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State passes \$56B budget and new taxes

By **BEN SZALINSKI**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois lawmakers approved the state budget early Monday morning after slogging through the night, enacting new taxes on businesses and authorizing less spending than what Gov. JB Pritzker proposed in February.

“It’s allowed us to be prepared for the great reality we face today,” Senate Democrats budget leader Elgie Sims of Chicago

said during debate. “The reality of federal cuts. The reality of chaos coming from Washington ... We are not placing blame. We are prepared. We are not acting on fear. We are acting responsibly.”

The budget totals \$55.9 billion, supported by a similar amount of revenue. It included an \$830 million supplemental current-year spending plan, meaning the upcoming fiscal year 2027 budget is essentially flat.

To get it across the finish line, Democrats – especially progressives – had to temper their expectations. Many called for new revenue measures throughout the session, including taxes on corporations and billionaires and for Illinois to untie itself from parts of the federal tax code.

Instead, the measure freezes corporate net operating loss and enacts taxes on social-media companies, digital assets, fantasy sports, tobacco and sports betting

on prediction-market websites.

Democrats also sought to include at least a few measures that address affordability. It freezes the 1.3-cent gas tax increase slated for July 1, pushing it to January. It also creates a sales-tax holiday on school supplies from Aug. 7-16.

Republicans said the relief didn’t go nearly far enough.

“We’re not going to raise the gas tax in July, we’re just going

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Rep. Ryan Spain, R-Peoria, on the House floor on June 1. Capitol News Illinois photo by Jerry Nowicki.

Bears bill stalls, but others pass Legislators approve insurance oversight

By Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – While Illinois lawmakers failed to approve stadium incentives aimed at keeping the Chicago Bears in Illinois, they did pass several other pieces of legislation before the spring session closed.

Here’s a rundown on some of those new bills.

Insurance regulation – Gov. JB Pritzker says he looks forward to signing a pair of bills that cleared the Illinois House last week giving the state insurance department authority to regulate premiums charged for automobile and homeowners insurance.

The final language of the homeowners insurance bill is contained in House Bill 4273, which re-

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STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



Elmwood’s 38th annual Strawberry Festival is Saturday, June 6.

Festival season opens with strawberries

By The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Summer is drawing near, and so is the smell of grilling pork chops and the taste of festival food.

The area’s festival season starts Saturday, June 6, when Elmwood holds its Straw-

berry Festival. The 38th annual food fest in Central Park returns many similar features.

At the center of it all is a wide variety of sweet strawberry treats, kids activities, a car show, a food tent, craft vendors, a quilt show and

live music in the bandstand.

New this year will be Hot Wheels drag races for kids during the car show. The car show itself has undergone some changes, including doing away with classes and

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Opting out could be power play Ameren rates rising, but Farmington has no Homefield edge

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – While Ameren Illinois is raising its prices for electricity, the City of Farmington’s alternative supplier still can’t compete.

Ameren’s announced rate of 11.3 cents per kilowatt hour effective June 1 is lower than the rate of 11.89 cents per kWh that the city receives from Homefield Energy of Collinsville.

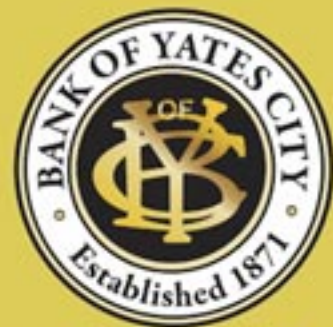
As a result, Farmington residents in the city’s electric aggregation program are reminded they can opt out of deals with Homefield at any time. To opt out, call 1-866-694-1262 and have your 10-digit Ameren ac-

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FARMINGTON: City to sell a 1979 work truck

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Those who opt out will be automatically enrolled with Ameren or another supplier they choose.

Later this year, Ameren will again adjust its rate for October through May 2027.

“Every penny helps at this point,” Farmington Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said during the City Council’s meeting on

Monday.

Residents are expected to save about \$6 per month with Ameren vs. Homefield.

In other business at the 11-minute meeting, the council voted in favor of recommendations stemming from the Farmington CEDC’s May 29 meeting. Approved for grants outside the city’s residential Tax Increment Financing district were Darren and Brenda Sprague for \$1,000 for tree removal and Will and Rachel Kenney for \$1,000 for door re-

placement. The only grant in the TIF district was to Tony Severine for \$337.50 for tree trimming.

The council also OK’d an ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus city property. To be sold by sealed bid is a 1979 Chevrolet 3500 utility truck that was formerly an Ameren bucket truck but has had the bucket removed and is in good working order, according to Stufflebeam.

“It has an anti-theft device on it called a manual transmission,” Stufflebeam said. “We’re having problems with some of our staff learning to use it.”

Bids for the truck must be received by 4 p.m. on

July 3 at the City of Farmington office.

The only other action at the meeting was to authorize the city to purchase road salt from Illinois Central Management Services. CMS can sell salt cheaper than Farmington’s current supplier, Stufflebeam said.

The council heard a thank-you letter from scholarship winner Ella Johnson. The group also learned from Police Chief Chris Darsham that five of the city’s six full-time officers are now certified in Crisis Intervention Training, an educational program designed to teach officers to better handle behavioral health crises.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Hot Picks Ahead

- **Concert Series** – Free concerts in Princeville Stevens Square Park start Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m. with Kelvis, an Elvis Presley impersonator. Concerts continue June 12 with the New Cats and June 26 with the Central Illinois River Valley Big Band. Food served. Bring your own chairs.
- **Strawberry Festival** – The annual Elmwood Strawberry Festival will be in Central Park on Saturday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring food, live music, vendors, a car show and strawberry treats of all sorts.

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This Week's Events

- **Storm Seekers** – Learn more about extreme weather during a Q&A session with an expert at Brimfield Public Library on Friday, June 5 at 10 a.m.
- **Blood Drive** – Farmington United Methodist Church, 187 W. Fulton St., has a blood drive Friday, June 5, 1-5 p.m. For appointments call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org.
- **Garage Sales** – The Village of Princeville's annual city-wide garage sales are Friday and Saturday, June 5-6. A map of sales is available in town or on the Village of Princeville Facebook page or website.
- **Fundraiser** – The 29th annual Saddle Up for St. Jude ride is Friday and Saturday, June 5-6, at the James Spurgeon Equestrian Park on the north side of Jubilee College State Park. Event open to the public. Food, live music and auctions. Hours 5-10 p.m. June 5 and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. June 6.
- **Quilt Show** – The Prairie Quilters of Central Illinois have a show Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Presbyterian

Church of Elmwood.

- **Band Concerts** – The Elmwood Municipal Band will play Sunday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Central Park. Concerts continue every Sunday through the summer.

Future Events

- **Author's Journey** – Author and broadcaster Ken Zurski discusses his journey from Peoria to The History Channel on June 8 at 6 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library.
- **Cruise-In** – The Canton Gear Jammers have cruise-ins at Elmwood's Central Park from 5-7 p.m. on June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12. Times 4-6 p.m. on Sept. 9 and Oct. 14.
- **Rummage Sale** – St. Mary's School of Kickapoo has its annual rummage sale June 12, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and June 13, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Donations accepted through June 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or call (309) 691-3015.
- **Farmers Market** – Farmers market Fridays in Elmwood's Central Park, June 12-Aug. 28, 4-6:30 p.m. Free space for vendors. For details call (309) 742-3711 and ask for Fred.

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- John Gierach

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SCATTERSHOTS



Dabbling in trout down in Missouri

When the tornado siren sounds at Montauk State Park at 6:30 a.m. each morning, the cause is not one for panic but rather for pleasure.

At the siren's signal, trout anglers can legally start casting and catching the abundant rainbow trout stocked in the Current River, whose headwaters emanate from cool, clear springs in the nearly 3,000-acre park.



Jeff LAMPE

Located southwest of St. Louis in Dent County, Montauk is one of several trout parks in Missouri. Others include Maramec Spring Park, Roaring River State Park and Bennett Spring State Park. Cold, clear spring water is a common denominator for the sites, since those conditions favor trout survival.

Montauk is a scenic getaway where Internet service is spotty and trout-fishing history goes back generations. The latter is ironic, because trout are not native to Missouri but rather were introduced in 1880. The original rainbows came from California's McCloud River, where the government had an egg-collecting station to supply fish hatcheries.

Missouri's trout experiment continued over the next few decades until the 1920s, when the state started acquiring trout parks. That included Montauk in 1926, making this year the site's 100th anniversary.

Montauk remains a popular destination, as I learned last weekend during a brief visit. License plates from all over the Midwest filled the parking lots and anglers lined the shores of the best fishing holes.

Some anglers were staying in Montauk's 18-room motel, six cabins or 24 duplexes, and many more set up camp in the park's 146 campsites. Many anglers were up before the siren, and those who weren't could be seen hustling to the water shortly thereafter. Many also had their required daily trout tags (\$5 for adults, \$3 under age 15) pinned to their hats.

A surprising number also used fly rods, some in areas that are limited to artificial lures only. Not that everyone heeds the advice. Among the group I visited with was a fellow whose grandfather earned the nickname "Cornhole" years ago because he baited a fly with corn in a zone where live bait was banned. For that heinous act, Cornhole was hauled off to jail in nearby Salem and had his rod confiscated.

Sirens and prison. Man, they take their trout fishing seriously in Mis-

souri. Almost religiously, actually, as Montauk Baptist Church even offers a free breakfast for anglers when the season opens March 1.

And while we can easily argue the merits of stocking non-native trout in a state already blessed with wonderful stream fishing, there's no denying that - as in many things outdoors - the Missouri Department of Conservation does a better job than most.

Trout are plentiful and the park is clean and functional, unlike too many aging facilities I've seen in Illinois. The lodge is modern enough and the park store and concession stand is well-staffed and quirky enough to invite several visits.

All of it makes the area a worthwhile destination where you can spend a few days fishing, float the scenic Current River and all the while enjoy the beauty of the Ozarks.

The scene reminded me, on a much less grandiose scale, of the mobs of anglers lining prime trout streams in Wyoming and Montana. The Missouri crowds are not as fancily dressed, but they also won't frown if you keep a trout or two for dinner. There's even a fish-cleaning station close to the stream. That's helpful, since the only thing better than catching a trout is eating one.

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GUEST VOICES

Moral duty to protect the unprotected

Years ago I was asked what kind of law I specialized in. My response was: sex, sin and violence. The remark may have sounded flippant to someone not familiar with the reality of the criminal justice system.

Unfortunately, the remark was deadly serious. After the events in DeWitt County of this past month, the term "deadly serious" is even more real.

A beautiful young mother of two preschoolers lost her life in April in what appears to be an act of domestic violence. Cassie Fatheree was just 34 years old when she was foud dead.

Richard KORITZ

Her husband has been charged with her death and a trial is pending. I have chosen not to use his name and to remind anyone reading this that he is presumed innocent under the law at this time.

This case hits home both because of its enormity and my profession.

I am retired but still do some contract work in Logan County. On most Thursday mornings I am in court in Lincoln representing children or their parents in abuse and neglect cases. I see violence on a weekly basis, and while I long ago accepted the truth that people harm one another, it still bothers me when one harms another.

Violence toward children and the defenseless is simply reprehensible.

I remember Cassie as a gangly and klutzy young lady who would occasionally sit in my office after school waiting for her mother to get

off work. She never got in the way of anyone and was always a pleasant young lady.

She would grow up to be a beautiful mother with two young children. The sad irony of this office situation is that my other secretary was the grandmother of the three young children who were drowned at Clinton Lake. For clarification, I was not the state's attorney when these deaths occurred.

What I am is a father and grandfather who is far closer to death and violence than most people. Man's inhumanity to mankind is always on display. Sex, sin and violence are all parts of our lives. I wish they were not.

This article is written in the hope that others can see the signs of violence emerging in families before those signs lead to violence or death. This article is not asking you to meddle in the normal travails of the lives of others, but it is encouraging you to intervene when the potential for violence occurs.

A typical sign of violence is when a spouse/partner is overly jealous or distrustful of their spouse/partner. If you cannot trust your spouse, it is time to talk to that marriage counselor.

Anger against children in the home by adults is a sure sign of potential problems. Stepchildren seem to be especially prone to being the victims of domestic violence.

Financial distress in the home also appears to be a precursor to many domestic-violence situations.

Your kind words of support to a

stressed-out parent may be what saves a child's life. Seniors mentoring, not dictating, is a tried and true measure of providing safety in the home.

Listen to your children and grandchildren to ascertain their fears and concerns. Most are the concerns of simply being a child. However, sometimes that child has some very heavy concerns and needs an adult to confide in. Just being available for your children and grandchildren is, in all honesty, great preventative medicine for many of the difficulties of youth.

In those circumstances where you observe or suspect violence or abuse may be occurring, don't hesitate to call the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services hotline (1-800-252-2873) or your local law-enforcement agency. Children need adults who care and are willing to advocate for them.

Sometimes the victim of abuse is an adult. That person also needs someone to make a call for them, if they are unable to advocate for themselves.

Simply stated, we are each our brother's keeper and have a moral duty to protect the unprotected.

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

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COMMERCE BANK
 Plaintiff,
 -v.-
JAMES E. WILLIAMS et al
 Defendant
 2025-FC-0000229

NOTICE OF SALE
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GALESBURG, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LIVE AUCTION

The following very attractive 3-bedroom ranch style home, along with personal property, will be sold on location at 1605 Bridge Ave. Galesburg, IL 61401, on

SUNDAY JUNE 14TH, 2026 AT 12 NOON (R.E. SELLS FIRST)

REAL ESTATE: This beautiful 1684 sq. ft. ranch style home sits on a .27 acre lot in a very nice neighborhood on a cul-de-sac. The house's curb appeal is excellent with good low maintenance siding, nice windows and a secure newer roof. The main level of the house includes 3 bedrooms. The master includes a walk in closet and full bath. Two other bedrooms have ample closet space. There is another full bath. There is also a living room w/fireplace, a full sized dining room and a utility room. The kitchen is large with good oak cupboards and is open to a family room area. The patio doors off of the family room lead to a backyard fenced in patio. A good forced air gas furnace and central air regulate the house temperature. The 2 stall attached garage has an automatic overhead door w/opener and very nice installed storage cabinets. Along with the nice landscaping there is a 16'x22' unattached garage in the back which also has a 10' automatic door w/opener. New flooring is needed, but any other updating is simply cosmetic. Do not miss the opportunity to own this lovely property. **TERMS:** A non-refundable \$10,000.00 deposit will be required on auction day, with the balance to be pd in full at closing in approx. 30 days. A valid purchase agreement will be signed on the day of sale. An OPEN HOUSE will be held on Th. May 14th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Contact the auction company below for further viewing options. No credit cards accepted for real estate transactions or titled items.

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2. Take advantage of financial assistance programs and payment options – to help manage rising energy costs, Ameren Illinois will help facilitate access to bill-assistance programs, bill-payment grants and flexible payment arrangements. See if you qualify at Ameren.com/Seasonal-Relief.

3. Reduce your energy use at home – when summer temperatures rise, appliances like your air conditioner naturally work harder and run longer, increasing your energy use and your bill.

Ameren Illinois offers programs to make your home more energy efficient, including whole-home assessments and weatherization incentives, and simple actions like raising your thermostat to help manage energy costs.

Learn more at Ameren.com/Seasonal-Relief.

Answers on Page 14 – Super Crossword – PUZZLING PERJURY

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|---|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 46 "Fernando" group | 90 Biceps locale | DOWN | 37 Bush knife | 82 Galaxy unit |
| 1 Illuminated like quaint old streets | 48 Ballet bend | 93 Spiced tea | 1 They may be AWOL | 39 Fundraisers with food | 83 Supplication |
| 7 "Taxi" mechanic | 49 Settle the bill | 95 Dueling tool | 2 Old Glory's home | 40 Bridge beam | 84 Hint of color |
| 12 Shut noisily | 50 Bi-x four | 96 Close enough to touch | 3 Very eye-catching | 41 "Wipeout" channel | 86 Dull hurt |
| 16 "If I ask me ..." | 51 Top 40 DJ Casey | 100 People tending butting beasts | 4 Pick-me-up | 43 Et — (and others) | 88 Tablet extra |
| 19 Full of mischief | 53 "My life — open book" | 103 Hunger sign | 5 Atoll part | 45 Descended | 90 Great-grandfather of Nero |
| 20 Dam on the Nile | 55 Clothing supporter | 105 Et — (and others) | 6 E'en if | 47 Vowel string | 91 Certain stag or doe |
| 21 Very angry | 59 Smidgens | 106 Banked (on) | 7 Señora, say Arthur | 52 Color of a forest "carpet" | 92 Intentions to do evil |
| 23 What you may feel after doing something very bad | 61 Wild West's Wyatt | 107 Diner bill | 8 Court great | 54 Computer system modeled on the human brain | 94 Phishing crime |
| 25 In a messy way | 65 North of Iran-Contra | 109 Gallery stuff | 9 Little branch | 55 Punctuation causing pausing | 97 TV antennas |
| 26 Be worthy of | 66 Decks in a boxing ring | 111 Get decayed | 10 "Citizen" of film | 56 Fake lat brand | 98 Zagreb locale |
| 27 Feudal sovereign | 67 Mediocore | 112 Terse confession | 11 Trig measure | 57 Wagering everything | 99 Federa or fez |
| 29 Big name in car rental | 68 Loan shark | 113 "Hold on just a minute!" | 12 Cousin of a custard apple | 58 Visco | 101 — wave |
| 30 Bad-mouth | 70 New York Giants | 117 Planted "pet" | 13 "Casablanca" character Lisa | 60 Japan's capital | 102 — Paulo |
| 31 Currency in 60-Down | 72 Certain coral bran | 119 Nutty holiday dessert | 14 ABA mem. (1944 novel) | 62 Come about | 104 Accumulate |
| 32 Hoop. zones | 74 In a macabre manner | 122 Commit perjury ... or what literally can be found eight times in this puzzle | 15 Med. scan | 63 Find new tenants for | 108 Raft wood |
| 33 James of "Gunsmoke" | 75 Down East dweller | 125 Unsticks, as a sticker | 16 "Uncle!" | 64 Marvel superhero Kitty — | 110 Ruby-hued |
| 35 Sty plan | 76 "Night" writer Wesel | 126 Fifth wheel? | 17 Actress McCarthy | 67 That gal | 113 Hotel room service, often |
| 38 Somewhat | 77 PE place | 127 Caron of "Lil" | 18 Homeric epic | 69 "Listen, pal!" | 114 Helpful hints |
| 42 Shed for watercrafts | 79 Alayed | 128 Letters before esses | 22 "A Bell for —" (1944 novel) | 71 Threw away | 115 Oven output |
| 44 In — terms (not using technical jargon) | 80 Wintour of fashion | 129 Doing the job | 24 Hoppy brew | 73 Donate 10% | 116 Irish money |
| | 81 Thus far | 130 1941 Oscar winner Mary security | 28 Sky sphere | 78 African land | 117 Ontario tribe |
| | 83 Major leaguer, e.g. | 131 Park board | 30 Broadband ints. | | 118 Nylons, e.g. |
| | 85 Endure | | 31 Gossipy sort | | 120 Intel org. |
| | 87 Fossil rock | | 33 Up for debate | | 121 Chili holder |
| | 89 Debt | | 34 Emu's cousin | | 123 Urban trains |
| | | | 36 Full of feeling | | 124 Whack down |

BUDGET: Final House vote cast at 4:15 a.m.

Continued from Page 1
to wait a couple more months, so we can raise it at the end of the year after election time," Rep. Joe Sosnowski, R-Rockford, said.

Path to passage

Its passage comes after a spring session thrust further into unpredictability by the war in Iran and federal policy changes.

Budget analysts for the General Assembly and governor's office tempered revenue expectations just weeks ago, citing growing pessimism over the economy.

The 3,700-page spending plan and associated implementation bill were introduced late Saturday evening and about 200 additional pages were added around 2 a.m. on Monday. But other components of the budget, including the capital and revenue bills, were not filed until mid-afternoon on Saturday.

"Thirteen million people expect us to do our jobs in the openness of daylight within the months and weeks leading up to a May 31 deadline each year, not in the final few hours of darkness," Sen. Chris Balkema, R-Channahon, said as the Senate took up the spending bill around 2:30 a.m. "It's highly embarrassing to the 13 million people."

No Republicans voted for the plan, though some House lawmakers said they were at least more involved in budget negotiations than in recent years.

"It's been very recent communication, but it's certainly better than no communication at all, which has been, of course, the status quo for many years," Rep. Ryan Spain, R-Peoria, told reporters.

The spending measure, House Bill 111, passed the Senate 37-21 after 3 a.m. Monday. The House followed around 4:15 a.m. with a 76-39 vote, followed by the budget-implementation bill, House Bill 2949. The revenue and tax changes, Senate Bill 3019, passed the House around 11:15 p.m. on a 73-41 vote, followed by the

Senate around 12:30 a.m. Sunday with only Democratic votes.

Tax increases

The budget also calls for transferring \$150 million in sales-tax revenue from gas to the General Revenue Fund once public transportation is fully funded.

"If you're a driver who is irritated by the high price of gas that you're paying, you should be extra irritated when you see where the funds are going," Spain said.

Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, aired similar concerns earlier on Sunday during committee.

"We ought to be suspending the sales tax on motor fuel right now — not diverting it to the General Revenue Fund, and not diverting it, oddly to the exact same dollar amount that we got for illegal immigrants and welcoming centers," he said.

The state plans to spend \$143 million on a health-care program for undocumented immigrant seniors and another \$4 million on welcoming centers that provide services to immigrants arriving in Illinois.

Lawmakers incorporated a pair of the tax changes that Pritzker had proposed in February. One would lower the cap on corporate net operating-loss deductions for business. Another would impose a tax on social-media companies based on the number of users the platform has in Illinois. Combined, those would generate \$500 million in new revenue.

The revenue package also creates a Targeted Advertising Services Tax, which is more commonly known as a digital ad tax. However, lawmakers expect the tax will also face legal challenges and are not planning to gather revenue from it in FY27.

Rep. Curtis Tarver, D-Chicago, said the goal was to create a framework to implement the tax later if it's held up in court. Keith Staats, president of the Illinois Taxpayers Federation, told a House committee the tax likely violates fed-

eral internet freedom laws.

The budget package does not eliminate tax incentives for data centers, despite Pritzker calling for it.

Other spending in the budget appears to rely on numerous fund sweeps that redirect money from one program to another or to the state's General Revenue Fund. One of those sweeps includes transferring \$70 million from the BRIDGE program — created last year to allow Pritzker to allocate funding to programs that fall short in funding because of federal cuts — to the Fund for Illinois' Future for infrastructure projects. Money in that fund is typically earmarked for specific projects in Democratic legislative districts.

However, the spending bill stipulates that \$70 million from the BRIDGE Fund should go to a new program to fill gaps in food-assistance programs.

Spending

Rep. Robyn Gabel, D-Evanston, said the budget includes about \$65 million in reductions for government operations, a relatively small cut in the budget. She said no government staff would be laid off.

"Most important in this moment, this budget is not balanced on the backs of working families," Gabel said.

The budget would establish a program to help people who have lost Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits as the federal government institutes new restrictions on eligibility. Under the new Families Receiving Emergency Support for Hunger, or FRESH Program, people who have lost or seen their SNAP benefits reduced would be eligible for a one-time \$400 payment. The program is scheduled to last one year at an estimated cost of \$70 million.

Rep. Diane Blair-Sher-

lock, D-Villa Park, pointed a finger at the federal government.

"I will not be lectured about excessive state spending at a time when I am watching billion-dollar ballrooms being built, private jets being flown around by staff to go to their girlfriend's concerts, while SNAP benefits are cut, while Medicaid is cut, while Medicare is cut, while people are desperately trying to get health care," she said.

Funding for local governments will increase. Lawmakers allowed the percentage of the income tax that they receive to stay flat at 6.47%. Because of natural income tax growth, their total dollar amount received will grow — Pritzker had proposed reducing the percentage. Mayors vigorously lobbied lawmakers this spring not to cut the percentage, and Sims told reporters on Sunday morning that senators agreed.

Illinois lawmakers are also in line for a roughly 3% pay raise, which will bring their base salaries to \$101,450. State law indexes their pay each year to the rate of inflation.

The bill also fully funds pensions and the state's Evidence-Based Funding model for K-12 education, including a property-tax relief component. However, districts receiving those grants will need to forgo property-tax increases for three years, rather than two as current law requires.

Higher education will only receive a 1% increase next year — the second year in a row new funding was below the rate of inflation.

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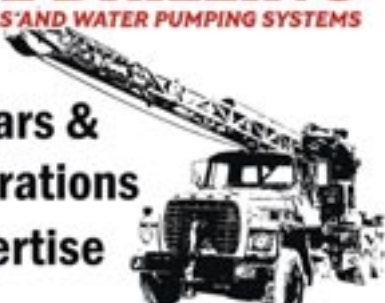
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Police reports

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A Princeville man was arrested twice in as many days following disturbances at a local business.

Siddharthsinh B. Jadeja, 36, was jailed following both incidents, which took place at the BP gasoline station at 614 E. Main St., according to heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office reports. One incident happened about 12:30 p.m. May 3, the other about 6:45 p.m. May 4.

A non-arrest gas-station incident that apparently involved Jadeja happened shortly after 7:15 p.m. May 2. A woman indicated she was having problems with her husband. In all, Jadeja was charged with harassment through electronic communications and twice with criminal trespass to property.

• **OAK RUN** – A fire appeared to render an Oak Run residence a total loss. The blaze began not long before 1:30 a.m. May 7 at 109 Birch Court, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The residence was engulfed in flames by the time a deputy arrived. Nobody was reported inside the residence; the owners were in Florida at the time.

According to a neighbor, the residence was undergoing a complete renovation, but she did not know the contractor. The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal was to investigate, according to Williamsfield fire officials. No dollar estimate was available regarding damage.

• **PEORIA** – An Elmwood-area man was accused of defrauding multiple people, including one who paid him more than \$3,600 to install a new furnace.

Christopher N. Sloan, 49, was arrested about 1 p.m. May 6 in the 6500 block of Illinois Route 8. A Peoria police officer stopped a Toyota Camry that Sloan was driving. Police spotted the vehicle on a security camera. They had been investigating Sloan since at least March, according to reports.

Sloan admitted he took from the female victim half the payment for a furnace and deposited it into his bank account. Instead of performing the work, he used the money for living expenses. He said he wasn't working much due to mental-health issues.

An officer transported Sloan to the Peoria County Jail.

• **ELMWOOD** – A wallet that contained credit cards, identification and about \$30 in cash was reported stolen from a vehicle parked at an Elmwood residence.

The incident was reported about 6 p.m. May 5 in the 200 block of E. Maple St., according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The female victim said the vehicle, a 2015 Nissan Rogue, was unlocked. She did not have security cameras at her residence.

• **YATES CITY** – A dog apparently exited a Yates City residence through an open door and bit two children who were walking down the street, according to authorities.

The incident happened sometime before 8 p.m. May 4 in the 300 block of N. Union St., a Knox County Sheriff's Office report stated. The dog bit a 4-year-old girl on one of her arms. The animal also bit an 8-year-old girl on the left side of her body.

According to the 4-year-old's grandmother, a woman provided bandages to both children and the dog's owner then secured the animal inside the residence. The grandmother couldn't identify the breed of the black-brown-white dog. The 8-year-old's mother said this incident was not the first at this location.

The sheriff's-office animal-control division was notified. Another dog-bite victim, a male, reported an injury to his lower extremities shortly before 3 p.m. May 2 in the 200 block of E. James St. He wasn't sure from where the dog came. It wasn't clear if the two incidents were related.

• **HANNA CITY** – A vehicle apparently was destroyed when it caught fire at a residence north of Hanna City.

Shortly after 1:30 p.m. May 4, the driver of the 2009 Jeep Wrangler thought he smelled radiator fluid, so he anticipated one of its hoses was broken. When he returned home, he noticed an unidentified liquid dripping on his feet and melting part of his shoe, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

He tried to extinguish the fire, to no avail. By the time a deputy arrived, the vehicle was engulfed in flames and emitting thick, black smoke. Logan-Trivoli firefighters responded.

• **EDWARDS** – An Edwards woman was the victim of an apparent check forgery.

The incident was reported shortly after 4:45 p.m. May 3 in the 9900 block of W. Indian Ridge Court. Ac-

cording to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report, the incident happened April 20. A suspect's name was among the redactions.

• **CHILLICOTHE** – A Farmington woman had a blood-alcohol content more than double the legal limit following a traffic-related incident in Chillicothe.

A Chillicothe police officer found a 2015 Chevrolet Cruze abandoned in the middle of the road about 1 a.m. May 3 in 1300 block of W. Truitt Ave. The front of the vehicle was damaged significantly. Charity B. Tiller, 48, was discovered lying in a tree line about 10 feet away, according to a police report.

Once on her feet, Tiller said she was driving to see relatives but didn't know what town she was in. Her BAC was .175. The legal limit is .08.

In addition to driving on a revoked license, Tiller was accused of two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol. She was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **HANNA CITY** – Shortly before 9:45 p.m. May 6, Timothy E. Martin of Peoria was driving a westbound 2019 Mazda CX5 in the 11200 block of W. Smithville Rd. south of Hanna City when the vehicle struck a deer. Martin and his passenger, a female, were uninjured, per a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle was damaged but drivable.

• **EDWARDS** – Shortly before 10:30 p.m. May 3, Chinedu Ugorji of Peoria was driving a southbound 2010 Toyota Camry in the 5000 block of N. Heinz Lane east of Edwards when the vehicle struck a deer. Ugorji said he was uninjured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle was damaged but drivable.

• **KICKAPOO** – At 7:15 a.m. April 30, Shannon L. Tyler of Brimfield was driving an eastbound 2020 Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck on Brimfield-Jubilee Road near Princeville-Jubilee Road north of Kickapoo when the vehicle struck a deer. Tyler wasn't injured, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The truck was damaged but drivable.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between May 10-16: juvenile issue, Yates City; unwanted subject, Yates City; found article, Williamsfield; suspicious person, Dahinda; suspicious incident, Williamsfield; threats, Dahinda.

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LAWS: Uber drivers may now form a union

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quires companies to give policyholders at least 60 days' notice before raising premiums by more than 10%.

It also prohibits companies from charging "excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory rates" and gives the insurance department authority to review company rate filings to determine if their rates meet that standard. And it prohibits companies from engaging in "cost-shifting" by requiring that rates be based on state-specific loss data.

Under the bill, companies would still be able to implement new rates as soon as they are filed with the insurance department. But the bill would give the department new authority to review those filings.

The bill applies to renewal notices and new rate filings dated on or after July 1, 2027.

Insurance companies said the bills are likely to result in even higher costs for consumers.

Rideshare union – Over the past five months, a sea of rideshare drivers in yellow T-shirts flooded the State Capitol almost weekly, lobbying for the right to form a union. They

may be able to do so soon, after Illinois lawmakers passed a bill giving them that ability in the final hours of the spring session.

House Bill 5090 would regulate how rideshare drivers can form a union, elect union representatives and engage in union activities such as collective bargaining.

Rideshare drivers say a union is necessary because under federal law, they're defined as independent contractors, despite having little control over work practices while working

for companies like Uber and Lyft. That makes a statewide union their only option to collectively bargain and form a labor agreement, they say.

Property tax sales – Illinois could soon reform the state's regulations on delinquent property tax sales after the House approved a bill 80-35 along party lines that lets homeowners keep their equity.

House Bill 4537 makes various changes to the regulations for selling property tax debt. The key change is if a homeowner

fails to pay their debt in an initial redemption period, and their property is seized and sold, they will receive any surplus funds left over from the auction.

That change will bring Illinois – the last state to do so – into compliance with the 2023 Supreme Court decision *Tyler v. Hennepin County*.

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FESTIVALS: Changes for car show awards

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 shifting instead to a top-15 list of awards and trophies for Best of Fest and People's Choice. Registration is 8-11 a.m.
 The event opens with a pancake breakfast at the firehouse starting at 6

a.m. Festival food is served until 5 p.m., but the sooner you show up for strawberry treats the better, since favorites such as strawberry pizza tend to run out early.
 Live music will be from the River Valley Big Band from 10 a.m. to noon and from The Aristocrats from 1-4 p.m.
 The Prairie Quilters of Central Illinois have their quilt show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Elmwood.
 Critters of various sorts

will be featured in the green space west of the park thanks to Wags and Whiskers vet clinic, Highland Hollow Co. of Yates City and local shelters.
 Here's a look at other local events to put on the calendar for the weekends to come. Worth noting is that the successful My Place St. Jude fundraiser will not be held this month, as that bar in Yates City is no longer open.
June 18-20 – Heritage Days, Princeville.
June 20 – Jerry Huffman

Memorial Cruise In, Farmington JFL field (behind the old school).
July 4 – Fireworks show, Elmwood, Sweetwater Park.
Aug. 1 – Super Cruise In for Diabetes, Brimfield.
Aug. 13-15 – Old Settlers Days, Brimfield.
Aug. 21-22 – Harvest Home Festival, Yates City.
Sept. 10-12 – Fall Festival, Elmwood, Central Park.
Sept. 13 – Ag Day, Williamsfield.

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Princeville updated on projects

By **ANDY LATORA**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Chad Gardner likely reached his pitch count Monday night at the Princeville Board of Trustees meeting at Village Hall.

Gardner, Princeville’s superintendent of public works, updated the board on the progress of projects underway in the village. The update was lengthy, but for good reason.

Gardner had been absent from the twice-a-month board meetings for a bit since he’s also the softball coach at Princeville High School.

Since the Lady Princes’ season concluded recently, Gardner was available to provide information on the progress of, for example, the village’s wastewater treatment plant and sewer system improvements.

“The pumping station is in and operational,” he said. “It’s hooked up to the emergency system and everything’s good to go.”

He and his crew have gone through training for

the upgraded system.

Once the upgrades are complete, he said everything will run out of the well at the south tower to the existing northeast wastewater treatment plant. The village will have to test and submit samples to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, then it will be online.

The board also discussed a request for a variance on a lot in the Aten Acres subdivision. The owner of the lot wanted

the board to consider extending the lot to have a half-acre total.

It’s village property and the board asked Gardner to get costs and measurements to split three lots into two to accommodate the request.

The board approved blocking off two parking spaces at 137 E. Main St. for an event from 4-7 p.m. on June 11. It also approved closing off Walnut Avenue from Spring to High streets for the Heritage Days car show.

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Janet M. Garnett

PRINCEVILLE – Janet Marie Garnett, 69, of Princeville, passed away peacefully at home in rural Princeville on Thursday, May 28, 2026. Janet was born on Jan. 15, 1957, in Blythe, Calif., the daughter of Ted and Leanora (Dekens) Milligan. She graduated from Ames (Iowa) High School in 1975 and recently helped in planning her 50th reunion. Janet married Stephen Garnett on Nov. 26, 1977, sharing over 48 years together; Steve survives. They lived in Peoria from 1977-83 and on a farm in rural Princeville from 1983 until her passing.



Garnett

Also surviving are their two children, Matthew (Bobbi) Garnett of Princeville and Lisa (Joshua) Inman of Chiang Mai, Thailand; and six grandchildren, Taylor, Colby, Hailey, Noah, Alexandria and Jordan. She was lovingly called “Grandma” by Lisa’s kids and “Kiya” by Matt’s. She is also survived by one sister, Rita Stephans of Bellevue, Neb.; and one brother, Greg (Jamie) Milligan of Ames, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Teddy, Don and Mike; and one sister, Sharon.

Janet was a member of St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Princeville. Her Catholic faith was very important to her. She prayed the Rosary daily and found comfort in the words of the Bible. She built lasting friendships through her work at Sears, First Financial Bank of Princeville and 1st Farm Credit Services, which later became Compeer Financial, from which she retired in 2022.

She had a great voice – her siblings fondly remember her singing to them at night when they were young. In Janet’s younger years, she was also known for her basketball

skills, especially when she attended St. Cecilia School and Ames High. She was known for her “devastating left hook shot,” which she had practiced to perfection. Throughout her life, she loved watching college basketball, especially the Iowa State Cyclones, Caitlin Clark and the WNBA. She was also a voracious reader of books, a passion she passed on to her daughter and granddaughter.

Janet loved visiting the ocean and especially the beaches in Florida while her daughter lived there. Some of her favorite vacations included an Alaskan vacation with Steve, a special trip to Hawaii and recent family vacations to Lake Michigan. While she was afraid to fly, she eventually overcame her fear, even flying to Thailand to visit her daughter and grandchildren numerous times.

Janet enjoyed riding bikes – she participated in RAGBRAI’s ride across Iowa three times with Steve. In recent years, Janet loved feeding and watching hummingbirds, eating at Applebee’s and Longhorn Steakhouse and watching “NCIS” and “Law and Order SVU.” She truly loved mowing the lawn with her riding mower and was very particular about how it was done. She also loved driving Alexandria to school and taking the grandkids to the library or to get ice cream. She was thrilled to follow the grandkids around as they drove the little trucks on the farm and generally spoiled her grandkids as much as she could.

Most of all, Janet loved her family – her children and grandchildren were her greatest joy. She was the most selfless person, always putting the thoughts and concerns of others before her own. She was an example to her kids and grandkids of what it means to give selflessly and love unconditionally. She never missed an activity or sporting event of her children or grandchildren if she could help it, even driving as far as Iowa for Matt’s college games. She was their greatest cheerleader, support

and friend. Janet was also extremely welcoming to Matt’s and Lisa’s friends. Many considered the farm a second home and considered Janet a second mom because of her warm hospitality.

A visitation will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, at Golnick Family Funeral Home (formerly Haskell) in Princeville from 6-8 p.m. with a Rosary service at 5:30. A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Princeville. Msgr. Gerald Ward will preside; burial will follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to Smile Train or the American Cancer Society.

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

Fred Kendall

DUNLAP – Fred Kendall, 82, of Dunlap, passed away May 26, 2026. He was born in Hanover, N.H., on Aug. 12, 1943, to James and Evelyn (Dickinson) Kendall.

Fred married Janice (Cox) Kendall in Rockville, Md., on Nov. 20, 1965.

Fred is survived by wife Janice; three daughters, Deborah Dickerson, Donna Nicholson and Dana Kendall (Marc Gonzalez); six grandchildren, Donnie Dickerson, Amanda Hitchcock (Jeremy), Tarran Nava (Lou), Brea Mercer, Zoie Alecos and Kara Grifis (Blake); three great-granddaughters, Alanis Hitchcock and Elora and Ruby Nava; and several nieces and nephews.



Kendall

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings.

Fred joined the U.S. Marine Corps on Jan 22, 1962, and was honorably discharged on May 22, 1966. He moved to Illinois after discharge and worked at Caterpillar Inc. for over 30 years.

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Fred had many interests, including rebuilding tractors and antique cars. One of his favorite sports was fishing. He and his wife spent many summers after retirement at Camper Village at Oak Run, fishing. He always said we could fill the boat with the amount of fish we caught. He loved to talk to people and tell stories of his life.

There will be only graveside services at Prospect Cemetery in Dunlap on Saturday, June 6, at 11 a.m. There will be a local luncheon announced at the gravesite service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Greater Peoria Honor Flight, Dunlap Fire Department or Shriners Hospital.

Walter T. Tracy

SPARTA, Tenn. – Walter Thomas "Tom" Tracy died unexpectedly at his home on Friday, March 14, 2026, in Sparta, Tenn.

Born Tuesday, July 8, 1947, in Kewanee, he was the son of the late Dean Tracy and the late Irma Tracy.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Erminda Marie (Clay) Ayers of Tryon, N.C.; and a brother-in-law, Wayne Andrew (Karin) McIntire of Galva.

Tom was known to many as



Tracy

"Uncle Tom" and is survived by many nieces and nephews, including Amy Himlin (Dustin) Rawlings and their sons Wyatt Matthew, Tucker Alan and Dustin Wesley of Durham, N.C.; and Chloe (Kevin) Konstant and their two sons. Surviving nephews include Rodney Tracy of Florida; Chris Tracy and his children, Riley and Lila, of Florida; Paige Ryan Tracy and his daughters, Paisley Reagan, Peyton Raquel and stepdaughter Chloe Grace Harrington of Wyoming; and Ross (Olivia) McIntire and Thomas Wayne (Kimberlee) McIntire, who have a son and daughter, both of Galesburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dean and Irma Tracy, and brothers Gary Tracy and Paul Tracy.

Tom grew up on the family farm outside of Castleton and graduated from Wyoming High School in 1965 as valedictorian of his class. He married his high school sweetheart, Sandy McIntire, on June 18, 1966, in Princeville. It is said that from the moment Tom saw Sandy, he was smitten with her. Before Sandy passed away, they had celebrated 50 years of marriage together.

He later graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in business and economics. During his college years he was a member of the Air Force ROTC. After college, Tom worked for various companies such as Funk's, A.O. Smith, a large foundry

in Chicago and a stint developing a retrofit business with some other men before striking out on his own and developing TNC Integration Inc.

Tom and Sandy traveled extensively during their life together, renovating houses and collecting beautiful antiques from every locale they called home.

Tom worked with his company, TNC Integration Inc., up to the day before he passed away.

Tom will be remembered as a loving, generous man, husband and uncle who loved his nieces and nephews as his own. Tom had several annual shopping trips with Paige's daughters, and we are sure they will miss the time he gave them.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Sheets Cemetery in rural Wyoming. A luncheon will be from noon to 3 p.m. at Speer Community Bank, 14 Main St., Speer. Burial will be in Sheets Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Tom's life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting the Stark County Historical Society, P.O. Box 524, Toulon, IL 61483. Both Tom and Sandy had been active in the work and support of this group.

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Pastor Doug Seeley
321 S. Jefferson St. Brimfield
(309) 678-2208

Sun. School: 9:30 am
Sun. Worship: 10:40 am
Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Father Corey Krengiel
Father Deogratias Mpewo
314 W. Clay Brimfield
(309) 446-3275
incarnationcatholic.org

Sat. Confession: 4-4:45 pm
Sat. Mass: 5 pm
Daily Mass: Mon. & Thurs. 8 am
Adoration: Thursday 7 am

Saint Paul Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod
Rev. Michael Wagnitz, Pastor
204 W. Clay St. Brimfield, IL
(309) 446-3233

The Lord bless your day.

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Divine Service

Brimfield E-Free Church

Pastor Donald Blasing
11724 Maher Road
Brimfield IL 61517
(309) 446-3571
brimfieldefree.org

Worship: 10:30 am

Sunday School: 9:30 am

AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm ages 3-12

Union Church at Brimfield

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

Sunday Worship: 9 am

Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Balaam in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 8, what was the first thing Noah did after leaving the ark? Burned the ark, Built an altar, Performed a marriage, Hiked to mountains
3. What group did John the Baptist exhort to be content with their pay? Priests, Zealots, Judges, Soldiers
4. From Genesis 17, who said, "Shall a child be born unto him that is a 100 years old"? Adam, Abraham,

- First Sunday is Communion Sunday (gluten-free offered)
- Grief & Loss Group meets Tuesday afternoons 3-4:30 pm until further notice.

DAHINDA

Dahinda United Methodist Church

Pastor Zoila Marty
1739 Victoria St. P.O. Box 14
Dahinda IL 61428

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am Sunday School during worship Church: (309) 639-2768

Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389
Email: williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com

DOUGLAS

Douglas United Methodist Church

Pastor Kristine McMillan
484 3rd St.
Yates City IL 61572

(NOTE: Church is in Douglas)
Sunday Worship: 8 am
(Maquon worship: 11 am)
Facebook Live is 11 am at Maquon UM Church page

Aaron, Agrippa

5. Which king of Israel had a reputation as a wild chariot driver?

Joash, Jehoash, Jehu, Jeremiah

6. Whose biblical name means "eagle"? Nehemiah, Timothy, Aquila, Miriamappear? 3, 13, 30, 300

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Built an altar; 3) Soldiers; 4) Abraham; 5) Jehu; 6) Aquila.

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EDWARDS

Baptist Church

7422 N. Heinz Ln. Edwards
(309) 692-1755
bethanycentral.org

Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 am

In person and livestream

(Coffee pastries 8:30-10:30 am)

Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Father James Pankiewicz
9910 W. Knox St. Edwards
(309) 691-2030

stmaryskickapoo.org

Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm

Saturday Mass: 4 pm

Sunday Masses: 7:30 & 10 am

Mon., Wed., and Fri. Mass: 8 am

Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm

ELMWOOD

Crossroads Assembly of God

Pastor Don Nuttall
615 E. Ash St. Elmwood
(309) 742-6409

crossroadselmwood.org

Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm

Sun. Worship: 10:30 am

First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood

Reverend Marla B. Bauler
201 W. Evergreen Elmwood
(309) 742-2631

firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org

Sun. Worship: 10:30 am

Sun. School: 9:30 am

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Father James Pankiewicz
802 W. Main St. Elmwood
(309) 742-4921

Sat. Mass: 5:30 pm

Tues. & Thurs. Mass: 8 am

Tues. Confession: After mass.

United Methodist Church of Elmwood

Pastor Austin Miller
821 W. Main St. Elmwood
(309) 742-7221

elmwoodumc.org

Sunday Worship: 9 am NEW!

Youth Sunday School: 10 am

FARMINGTON

Farmington Bible Church

Pastor Tony Severine
497 N. Elmwood Rd.
Farmington
(309) 245-9870

Sunday School: 9:30

Worship Service: 10:30

Farmington United Methodist Church

Pastor Austin Miller
187 W. Fulton St.
Farmington
(309) 245-4310

farmingtonmethodist61531@gmail.com

Sunday School 10:15 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

Pastor Cindy Bean
83 N. Cone Street Farmington
(309) 245-2914

firstpresfarmington.com

Sunday School: 9:15 am

Worship: 10:30 am

Live on Facebook also

Fellowship: 11:30 am

New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God

Pastor Tom Wright
1102 N. Illinois Route 78
Farmington
(309) 231-8076

Sun. Worship: 10 am

Wed. Worship: 7 pm

PRINCEVILLE

Princeville United Methodist Church

Pastor David Pyell
420 E. Woertz Princeville
(309) 385-4487

princevilleumchurch.com

Sun. Worship: 8:30 am

Sunday School: 8:45 am

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church

Father Corey Krengiel
Father Deogratias Mpewo
119 Saint Mary St. Princeville
(309) 385-2578

incarnationcatholic.org

Sun. Mass: 9 and 11 am

Wed. & Fri. Mass: 6:45 am

Tues. & Thurs. Mass: 8 am

Wed. Confession: 7-8 pm

TRIVOLI

Brunswick Community Church

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

Sunday Worship: 10:45 am

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

Zion-Penn Ridge Lutheran Church (LCMC)

18015 W. Smithville Rd., Trivoli
Pastor Mark Schoenhals
Pastor Jay Johnson
(309) 696-1300

zionpenridgechurch@gmail.com

Sunday Worship: 9:00 am

4th Sunday of month Worship: 8 am with communion

WILLIAMSFIELD

St. James Catholic Church

Father Deogratias Mpewo
214 N. State Route 180
Williamsfield
(309) 446-3275

stjameswilliamsfield.org

Sun. Confession: 7-7:20 am

Sunday Mass: 7:30 am

Williamsfield United Methodist Church

Pastor Zoila Marty
430 N. Chicago Ave.
Williamsfield
(309) 639-2389

Sun. School: during worship

Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 am

Sunday Worship: 11 am

YATES CITY

Faith United Presbyterian Church

Reverend Marla B. Bauler
107 W. Bishop St. Yates City
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Worship: 9 am

Sunday School: 10:15 am

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Sat., June 13 - 8am to noon

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Illinois hunters harvest record total of turkeys

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois hunters harvested a preliminary record total of 20,821 wild turkeys during the spring turkey season, surpassing the previous record of 18,189 birds harvested in 2025.

Top counties for turkey harvest during the 2026 season were Jefferson and Jo Daviess, tied with 646 birds harvested, followed by Marion (530), Pike (525) and Wayne (464).

For area counties, Fulton led the way with 333 birds harvested followed by Knox (248), Peoria (211), Henry (153) and Stark (23).

This year, hunters purchased 94,704 permits compared to 89,580 last year. This year's total included a record youth spring turkey season harvest of 2,326 birds compared to 2,099 birds in 2025.

Bicentennial Park to host pop-up celebration

PEORIA - Join ArtsPartners of Central Illinois and Peoria County for a First Fridays Amplified pop-up lunchtime celebration on Friday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the new Bicentennial Park at the courthouse.

A ribbon-cutting to open Bicentennial Park in the courthouse Plaza will take place at 1 p.m.

The renovated area includes new stone pavers, bronze bison statues within a new water feature, updated lighting, landscaping and seating areas.

Some of the participating artists and performers include:

Live music by Goodnight Gracie; LNOR, freelance illustrator and Studios on Sheridan artist, creating live paintings; Sarah Leman of Sarah Sonder Design, featuring handcrafted sterling silver and bronze jewelry; Sarahi Munoz of Cloudgaze, presenting watercolor illustrations; and Doug Smith and The Unique Twist and Twisting Crew with live balloon-art entertainment.

Food will be available to purchase from Tony's on Wheels and Chuy Blonos Tacos on Hamilton/Adams, plus attendees can get a free ice-cream scoop from The Daily Scoop while supplies last until 1:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

College graduates

Bailey Kennelly of Yates City earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Cedarville University.

The following completed academic requirements and graduated from Monmouth College: Kynlee Stearns of Dahinda, Aidan Adkins of Yates City, Sydney Barton of Brimfield, Casey Bednar of Yates City, Mason Reed of Knoxville and Madison Riggs of Knoxville.

College honors

Savannah Grachek of Brimfield was named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List (3.4 gpa or better) for the 2026 spring semester.

Anne Showman of Yates City was named to the Kirkwood Community College Dean's list (3.3 gpa or better) for the 2026 spring semester.

The following students made the Illinois Wesleyan University Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2026 spring semester: Dax Alger of Elmwood, Izzy Beoletto of Farmington, Eileen Conklin of Elmwood, Elizabeth Dale of Brimfield, Sam McMillin of Hanna City, Liv Meyers of Elmwood, Tucker Sennett of Princeville and Bri Steil of Edwards.

Accepting applications for Leadership program

PEORIA - Peoria County is now accepting applications for Civic Leadership Academy, an annual program held in conjunction with the City of Peoria. The free program includes a weekly session that takes place at either a county or city government facility.

This year, the program will be on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. from Aug. 6 to Oct. 13, concluding with a graduation by proclamation at the Peoria County Board meeting and first Peoria City Council meeting in October.

Et cetera

The Lions mobile hearing and retinal-screening unit will be conducting free hearing and retinal screenings on June 18 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Lillie M. Evans Library (207 N. Walnut, Princeville).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COMMERCE BANK Plaintiff,
-v.-
JAMES E. WILLIAMS et al Defendant
2025-FC-0000229
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 18, 2026, at the Peoria County Court-house, 324 Main Street, NE Jefferson St., Main Entrance, PEORIA, IL,

61602, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, STATE OF ILLINOIS, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS: LOT THIRTY-FOUR (34) IN ROLLING ACRES, SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, COUNTY OF PEORIA, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS
Commonly known as 5428 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD, PEORIA, IL 61614
Property Index No. 14-19-202-001
The real estate is improved with a

residence.
Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the

amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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NOTICE OF ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Peoria County on May 4, 2026, under the Assumed Name of Peak-Point Web Design, with the business located at 901 E. London Ave., Peoria Heights, IL 61616. The true name and residence address of the owners is: Carter Little and Maggie Smith, 901 E. London Ave., Peoria Heights, IL 61616.
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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-25-07306 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2025-FC-0000229 TJSC#: 46-78
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any in-formation obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2025-FC-0000229 13287139
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS.
SHAWNA SIMMONS A/K/A SHAWNA R SIMMONS; GREATER PEORIA SANITARY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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OPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2026-FC-0000091
3017 WEST SOUTHPORT ROAD
PEORIA, IL 61615
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Shawna Simmons a/k/a Shawna R Simmons Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 9 IN TOWNSEND ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN BY PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "Q", PAGE 74, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 3017 West Southport Road Peoria, IL 61615 and which said Mortgage was made by, Shawna Simmons a/k/a Shawna R Simmons Mortgagor(s), to PNC Bank, National Association Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2013024175; and for other relief. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before June 22, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaids.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
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333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
DAMON RITENHOUSE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SANDRA JACOBS, DECEASED; PAMELA J WILLIAMSON; TERRY L JACOBS; TIMOTHY ALLEN JACOBS; RICHARD W JACOBS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SANDRA JACOBS A/K/A SANDRA K JACOBS A/K/A SANDRA KAY JACOBS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-

The Weekly Post
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on June 11th
Our offices will be closed
from Friday, June 5,
through Thursday, June 11th
We will reopen Friday, June 12.

Thank you for your support!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Knox and Peoria Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2027, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from and after 5:00 P.M. on the 13th day of June, 2026, at the WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE STATION, 200 East Gale Street, Williamsfield, Illinois.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 P.M., the 13th day of July, 2026 in the WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE STATION, 200 East Gale Street, Williamsfield, Illinois, and that final hearing and action on this Ordinance will be immediately thereafter taken at a regular meeting of the Trustees of the WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

DATED this 15th day of May, 2026.

MICHAEL GIBBS,
Secretary, Williamsfield Fire Protection District.
Published 6/4/26

SEALED BID SALE

The following property has been declared as surplus and will be sold to the highest bidder through a sealed bid process. Bids will be due no later than July 3, 2026 at 4 PM. Bids should be turned in to the Farmington City Offices at 322 E. 4th St., Farmington.

Bids will be opened July 6, 2026 at 5 PM in the Farmington City Council Chambers.

1979 Chevrolet 3500 Utility Truck
Manual Transmission
Working Order
Former Ameren bucket truck

The above item will be sold "as is."
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RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2026-FC-0000060
413 EAST CYPRESS STREET
ELMWOOD, IL 61529
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE

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

THE SOUTH 100 FEET OF EVEN DEPTH OF LOT 7, IN HUMPHREY'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 5, IN THE EASTERN EXTENSION TO THE TOWN OF ELMWOOD. NOW A PART OF THE CITY OF ELMWOOD, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE WEST 13 FEET OF EVEN WIDTH THEREOF; ALSO THE SOUTH 100 FEET OF EVEN DEPTH BY FULL WIDTH OF LOT 8, IN HUMPHREY'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 5 IN THE EASTERN EXTENSION TO THE TOWN OF ELMWOOD. NOW A PART OF THE CITY OF ELMWOOD; ALSO, A PART OF LOT 9 IN HUMPHREY'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 5, IN THE EASTERN EXTENSION TO THE TOWN OF ELMWOOD, NOW A PART OF THE CITY OF ELMWOOD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEING ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 100 FEET OF SAID LOT 9 WHICH LIES WEST OF THE WEST LINE OF DANIELS STREET, BEING ALSO DESCRIBED AS THE WEST 16 FEET OF EVEN WIDTH OF THE SOUTH 100 FEET OF EVEN DEPTH OF SAID LOT 9; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 413 East Cypress Street Elmwood, IL 61529 and which said Mortgage was made

by, Sandra Jacobs a/k/a Sandra K. Jacobs a/k/a Sandra Kay Jacobs Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2021012114; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before June 22, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Change in Schedule of Rates to Customers of Aqua Illinois, Inc.

Dear Aqua Illinois Customer:

Aqua Illinois, Inc. hereby gives notice to the public that it has filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) a proposed change in its rate schedules for water and wastewater service in certain areas of Kankakee, Vermilion, Will, Boone, Knox, Lake, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Ogle, Winnebago, McHenry, and Champaign counties.

AQUA ILLINOIS' RATE REQUEST

If this rate request is granted, in full as filed, an average combined monthly residential wastewater (collection and treatment) and water bill (4,000 gallons) would increase by \$23.79 (\$0.79 per day) to \$177.99. If this rate request is granted, in full as filed, an average combined monthly residential wastewater (collection only) and water bill (4,000 gallons) would increase by \$23.27 (\$0.78 per day) to \$102.15.

The estimated bill impact may vary based on multiple factors, including, but not limited to, meter size, usage volume, and public fire protection charges. The bill impact also will depend upon the nature of the service received and will differ for those customers taking wastewater service only, water service only, or wastewater service on a flat rate charge instead of a usage-based charge. The proposed changes in wastewater rates are set out in Tariff ILL. C.C. No. 50, Section 6 filed with the ICC and the proposed changes in water rates are set out in Tariff ILL. C.C. No. 49, Section 8 filed with the ICC.

This request will undergo a review by the ICC for up to 11 months. The approximate date of the change(s), if approved by the ICC within the statutory 11-month process, is April 26, 2027. However, the effective date of any change(s) approved by the ICC will differ for those systems that may not be subject to full consolidated rates as of that date in accordance with the terms and conditions of certain Asset Purchase Agreements approved by the ICC. If the request is approved by the ICC, the changes would result in an increase to base rates of \$19,471,600 for all classes of water service statewide and \$7,028,658 for all classes of wastewater service statewide.

THE RATES YOU PAY DIRECTLY BENEFIT YOUR COMMUNITY

Aqua Illinois' improvements have increased reliability and enhanced process improvements for source-of-supply and water treatment. They have included distribution system improvements to enhance water quality. Depending upon the nature of service provided in your community, examples may include:

Wastewater

- Wastewater treatment plant improvement projects to replace aging and deteriorating equipment, which will prevent service interruptions and improve operational efficiency
- Lift station replacement projects to replace undersized and/or aged equipment to reduce and minimize service interruptions and backups
- Infiltration and Inflow reduction projects to extend service life of infrastructure and reduce costs associated with treatment
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) projects to replace obsolescent data collection and historian equipment to increase service reliability and operational effectiveness

Water

- Water treatment plant additions to improve water quality, increase capacity and reliability, and accommodate industrial growth
- Improvement of well pumps and equipment to increase reliability and sustainability
- Replacement of aged water meters to improve accuracy of water usage data and reduce non-revenue water
- New and replaced fire hydrants to improve fire protection and water quality due to additional flushing capability
- Replacement of aging and deteriorating water mains to improve water quality, pressure, service reliability, and fire protection services
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) projects to replace obsolescent data collection and historian equipment to increase service reliability and operational effectiveness

For customers other than single-family residential customers receiving water and wastewater service from Aqua Illinois, an option exists to install a separate irrigation meter to mitigate volumetric wastewater charges on irrigation and other outdoor uses. Aqua Illinois will provide the irrigation meter; however, customers are responsible for any applicable charges, such as plumbing necessary to accommodate the irrigation meter, proper backflow prevention, and monthly customer charges.

For single-family residential customers receiving water and wastewater service from Aqua Illinois, summer wastewater usage charges generally are based on the average water usage in winter months, a period in which outdoor watering activities are minimized. This methodology for calculating wastewater usage charges is known as historical based consumption and is detailed further in the Company's Tariff.

Customers can receive more information or request an irrigation application by calling 877.987.2782.

ICC ROLE

Please be advised that the ICC may alter or amend the rates or conditions of service after hearings held pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200, and may increase or decrease individual rates in amounts other than those requested by the company.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

Any interested party may file a petition to intervene in the hearings pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200. Pursuant to Section 8-306 of the Public Utilities Act, 220 ILCS 5/8-306, customers may request that the ICC hold a public hearing related to the company's rate request. A copy of the proposed change in rate schedules may be inspected by any interested party at the business office of the company at 1000 South Schuyler Avenue in Kankakee, IL. All parties interested in the matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from Aqua Illinois or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

At Aqua Illinois, water quality and customer service are our highest priorities. We strive every day to listen to you, our customer, and invest in system improvements and enhancements. Our management and staff are always here to assist you. If you have any questions, please contact Aqua Customer Service at 877.987.2782 or visit www.AquaWater.com.

David C. Carter
President
Aqua Illinois, Inc.
Published 5/28, 6/4/26

also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaids.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o vis-

ite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE

USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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VILLAGE OF PRINCEVILLE ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2026

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Princeville
IL 1430750

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 Princeville is Ground Water. For more information regarding this report, contact Brian Holt, 309-385-4765.

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

Source of Drinking Water

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

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some 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 Village Hall at 309-385-4765. 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>.

What Are The Health Effects of Lead?

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body, from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants (particularly if they drink formula prepared with water containing elevated levels of lead), young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high bloodpressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones, and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development.

What Are The Sources of Lead?

The primary sources of lead exposure for most children are deteriorating

lead-based paint, lead contaminated dust, and lead-contaminated residential soil. Exposure to lead is a significant health concern, especially for young children and infants whose growing bodies tend to absorb more lead than the average adult. Infants that drink formula prepared with lead-contaminated water are at a greater risk because of the large volume of water they drink relative to their body size. Lead is rarely found in source water, but enters tap water through corrosion of plumbing materials. Homes built before 1986 are more likely to have lead pipes, fixtures and solder.

What Can I Do To Reduce Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water?

If the level of lead found in your drinking water is above 15 ppb or if you are concerned about the lead levels at your location, there are several things you can do:

- Run your water to flush out lead. If water hasn't been used for several hours, run water from your kitchen tap or whatever tap you use for drinking and cooking for at least 3 minutes and it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking. This will help flush lead-containing water from the pipes. In order to conserve water, you can fill multiple containers after flushing for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula.
- Bottled drinking water should be used by pregnant women, breast-feeding women, young children, and formula-fed infants at homes where lead has been detected at levels greater than 15 ppb.
- Use cold water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula. Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.
- Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead.
- Look for alternative sources or treatment of water.
- Test your water for lead. Call us at the number below to find out how to get your water tested for lead.
- Identify if your plumbing fixtures contain lead. New brass faucets, fittings, and valves, including those advertised as "lead-free," may contribute lead to drinking water. As of June 19, 1986, new or replaced water serviced lines and new household plumbing materials could not contain more than 8% lead. Lead content was further reduced on January 4, 2014, when plumbing materials must now be certified as "lead-free" to be used (weighted average of wetted surface cannot be more than 0.25% lead). Consumers should be aware of this when choosing fixtures and take appropriate precautions.

Source Water Information

| Source Water Name | Location | Type of Meter | Report Status | Location |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Well 3 (50138) | S END TWIN LINCOLN ST UNDER | GW | A | 118 E. Lincoln St., Princeville IL |
| Well 4 (01914) | | GW | A | 335 E. Evans St., Princeville IL |

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 309-385-4765. 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: PRINCEVILLE To determine Princeville's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1989 by the Illinois EPA, and a Source Water Protection Plan were reviewed. During the survey of Princeville's source water protection area, Illinois EPA staff recorded fourteen potential sources of groundwater contamination that could pose a hazard to groundwater pumped by the Atlanta community water supply wells. One potential source, route, or possible problem site is located within the combined 200 foot minimum setback zones of wells #1 and #2. A total of ten potential sources or problem sites are located within the combined 1,000 foot survey radius of these wells. Four potential sources or problem sites are located within the 1,000 foot survey radius of well #3. These sites include two treated wood/lumber yards, a construction/demolition company, a mortuary, three below ground fuel storages, an auto repair shop, an auto body shop, two machine shops/sheds, two businesses that manufacture/process chemicals, and an above ground fuel storage. The Illinois EPA has determined that Princeville wells #1 and #2 are susceptible to IOC, VOC, and SOC contamination. Well #3 is not susceptible to IOC or SOC 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 for the wells.

2024 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. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

Copper Range: .003 MG/L to .12 MG/L

Lead Range: <.001 to <.001

To obtain a copy of the system's lead tap sampling data: www.princeville.org/water-department/

CIRCLE ONE: Our Community Water Supply (CWS) has not developed a service line material inventory. To obtain a copy of the system's service line inventory: www.princeville.org/water-department/

| 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 | 0.095 | 0 | ppm | N | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits. |

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. **Avg:** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. **Level 1 Assessment:** A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. **Level 2 Assessment:** A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions. **Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the 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. **Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:** 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.

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 | 0.6 | 0.5 - 0.7 | MRDLG=4 | MRDL=4 | ppm | N | Water additive used to control microbes |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) | 2025 | 3 | 2.74 - 2.74 | No goal for the total | 60 | ppb | N | By-product of drinking water disinfection. |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) | 2025 | 13 | 12.71 - 12.71 | No goal for the total | 80 | ppb | N | By-product of drinking water disinfection. |
| Inorganic Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Level Detected | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination. |
| Barium | 02/23/2023 | 0.0023 | 0.0023 - 0.0023 | 2 | 2 | ppm | N | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Fluoride | 02/23/2023 | 0.683 | 0.683 - 0.683 | 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 | 1 | 0.56 - 0.56 | 10 | 10 | ppm | N | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Sodium | 02/23/2023 | 98 | 98 - 98 | | | ppb | N | Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration. |
| Zinc | 02/23/2023 | 0.03 | 0.03 - 0.03 | 5 | 5 | ppm | N | This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates naturally occurring; discharge from metal. |
| Radioactive Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination. |
| Combined Radium 226/228 | 2025 | 4 | 4.01 - 4.01 | 0 | 5 | pCi/L | N | Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium | 2025 | 12 | 12.3 - 12.3 | 0 | 15 | pCi/L | N | Erosion of natural deposits. |

B-E softball wins 2nd straight sectional

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield-Elmwood softball team more than answered its early wakeup call in a Class 2A sectional championship game.

In the first two innings May 29, the B-E offense overwhelmed an initial first strike from Port Byron Riverdale. B-E senior pitcher Sawyer Drury did the rest in an 8-1 win that gave the host Indians (29-5) their second successive sectional title.

“You always want to go back to the Elite Eight,” B-E sophomore catcher Reese Legaspi said about what her team accomplished last week. “Just push and go as far as you can. We wanted to get back. That’s been our mentality all season.”

Legaspi’s first at-bat against Riverdale (27-5) was important in that effort. She struck out with one out in the bottom of the first inning and Layla Hersemann at second base. But the ball got away from the Riverdale catcher, who threw wildly to first.

Hersemann scored to give B-E a 3-1 lead. Her double in the previous at-bat brought home Kendyl Binder to break the 1-1 tie.

Binder had singled to drive in Drury, who walked to begin the inning.

“We can’t give teams like this extra outs,” Riverdale Coach Randy Creen said. “Their pitching is great, their defense is great and they put the ball in play. That top five in their lineup just hits the ball all over the place, and it’s hard to defend.”

The B-E first out-weighed a quick Riverdale start, in which Amaya Lopez-Hernandez singled home Katie Cox with two outs in the top of the inning. It was the first time B-E trailed this postseason.

A top sub-sectional seed, Riverdale set a school record for victories. The Rams had a solid 1-2 punch atop their lineup (Brooklyn Peterson and Cox), according to B-E Coach Kurt Juerjens.

“I think it’s good that happens, where if you just don’t mow them down, maybe it gets kids’ attention a little bit,” he said. “Those first two hitters are real impressive. Every time they swung, you just kind of held your breath.”

“But Sawyer, she’s just smart. She knows how to pitch kids, and I think she figures out their weaknesses and she does a really

good job of that. You’ve got to know who’s going to beat you, and you’ve got to know how to stop them from beating you.”

Peterson singled up the middle with one out in the seventh, but by then the game had long been decided. Drury allowed seven hits and struck out nine.

Meanwhile, second-seeded B-E more than figured out Riverdale starting pitcher Danika Saddoris.

B-E had four runs in the second to lead 7-1. Legaspi’s double down the left-field line scored Anja Nelson and Hersemann and forced Saddoris from the game. Nelson had a one-run double on her way to a 3-for-4 performance.

“I was looking for outside (pitches), and she pitched outside,” the junior said about Saddoris.

B-E advanced to the championship by beating Peoria Notre Dame 6-1 in a semifinal May 27. Drury struck out 13. Her sophomore sister Teagan Drury had an RBI double in the second inning to give the Indians the first run of the game and a lead they did not relinquish.

“She definitely was on her game,” the elder, senior Drury said. “She hits, I pitch. It works out, right?”

Hersemann and Legaspi, who was 3-for-4, had RBI singles in the third against Notre Dame (19-16).

Following the bottom of the third inning, plate umpire Joey Richardson collapsed as he walked up the first-base line. Richardson was helped to his feet on a 92-degree humid day and was coherent before an ambulance transported him to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was treated and released.

Richardson returned for the sectional final, as third-base umpire.

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VILLAGE OF PRINCEVILLE ILLINOIS

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
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| 103 N. Ellen Ave. | 602 E. Main St. |
| 807 E James St. | 316 S. Cottage Grove Ave. |
| 1474 N. Town Ave. | 311 E. South St. |
| 727 N. Town Ave. | 217 N. Tremont Ave. |
| 417 N. Town Ave. | 415 S. Tremont Ave. |
| 627 N. Princeville Ave. | 333 S. Walnut Ave. |
| 217 W. North St. | 216 N. Stanton Ave. |
| 431 W. North St. | 103 N. Stanton Ave. |
| 110 W. Marlynn St. | 412 W. Evans St. |
| 404 W. High St. | 418 W. Evans St. (Sat. only) |

***325 N Ostrom Ave, Princeville Heritage Museum Annual Rummage Sale (Thurs. 5-7pm, Fri. 8am-2pm, Sat. 8am-12pm)**

***Sale maps available at www.princeville.org, Village of Princeville Facebook page, Village Hall, Princeville Pharmacy & Casey's General Store.**

VILLAGE OF PRINCEVILLE ILLINOIS

Combined Radium Special Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Princeville Water Plant May Have Levels of Combined Radium Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system is performing maintenance beginning on May 20, 2026. This maintenance is scheduled to continue until 7/3/2026. During this time, our reverse osmosis treatment system will not be operational, and we expect that there will be elevated levels of combined radium in our system. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

What should I do?

- You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing radium-226 or radium-228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done?

On June 8th, 2026, The Village of Princeville Water Plant will begin the replacement of above ground finished water storage tank. We anticipate resolving the problem within 3 weeks.

For more information, please contact Brian Holt at 309-385-4765 or 206 N Walnut, Princeville IL 61559

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

This notice is being sent to you by Village of Princeville Water System ID# IL14300750 Date distributed June 1st, 2026

BASEBALL: Princeville falls to United 5-0 in 1A regional title game

Continued from Page 20
 group was locked in.
 "That's kind of been our goal," said Sams. "We talked about it about halfway through the year and they put in all the work, all the extra work, to make it happen."

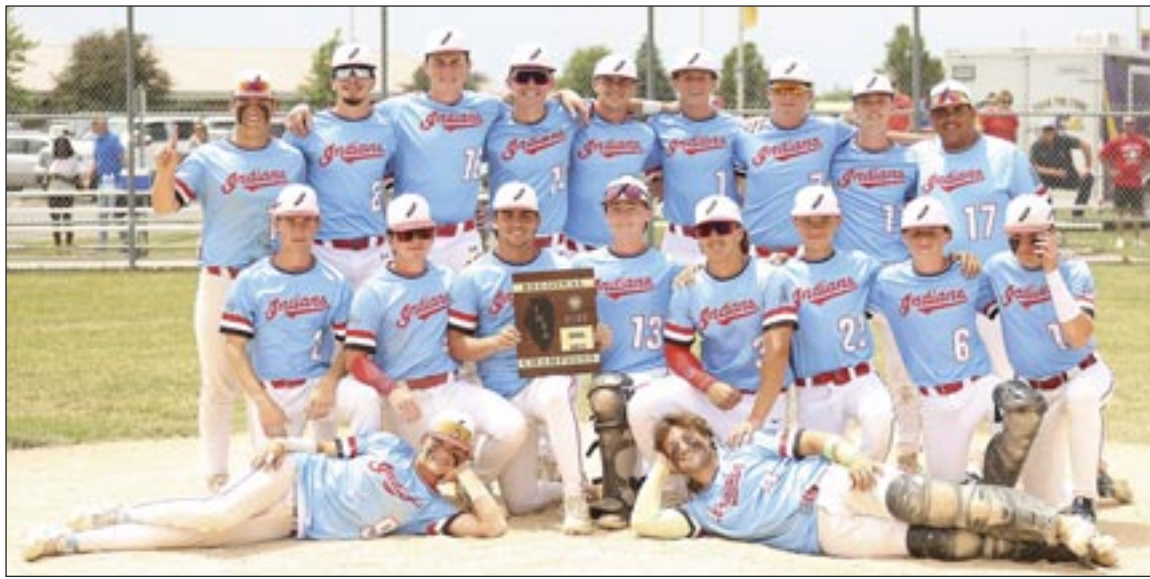
The Indians scored three runs in the bottom of the first when Schatsiek roped a single to center field, Johnson walked and Brody Kenney sliced a rocket between the left and center fielders for a double. Sean Crowe's line single to right was misplayed, allowing Johnson and Kenney to score.

B-E made it 4-0 in the second when Dane Fagerburg singled, stole second and scored on Johnson's Texas Leaguer over the shortstop that sliced over to the left-field line.

The Indians padded the lead by three in the fifth inning. Schatsiek launched a lead-off home run into the trees behind the 345 sign in center. Kenney collected his third hit of the game and Noah Malone doubled off the left-field fence. Doe's liner to right-center made it 7-1.

B-E put the ball in play all day. The Chargers (15-16) didn't record a strikeout and issued three walks, including two to Malone. Kenney's three hits led the 10-hit attack.

"Brody was locked in all day and he's been really good over the last three weeks," Sams said. "He was batting lower in the order, then he caught fire and we moved him up to the 4-spot.



The Brimfield-Elmwood baseball team poses with the Class 2A regional champion plaque the Indians won last Saturday with a 7-1 win over Peoria Christian at Farmington. From left to right, the players are: (bottom row) Brody Kenney and Layne Johnson; (middle row) Blake Bruner, Noah Malone, Sean Crowe, Jay Webb, Evan Patterson, Westin Smith, Tyler Schatsiek and Dean Dunnaway; (top row) Dane Fagerburg, Tommy Burkitt, Kaeden Schatsiek, Connor Doe, Karsyn Bolton, Griffin Hougham, Quinton Johns, Kai Nelson and Brashen Butler. Photo by Brimfield-Elmwood Sports Shots.

He's been kind of cleaning things up for us up there and he was big again today, too."

With the sectional on deck, B-E could potentially get re-matches to avenge two of its losses. Rockridge won 6-2 on May 20 to snap the Indians' 15-game win streak. Illini West beat B-E 3-2 in mid-April.

"We play Rockridge on Wednesday and they gave us one of our losses so I know our kids are excited to kind of get a little revenge and get back at them," Sams said. "They both beat us earlier in the year and I hope we get to see them both and see what happens."

B-E advanced to the regional final by squeezing past LVC 1-0 in a May 27 semifinal. An RBI

single by Malone in the bottom of the first was all the run support Evan Patterson needed. The right-hander allowed four hits and struck out eight in the complete-game shutout.

Malone finished 2-for-3. Johnson was 2-for-2.

LVC starter Drake Henson struck out nine with no walks, limiting the Indians to five hits in six innings.

• Princeville – Monmouth United's Ian Leffler scattered four hits and struck out 14 in a complete-game shutout as the host Red Storm captured a Class 1A regional title on Saturday with a 5-0 victory over Princeville.

Cayden Allen, Carter Peterson, Lucas Bishop and Edo Ar-

nett each had a single for the Princes, who finished the season 15-20.

Monmouth United (29-5-2) was a top seed in its sub-sectional.

Princeville advanced to the final with a 7-2 victory over ROWVA-Williamsfield on May 28. Coley Palmer was 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and three RBI and Allen threw five-hit ball over 5½ innings in relief of Arnett. Allen allowed one run and struck out seven.

The Princes scored twice in the first, twice in the second and added three insurance runs in the fourth.

• Farmington – Farmington's season ended with a 12-11 loss in 11 innings against Peoria

Christian on May 27. The Farmers, the host of the Class 2A regional, led 5-2 after two innings and 9-1 after four but couldn't hold it. They issued 13 walks to the Chargers and committed seven errors.

Peoria Christian scored four runs in the sixth and tied the game 9-9 with three runs in the top of the seventh. The Chargers scored on a wild pitch in the 11th and a Luke Holland single extended the lead to 12-9.

Boston Smith went 3-for-6 with three RBI to pace Farmington's 14-hit attack. Braelan Krusa also collected three hits. Landon Crawford, Tristan Henty and Bronson Atchley had two hits apiece.

Atchley started and allowed six runs and five hits. He struck out 12 and issued three walks. Trevor Frye, Farmington's fifth pitcher, took the loss after allowing three runs and one hit in 1½.

Farmington finished the season 19-9-1.

• ROWVA-Williamsfield – Drake DeJaynes went 2-for-3 with a double in R-W's Class 1A regional semifinal loss to Princeville on May 28. Austin Owens and Zander Vest had RBI for the Cougars.

Vest started and took the loss after allowing six runs and four hits in three innings. He struck out five but walked six. Brody Lytle didn't allow a hit in three innings of relief and DeJaynes struck out two in a scoreless inning. R-W finished the season 22-13.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What are the names of the three girls in the animated series "Powerpuff Girls"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which ocean lies between Australia and Africa?
- MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MMXXVI?
- MUSIC: Who won Best New Artist at the 2026 Grammys?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is an archipelago?
- MOVIES: Which classic movie has the tagline, "From the moment they met it was murder"?
- GAMES: How many basketball players can be on the court at the same time?
- SCIENCE: What is the heliosphere?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is vexillology?
- HISTORY: Who was the only English king to be executed for treason?

Answers

- Blossom, Buttercup and Bubbles.
- Indian Ocean.
- 2,026.
- Olivia Dean.
- Hawaii.
- "Double Indemnity."
- 10, five from each team.
- The Sun's solar winds and magnetic fields create a protective bubble around our solar system.
- The study of flags.
- Charles I in 1649.

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by Dave T. Phipps

HEY, OWEN, LOOK, MY MOM ALWAYS PUTS THE COOKIES IN THAT BIG COOKIE JAR.

THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME WAY TO GET IT DOWN?

I'M WILLING TO BET I COULD GET A NAP IN BEFORE THEY FIGURE OUT A WAY.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13)
- Obsession (R)
- Michael (PG-13)
- The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13)
- The Sheep Detectives (PG)
- Passenger (R)
- Mortal Kombat II (R)
- I Love Boosters (R)
- The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (PG)
- Project Hail Mary (PG-13)

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SOFTBALL: B-E lost on same field in 2025 to eventual champs

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Pfeifer, who is committed to Illinois State, commanded her riseball well enough to strike out 11 B-E batters. She allowed four hits.

"We tried to play the best competition that we could all year, and I'm not sure we saw a girl all year that had the spin that she threw — balls that looked like strikes and strikes that looked like balls," B-E

Coach Kurt Juerjens said. "But that's what we had today, and we just couldn't quite put things together."

B-E also played at EastSide in the 2025 supersectional, which it lost in extra innings to eventual state-champion Beecher. This season, Seneca eliminated previously undefeated Beecher 6-5 in the Pontiac Sectional final.

In this game, Seneca had one advantage B-E didn't.

The Irish's home field has the same type of turf as the EastSide supersectional diamond. Seneca Coach Brian Holman said he and others visited EastSide three years ago to check its turf before that style was installed at their LaSalle County school.

"We can play on that," Holman said. "We play fast, we run the bases fast. Our sectional was on dirt, and we were a little skittish. But

when we got to this, it was like we were walking into a home diamond, and that really did help."

Seneca is to play again on turf today (June 5), in a state semifinal against Elmhurst IC Catholic at Louisville Slugger Sports Complex in Peoria. The Louisville Slugger artificial surface is more matted than the EastSide turf, according to Juerjens.

"This one's really super-

bouncy, so it's really hard to kind of get used to that if you're not on it all the time," he said.

Reese Legaspi had a one-out double in the second inning and advanced no farther, but the best B-E chance for a rally might have come in the sixth.

Brooke Allen led off with a single past third base. One out later, Anja Nelson slapped a single to left field. But Kendyl

Binder struck out looking to cap an extended battle with Pfeifer, and Nelson was forced out at second on a Layla Hersemann grounder.

"All you ever really want is to be relevant," Juerjens said. "These girls have allowed us to be relevant, playing against good competition. It's been a really good run. It's too bad we couldn't go just a little bit farther."

BOYS TRACK: Ostrander is 1st R-W athlete to medal in 100, 200

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matter what, because I knew the payoff would be worth it.

"Thanks to my coaches and my friends, they gave me my sport back, and I realized that I really love doing what I do."

No hard feelings, according to E-B Coach Gregg Meyers.

"Last year, he was kind of flirting with that kind of race," Meyers said. "You run a 1:53, you're cooking. I'm really happy for him that he got to end his high school career with that kind of race, because that was a fantastic race."

Coriell Green of Mason City Illini Central won the 800, in 1:51.83. Princeville junior Jacob Bosch secured the ninth and final medal spot in 1:56.73, three-hundredths of a second faster than Tremont's Everett Henderson. Bosch's medal was the first in four years for a Princeville runner.

Earlier, Herman ran the anchor leg of a 4x800 relay that finished seventh, in a season-best 8:11.99, about 20 seconds behind the 1A-record time of first-place Rockford Christian. Junior Hason Hubbard, freshman Cole Cahill and senior Kam Stevenson joined Herman in securing the Trojans' 20th 4x8 medal since 1980.

"I think that's one of the things we're kind of known for," Meyers said. "And I love coaching it, because I love the team aspect of it."

Said Stevenson: "It's our pride and joy."

Few were more joyful after their race than Ponce. He couldn't quite believe his time of



ROWVA-Williamsfield's Taven Ostrander runs alongside Morrison's Brady Anderson in the 200-meter final last Saturday at the Class 1A boys state track and field meet in Charleston. Ostrander placed third in 21.74 seconds. Anderson won with a 1A record of 20.98. Photo by PhotoNews Media/Clark Brooks.



ROWVA-Williamsfield junior Emerson Ponce finished third in the 300 hurdles last Saturday at the Class 1A state track meet in Charleston. Ponce finished in 39.15 seconds, a personal best that broke the school record. Photo by PhotoNews Media/Clark Brooks.

39.15 seconds in the 300 hurdles, an event Trae Brickner of Peoria Christian won in 37.87. Ponce's PR broke the school record

Aaron Cherrington set 28 years ago.

"Coming into state, I was still running 41's," an emotional Ponce said. "I get some type of soundtrack in my head, and I run to it as fast as I can."

This time, it was "Every Living Breathing Moment" by Grant Steller. But Ponce's effort was about more than the music.

"I had good people in my corner, lots of good coaches, a very supportive family, everything," Ponce said.

R-W teammate Ostrander ran a PR in the 200 (21.74). In that race and the 100, he finished behind Morrison senior Brady Anderson, who set a 1A record in the longer event (20.98). Ostrander, who was sixth in the 100 (10.86), became the first R-W athlete to medal at state at both races.

Because of wind, the 100 was run from south to north, the op-

posite of usual at O'Brien Field. The subsequent 200 ran north to south.

"I think it's kind of dumb that we were accounting for the wind in the 100 but in the 200, where the wind's more prevalent, we didn't," said Ostrander, a converted high jumper. "I'm not going to say it was a disappointing day, because I came home with some medals and some hardware."

E-B senior Aiden Faulkner rebounded from a disappointing 3,200 to finish sixth in the 1,600, in 4:26.47. He was 10th in the longer race (9:53.91). Gillespie senior Chaz Oberkfell won both.

"My legs kind of started locking up after the fourth lap," Faulkner said about the 3,200. "I just held back and accepted it and got ready for the 1,600."

Princeville sophomore Hunter Keyster finished 19th in the metric two-mile (10:08.84) and

E-B sophomore Danny Sharp was 24th (10:18.27). They and Faulkner ran in the fastest of three heats.

Almost 2½ hours after Bosch medaled in the 800, he anchored the Princeville 4x400 relay to seventh place. Bosch, junior Oliver Melick, senior Kaiden Sarnes and junior James Hunt finished in a season-best 3:25.94, about eight seconds behind the 1A mark set by first-place Auburn.

"I think last year we were pretty young, so we matured and got stronger," Bosch said. "This year ... we stepped up and we got some medals."

In the 1A team standings, R-W was the top area finisher, in an 11th-place tie with Lena-Winslow (18 points). Morrison had 51 points to win the team title. Pleasant Plains was second, and El Paso-Gridley was third.

BASS FINALS

Brimfield duo in bass state final

The Brimfield High School bass team has advanced to the state finals at Lake Shelbyville after placing second at the May 21 sectional.

The 60-team state field will fish Friday and Saturday (June 5-6) out of the West Dam Access in Shelbyville from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fishing on Pool 13 of the Mississippi River in the sectional, Brimfield's team of seniors Derek Cox and Kaden Cahill caught 11.77 pounds of

bass to finish behind Moline High School's bag of 14.69 pounds. Cahill also had big bass of the sectional, a 4.28-pounder.

Cox and Cahill placed 13th at state last year.

On May 14, the same Brimfield duo won the bass regional at Lake McMaster with 9.39 pounds. Also advancing from the regional was Brimfield's second team of junior Tristann Seep and sophomore JD Catour.

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Boys state: Best was yet to come

E-B's Herman 3rd in 800 with PR, R-W's Ponce PRs in hurdles

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post
CHARLESTON – Given a second chance, Darwin Herman was third. He couldn't have been happier.

The Elmwood-Brimfield senior improved from fifth place midway through the 800-meter final May 30 at the Class 1A boys track and field state meet to finish in a personal-best 1:53.78. That was almost three seconds faster than his previous best and four seconds faster than his qualifying time two days earlier.

Not a bad way to end a prep career. Especially considering Herman thought he might have ended it after last track season, when he took about a six-month break from running.

"I haven't felt this good in a long time," a tired-but-

jubilant Herman said after his third-place run. "I wanted to get top three. That was my goal coming into it, and a PR. Best 800 I've ever ran."

Herman was among area runners and relay teams that won eight 1A top-nine medals. Also finishing third on the blue track at Eastern Illinois University were two runners from ROWVA-Williamsfield, senior Taven Ostrander (200) and junior Emerson Ponce (300 hurdles).

Last year, Herman finished sixth in the 800. Then came his self-imposed running hiatus.

"I feel like after last track season, I was telling myself I needed to do it instead of wanting to run," Herman said about his rationale.

Unlike many track teammates, Herman was not on



Elmwood-Brimfield's Darwin Herman ran a personal best of 1:53.78 in the 800-meter race and finished third at the Class 1A boys state track and field meet last Saturday in Charleston. Photo by PhotoNews Media/Clark Brooks.

the 2025 E-B cross country team. Without Herman, who was expected to be a top runner, E-B finished second in Class 1A last November. Regret set in almost instantly, according to Herman.

"I realized that I prob-

ably made one of the worst mistakes of my life," he said. "Our team got second overall without me on it. I kind of failed them, in a way. I had to change my mindset about running and really just give my all, no

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Indians stub toe on EastSide turf

B-E softball commits five errors on bouncy surface in supers loss

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post
EAST PEORIA – The way the softball bounces off the EastSide Centre artificial turf didn't necessarily help Brimfield-Elmwood in its Class 2A supersectional Monday.

But Seneca felt right at home.

B-E committed five errors and couldn't generate enough offense against Seneca junior pitcher Hayden Pfeifer in a 3-0 defeat. It was the second consecutive season the Indians (29-6) lost at this state-tournament juncture, one game from the semifinals.

"We did the best we could," said losing pitcher and Creighton University-bound Sawyer Drury, one of three B-E seniors. "I don't know if I could have asked for a better high school career."



Brimfield-Elmwood catcher Reese Legaspi went 2-for-3 with a double in Monday's Class 2A supersectional loss to Seneca.

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Seneca (38-2) sandwiched unearned runs in the second and fifth innings around another score in the fourth. Infield hops bounced off B-E defenders, who also threw wildly with Seneca runners on base.

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Special K served for B-E baseball plaque

By ANDY LATORA

For The Weekly Post
FARMINGTON – Kaeden Schatsiek begins and ends with a "K."

Just like his pitching performance last Saturday in the title game of the Class 2A Farmington Regional. The big right-hander struck out the first and last batter he faced and 14 more in between to lead Brimfield-Elmwood to a 7-1 baseball victory over Peoria Christian.

Schatsiek allowed two hits and one run over six innings with 16 strikeouts and four walks.

"Yeah, he's really good and when he's throwing strikes he's almost unhittable," B-E Coach James Sams said. "It was an impressive performance."

The only wobble Schatsiek had was in the third inning. Peoria Christian's Dwight Rusch led off the third with a double over Connor Doe's head in left field. Rusch attempted to steal third and catcher Layne Johnson's throw was high and Rusch scored.

After a walk, Schatsiek struck out the next two batters but walked the next two to load the bases. He got out of the jam by getting his eighth strikeout in nine outs.

"Gotta give credit to our pitching coach there," Sams said. "Coach (Austin) Sims went out there and talked to him, he got it figured out and was able to dial back in before they got a big inning. You know, he was good all day."

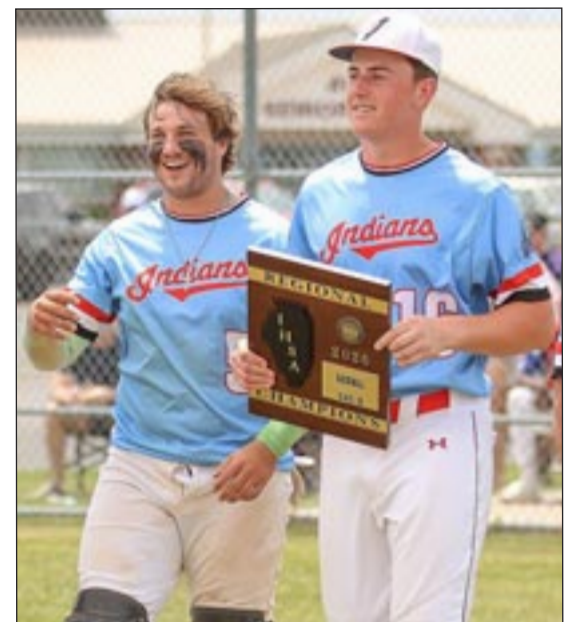
B-E (30-5) advanced to the Chill-

icothe Sectional and a 4 p.m. semifinal against Taylor Ridge Rockridge on Wednesday, which was after The Weekly Post deadline. Illini West was to play Monmouth-Roseville after that in a semifinal doubleheader. The winners meet at 1 p.m. Saturday for the sectional title.

The winner of the Chillicothe Sectional plays the Herscher Sectional champ at 6 p.m. Monday in a supersectional at Peru St. Bede. The Class 2A finals are June 12-13 at Illinois Field in Champaign.

The regional title was a relief. Sams said the group of seniors would have been the first at B-E since 2004 to go four years and not win a regional. His

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Brimfield-Elmwood's battery of Layne Johnson (left) and Kaeden Schatsiek celebrate with the championship plaque Saturday after winning the Class 2A Farmington Regional. Photo by Brimfield-Elmwood Sports Shots.

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