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## Henry Co. passes moratorium

One-year halt for CO2 sequestration projects

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**  
 For The Prairie News

CAMBRIDGE – The Henry County Board approved a moratorium on carbon projects and data centers at its meeting on June 18 in the Cambridge Courthouse.

The vote was 17-0 in favor of a one-year halt on sequestration with one abstention. The Henry County Planning and Development Committee had requested the county-wide moratorium in response to community concerns about a proposed carbon-sequestration project near Galva.

The vote on a temporary moratorium on data centers was 17-1.

Also, Lapis Carbon Solutions reportedly pulled its permit application with the Environmental Protection Agency on May 18, according to Dustin Williams, leader of the Galva Area CO2 Awareness Group. He said Lapis is acting in response to new EPA guidelines.

The Galva Area CO2 Awareness group has been very active in recent months and has a Facebook page with more than 1,100 members.

The first the public learned about the proposed project with Lapis and Big River Resources was at the November 2025 Galva City Council meeting. However representatives had been in the area leasing underground space from landowners for several years. The City of Galva was one who signed.

## BILLTOWN HIT AGAIN



Above: Heavy rain and wind on June 17 toppled a tree in front of Dahinda United Methodist Church. At right: The storm that tore through the area last week damaged the roof of the building that Rux Funeral Home leases in Williamsfield. Submitted photos.



## Another storm slams Williamsfield

By **NICK VLAHOS**  
 For The Prairie News

WILLIAMSFIELD – For the second time in recent months, rough weather struck Williamsfield. But by the beginning of this week, things in Billtown appeared to be returning to normal, with some exceptions.

A storm June 17 peeled most of the roof from a downtown building and felled at least 26 utility poles in the Williamsfield area. The damage closed part of Illinois Route 180 south of the village. About 1,600 Ameren Illinois customers in Knox, Peoria and Stark counties lost power.

Electricity wasn't fully restored in Williamsfield until lunchtime June 19, according to Village President Robert Johnson.

“Unless you had a portable generator or a backup generator, you were in the dark,” he said.

In April, most of Williamsfield lost power from a storm that also brought significant hail. The hail damaged numerous structures. At least \$18,000 in damage to municipal buildings was reported.

One homeowner on Gale Street required a roof replacement because of hail from that storm. During this storm, a

tree fell on the new roof and broke some of its supports, according to Johnson.

“It’s been terrible,” he said about the one-two weather punch. “You have the first storm that comes through – broken windows, broken siding, roofs damaged, the power out 30 hours, people lost all their stuff in the refrigerator.

“Now you’ve got a little span where people are getting stuff fixed, insurance claims are going through and you’re like, ‘OK, this isn’t going to happen again, right?’”

It did happen again, part of a weather system that spawned a

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## Alpha-gal syndrome a rare threat

Condition can trigger allergic reaction

By **KRISTIN BORCHERS**  
 and **RILEY SEMBLER**  
 Capitol News Illinois

MURPHYSBORO — Amanda Allen Hall meticulously plans every meal. She avoids restaurants. Spending time outdoors requires careful consideration – a painful reality for the former hiking enthusiast since she developed alpha-gal syndrome eight years ago. A mere step outside leaves her at risk of an anaphylactic reaction, as the threat and population of ticks increases in her own backyard.

The little-known condition that changed the 45-year-old Murphysboro resident’s life traces back to a 2018 hike in Wears Valley, Tenn. During the hike, she felt a sharp sting on her leg. It was a lone star tick bite that would eventually lead to her diagnosis.

“It’s a whole mess,” Hall said of the condition, which can trigger severe allergic reactions to red meat. “I’d never dreamed 20 years ago that I’d be dealing with something like this.”

As tick populations expand across the Midwest, a phenomenon scientists attribute to climate change, concerns about tick-borne illnesses are growing. That’s especially true in southern Illinois, home to the Shawnee National Forest, where outdoor recreation and work are a way of life for many.

Illinois is among the top 13 states seeing a rise in alpha-gal syndrome

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# STORM: South end of village most damaged

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tornado in Monmouth and others in the Effingham and Mattoon-Charleston areas. What affected Williamsfield appeared to be straight-line winds, based on how power poles fell, and a possible microburst near Route 180.

“Some of the power poles were just blown out of the ground, but some were snapped in two like toothpicks,” Johnson said.

Utility poles along Laura Road also were felled, and a tree fell on and damaged a residence, Johnson said. Downed trees also were reported in Princeville, according to the Weather Service.

In Billtown, most of the damage

was concentrated in the southern two-thirds of the village. That included the flat roof of a downtown building in the 100 block of E. Gale St. that houses the post office, an accounting business and Rux Funeral Home.

“The only thing that kept it from blowing out into the street was the old chimney it was wrapped around,” Johnson said.

Water damage from rain following the roof damage was substantial, according to Dan Rux, the funeral-home owner.

“The roof was upturned and I felt like the inside had become Williamsfield’s municipal pool,” Rux said.

Rux also said he didn’t know how

long his business won’t be able to use its portion of the building, which it leases. Services are to be held at other locations in Williamsfield, as well as the Rux facility in Galva. The post office remained open and sustained no leaks, according to Johnson.

Following this storm, at least 20 Ameren Illinois repair trucks descended upon the village to install new power poles, among other things. The local chapter of FFA also assisted in cleanup efforts, according to Johnson.

“Everybody kind of pulled together to help their neighbors out,” he said. “That was really nice to see.”

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# ALPHA-GAL: Illinois among top 13 states

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cases caused by a bite from the lone-star tick, with residents living in southern Illinois at the highest risk, according to a 2025 study by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

“We don’t have enough long-term data about the population of ticks, but we do know that the number of tick-borne diseases is increasing,” said Rebecca Smith, a pathobiology professor at the University of Illinois who led the Centers for Disease Control-funded study published in the September edition of the scientific journal “Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases.”

The CDC estimates at least 450,000 Americans may be affected, with more than 110,000 suspected cases reported from 2010 to 2022. The CDC estimated at least 90 cases across every southern Illinois county, though that’s likely an undercount. (A spokesperson for the Illinois Department of Public Health said the agency does not have data on alpha-gal syndrome because they don’t track the number of positive cases, unlike Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.)

Smith said many doctors still overlook alpha-gal syndrome when their patients present with common allergic symptoms, and said more education and better tracking are needed to fully understand the scope of the problem.

“We are seeing an increased reporting of alpha-gal, but we’re also having to inform the medical professionals that it exists and that there is a test for it,” Smith said. “So it might be that it’s increasing because we’re getting better at diagnosing it, and we’re getting people more aware of it, but also, we think that the ticks are moving.”

Illinois lawmakers have sought to improve data collection on alpha-gal syndrome. Last August, Gov. JB Pritzker signed the Tracking Infectious Cases Knowledgeably Act, or TICK Act, into law, expanding on earlier efforts around Lyme disease.

It requires healthcare providers to report new alpha-gal syndrome diagnoses to local health departments, which then submit the data to the Illinois Department of Public Health. It also directs IDPH to launch a statewide public-awareness campaign and publish annual data on the condition.

Alpha-gal is a sugar found in most mammals, excluding humans. When the sugar enters the bloodstream through a lone star tick bite, the body’s immune system can begin treating it as a threat. As a result, people with alpha-gal syndrome may experience allergic reactions after consuming red meat and other mammal-derived products, such as dairy, medication containing gelatin products and some skin-care and household products. Even receiving heart valves from pigs or cows can trigger some people with the syndrome. Consuming chicken and fish is fine.

Reactions tend to occur between 2-10 hours after a person consumes a mammalian product, which can make it difficult to determine the cause.

Symptoms vary widely. Some experience mild discomfort. Hives, flushing, nausea and diarrhea are common. On the extreme end, the reactions can be life-threatening, as with other common food allergies like peanuts.

For Hall, just the smell of red meat cooking nearby can trigger an anaphylactic reaction. It has altered her life. For many years, Hall drove semi-trucks with her husband, John. Now, she tends to mostly stay close to home, fearing how her body will react on the road if she inadvertently triggers an allergic reaction.

Efforts to improve education and tracking around tick-borne diseases stem from one mother’s long and frustrating fight to get answers for her sick daughter.

In 2012, Jennifer Russell of Aledo heard the school bus drop off her daughter, Lauryn, but she never came inside. When Russell walked outside, she found her lying in the driveway. Lauryn told her that her legs just stopped working.

For the next three years, the family searched for answers. Lauryn slept 12 to 16 hours a day, frequently became ill and lost much of her short-term memory. Doctors initially suspected leukemia.

“It was a very difficult time,” Russell said.

After three years, Lauryn developed three bull’s-eye rashes in her armpits.

“We were told that Lyme disease wasn’t in Illinois,” she said. “And then our dog got Lyme disease. So, that was how we finally got doctors to take it seriously.”

Russell said it took four years for her daughter to regain her health. The experience led her to found the Illinois Lyme Association, which advocates for people living with tick-borne illnesses. Her advocacy work landed her in the office of State Rep. Dan Swanson, R-Alpha.

“There’s nothing like the passion of a mother with a sick child,” Swanson said. “We’ve passed several pieces of legislation together as quite a team.”

On Jan. 1, 2019, the Lauryn Russell Lyme Disease Prevention and Protection Act went into effect. It also created the statewide Lyme Disease Task Force. Through the task force, the pair has developed educational materials that it has provided to IDPH, and hosted conferences to educate medical professionals on tick-borne illnesses and prevention.

Then, last year, Swanson, whose mother also has alpha-gal syndrome, expanded on those efforts, this newest law targeting alpha-gal syndrome.

The Saluki Local Reporting Lab reached out to IDPH, which said it was in the process of developing educational materials for its website. It recently posted flyers online describing alpha-gal syndrome, how to avoid it and how to manage symptoms. Additionally IDPH has posted trail-head signage at popular hiking spots in southern Illinois warning hikers of tick exposure in collaboration with the Illinois Lyme Association.

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**5-29** - Michael C. Davis, 50, no address listed, was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone.

**5-29** - A complaint of disorderly conduct reported from the 100 block of W. Main St. in Bradford was investigated with no further action.

**5-29** - A complaint of a young juvenile without supervision was reported in the middle of the road at the intersection of W. Clinton St. and Tonti Road in Toulon. Authorities reported that the minor was no longer in the roadway.

**5-30** - Steven W. Parsano, no age or address listed, was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone.

**5-30** - A complaint involving a driver on a four-wheeler popping wheelies in the road was received from a resident in the 700 block of N. Galena Ave. in Wyoming. Authorities were unable to locate the individual.

**5-31** - A traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Route 40 and Castleton Road resulted in two citations being issued to Carlos E. Oconner Jr., no age or address listed, for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone and for unlawful possession of adult cannabis by a driver. His vehicle was towed and he was released with a court date to appear.

**6-1** - A hit-and-run accident was reported from the 200 block of Peoria St. in Bradford. No injuries were reported.

**6-1** - A disorderly conduct complaint was handled in the 100 block of W. Main St.

**6-2** - A disorderly conduct complaint was handled in the 100 block of N. Washington St., Toulon, where a teenage juvenile reportedly did a "burn out" on a motorized scooter from a business.

**6-3** - A trespassing complaint was handled by authorities on a private property complaint on Illinois Route 17 rural Wyoming. A male subject involved was located and advised not to return from the location.

**6-4** - Stark County Sheriff's deputies assisted the Kewanee Police Department in locating a vehicle which had fled from authorities in Kewanee heading east on the Osceola Road reportedly driving 100 mph. The unoccupied vehicle was later located near 1700N and 1691E. township roads and was towed from the scene. The incident remains under investigation.

**6-4** - A vandalism complaint was reported by rural Toulon resident who stated that an individual had run over their extension ladders laying by their driveway.

**6-4** - Gerardo L. Arana Lopez, 26, no address listed, was cited for driving without a valid driver's license and speeding 86 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-4** - Tempestt N. Lawton, 40, Peoria, was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone and for possession of adult cannabis by a driver. She was also found wanted on a Peoria County warrant and extradited to the Peoria County Jail.

**6-5** - Darryl Beasley, 59, Peoria, was cited for driving on a suspended license plates due to mandatory insurance and driving while his license was revoked. He was also found wanted on a notice to appear for failure to appear on a charge for driving while his license was revoked. He was released with a notice to appear.



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**6-5** - Gomez J. Carreno, 46, Melrose Park, was cited for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-5** - Family problems were handled as the source of a complaint received from the 300 block of W. Thomas St. in Toulon.

**6-5** - Emergency personnel responded to a call from a resident in the 300 block of N. Olive St. where a tenant reported that her ceiling had collapsed. The mother and two children were not injured but had to seek temporary living arrangements.

**6-5** - Chance A. Whisenand, 25, no address, was cited for speeding 73 mph in 55 zone.

**6-6** - Alexander W. Vervynck, 21, no address, was ticketed for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-6** - Possible gun shots were reported by a Bradford resident in the 100 block of Breen Ave.

**6-6** - Cheryl A. Winter, 74, was ticketed for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-6** - Anthony K. Dante, 34, Jacksonville, was ticketed for failure to signal, driving while his license was suspended, possession of adult-use cannabis by a driver, and no vehicle insurance. His vehicle was impounded and he was issued a court date to appear.

**6-6** - John M. Hahn, 69, no address, cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-6** - Neighborhood troubles were reported by a resident in the 500 block of N. Galena Ave.

**6-6** - A loose-dog complaint was received from a Toulon resident in the 500 block of W. Main St. A pit bull reportedly had chased a neighbor back into his home. The pet owner was contacted and advised.

**6-7** - Matthew M. Perham, 48, of Laura, was ticketed for speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone and driving with no vehicle insurance.

**6-7** - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on the Modena Blacktop involving driver Stephanie N. Dorsey, of rural Toulon. No injuries were reported.

**6-8** - Nicholas M. Summy, 41, no address, was cited for speeding 82 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-8** - Lindsey A. Rule, 25, no address, was cited for speeding 79 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-8** - William A. Rouse, 59, no address, was cited for speeding 69 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-8** - Bradley D. Moore, 49, no address, was cited for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-8** - Jared M. Portwood, 59, Rochester, Minn., was arrested for possession of a weapon by a felon, driving

**Stark County sheriff reports return**

As you may notice in this edition, we are once again printing Stark County Sheriff Department reports. Credit for that goes to efforts by the Sheriff's Department and by Tammy Wilkinson.

The lapse in reports was due to changes in the way the Sheriff's Department receives reports. The new reporting system, shared with Peoria County, still has kinks that are being worked out. For instance, many of the reports in this paper do not include an age or address. We hope to be able to include those soon.

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without a valid registration and driving with no vehicle insurance. He was extradited to the Bureau County Jail. On June 10, he was released with a notice to appear.

**6-8** - A traffic accident reported with no injuries occurred on Illinois Route 17 near Wyoming. Driver Gregory B. Knowles, 26, no address, reportedly fell asleep while driving and crashed. He was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

**6-8** - James E. Rogers, 59, Wyoming, was arrested on two Henry County warrants for failure to appear on the original charges for criminal trespass and driving over 35 mph of the speed limit. He was taken into custody and extradited to the Henry County Jail.

**6-9** - Braden A. Merritt, 20, no address, was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-9** - David D. Shallenberger, 53, no address, was arrested and taken into custody on a Knox County warrant out of Galesburg and was transported to the Bureau County Jail for extradition by Knox County authorities.

**6-10** - Zachary Mott, no age or address, was cited for driving without a valid registration.

**6-10** - Adam D. Marsh, 42, no address, was cited for operating a vehicle without a valid registration and for no vehicle insurance.

**6-11** - Jakob A. McFadden, 25, no address, was cited for speeding 83 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-11** - A 17-year-old Kewanee juvenile ticketed for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-11** - Tyler J. Petersen, 30, Clinton, Iowa, was cited for improper vehicle registration and speeding 76 mph in a 55 zone. Possible additional charges may be pending.

**6-12** - Jennifer C. Boland, 41, no address, was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-12** - Ethan C. Pollack, 36, no address, was ticketed for disobeying a stop sign.

**6-12** - Patrick C. Peach, 42, no address, was ticketed for driving under the influence (A2) and for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-13** - A two-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of Illinois Routes 78 and 17 west of Toulon involving a semi-truck and trailer and a 2012 GMC Terrain. Drivers involved were identified as truck driver Keith I. Knobloch, 62, Wyoming, and Tyler D. Simoneaux, 37, of Galva. Both

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drivers refused medical treatment at the scene. The accident remains under investigation.

**6-14** - Cal M. DeBaillie, 24, no address, was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-14** - Erik J. Streitmatter, 25, no address, was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-14** - Ryan D. Burt, 45, Bradford, was ticketed for driving a vehicle with a suspended registration and for operating a vehicle without insurance.

**6-14** - Timothy P. Thomas, 34, no address, was ticketed for driving on a suspended license and speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-14** - Matt Koener III, 69, no address, was cited for driving on a suspended vehicle registration due to mandatory insurance.

**6-15** - Judas L. Marckese, 20, no address, was ticketed for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-15** - Branson M. Ruark, 18, no address, was cited for speeding 76 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-15** - Payton Petty, 26, no address, was ticketed for speeding 71 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-15** - Colson P. Welgat, 18, no address, was cited for speeding 93 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-16** - Carlos M. Avila, 55, no address, was ticketed for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-16** - Herrera R. Gutierrez, 49, no address, was cited for speeding 71 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-16** - Corbin A. Juers, 38, no address, ticketed for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-16** - Jennifer S. Binder, 45, no address, was cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-16** - Terry C. McWilliams, 68, no address, was ticketed for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-16** - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred near the Bradford American Legion west of Bradford. The driver was Lane T. Joos, of rural Wyoming. No injuries were reported.

**6-16** - Miles J. Scott, 24, no address, was ticketed for speeding 82 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-16** - Jacob D. Hoelzel, 34, no address, was ticketed for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone.

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**6-16** - Riley J. Masters, 18, Wyoming, was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-17** - Michael K. Pflederer, 34, no

address, was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-17** - Elyse N. Heinold, 21, no address, was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-17** - Ronnisha T. Wilkinson, 39, no address, was cited for speeding 77 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-18** - Neighborhood issues were reported and handled in the 800 block of E. Main St. in Toulon.

**6-19** - A 17-year-old driver, address not available, was cited for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone.

**6-19** - Nick M.E. Yoho, 42, no address, was cited for not having a valid vehicle registration, driving on a revoked license, improper use of vehicle registration, driving without vehicle insurance and illegal transportation of alcohol by the driver. He was also found wanted on a Knox County warrant for failure to appear on an obstructing justice offense. He was released with court dates to appear in both counties.

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**Galva Report**

**Officer dispatched:**

**6-15** - Officer was flagged down on NE 8th Ave. by a citizen who wanted to complain about illegal fireworks being set off.

**6-15** - to a wild-animal complaint about a raccoon found on a porch. They were given information for wildlife removal services.

**6-15** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of Main St., Arely Hernandez, 26, Kewanee, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a required court date.

**6-15** - to SE 6th St. to speak to a resident about a pile of junk placed on the terrace.

**6-15** - Officer assisted Stark County Medic with a lift assist on NW 7th Ave.

**6-16** - to the 900 block of North Center Ave. for a juvenile-mischief complaint.

**6-16** - to the 600 block of SW 2nd Ave. for a loose-dog complaint.

**6-16** - to the 200 block of SW 2nd Ave. for a counterfeit-currency complaint.

**6-16** - to the 200 block of SW 3rd St. for a complaint involving a violation of an order of protection.

**6-17** - Officer was flagged down about a city-ordinance violation involving burning on a non-burn day in the 800 block of NW 1st Ave.

**6-17** - to a residence on N. Center Ave. for a welfare check while severe weather sirens were activated. The subject was fine.

**6-17** - to the 400 block of SW 1st Ave. for a disturbance/parking com-

plaint.

**6-17** - to the 00 block of SE 6th St. to assist a citizen.

**6-17** - to the 400 block of NW 2nd Ave. for a neighbor dispute.

**6-17** - to the 400 block of SE 3rd St. for a solicitor complaint. Two subjects were located had no permit.

As the result, Andrews DeJesus, 34, Chicago, and Atixat Sengmeuangkhoun, 24, Chicago, were each issued administrative warning tickets for soliciting with no permit.

**6-17** - to the SW 6th Ave. train tracks for a crossing-arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted.

**6-18** - to the 300 block of NW 6th Ave. for a complaint involving several dogs that ran away and two young children followed them. The dogs and children returned home.

**6-18** - to the 400 block of NE 2nd Ave. for a physical domestic disturbance. As the result, Jacob Todd, 30, Galva, was arrested for aggravated domestic battery (strangulation). He was transported to the Henry County Jail.

**6-18** - Officer spoke to a subject by telephone about a loose-dog complaint from the previous day.

**6-18** - twice to the 600 block of SW 2nd Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. As the result, Ida Terry, 28, Galva, was issued an administrative warning ticket for allowing dogs to run at large.

**6-19** - to the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a fireworks complaint.

**6-19** - to the 1100 block of SE 2nd St. for a 911 hang-up complaint. It was determined to be a pocket dial from a passing motorist.

**6-20** - to Route 34 east of town to assist a motorist whose vehicle appeared to be broken down. The subject was fine and was able to continue driving.

**6-20** - to the 400 block of NW 1st St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was located and impounded. It was later returned after the owner contacted police.

**6-20** - Officer assisted the ambulance with lifting a patient on SW 4th Ave.

**6-21** - to the 300 block of NE 6th St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog ran into a nearby corn field and was not captured.

**6-21** - Officer assisted the ambulance with lifting a patient on SW 4th Ave.

**6-21** - Officer assisted the ambulance with lifting a patient on SE 3rd St.

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GUEST VOICES

National news not favorable for Illinois

This past week Illinois has been receiving a lot of national press. Unfortunately, most of it has been of the negative variety. Two events were discussed.

Tornado Alley -- For years Kansas has been the state known for tornadoes and the destruction that can entail. Unfortunately, Illinois looks to be taking the lead as the national tornado alley. Illinois averages just over 50 tornadoes a year. This year, we are pushing 160 and tornado season is not over.

The local television stations are to be commended for their efforts the past week in keeping the public informed as to where the storms were and when to take cover. Regrettably, two lost their

lives in Dix and five others were hospitalized when a tornado destroyed the mobile home they were staying in. Mobile homes are normally a very economical means of achieving housing. That is until a storm arrives and they are a death trap. The public simply needs to remember the risks of staying in a mobile home during a tornado event and take the appropriate safety actions. Tornadoes are simply

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extremely dangerous events that society cannot control. Homicides are another issue.

Chicago shootings -- Chicago again made the news as a crime center in this country. Eight individuals were shot to death in Chicago this past weekend and 39 others were injured in shootings. What a sad way to celebrate Juneteenth and the opening of Obama's Library in Chicago.

That level of violence simply speaks to the failure of Illinois, and Chicago in particular, to control the criminal element in the city. That level of violence speaks to a level of societal indifference to the value of human life found in today's North Korea or Nazi Germany.

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At 5 PM CDT on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, Milo Township will hold a reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Milo Township Hall, 14209 300 North Ave Bradford, IL. After which Hotdogs, drinks, chips & cake will be available.

All around the World, but especially in the USA, in all States, its possessions, territories and other holdings, it will also be read simultaneously (together) at times corresponding to 5 PM CDT. Be a part of this historic reading!

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PENDING! 1129 NW 5th Ave., Galva - \$224,900. 3 bedroom/2.5 bath. 2-car attached garage.

PENDING! 620 NE 1st Ave., Galva - \$65,000. 3 bedroom / 2 bath. Lg. corner lot. 2-car attached garage.

PENDING! 415 SW 4th Ave., Galva - \$110,000. 5 bedroom/2 bath. Huge Yard 2-car detached garage

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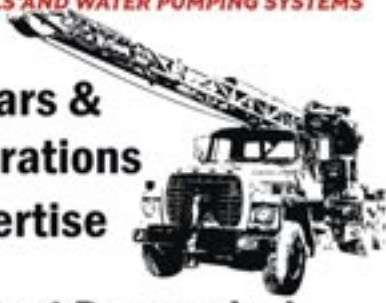
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**BRIEFS**

**College graduates**

- Kathryn Kidd-Flores of Toulon graduated with a degree in music education from Coe College at the spring graduation ceremony.
- Sydney Wisniewski of Wyoming earned a degree from Belmont University at the 2026 commencement ceremony.

**Volunteers needed for Galva Avenue of Flags**

GALVA – The Avenue of Flags will be set up July 4 at the Galva Cemetery. Volunteers are needed and should meet at the Legion building on Wallace Street at 6 a.m. to load the flags.

Volunteers are also needed at 4 p.m. at the Galva Cemetery to help take down the flags and take them back to the Legion Building.

**Local students take part in FCA huddle training**

EDWARDS – Local students Isley Shafer and Cory Stotler of Bradford recently participated in a Fellowship of Christian Athletes student huddle training at Bethany Baptist Church.

Huddle training equips student athletes to lead, disciple and influence peers. The core philosophy centers on the E3 Method: Engage (build relationships), Equip (grow through God’s word) and Empower (inspire others to lead).

Training focused on helping students understand how to use their influence positively on campus and in sports. Huddle meetings are held



The Galva Ready to Grow Committee chose Carol Kitterman as the June Property Pride winner. Kitterman has lived in the home for 10 years and enjoys working with her flowers at 703 NW 5th Ave. Photo by Carol Townsend.

before the school day starts and are student-led but adult-mentored through advisor Trish Brown.

**Waterfowl hunting blind drawings July 26**

SPRINGFIELD – Waterfowl hunters can mark their calendars for upcoming waterfowl hunting-blind drawings scheduled at several public hunting areas on July 26.

Duck and goose hunters must register in person for waterfowl blind site drawings and must be present at the drawing immediately following the registration period to claim blind sites. Mail-in and pre-registrations will not be accepted.

To participate in a drawing, appli-

cants must present a 2025 or 2026 regular Illinois hunting license. Apprentice licenses are not accepted. Youth-license holders must also present hunter-safety certification. Applicants also must provide a 2025 or 2026 Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamp, unless exempt by law, and a valid photo ID at registration. Applicants must be at least 16 years old by the drawing date.

**Et cetera**

WEST JERSEY – West Jersey United Methodist Church has a Vacation Bible School centered around getting messy growing God’s way on June 29-30 and July 1. Preregistration not required. Call Renee Hart at (309) 639-2766.

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# Bradford OKs 8th grade change

By The Prairie News  
BRADFORD – Eighth-grade promotion will be moved to a Thursday night starting next year after a vote by the Bradford School Board on Tuesday.

Traditionally, 8th grade promotion had been held on a Friday. But to avoid conflicts with the IESA state track and field meet, the event will be moved to Thursday, May 13, 2027. The IESA state meet starts Friday, May 14, 2027.

After a public hearing on an amended budget that elicited no response, the board approved the amended budget during its regular monthly meeting.

In addition, the board approved transferring

\$500,000 from the Educational Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to avoid going through an Operational Fund Reduction Plan with the Illinois State Board of Education.

After closed session, the board approved hiring paraprofessionals Lily TerBush and Alyssa Riggan

and part-time summer cleaning assistant Janet Estes. The board also accepted the resignation of paraprofessional Morgan Coleman and thanked her for her years of service.

In other business, the board approved renewal of property/casualty insurance with Bullis and Sundberg.



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# FREEDOM FEST 2026

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**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

Galva Arts Council Art Jam!  
8am-11am @ the Wiley Park Blacktop \$5 per square

11am-230pm @ Wiley Park  
Lunch in the Park, Hosted By the First Baptist Church of Galva

Noon Parade  
Lineup 10:30 at Galva High School

Wiley Park Kiddie Tractor Pull at SW corner  
Registration 1-2pm  
Pull Begins at 2pm - 10 and under

**FREE!!! PETTING ZOO AT WILEY PARK 1-4PM ON THE SW CORNER**

**Galva Freedom Fest TALENT SHOW**  
4pm @ Wiley Park  
Doss Memorial Stage

**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Galva Freedom Fest Bags Tournament  
Registration @ 4:30, Begins @ 5:30  
\$20 entry fee/cash prize TOP 2/blind draw  
East End Table & Tap 1011 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> St

**NEW!** The East End Table & Tap  
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**NEW!** Pulled Ham Dinner @ Wiley Park 5-7pm  
benefiting Operation Christmas Child

Kickball Tournament  
Host: Galva HS 8-Man Football @ Galva Park District - Time: TBD

6pm Garden Tractor Pull  
Galva Tri-County Pullers Club  
Sign In @ 5PM Located Behind River Valley Cooperative 1207 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> St

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

**July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Galva Park District**

Conclusion of Kickball Tournament  
Host: Galva HS 8-Man Football TBD

Food Vendors 4pm-dusk  
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Schedule on Facebook

**FREE!!! Bouncy Houses 6pm-830pm**

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Pastor Rebecca Klemm

302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287.

309-606-9027

Email: WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com

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## OBITUARIES

### Connie S. Webster

KEWANEE – Connie S. Webster, 75, of LaFayette passed away Monday, June 15, 2026, at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg. She was born on Aug. 22, 1950, the daughter of William "Bill" and Mildred (Flanagan) Schmidt in Kewanee.

She graduated from Toulon High School with the Class of 1968. She married Edward P. Webster on July 12, 1970, in Toulon First Baptist Church in Toulon; he survives.

Connie is also survived by her daughter Stacey (Brady Hess) Webster of Story City, Iowa, and their daughters, Hayden and Kendall; son Keith (Dr. Haley Trumpy) Webster of Toulon and Indianapolis; and siblings Angie (Preston) Currier of Kewanee, Belinda (Fen) Middlekauff of St. Louis and Kirk (Becky) Schmidt of St. Louis. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Connie graduated from Bradley University with a degree in mathematics in 1972. She taught math for over 30 years at Elmwood Community Schools before her retirement in 2006. She enjoyed computers and worked with technology at Elmwood High School before retiring.

Connie and her husband were Illinois football season-ticket holders for 26 years. Since her retirement, she enjoyed going to yoga classes and socializing with the yoga group in Kewanee. She also attended a book club with her Elmwood teacher friends. She loved spending time with her family and catching up with her granddaughters, she attended as many of their events as she could. She was a member of Toulon P.E.O., the Henry-Stark Retired Teachers Association and Toulon First Baptist Church. Connie and her husband were active with the Toulon Old Settlers Days and parade for 13 years. She was very active in her church, having taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

A visitation was held on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at Golnick Family Funeral & Cremation Services in Kewanee. The funeral was held on Friday, June 19, 2026, at First Baptist Church in Toulon. Burial followed in West Jersey Cemetery. Pastor Al Harmon and The Rev. Marilyn Anell officiated.



Webster

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Toulon, the Toulon Old Settlers Association or the Toulon P.E.O. Chapter BY Scholarship Fund.

Please leave an online condolence for Connie's family at www.golnickhaskellfh.com.

### Randall L. Barlow

PLAYA CORONADO, PANAMA – Randall Layne Barlow, 77, of Panama, formerly of Galva, passed away peacefully in Playa Coronado, Panama.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva, with Pastor Karen Martin officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Inurnment will follow in Galva Cemetery, with a celebration of life afterward at the Galva American Legion.

Randall was born on Dec. 22, 1948, in Kewanee, the son of Ernest Jr. and Alma (Huber) Barlow. He married Donna Lee Shryock on June 28, 1984, in Carbondale.

He is survived by his wife Donna; his daughter, Jennefer Ann Barlow Radojevic; his son, Jesse Lee Barlow; his grandchildren, Luka Radojevic and Sebastian Radojevic; and his sister, Bonnie Leitch.

Randall proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He earned a masters degree and spent his career as a social worker, specializing in international adoption.

He also shared his knowledge and experience as a professor, helping educate and inspire future generations of students. Through his work, he helped connect children with families and made a lasting difference in the lives of countless individuals around the world.

### Rosabelle Moore

KEWANEE – Rosabelle Moore, 102, of Kewanee, formerly of Wyoming, ended her long journey of life on June 19, 2026, at Arcadia Care at Kewanee.

Rosabelle was born on Dec, 31, 1923, in Wyoming, to Theodore "Ted" and Rosa "Rosie" (Cooper) Knowles as the eldest of six children. She married Clarence "Curly" Moore in 1942; he preceded her in death in 1989.

Surviving are two daughters, Sharon (Don) Foffel and Janet "Cookie" (Bob) Miller, both of Wyoming; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and three brothers.

Her graveside service will be scheduled at a later date in Wyoming Cemetery. Golnick Family Funeral & Cremation Services (formerly Haskell) in Wyoming is assisting with services.

Memorial contributions may be made to of Incarnation Parish (formerly St. Dominic Catholic Church) in Wyoming.

### David E. Noard

GENESEO – David E. Noard, 88, of Geneseo, passed away on June 20, 2026, at Hillcrest Home in Geneseo.

A funeral will take place at Concordia Lutheran Church on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Stephen Mueller will officiate. A private family burial will be held in North Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 5, 2026, at Vandemore Funeral Home-Geneseo Chapel from 2-5 p.m.

David was born on June 16, 1938, in Stark County, the son of Earl and Meta (Neuleib) Noard. He graduated from Atkinson High School in 1956. On Jan. 1, 1967, he married, Joy Garwood at St. Paul's Church in Kewanee.

David served in the National Guard for 11 years with the rank of E-7 (Sergeant First Class). David was a volunteer fireman and policeman in Atkinson and served as the deputy sheriff in Henry County from 1968-1977. He also farmed for many years.

David retired from the Illinois Department of Transportation as a lead worker in 2001.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Joy Noard of Geneseo; children, Kyle (Marilyn) Noard of Orion, Rhonda (John) Erickson of Geneseo, Nathan Noard of Geneseo and Renee Noard of East Moline; grandchildren, Logan and Ryan Noard of Orion and Reagan and Addison Erickson of Geneseo; brother Galen (Jane) Noard of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; sister-in-law Carol Noard Dierick of Geneseo; and brother-in-law John (Helen) Garwood, Las Vegas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Meta Noard; parents-in-law John and Alice Garwood; sister Carol Noard; brother Keith Noard; and nephew Clint Noard.

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# Federal SNAP cuts hit farmers and food assistance recipients

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CHICAGO – President Donald Trump’s “One Big Beautiful Bill” severely impacted two of Illinois’ most economically vulnerable groups: the hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans set to lose Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food assistance this year and the small farmers who are losing them as customers.

The bill, H.R. 1, made changes in who can receive SNAP benefits and went into effect this spring. The federal law expanded work requirements to previously exempt groups and eliminated benefits for lawfully present immigrants living in the U.S. under humanitarian protections, such as asylees, human trafficking survivors and refugees. The governor’s office estimated that 360,000 Illinoisans will lose benefits due to these changes.

Beginning Oct. 1, H.R. 1 will shift 25% more administrative expenses to the state, which will cost Illinois an estimated \$80 million more annually. It also eliminated funding for SNAP-Ed, a nutrition education program that partnered with organizations throughout the state to heighten awareness of healthy food options.

Among the programs SNAP-Ed connected Illinoisans to is Link Match, which allows SNAP recipients to purchase locally grown food from farmer’s markets, small grocers, food co-ops, farm stands and community supported agriculture (CSA) subscription services.

Link Match doubles SNAP users’ purchasing power by matching spending dollar for dollar. Experimental Station administers most of the state’s Link Match initiatives, offering Link Match at 157 grocers, food stands, farmer’s markets and other farm-to-consumer operations throughout Illinois.

Matthew Ruffi, who oversees Experimental Station’s Link Match program, said that Link Match is automatically

available to anyone on SNAP benefits. SNAP users can swipe their EBT cards at a farmers market Link Match station or in one of the markets or co-ops that work with the program to receive vouchers for food or seeds and plants that will be used to produce food.

“Link Match is one of the best ways for someone who’s working with limited resources to access some of the freshest, healthiest food,” said Reese Amxy, a policy organizer at the Illinois Stewardship Alliance. “So if you’re parents of young children, you’re pregnant, you’re an elder, you’re struggling with some health challenges, this is the best option for you to get this really healthy, nutrient-dense food.”

Amyx said that because SNAP Link Match is primarily dedicated to food purchases from local producers, it is guaranteed money in the pockets of Illinois farmers, especially farmers for whom much of their yearly incomes are earned from May to October when summer farmers markets are operational.

Nationally, SNAP spending at farmers markets has grown steadily over the years, spiking during the COVID-19 pandemic when the SNAP Emergency Allotment boosted benefits for all recipients. The growth remained steady after the pandemic, rising from nearly \$33.3 million in 2021 to \$49.8 million in 2024 according to U.S. Department of Agriculture data

If fewer people are able to use SNAP benefits, these numbers will likely shrink, meaning less money will go to small Illinois farmers, many of whom already exist on slim profit margins.

“The main place where a small Illinois-based farmer actually gets food to their customers is either at a farmer’s market or in a locally run grocer,” Amyx said. “That dollar amount would be unimpressive if we walked into the legislature - like \$40,000 a year. That might be easily shrugged off. But to that farmer, it’s about whether their operation exists or



A scene at the station where SNAP users can swipe their EBT card for Link Match vouchers at the Logan Square Farmers Market in Chicago. Medill Illinois News Bureau photo by Molly A. Wallace.

not.”

### Effects on Illinois farming

With 75% of the state’s land dedicated to farming, Illinois is one of the leading agricultural producers in the country, typically ranking first or second nationally in the export of soybeans and corn and third in the export of all agricultural commodities.

Despite the state’s high agricultural out-

put, only 5% of the food consumed in Illinois is produced here, according to the latest Illinois Food System Roadmap Task Force from June 2025. For example, Illinois grew more soybeans than any other state in 2025, harvesting more than 639 million bushels - well ahead of Iowa’s 595 million bushels and Minnesota’s 371 million bushels. But almost none of those bushels end up as food on Illinois plates.



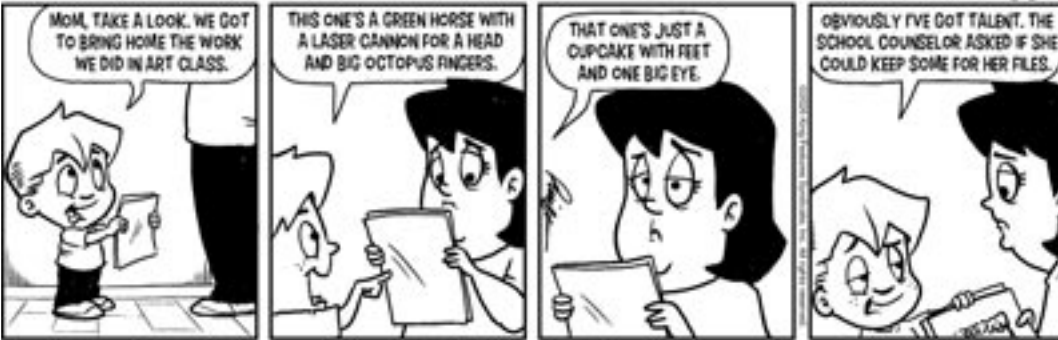
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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 2

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### Trivia test

1. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features a pet pig named Arnold Ziffel?  
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which three countries make up Scandinavia?  
3. MONEY: When was the euro currency introduced?  
4. MEDICAL TERMS: What is a more common name for myocardial infarction?  
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8. GAMES: How many wooden blocks are in a game of Jenga?  
9. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Petrified Forest National Park?  
10. ANATOMY: Which system in the human body is responsible for hormone production and regulation?

Answers  
1. "Green Acres."  
2. Norway, Sweden and Denmark.  
3. 1999.  
4. Heart attack.  
5. Osiris.  
6. The Philadelphia Museum of Art.  
7. PISCES, CANCER and SCORPIO.  
8. 54.  
9. Arizona.  
10. Endocrine.  
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### TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Disclosure Day (PG-13)
  2. Obsession (R)
  3. Scary Movie (R)
  4. Backrooms (R)
  5. Masters of the Univers (PG-13)
  6. Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13)
  7. Michael (PG-13)
  8. BTS World Tour Arirang in Busan (NR)
  9. The Furious (R)
  10. Stop! That! Train! (R)
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**GALVA COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1**

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL OF THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE GALVA COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF HENRY COUNTY AND KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2026, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2027

Whereas, there has been prepared in tentative form a budget and appropriation ordinance for the Galva Community Fire Protection District in Henry County and Knox County, Illinois, and the Treasurer of said Fire Protection District has made the tentative budget and appropriation conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereupon;

And whereas, a public hearing was held as to such budget and appropriation ordinance on the 16th day of June, A.D., 2026, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publication in "The Prairie News", a newspaper with general circulation within said Fire Protection District territory, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GALVA COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF HENRY COUNTY AND KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the fiscal year of this Fire Protection District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be from May 1, 2026, to April 30, 2027.

Section 2. That the following, containing an estimate of the receipts expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of the Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date:

**Estimated Receipts and Expenditures**

1. Balance on hand at beginning of year	\$ 97,620.93
2. Portion of taxes of levy voted in 2025 estimated to be received this fiscal year	\$130,500.00
Municipal League	\$650.00
Estimated Interest	\$30.00
Estimated Replacement Taxes	\$4,200.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$233,000.93

Total Estimated Expenditures	\$146,025.00
Cash balance	\$71,975.93
Reserve for new equipment	\$15,000.00
Balance on hand at end of year	\$86,975.93

Section 3. That the following sums of money be and the same are hereby budgeted and appropriated for the corporate purposes of said Galva Community Fire Protection District in Henry County, Illinois, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2026.

1. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE FUND		
	Budget	Appropriation
(a) Attorney's fee	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
(b) Publication expense	700.00	800.00
(c) Dues, Illinois Assn. of Fire Protection Districts	225.00	500.00
(d) Office supplies & expenses	500.00	700.00
(e) Telephone & utilities	1,500.00	2,100.00
2. FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES		
(a) For repairs and maintenance of firefighting equipment	12,000.00	25,000.00
(b) For fuel	4,000.00	6,000.00
(c) For supplies for firefighting equipment	4,500.00	10,000.00
(d) Purchase of firefighting equipment	10,000.00	12,000.00
3. SALARY FUND		
(a) For salaries of trustees	700.00	800.00
(b) For salaries of volunteer firefighters	5,000.00	11,000.00
(c) For firefighter training	1,000.00	3,000.00
4. GENERAL INSURANCE FUND		
(a) For insurance of fire fighting equipment and firefighters	6,000.00	7,500.00
(b) Bond premiums	250.00	300.00
5. FUND FOR PROVISION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE		
	96,500.00	100,000.00
6. LIABILITY INSURANCE		
	1,000.00	1,200.00
7. CONTINGENT FUND		
(a) For miscellaneous and contingent general expenses, unforeseen and not included in any of the above items	150.00	600.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$146,025.00	\$184,500.00

Section 4. That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriation made by this ordinance may be expended

in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this ordinance.

Section 5. That should any clause, sentence, paragraph or a part of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance 2026-1.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, in accordance with the law.

Ayes 3-- Nays 0  
 Passed: June 16, 2026.  
 Published: June 26, 2026.  
 s/ Aaron King, President  
 Attest: s/ Josh Hopping, Secretary  
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 ) SS.  
 COUNTY OF HENRY )

I, Josh Hopping, Secretary of the Galva Community Fire Protection District of Henry County and Knox County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance of said district passed June 16, 2026

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of June 2026.

- s/ Josh Hopping, Secretary  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of June 2026  
 - s/ Keith A. Luymes, Notary Public

I, Michael Werkheiser, as Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer of the Galva Community Fire Protection District of Henry County and Knox County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance of said district, passed June 1, 2026, includes an estimate of revenues by source anticipated to be received by the taxing district in the following fiscal year.

s/ Michael Werkheiser, Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of June 2026

- s/ Keith A. Luymes, Notary Public

Published 6/26/26

**CLOVER TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 159**

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL OF THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE CLOVER TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2026, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2027.

Whereas, there has been prepared in tentative form a budget and appropriation ordinance for the Clover Township Fire Protections District in Henry County, Illinois and the Secretary of said Fire Protection District has made the tentative budget and appropriation ordinance conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereupon;

And whereas, a public hearing was held as to such budget and appropriation ordinance on the 16th day of June, A.D., 2026, at 6:45 o'clock P.M., notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publication in "The Prairie News", a newspaper with general circulation within said Fire Protection District territory, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CLOVER TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the fiscal year of this Fire Protection District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be from May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027.

Section 2. That the following, containing an estimate of the receipts expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of the Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date:

**Estimated Receipts and Expenditures**

1. Balance on hand at beginning of year	\$159,560.05
2. Portion of taxes of levy voted in 2025 estimate to be received this fiscal year	\$216,500.00
Estimated interest	\$275.00
Estimated Illinois replacement tax	\$4,200
SCBA (Airpacks) Grant	\$92,000.00
Illinois Municipal League	\$2,500.00
Refunds and Rebates	\$1,700.00
Total estimated receipts	\$476,735.05

Total estimated expenditures	\$411,175.00
Cash balance	\$55,560.05
Reserve for new equipment and building	\$10,000.00
Estimated Balance on hand at end of fiscal year	\$65,560.05

Section 3. That the following sums of money to be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of said Clover Township Fire Protection District in Henry County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2027:

1. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE FUND		
	Budget	Appropriation
(a) Attorney's fee	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
(b) Publication expense	650.00	700.00
(c) Dues, Illinois Assn. of Fire Protection Districts	900.00	1,000.00
(d) Starcom Notification System Subscription	1,200.00	1,500.00
2. FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES		
(a) Repairs and maintenance of firefighting equipment	12,000.00	20,000.00
(b) For additions and improvements of firefighting equipment	12,000.00	15,000.00
(c) Fuel and Supplies	5,000.00	7,000.00
(d) SCBA Air Packs	100,000.00	110,000.00
3. SALARY FUND		
(a) Salaries of trustees	1,400.00	1,600.00
(b) Salaries of volunteer firefighters	9,500.00	15,000.00
(c) Meeting payments	3,000.00	6,000.00
(d) Firefighter training	3,000.00	7,500.00
4. GENERAL INSURANCE FUND		
(a) Insurance on building and vehicles	13,000.00	14,000.00
(b) Worker's Compensation Insurance	1,700.00	5,500.00
(c) Bond premiums	200.00	300.00
5. BUILDING FUND		
(a) Lawn and ground service	700.00	800.00
(b) Utilities, telephone and heat	8,000.00	10,000.00
(c) Building addition-loan payment	84,000.00	100,000.00
(d) Maintenance and repairs	1,000.00	2,000.00
6. EQUIPMENT		
(a) Reserve for new equipment	2,000.00	30,000.00
(b) Rescue truck payment	17,000.00	20,000.00
7. FUND FOR PROVISION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE AND STORAGE		
	130,000.00	170,000.00

8. LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND	1,800.00	2,000.00
9. CONTINGENT FUND		
(a) For miscellaneous and contingent general expenses, unforeseen and not included in any of the above items	1,000.00	3,000.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$411,175.00	\$545,700.00

Section 4. That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriation made by this ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this ordinance.

Section 5. That should any clause, sentence, paragraph or a part of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance 159.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, in accordance with the law.

Ayes --3 Nays --0  
 Passed: June 16, 2026.  
 Published: June 26, 2026.  
 s/ Larry Cowser, President  
 Attest: s/ Larry Goff, Secretary  
 STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) SS.  
 COUNTY OF HENRY )

I, Larry Goff, Secretary of the Clover Fire Protection District of Henry County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance of said district passed June 16, 2026

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of June 2026

- s/ Keith A. Luymes  
 I, Tim Blaine, Treasurer of the Clover Township Fire Protection District of Henry County, Illinois do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance of said district, passed June 16, 2026, includes an estimate of revenues by source anticipated to be received by the taxing district in the following fiscal year.

s/ Tim Blaine, Treasurer  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of June, 2026

- s/ Keith A. Luymes, Notary Public

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Lilly J. Bays, Plaintiff,  
 and Trenton D. Hainline, Defendant No.20260P2

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Notice is given you, Trenton D. Hainline, Defendant, that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for a Plenary Order of Protection and other relief.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Stark County, Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, on or before the 7th day of August, 2026, a Plenary Order of Protection and other relief may be granted as prayed for by the plaintiff.

Julie A. Kenney, Circuit Clerk  
 Published 6/26, 7/3, 7/10/26

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

ESTATE OF LESA K. GRIFFIN a/k/a LESA K. HAYDEN, Deceased No. 2026PR65

**CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)**

Notice is given of the death of Lesa K. Griffin. Letters of Office were issued on June 16, 2026 to Sharon Larson as Administrator 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 **December 16, 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](http://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/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp). Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

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# Illinois' abortion evolves by growth of demand

By MOLLY A WALLACE

Capitol News Illinois

The overturn of Roe v. Wade four years ago has wrought numerous changes for Illinois' abortion ecosystem, turning the state into a destination for tens of thousands of people across the United States who need abortion services.

Rising costs and a growing number of abortion restrictions nationwide have changed the types of care people need and the amount of money they need from financial-aid groups. Now, Illinois advocates are preparing for a future where those needs continue to increase.

"Once everything from H.R. 1 (the One Big Beautiful Bill Act) goes into effect, people are going to have far less, so we're not at the tip yet of what rising costs are going to mean," Megan Jeyifo, the executive director

of the Chicago Abortion Fund said last week.

The Chicago Abortion Fund, which provides financial, logistical and material assistance to abortion seekers, is the largest of its kind in the nation. Since June 2022, the fund has assisted more than 60,000 callers and distributed more than \$25 million in direct support.

In 2025, about 13,760 people, or 43% of the nearly 32,000 people who came to Illinois from out-of-state, were given direct support from the fund, an increase from the 28% of callers who received that level of support in 2024, according to data released by the group.

"We are now working with people who have \$0 to contribute to their own appointment because all of that money is going towards keeping food on the table, keeping the lights

on, keeping their kids in daycare, making sure they have diapers," Jeyifo said.

According to a 2026 Guttmacher Institute report, Illinois was the destination for nearly a quarter of the 142,000 total people who left their states for abortions in 2025. The Guttmacher Institute is an independent abortion policy research organization.

Jeyifo said abortion is a family issue - especially considering most abortion-seekers are already parenting at least one child - and a patient being denied an abortion affects that person's whole family.

"Deciding whether to start or grow a family is a big decision in general, but it's also really big decision right now when we have gas prices what they are, food prices what they are," she said.

## SPORTS: Shot clock optional for JV games

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host school is unable to secure a gym with functioning shot clocks and the opposing school cannot host, the game shall be forfeited by the home team."

Additionally, state association adoption No. 4 addresses events

that use multiple gyms: "When a school hosts a tournament or shoot-out utilizing multiple gyms or sites, and a traditional backboard-mounted shot clock is not feasible in an auxiliary gym, shot clocks must be mounted on the wall behind

the basket, at or above the backboard, and must be clearly visible and unobstructed."

The shot clock is optional for lower-level games (junior varsity, sophomore, freshman, etc.).

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## LEGAL ADS

**BISHOP HILL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 159**

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL OF THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE BISHOP HILL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2026, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2027.

Whereas, there has been prepared in tentative form a budget and appropriation ordinance for the Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District in Henry County, Illinois, and the Secretary of said Fire Protection District has made the tentative budget and appropriation conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereupon;

And whereas, a public hearing was held as to such budget and appropriation ordinance on the 16th day of June, A.D., 2026, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publication in "The Prairie News", a newspaper with general circulation within said Fire Protection District territory, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BISHOP HILL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the fiscal year of this Fire Protection District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be from May 1, 2026, to April 30, 2027.

Section 2. That the following, containing an estimate of the receipts expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of the Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date:

Estimated Receipts and Expenditures	
1. Balance on hand at beginning of year	\$ 139,517.94
2. Portion of taxes of levy voted in 2025 estimated to be received this fiscal year	\$196,000.00
Estimated Interest	\$275.00
Estimated Illinois replacement tax	\$2,900.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$ 339,192.94
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$186,158.00
Cash balance	\$153,034.94
Reserve for New Equipment	\$ 35,000.00
Balance on hand at end of year	\$188,034.94

Section 3. That the following sums of money be and the same are hereby budgeted and appropriated for the corporate purposes of said Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District in Henry County, Illinois, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2027:

1. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE FUND		
	Budget	Appropriation
(a) Attorney's fee	\$1,500.00	3,000.00
(b) Publication Expense	300.00	750.00
(c) Dues, IAFFPD, WIFA, MABUS	700.00	800.00
(d) Office supplies and postage	250.00	750.00
2. FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES		
(a) For repairs and maintenance of firefighting equipment	8,000.00	25,000.00
(b) For additions and improvements of fire fighting equipment	10,000.00	25,000.00
(c) Fuel, tires and supplies	3,500.00	10,000.00
(d) Radios - repair and maintenance	2,000.00	8,000.00
(e) Radios - replacement	9,000.00	12,000.00
3. SALARY FUND		

(a) For salaries of trustees	675.00	900.00
(b) For payment of volunteer firefighters	7,000.00	8,000.00
(c) For firefighter training	5,000.00	7,500.00
(d) Vector Training Solutions Software	2,500.00	2,750.00
(e) Hired treasurer	2,400.00	2,700.00
4. GENERAL INSURANCE FUND		
(a) For insurance of firefighting equipment and firefighters	5,000.00	12,000.00
(b) For insurance on building	2,000.00	4,000.00
(c) Liability insurance	3,000.00	4,000.00
(d) Workers' compensation insurance	1,800.00	2,500.00
5. BUILDING FUND		
(a) Repairs and maintenance	6,000.00	10,000.00
(b) Utilities, telephone and mowing	9,000.00	10,000.00
6. RESERVE FOR NEW EQUIPMENT		
(a) General	500.00	10,000.00
(b) Annual payment - 2012 Pierce Pumper	13,333.00	15,000.00
7. FUND FOR PROVISION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE		
	99,000.00	105,000.00
8. CONTINGENT FUND		
(a) For miscellaneous and contingent general expenses, unforeseen and not included in any of the above items	200.00	1,000.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$186,158.00	\$278,150.00

Section 4. That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriation made by this ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this ordinance.

Section 5. That should any clause, sentence, paragraph or a part of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 159.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, in accordance with the law.

Ayes 3 Nays 0  
Passed: June 16, 2026.  
Published: June 26, 2026.  
\_\_\_\_s/\_\_\_\_ Tyler Johnston, President  
Attest: \_\_\_\_s/\_\_\_\_ Kent Youngstrom, Secretary  
STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
                                  ) SS  
COUNTY OF HENRY )  
I, Kent Youngstrom, Secretary of the Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District of Henry County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance of said district passed June 17, 2026.  
\_\_\_\_s/\_\_\_\_ Kent Youngstrom, Secretary  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of June 2026  
\_\_\_\_s/\_\_\_\_ Keith A. Luymes, Notary Public  
I, Daniel Meyer, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District of Henry County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance of said district, passed June 17, 2026, includes an estimate of revenues by source anticipated to be received by the taxing district in the following fiscal year.  
\_\_\_\_s/\_\_\_\_ Daniel Meyer, Chief Fiscal Officer  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of June 2026  
\_\_\_\_s/\_\_\_\_ Keith A. Luymes, Notary Public

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

ESTATE OF DONNA JACOBSON, Deceased  
No. 2026 PR 63

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Donna Jacobson. Letters of Office were issued on June 11, 2026, to Christina I. Acosta as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

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**, on or before **December 21, 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 service provider. Visit: <http://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: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

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**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](http://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/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp). Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

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# The Prairie News Sports

## Stark Co. earns LTC honors

### Four Lady Rebels named all-conference in softball

By The Prairie News

Stark County had four players receive Lincoln Trail Conference softball honors this season.

Junior Brooklynn Ostrowski was among the four first-team East Division pitcher selections. First-team position players included junior Sophie Finnegan and sophomore Hallie Newton. Sophomore Jacey Endress was an honorable-mention position-player pick.

Senior-less Stark County advanced to a Class 1A sectional semifinal.

Also honored were two players from Galva, juniors Jovie Weber (first-team pitcher) and Kaylyn Gale (first-team position player).

• **LTC baseball** – Several local players were named to the Lincoln Trail Conference all-league team.

In the East Division, Stark County's Connor Daum was selected as a first-team pitcher while

Princeville's Cayden Allen and Hunter Johnson were honorable-mention selections for pitchers.

Princeville's Noah Geiger, Coley Palmer and Carter Peterson were first-team all-LTC for position players and were joined by Galva's MJ Louck and Stark County's Kaedon Steelman.

• **Shot clock** – The Illinois High School Association Board of Directors met for its regularly scheduled meeting on June 15 in Bloomington, where the board finalized expectations for the 35-second shot clock, which will be required for varsity boys and girls basketball contests beginning with the 2026-27 season.

"It is important that we provide clear-cut guidelines to our schools on the expectations for the shot clock as we move toward the 2026-27 season," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "We believe our board was forward-thinking in providing significant

planning time for schools to prepare for the shot clock. It is imperative that all schools are afforded the same competitive experience and that every student-athlete competes under consistent conditions. By establishing these expectations, schools have had ample opportunity to budget, plan and install the necessary equipment, ensuring an equitable environment."

The board voted to accept the recommendation of the IHSA Basketball Advisory Committee by adding state association adoption No. 4, which reads: "A school may not host a varsity contest if a shot clock is not installed or is not properly mounted on the backboard in the primary gym in accordance with NFHS rules.

"The host school must secure an alternate facility or allow the opponent to host the contest. If the

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