1 - to a vehicle repossession taking place in the 300 block of NE 1st St.

6-1 - While patrolling, officer located a large piece of metal in the roadway in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. It was removed.

6-2 - three times to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a loud-music complaint. The complaint was unfounded after officer observed the music was playing at a reasonable volume.

6-2 - to the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

6-3 - Officer was notified about a vehicle repossession in the 800 block of N. Center Ave. The vehicle was recovered.

6-3 - to the 600 block of SW 2nd Ave for a wild-animal complaint involving a sick or injured fox. Officer was not able to locate the animal.

6-4 - to the 500 block of SW 6th Ave. for a low-speed vehicle inspection. A permit was issued.

6-4 - to assist the ambulance with a patient who fainted in the 300 block of Market St.

6-5 - to the 500 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a traffic complaint involving a possible intoxicated driver. Officer was not able to locate.

6-6 - to the 1100 block of NW 5th Ave for a solicitor complaint.

6-6 - to the 700 block of W. Division St. for a loose-dog complaint. Officer could not locate the dog.

6-7 - to the 400 block of NW 2nd St. for a wild-animal complaint in-

volving an injured raccoon.

6-7 - to the 100 block of NE 7th St. for a complaint of someone knocking on a door and then running away.

6-8 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

6-8 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a loud-music complaint.

6-8 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. for a complaint involving a stray cat that got inside the house.

6-9 - to the SW 6th Ave. railroad tracks for a crossing-arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted.

6-9 - While patrolling, officer checked on an unoccupied and parked vehicle with the doors open in the 500 block of SW 7th St.

6-10 - Officer was notified about a vehicle repossession taking place in the 900 block of N. Center Ave.

6-10 - to the 600 block of SW 4th St. for a property-line dispute.

6-10 - to the 900 block of NW 6th St. for a low-speed vehicle inspection.

6-10 - to a residence in the 900 block of W. Division St. for a city ordinance violation.

6-11 - to the 600 block of NW 5th Ave. for a property-line dispute.

6-11 - While patrolling, officer noticed a train stopping, which blocked every Galva crossing for nearly an hour. The train eventually moved.

6-11 - to the 900 block of NW 6th St. for a disorderly conduct complaint.

6-11 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a solicitor complaint. Five subjects were located who did not have permits. They were removed from the property.

6-11 - to the 700 block of SE 6th

St. for a utilities complaint involving a power wire down in a yard. Ameren was contacted.

6-11 - along with the fire department, to the 600 block of NW 4th Ave. for a power transformer that was sparking.

6-11 - to the SW 6th Ave railroad tracks for a crossing arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted.

6-12 - to the 500 block of North Center Ave for a utility wire that was across the roadway. It was determined to be a phone wire.

6-12 - to a residence on NE 1st Ave. for a welfare check.

6-12 - to the 500 block of N. Center Ave. for a utility wire down. It was a cable wire that was removed.

6-12 - to the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

6-12 - to the 1000 block of SW 2nd St. for a verbal domestic disturbance and child custody dispute.

6-13 - to the 600 block of S. Center Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was returned to a neighbor.

6-13 -to a verbal disturbance between neighbors in the 00 block of NE 6th St.

6-14 -to the 00 block of SW 4th Street to assist a motorist who locked themselves out of a vehicle. Henry County was able to respond.

6-14 - to the north edge of town to watch for a reckless driver after a complaint. The suspect had already made it home. Henry County handled the complaint at a residence on NW 5th St.

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GUEST VOICES

Graduation in D.C. different than home

It is that time of the year when our kids and grandkids graduate from high school and college. Every school and location tends to do it differently. And if one has to travel to the event there are additional concerns.

This past week my wife and I traveled to Falls Church, Va., for the high school graduation of our grandson. What got my attention, to start with, was the price of gas and a motel room.

For those of us who live in Illinois, we can be proud of our gas taxes. Illinois has some of the highest gas taxes in the nation, though we do rank second fiddle to our friends in California.

Richard KORITZ

We went through Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia and Washington D.C. Every gas price was lower than Illinois. We saw gas for \$3.19 in Indiana and we left home at \$4.74.

Every business in Illinois that uses gasoline is paying more than our competitors next door. Is it any wonder that businesses and residents are leaving Illinois?

The hotels tell a little different story. We drove the first night without a reservation as we didn't know how far we would travel. We ended up in a huge thunderstorm in eastern Ohio at a Sleep Inn. Not your fanciest hotel, but the room was clean and the breakfast was pretty good. The price was \$97, which I thought was great.

Sunday afternoon we arrived at the

Marriot in Falls Church, a suburb of Washington D.C. I had tried to book a reservation online but kept getting told the hotels were sold out of handicap rooms, if not the entire hotel.

I gave up and used an American Express travel agent to find us a room. The travel agent did her job and got us the room, but the price was a shade bit more than that Sleep Inn. It cost us over \$400 per night for that room and, if we had stayed a third night, the price went up to over \$700.

Now it was a beautiful hotel and the food was served on real plates and silverware, but my country roots were hurting. Lesson learned: Get your reservation early as the Washington D.C. market is as volatile as it gets.

We finally get to the graduation on Monday, but it is nothing like a central Illinois graduation. There are multiple high schools in Falls Church. Three of those schools had their graduations on that Monday at the 7,000-seat George Mason University basketball arena. Ceremonies were at 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

I am amazed at how efficient the university is in getting the crowd out and the new group in, as each school had over 600 graduates.

The ceremony itself was a typical graduation ceremony, save for the graduates. From my less than scientific observation, at least 25% of the graduates were ethnic Muslim. A significant proportion were of Hispanic background and there was a noticeable Indian/Asian group.

One of the student speakers, who

spoke excellent English, stated he was an 8th grade non-English speaking boy when he came to the United States from Afghanistan. He gave a lot of credit to his teachers for assisting him in his assimilation into American society.

Another girl was from Bolivia and she was acknowledged for her English acclimation. I don't know how many languages I heard out in the foyer of the arena. The kids were all speaking English to each other and then speaking their native tongue to their older family member.

I was intrigued by the diversity of the setting. To that thought, we went out to dinner afterwards and our grandson, who was born in Germany as an American citizen, was speaking English to my wife and me. But he would revert to Armenian when speaking to his mother, who is very fluent in English, and is a U.S. citizen.

The differences in settings between Washington D.C. and central Illinois were acutely obvious, but there was also the sameness of being Americans at a high school graduation.

We asked our grandson what his plans were for after graduation. He was starting work the next week at the Pentagon in the maintenance department as a trainee, after spending his last semester of high school going through all of the security clearances. It is my understanding that he is one of the youngest employees there.

Our nation is evolving and growing and every graduate adds to the future of the country.

Richard Koritz is an Illinois native and former DeWitt County state's attorney.

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VILLAGE OF BRADFORD ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2026

Consumer Confidence Report Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Bradford IL1750050

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of
January 1 to December 31, 2025.

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.

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 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 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 Assessment, including the 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 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.

2025 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

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: 0 UG/L to - 750 UG/L

Lead Range: 1 UG/L to - 150 UG/L Sampling Data: Kurt Downie - 815-228-9548

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 Downie - 815-228-9548

Lead & Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over (AL)	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminants
Copper	2025	1.3	1.3	0.043	0	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead	2025	0	15	8.6	2	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	2025	1.1	0.97 - 1.21	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2025	1	0.612 - 0.612	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.
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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Heritage Days return to Princeville park

PRINCEVILLE – A variety of family entertainment and fun will be on display this weekend at Princeville Heritage Days.

The Princeville Civic Association introduced a giveaway last year and it will continue today through Saturday. The nightly giveaway is \$100. Visitors can enter by stopping by the PCA tent each evening from 5-7:45 p.m. (must be 18 and older and present to win). Names will be announced from the main stage at 8 p.m.

The carnival and food tent in Stevens Square Park features Lions Club sandwiches, Masons onion rings and lemon shakeups, St. Jude water and soda stand and a selection of pies and desserts from our local churches.

Voting for the Cutest Pet Contest will be ongoing. Music, singing and events are scheduled for today and Saturday on the main stage. See the complete event schedule in an advertisement on Page 7.

The parade on Saturday starts at 2 p.m. and the carnival will open directly afterward. Anita and Ron

Routh are the 2026 grand marshals. Toulon's coffee shop receives Amex grant

TOULON – West Main Coffee & Books, a locally owned coffee and book shop owned and operated by Michael and Payton Schott, was selected as a recipient of an Amex Shop Small Grant from American Express and Main Street America.

The grant will provide \$20,000 in funding to complete renovations behind the shop's barista bar and to acquire kitchen equipment to launch cafe-style breakfast in downtown Toulon at 213 W. Main St.

Bishop Hill hosts Midsommar on June 20

BISHOP HILL – The village of Bishop Hill will host its annual Midsommar festivities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, offering a variety of craft, programs, live music, activities and booths in the village park.

Village businesses will have yard games set up for visitors to play during the day. The Creative Commons will feature a free performance by a



Pictured above, a U.S. flag is respectfully retired, at the Bradford American Legion 445 flag retirement ceremony, held on June 14 at Elsie Hodges Park in Bradford. Photo by Angie Stange.

chainsaw artist. Visitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair.

Decoration of the Maypole and a parade to the Colony School will be at 2 p.m., followed by dancing and light refreshments.

College Honors

• **Blake Orwig** and **Lauren Orwig** of Wyoming made the Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) at Monmouth College for the spring 2026 semester.

• **Paige Rewerts** of Wyoming made the Dean's list (3.75 gpa or better) at Elmhurst University for the spring 2026 semester.

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MANOR: variety of rooms offered

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was the addition of 16 new mailboxes, one for each room. Each mailbox required an address.

The new owners suggested that process was laborious. Perhaps that's why, while Brown and Perkins were providing a recent tour, they appeared to take particular pride in the gleaming mailboxes protruding from a vestibule wall.

"We had to go get addresses, but it's worth it," said Brown, a Canton-based mortgage banker.

Brown and Perkins believe the entire endeavor is worth it.

The two have been in the rental-and-rehab business for years. That work includes Country Aire apartments in Hanna City, which like the new Billtown facility is for tenants 55 and older. Brown and Perkins were looking to expand that concept at a more-affordable price.

Country Aire in Williamsfield offers three types of rooms – small, medium and large – for monthly rents of \$895, \$995 and \$1,095, respectively. The cost includes utilities but does not include internet or cable television. Common areas include those amenities

and a full kitchen. Individual units have kitchenettes.

"I'm able to provide a really good service at a really good price because I got the building at a good price," said Perkins, a retired Caterpillar Inc. mechanical engineer.

"From a business standpoint, seniors really are phenomenal. What you've got to figure out is what they care about. They care about keeping it cheap. They care about survival. They're just worried about where they're going to live, essentially until the end of their lives."

The first Country Aire tenant moved in last month, Perkins said. The building is not staffed 24 hours a day and does not provide medical services,

although Graham Health System of Canton operates a clinic in the village.

A local restaurant, Billtown Diner, has agreed to deliver up to three meals a day for residents, at \$8.50 per meal. Ladd's Food Mart in Williamsfield has offered to deliver groceries. Those businesses and services helped convince the new owners to take a chance on the community, Perkins said.

"To me, the town speaks for itself," he said. "The base is solid in this town. They have everything (my residents) need. I own houses in other places that I drive into town and I'm like, 'This town is dying. I need to get out of it.' When I drove into this town, it's not."

Bishop Hill Midsommar Music Festival
June 20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bishop Hill Village Park

- 10 a.m. "It's not Magic, It's Science" - Dr. Dean Campbell, Bradley University
- 11 a.m. Live Melee and Historic Weapons Display - Brotherhood of Steel
- 12 (noon) Orion Community Band
- 1 p.m. - John Heasley
- 2 p.m. - Maypole Decorating, Parade to Colony School and Light Refreshments

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THURSDAY, JUNE 18

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

- 4:30-5:30 PM Art Show Opening Reception @ **LME Library**
- 5-7:45 PM Giveaway signup
- 5-8 PM Food Tent Open
- 5-8 PM Cutest Pet voting
- 5-10 PM Carnival Rides
- 5:30-6 PM VBS Performs @ **Main Stage**
- 6-7:30 PM Talent Show @ **Main Stage**
- 8 PM PCA Giveaway 2 - \$100 winner announced
- 8-10 PM Balderdash @ **Main Stage**

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

- 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**
- 2 PM Heritage Days Parade (Grand Marshalls: Anita & Ron Routh) Theme: Stars & Stripes: Our 250th Birthday
- 2:30-10 PM Carnival Rides
- 2:30-4:30 PM Face painting & rock painting @ **Small Tent**
- 3-4 PM Petting Zoo
- 3-5 PM Car Show
- 4-6 PM Cutest Pet voting
- 4-8 PM Food Tent Open
- 5-7:45 PM Giveaway signup
- 5 PM PCA Kids Contest Winners @ **Main Stage**
- 5:30-7 PM Marriage Game @ **Main Stage**
- 7-9 PM Retrospekt @ **Main Stage**
- 8 PM PCA Giveaway 3 - \$100 winner announced

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

PRINCEVILLE HERITAGE DAYS 5K
Saturday, June 20th
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website: www.thegathering.life/

www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life

1st Congregational Church of Toulon

Reverend David Graham

218 N. Henderson St., Toulon • (309) 286-4901

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Email fcctoulon@gmail.com

website: firstcongregationaltoulon.org

Galva Congregational Church

Pastor Marshall Jones

211 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434

(309) 932-3733

Service Time 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church

"faith in truth"

211 NW 4th Ave GALVA

Main Service: Sun 10:30

Rev. Bryan Griem, Pastor

(309) 932-2713 • GalvaBaptistChurch.com

Wyoming Nazarene Church

517 N Madison Ave. Wyoming, IL 61491

Rev. Shawna Marsh

Sunday School: 10 a.m., All ages • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer & Fellowship 5:30 to 6:30

Thursday Kids Club 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Baby Connection: Wednesday and Thursdays 9 - 11 a.m.

Facebook: Wyoming Naz • Website: www.wyomingnaz.com

First Congregational Church

204 N. 7th St., PO Box 35, Wyoming, IL 61491

(309) 695-4091

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Check us out on Facebook

First Congregational Church of Wyoming, Illinois

Toulon First Baptist Church

110 W. Jefferson St. Toulon • (309) 286-4611

Sunday School 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m.

Sunday Youth Group 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday Kid's Club 5:30-7 p.m.

Wednesday Virtual Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Email: pastor@toulonbaptist.com

www.ToulonBaptist.com

www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchToulon

Call us for Salvation Army Assistance

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

16883 State Route 17, PO Box 158 - Wyoming, IL 61491

allsaintsil.com

Galva Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA)

317 SW Third Street, Galva, IL

Casual, family friendly Rev. Randy Swanson (interim)

Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. "See Through the Scriptures" Bible Study,

5:30 p.m. Worship (in Luther Hall)

Sunday: Worship: 9 a.m.

Contact: messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com

1-309-932-3346

Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart

214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434 • (309) 932-2460

preachinghope@gmail.com • galvafirst@gmail.com

Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

Holy Trinity National Catholic Church

Father John Cramer

716 N. Tremont, Kewanee, IL

Mass - Sat. at 5 p.m., Sun. at 9 a.m., Mon.-Thurs. at 9 a.m.

Rectory Phone: 309-852-5191 Father Cramer Phone: 574-329-9292

St. Dominic Catholic Church of Incarnation Parish

303 N Galena Ave - Wyoming, IL - 309-385-2578

officeic25@gmail.com - incarnationcatholic.org

Mass Times: Saturdays 5 p.m. in Brimfield

Sundays 8AM in Wyoming - 9 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. in Princeville

Religious Education - 10 a.m. Sunday Mornings

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 a.m. Sunday morning.

Bradford Leet United Methodist Church

Boyd's Grove United Methodist Church

Leet UMC 118 E. Main St., Bradford, IL 61421

Services on Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

Boyd's Grove UMC 1976 Wyonet Walnut Rd, Bradford, IL. 61421

Services on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Rev Dan Wright

309-897-8113 309-507-1626

thewright62@hotmail.com

Bradford Apostolic Christian Church

440 E Main St Bradford IL 61421

9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service and simultaneous Sunday

School pre-K thru 12+

11:00 Lunch and Fellowship, 12:15 2nd Sunday Worship

Wednesday Worship Service 7:15 pm

www.bradfordacchurch.org; info@bradfordacchurch.org

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OBITUARIES

Patricia A. Daniels

SHEFFIELD – Patricia Ann (Beall) Daniels of Sheffield, Ill., passed away at the early age of 66, after a short and unfair battle with cancer, on Friday, May 1, 2026. She was born on Sept. 17, 1959, the daughter of Raymond and Janice (Derick) Beall. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Pat is survived by three children and two bonus children, Jason (Terilyn) Motley, Monica (Russ) Ensley and Brooke (Kyle) Schneider all of Kewanee, Nathan (Tiffany) Daniels of Jacksonville, N.C., and Morgan (Sean) Terry of Kewanee; sister Sam DeValkenaere of Bradford; grandchildren Emma, Brady, Carter, Axel, Kyle and baby Beau, who is on the way; bonus grandchildren Wyatt, Hannah, Caitlyn, Chloe, Camryn, Calissa and Cohen; and niece Sharon (Autry) Cauthon. She is also survived by her companion, Mark DeVenney of Sheffield.

Pat was born and raised in Bradford, Ill., and attended Bradford High School. She worked as a CNA for many years when she was younger and absolutely loved that profession and her residents. She would often bring one of them home for dinner.

Pat later started working for the Kewanee School District in the kitchen of Lyle, Central and later Kewanee High School, retiring in 2022.

In her later years, Pat moved to the country, living with Mark DeVenney. She enjoyed the country life – gardening and going on motorcycle rides. She loved to sew and read books. Pat enjoyed gathering with family and her loving friends. She was a giving person and would give you her last dollar if needed but was also spunky and could make a smart-aleck comment at any given moment. Pat loved her family with her whole heart and would often say, "I love you more than you know." We will miss her "more than you know."

A celebration of Pat's life will be held at the Flemish American Club in Kewanee at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2026. Golnick-Schueneman Funeral Home in Kewanee is assisting with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be left for Pat's family on her tribute wall at www.golnick-haskellfh.com.

Rebecca B. Heaton

KEWANEE – Rebecca B. Heaton, 87, of Kewanee, Ill., formerly of LaFayette, Ill., peacefully departed this earth on June 14, 2026, at Prairie Place Senior Living of Kewanee.

She was born on

July 23, 1938, in

Kewanee Public

Hospital, the

daughter of David

Kenneth and

Pansy Marie

(Riley) Edwards.

Rebecca married

Willard Lincoln

Heaton on June 2,

1957, in Toulon, Ill. He preceded her

in death on Feb. 21, 2018.

Rebecca lived a full and happy life

of family, farming and community

service. She is survived by her three

children, daughter Julie (David) Marshall of Nashville, Ill., and sons Rick (Nancy) Heaton of Toulon and Randy Heaton of Bloomington, Ill.

Rebecca attended Toulon Baptist Church, Elmira Presbyterian Church, and was an active member of the LaFayette Methodist Church and LaFayette Methodist women's group. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Toulon American Legion Post 416 Women's Auxiliary. She was also a Mary Kay Consultant and volunteered at Abilities Plus Resale Shop.

Rebecca and her husband Willard loved to travel and enjoyed the ocean. They traveled to Saint Maarten Island for several winters, as well as to Texas, Wisconsin, South Carolina and all along the East Coast. Many road trips were made to visit loved ones and to attend cattle shows and swim meets for their grandchildren.

Rebecca was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two sisters, Sue Hardman and Evelyn Edwards; and two brothers, John and Robert Edwards.

Other surviving family members blessed by Rebecca's life include grandson Jonathan (Paige) Heaton; granddaughters, Elizabeth (Seth) Strom, Becky (Mark) Rodriguez, Jenny (Billy) Kirsch and Caitlyn (Chris) Taff; five great-grandsons, Will and Levi Kirsch, Miles Rodriguez, Christopher Taff and Warren Strom; three great-granddaughters, Julianna Kirsch, and Clarissa and Collette Taff; brother-in-law Dan Hardman; and their extended family, nephew, Ronnie (Dena) Heaton and Mike Heaton; and niece Leanne (David) Hoffman; and several other nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 19, 2026, from 10-11 a.m. at Golnick Family Funeral & Cremation Services (formerly Haskell) in Wyoming, Ill., with a graveside service to follow. Al Harmon will officiate. Burial will take place in West Jersey Cemetery. Golnick Family Funeral & Cremation Services in Kewanee is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be donated to LaFayette Methodist Church, P.O. Box 147, LaFayette, IL. 61449, or Abilities Plus, 1100 N. East St., Kewanee, IL. 61443.

Clarence E. Wagher

TOULON – Clarence E. Wagher, 73, of Toulon, passed away at 8:10 a.m. Sunday, June 7, 2026, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria. Clarence was born on March 2, 1953, in Galesburg, the son of Paul and Patricia (Meyers) Wagher.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia "Pat" Shanks of Knoxville; his daughters, Sarrah Staker of Williamsfield and Jodi (Jason) Klein of Kewanee; a son, Jerod (Kathy) Wagher of Toulon; his grandchildren, Ella Staker of Williamsfield and Jayce, Jayden and Jaelyn Klein of Kewanee; four stepsiblings, Roger (Tanya) Shanks of Missouri, Denis Sheperd of Knoxville, Linda Tate of Florida and Vickie Butler of Florida; and a sister-in-law, Julie Wagher of Chillicothe. He was preceded in

death by his father, Paul Wagher Sr.; his stepfather, Jack Shanks; five brothers, Paul Wagher Jr., Jerry Wagher, Danny Wagher, Jerry Wagher and twin brother John Wagher; a stepsister, Jackie Diedrich; and a son-in-law, Travis Staker.

Clarence graduated from Toulon High School in 1972 and worked for Caterpillar Inc. in Mossville, where he later retired. He was a member of the UAW of Peoria. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family. He had many nicknames and titles throughout his life: Stubby (known by his Cat co-workers), Uncle Bear, Uncle Lumpy and Papo.

Honoring Clarence's wishes, no formal funeral service will be held, but a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Private inurnment will take place in Toulon Cemetery. Rux Funeral Home in Williamsfield is assisting the family with arrangements.

Arelene S. West

HANNA CITY – Arlene S. West, 92, of Hanna City, passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at Farmington Village Nursing and Rehabilitation.

She was born on Feb. 18, 1934, to Paul and Elsie (Atkinson) Shaddock in Decatur.

She graduated from Moweaqua High School in 1952. After high school, she attended the University of Illinois in Champaign and received her bachelor of science in home-economics education. There, Arlene met William "Bill" West, and they married on July 1, 1956. They spent 68 years together until his passing on April 1, 2025.

Arlene was a teacher for a number of years at area schools, including Monroe Elementary School and Oak Grove Elementary School. Illini Bluffs students may remember her nickname, "Sarge." She was always involved with farming with Bill and taking care of her family. She was an avid reader and loved going to Alpha Park Library. She would correct any inappropriate dangling participles and was an assertive passenger-seat driver.

Arlene is survived by her children, W. Bruce (Julie) West of Geneseo and Jeff (Tracy) West of Wyoming; her grandchildren, Callie (Levi) Allen of White Heath, Paul (Amanda) West of Elmwood, Victoria (Andrew) Wells of Edwards and Elizabeth West of Chatham; her great-grandchildren, Ben and Emilia Allen, Evelyn and Lucy West and Lila Wells; niece, Jane (Ed) Fussner; and nephew, David (Debby) Doubet.

She was preceded by her parents; her husband, Bill; her son Robert "Rob" West; and her brother, Robert Shaddock.

A visitation for Arlene was held June 9, 2026, at Davison-Fulton Bartonville Chapel in Bartonville. A funeral service was held the next day at Hanna City Presbyterian Church in Hanna City. Committal service was in Smithville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or Hanna City Presbyterian Church. Condolences and memories can be made on Davison-Fulton-BartonvilleChapel.com.



Daniels



West



Wagher



Heaton

CITY OF TOULON ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2026

Consumer Confidence Report
Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Toulon • IL1750150

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of
January 1 to December 31, 2025.

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drink water and the effects made by the 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 Downie – phone: 815-228-9548

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 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 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 Downie at 815-228-3548. 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: TOULON To determine Toulon's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, information obtained 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) Well 2 (31358)	GW GW	Active Active	In WTP, SE of Vine and Franklin St. Is South of WT and North of WTP

2025 Regulated Contaminants Detected

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. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Copper Range: _____ 0 UG/L _____ to _____ 0 UG/L

Lead Range: _____ 0 UG/L _____ to _____ 3.4 UG/L

To obtain a copy of the system's lead tap sampling data: _____

Kurt Downie – 815-228-9548

CIRCLE ONE: Our Community Water Supply has not developed a service line material inventory.

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 MCLGs 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.

MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level or The highest level of a 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.

To obtain a copy of the system's service line inventory: _____ Kurt Downie – 815-228-9548

Lead & Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over (AL)	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminants
Copper	2025	1.3	1.3	0.08	0	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	2025	0	15	6.3	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

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	2025	1.4	0.7 - 2	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2025	2	2.32 - 2.32	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2025	10	10.3 - 10.3	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.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2025	0.04	0.04 - 0.04	10	10	ppb	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage ; Erosion of natural deposits.
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.

LEGAL ADS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-2 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR TOULON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF STARK, AND KNOX, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Toulon Public Library District of the Counties of Stark and Knox, State of Illinois, shall levy a tax of .02 percent of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purpose, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such additional tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the resolution by the corporate authorities, it shall be published in the Prairie News, a newspaper of general circulation in the Toulon Public Library District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Toulon, Illinois this June 8th, 2026 to be effective immediately upon

adoption.

1. The specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of adoption of the ordinance be submitted to the electors of the District is 127
2. The petition must be filed on or before July 17, 2026.
3. The referendum would be held November 3, 2026.

Roberta Cinnamon
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the
Toulon Public Library District
c/o Toulon Public Library District
617 E. Jefferson Street
Toulon, IL 61483
Posted: June 8, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR TOULON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF STARK, AND KNOX, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Toulon Public Library District of the Counties of Stark and Knox, State of Illinois, shall levy a tax of .02 percent of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purpose, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition as such additional tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the resolution, it shall be published in the Prairie News, a newspaper of general circulation in the Toulon Public Library District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Toulon, Illinois this 8th day of June, 2026.

/S/ Cheryl Hurst
President of the Board of Trustees of the
Toulon Public Library District

ATTEST:
/S/ Roberta Cinnamon, Secretary
Published 6/19/26

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Atkinson, Illinois will hold a public hearing on July 6th, 2026 at 6 PM at the Atkinson Village Hall, 107 W Main St, Atkinson, IL 61235 to review and consider an amendment to the Village's Zoning Map.

Applicant: **Rory Van Opdorp & Marty Van Opdorp**

Parcel: **09-34-429-005**

Proposed Map Amendment: Rezone parcel from R-1 to B-2

The application and proposed map amendment are available for inspection at Atkinson Village Hall, 107 W Main St, Atkinson, IL 61235. All interested parties are invited to attend and present written and/or oral testimony at or before the public hearing. Details on how members of the public can provide comments on the proposed amendment can contact the Village Clerk by email at villageclerk@atkinsonil.org or by phone at (309) 936-7658.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2026

/S/ Krystle Thomas

Village Clerk

Email: everettr@barashlaw.com

Published 6/19/26

MEETING DATES ORDINANCE 2026/2027 26-01

Be it ordained that the regular meeting of the BRADFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT Board of Trustees shall be held at **6:00 p.m.** at the Bradford Public Library District, 111 South Peoria Street, Bradford, Illinois 61421 on the following dates.

Monday, July 20, 2026	Tuesday, January 19, 2027
Monday, August 17, 2026	Tuesday, February 16, 2027
Monday, September 21, 2026	Monday, March 15, 2027
Monday, October 19, 2026	Monday, April 19, 2027
Monday, November 16, 2026	Monday, May 17, 2027
December 2026 – no meeting	Monday, June 21, 2027

Adopted at the regular Board Meeting on June 15, 2026
Posted June 16, 2026

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BRADFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BY: /S/ David Atteberry
President, Board of Trustees
ATTEST: /S/ Hollie Scott
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Published 6/19/26

ORDINANCE NO. 26-02 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR THE BRADFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE COUNTIES OF STARK, MARSHALL AND BUREAU, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Bradford Public Library of the Counties of Stark, Marshall and Bureau, State of Illinois shall levy a tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purposes, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the ordinance, it shall be published in the Prairie News, a newspaper of general circulation in the Bradford Public Library and it is effective immediately upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Bradford, Illinois this 15th day of June 2026.

Posted: June 16, 2026
David Atteberry, President of the Board of Trustees
Bradford Public Library
ATTEST: Hollie Scott, Secretary

Published 6/19/26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF Linda Martin, Deceased
No. 2026PR60

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Linda Martin. Letters of Office were issued on May 14, 2026, to Kathy McCoy as Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the **office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois** or with the **representative, or both** on or before **November 14, 2026**.

Any claim not filed by that date is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing provider. Visit efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/ge-help.asp. Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Executor
P.O. Box 165
Galva, IL 61434
(309) 932-2001
Email: everettr@barashlaw.com
Published 6/5, 6/19, 6/26/26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF SALLY JOAN ENDRESS, Deceased
No. 2026PR228

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given to creditors of the death of **SALLY JOAN ENDRESS**. Letters of office were issued on **February 17, 2026 to William J. Endress, 612 East Street South, Kewanee, IL 61443, as independent executor** whose attorney of record is Justin J. Stoller, 15 W Front St., El Paso, Illinois 61738.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, C. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both until **November 30, 2026**, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2026.

Stoller Law Office
Justin J. Stoller, Attorney for Representative
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ANSWERS PAGE 11

Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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1. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most national parks? **TRIVIA**
2. ANATOMY: Which blood type is considered to be a universal donor?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three signs of the Zodiac are considered to be Earth signs?
4. ROYALS: What was Queen Elizabeth's favorite dog breed?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Which continent has a mountain range called The Great Rift Valley?
6. MONEY: What is the basic currency of Russia?
7. TELEVISION: Which long-running TV sitcom features a dog named Comet?
8. MUSIC: How many strings does a standard violin have?
9. GAMES: How many title deeds does the Monopoly game have?
10. SCIENCE: What is the main cause of ocean tides?

Answers

1. California.
2. Type O negative.
3. CAPRICORN, TAURUS and VIRGO.
4. Corgis.
5. Africa.
6. The ruble.
7. "Full House."
8. Four.
9. 28.
10. The gravitational pull of the Moon.
9. Virtual Private Network.
10. Ganymede of Jupiter.
10. Eleven (11).


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ASTORBARER
is **LONGFELLOW**
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, B for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

GW HIR'KQ PIE XLTGPB
BRHL EI VQXK SOQZL XPO
X OKOLL, ESQP HIR YXP'E
XLT DQ QGESQK.
- TKGLEQP LEQVXKE

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Monday, June 8 - Individual Transports Available - Call (309) 364-2287	Thursday, June 11 - GENESEO - Bradford 8:40, Wyoming 8:55, Toulon 9:10
Monday, June 15 - Individual Transports Available - Call (309) 364-2287	Thursday, June 18 - KEWANEE - Pick up Toulon 8:40, Wyoming 8:55, Bradford 9:10
Monday, June 22 - Individual Transports Available - Call (309) 364-2287	Thursday, June 25 - GALESBURG - Pick up Toulon 8:40, Wyoming 8:55, Bradford 9:10
Monday, June 29 - Individual Transports Available - Call (309) 364-2287	

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CryptoQuote
answer

If you're not asking guys to wear heels and a dress, then you can't ask me either.
— Kristen Stewart

LEGAL ADS

Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and Rights to File Petitions

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an ordinance adopted June 8, 2026 (the "Ordinance"), the City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois (the "City"), intends to issue its Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Bonds (the "Revenue Bonds") or, in lieu thereof, its General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) (the "Alternate Bonds") in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,000,000, and bearing interest per annum at not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by law at the time of the sale thereof, for the purpose of improving the waterworks and sewerage system of the City (the "System"), as more fully described in the Ordinance (the "Project"). The revenue sources that will be pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Alternate Bonds will be (i) revenues of the System and (ii) Illinois State income tax received by the City by deposit to and payment from the Local Government Distributive Fund in the State Treasury, as such tax is supplemented and amended from time to time, and any tax which may be substituted for such tax in the future. If these revenue sources are insufficient to pay the Alternate Bonds, ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in the City without limitation as to rate or amount are authorized to be extended to pay the principal of and interest on the Alternate Bonds. A complete copy of the Ordinance follows this notice.

Notice is hereby further given that if a petition signed by 67 or more electors of the City (the same being equal to 10% of the registered voters of the City) asking that the question of improving the System, as provided in the Ordinance, and the issuance of the Revenue Bonds therefor, be submitted to the electors of the City is filed with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of the Ordinance and this notice, an election on the proposition to issue the Revenue Bonds shall be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "Election Code"). If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the City shall thereafter be authorized to issue the Revenue Bonds for the purposes hereinabove provided.

Notice is hereby further given that if a petition signed by 101 or more electors of the City (being equal to the greater of (i) 7.5% of the registered voters in the City or (ii) 200 of those registered voters or 15% of those registered voters, whichever is less) asking that the issuance of the Alternate Bonds be submitted to referendum is filed with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue the Alternate Bonds shall be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the City shall thereafter be authorized to issue the Alternate Bonds for the purposes hereinabove provided.

By order of the City Council of the City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois, this 8th day of June, 2026.
Barb Cantwell City Clerk
City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Bonds of the City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 or, in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the waterworks and sewerage system of the City.

Whereas, the City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois (the "City"), is a duly organized and existing municipality incorporated and existing under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended (the "Code"), and for many years has owned and operated a municipally-owned combined waterworks and sewerage system (the "System") as set forth in Division 139 of Article 11 of the Code; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City (the "City Council") has deter-

mined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the City to pay the costs of improving the System, including construction of a new water storage tower (the "Project"); and

Whereas, the estimated costs of the Project, including legal, financial, bond discount, printing and publication costs, and other expenses, is not less than \$1,000,000, and there are insufficient funds on hand and lawfully available to pay such costs; and

Whereas, in addition to the System revenues (the "System Revenues"), there exists a source of funds, the same being Illinois State income tax as shared with municipalities by deposit to and payment from the Local Government Distributive Fund in the State Treasury, as such tax is supplemented and amended from time to time, and any tax which may be substituted for such tax in the future (the "Shared State Income Taxes"), received by the City and available for any of its corporate purposes, including for the payment of costs of the Project; and

Whereas, the City Council has further determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the City to construct the Project and, in order to finance the costs thereof, to issue up to \$1,000,000 of revenue bonds payable solely from System Revenues as authorized to be issued at this time pursuant to Division 139 of Article 11 of the Code (the "Revenue Bonds") or, in lieu thereof, up to \$1,000,000 alternate bonds (the "Alternate Bonds"), being general obligation bonds payable from (i) System Revenues and (ii) Shared State Income Taxes (collectively, the "Pledged Revenues"), as authorized to be issued at this time pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "Act"); and

Whereas, if the Pledged Revenues are insufficient to pay the Alternate Bonds, ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in the City without limitation as to rate or amount are authorized to be extended to pay the principal of and interest on the Alternate Bonds:

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The City Council hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. Declaration of Intent. The City Council hereby declares its intention to avail of the provisions of the Code and the Act and to issue the Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of the Project.

Section 3. Determination to Issue Bonds. It is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the City to construct the Project for the public health, safety and welfare, in accordance with the estimate of costs as hereinabove described, and that for such purpose, there are hereby authorized to be issued and sold the Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Section 4. Publication. This Ordinance, together with a notice in the statutory form (the "Notice"), shall be published after passage hereof by the City Council in The Prairie News, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the City, and if no petition, signed by 67 electors of the City (being equal to ten percent (10%) of the number of registered voters in the City) asking that the question of the Project, as provided in this Ordinance, and the issuance of the Revenue Bonds therefor be submitted to the electors of the City is filed with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this Ordinance and the Notice, then the Revenue Bonds shall be authorized to be issued.

If no petition, signed by 101 electors of the City (being equal to the greater of (i) 7.5% of the registered voters in the City or (ii) 200 of those registered voters or 15% of those registered voters, whichever is less) asking that the issuance of the Alternate Bonds be submitted to referendum is filed with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this Ordinance and the Notice, then the Alternate Bonds shall be authorized to be issued.

It is expressly provided that in the event that there shall be filed with the City Clerk in a timely manner a petition, asking that the issuance of the Revenue Bonds be submitted to referendum, the Alternate Bonds shall not be authorized to be issued until such time as the issuance of

the Revenue Bonds shall have been submitted to the electors of the City and a majority of the votes cast on such question shall have been in favor thereof.

Section 5. Additional Ordinances. If no petition with respect to the issue of the Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds and meeting the requirements of applicable law is filed during the petition periods hereinabove referred to, then the City Council may adopt additional ordinances or proceedings supplementing or amending this Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of the Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds and prescribing all the details of the Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds, so long as the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds as set forth in this Ordinance is not exceeded and there is no material change in the Project. Such additional ordinances or proceedings shall in all instances become effective in accordance with applicable law. This Ordinance, together with such additional ordinances or proceedings, shall constitute complete authority for the issuance of the Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds, under applicable law.

Section 6. Reimbursement. None of the proceeds of the Revenue Bonds or the Alternate Bonds issued in lieu thereof will be used to pay, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, for an expenditure that has been paid by the City prior to the date hereof except architectural or engineering costs incurred prior to commencement of the Project or expenditures for which an intent to reimburse it as properly declared under Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. This Ordinance is in itself a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 as to all costs of the Project paid within 60 days prior to the date hereof or on any date after the date hereof and prior to issuance of the Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds.

Section 7. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as provided by law. Passed this 8th day of June, 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:
Ayes: Donna Lefler, Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson and Brandon Simpson
Nays: None
Absent: Ryan Kelly
Approved by me this 8th day of June, 2026.
Larry Hollis
Mayor, City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois
Recorded in the City Records on June 8, 2026.
Attest:
Barb Cantwell
City Clerk, City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois

Notice of Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the City Council of the City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois to Sell Not to Exceed \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source)

Public Notice Is Hereby Given that the City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois (the "City"), will hold a public hearing on the 13th day of July, 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held at the Toulon Firehouse, 420 North Franklin Street, Toulon, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell alternate bonds of the City in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the waterworks and sewerage system, including construction of a new water storage tower.

By order of the Mayor of the City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois.
Dated the 8th day of June, 2026.
Barb Cantwell, City Clerk,
City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois
Published 6/19/26

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