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It's All About The Cow

Charles Herbst

This weekend, Harvard kicks off its Quarter Millennial celebration with Harvard Milk Days—Red, White, and MOO! Harvard Milk Days has been going strong for 85 years.

The longest continuously running festival in Illinois honored the wartime efforts of World War II Harvard-area dairy farmers, who supplied the US Armed Forces with milk. It has since grown into a celebration of all things Harvard and is the highlight of Harvard's social calendar. Milk Days is the largest philanthropic organization benefiting the local community; largely responsible for the development of Harvard's largest recreation area, Milky Way Park; and provides scholarships to many deserving local students. Calling Milk Days a force for good would be an understatement. This tremendous amount of volunteer effort has

earned the enthusiastic city and community support of an appreciative Harvard.

Centered around Harvard's bovine mascot, Harmilda, Milk Days is about having a fun, often wacky start to the summer season. This year, Harmilda's surroundings at five points were given a makeover, while Harmilda took a brief trip to the cow spa.

Harmilda's pasture is the starting point for the parade down a whitewashed Ayer Street, lasting over 2 hours, that steps off at 1 PM on Saturday. Parade goers often stake out positions along the route at dawn. This year's Grand Marshals are Harvard Jr. Tackle and Harvard Wrestling Club, both celebrating fiftieth anniversaries.

Also on Saturday at 9AM, a sold-out country breakfast is held at the Stratford Banquet Hall.

Most of the other events take place at Milky Way Park on the western edge of the city, just off Brink Street (Illinois 173). Running from Friday evening through Sunday, there is a carnival with rides from Skinner's Amusements, fun on the run, water walking balls, kid bucks game show, Magic Matt's Family Fun Show, and various

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Harmilda

OBITUARIES

- Lawrence "Larry" Baker, 89, Cherry Valley, May 22
- Miguel Collazo, 35, Belvidere, May 21
- Margaret Ellison, 90, Cherry Valley, May 24
- Shirley (Sager) Greer, 85, Harvard, May 27
- Fayne Kniep, 91, Poplar Grove, May 20
- Donald Luerssen, 91, Formerly of Harvard, May 30
- Matt "Butch" Noel, 79, Belvidere, May 24
- Carol Scarpetta, 93, Belvidere, May 25
- Wayne Wares, 90, Poplar Grove, May 22
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A highlight this year is a collaborative live art experience led by Rockford educator and artist Diana Sanchez, supported through the America 250 initiative via GoRockford. Community members are invited to help create a public artwork reflecting Rockford’s immigration story, with a final reveal at the event’s conclusion.

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Pritzker, Leaders Defend Adjourning Without Bears Deal

Arlington Heights mayor disappointed by Springfield’s inaction

Brenden Moore & Ben Szalinski
Capitol News Illinois

Hours after Illinois lawmakers failed to approve a stadium incentives structure aimed at keeping the Chicago Bears in Illinois, Gov. JB Pritzker acknowledged that the “pride and joy of Illinois” may take a deal to build a football palace in Indiana.

That said, Pritzker and the leaders of the House and Senate defended their processes and priorities at a news conference Monday morning, about five hours after they adjourned an all-night session. They told reporters that a combination of the late emergence of bill language in the Senate, along with their own red lines to not hand out taxpayer dollars to a football team valued at nearly \$9 billion, kept it out of the end zone.

“That might happen,” Pritzker said of the team taking a stadium deal to build across the state line, where Hoosier lawmakers have pledged \$1 billion in public subsidies.

“But the reality is: I wasn’t willing to give up billions of dollars of taxpayer money in order to give it to a billionaire-owned family or team... as much emotional connection as many of us have to the Bears and to keeping them in the city of Chicago or the state of Illinois,” he added.

At the same time, Pritzker said he would work with House lawmakers over the summer on a stadium package and his “hope is that we’ll be able to provide something for the Bears.”

Pritzker said a special session this summer

would be up to the legislative leaders, though House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside, told Capitol News Illinois early Monday morning that he wasn’t considering it.

‘It came late’

A bipartisan vote on a hastily crafted bill in the Senate around 3:30 a.m. Monday morning gave late life to hopes the legislature would pass a bill giving the Bears property tax certainty. Unlike a long-discussed structure for a negotiated property tax payment on a privately owned stadium in Arlington Heights, the bill would have allowed five Cook County municipalities that have populations over 70,000 to set up a local stadium authority.

This would have enabled the Bears to avoid paying property taxes altogether on a new stadium, whether it be on a site they currently own in Arlington Heights or in Chicago, where Mayor Brandon Johnson has fought to keep the team.

But the House adjourned about an hour later without taking up the bill.

It was a late-arriving amendment, even in Springfield where lawmakers are accustomed to working through the night at the end of May each year. They’re often up late awaiting thousand-page

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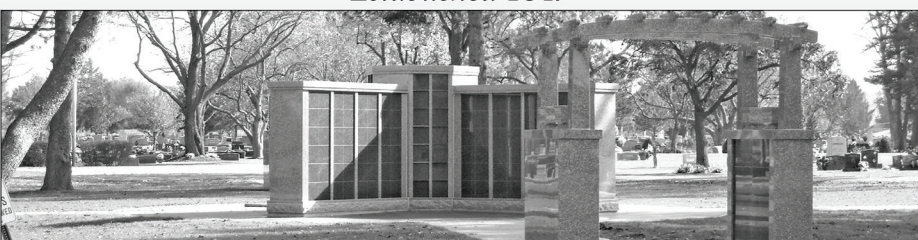
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Bears

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amendments to bills that have been negotiated for days or months.

But in this instance, the language was essentially novel when it arrived on lawmakers' desks.

"I respect the Senate president's processes over there," Welch said. "You know, that's the legislative process — the sausage making. It came over late ... we didn't have time to digest it. We didn't have time to find out what other folks thought of it. We need to have some feedback from our members before asking them to vote for it on the floor, particularly in the wee morning hours."

Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, said he felt both chambers worked well together throughout the session, even on issues beyond the Bears, but lawmakers ultimately had "no appetite" to provide public funding for the team, despite many being Bears fans.

Pritzker added that neither he nor his staff read the 145-page bill because "it came late."

"Things happen, and we had a whole lot of things that were foisted upon the state that they were dealing with yesterday," Pritzker said. "But indeed, the speaker is going to work hard to make sure that the House is making progress."

'A fumble'

The proposal was a drastic pivot from the PILOT concept discussed for more than three years. Instead, the structure mimics the mechanics of most modern stadium deals, including the offer the Bears have on the table from Indiana.

This switch-up seemed to come as a surprise to two of the entities it would impact the most: the village of Arlington Heights and the Bears.

Arlington Heights Mayor Jim Tinaglia blasted the legislature's inaction.

"The Village of Arlington Heights has spent the past five years working diligently to prepare for the redevelopment of Arlington Park," Tinaglia said in a statement. "We are truly disappointed with the outcome from the spring legislative session yet again. Although we recognize that these discussions are complex and involve many stakeholders, this is clearly a fumble for the State of Illinois."

Minutes after he filed the bill Sunday evening, Sen. Bill Cunningham, D-Chicago, the Senate's lead negotiator on the stadium issue, told reporters that the Bears "are now just seeing it" and that he was "looking forward to hearing their response."

In a statement after the House adjourned Friday morning, the Bears did not address the merits of the Senate bill but reiterated that they "remain on the late spring/early summer timeline" to decide on their future home.

Reporters quizzed Pritzker later Monday about

how much he was involved in negotiations on the bill. He received criticism from some lawmakers and observers for a far more hands-off approach to this year's legislative session in general.

While the governor said he has been intimately involved throughout the process, including several meetings in his Capitol office "throughout the weekend," he didn't want to give the Bears special treatment. And seeking "to table set," Pritzker said the stadium issue was not the most important thing on lawmakers' agenda, but rather "working to survive" President Donald Trump's administration.

"Literally, billions of dollars have been taken away from people in our state," Pritzker said. "We've seen these massive tariffs that are affecting people at the grocery store, when they go buy a car, everything else in their lives. Costs are going up, and then we've got this war that's raised the cost of gasoline for everybody... We're trying to defend the working families of Illinois."

'Still time'

The House sponsor of the legislation, Rep. Kam Buckner, D-Chicago, said in a statement the House's decision not to take up the issue is "the reality of trying to move something of this size."

"There is still time to answer questions, refine concepts, build consensus, and continue discussions with the Bears and all the stakeholders involved" he said. "The legislative pathway remains open."

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson said in a statement Monday that he is "grateful" senators passed a bill that would give the city a chance to retain the team and that the city already has a publicly owned site managed by the framework in the Senate's legislation.

"While questions remained about the legislation's design, legislators ultimately reached the same conclusion the City reached in 2024: the strongest proposal for a new stadium centers public ownership, the use of a sports authority and a commitment to public infrastructure," Johnson said in a statement.

Under the Senate bill, a municipal stadium authority would have the power to issue revenue bonds to fund stadium construction that can be backed through local tax revenue along with private contributions.

The Bears have pledged to finance an Illinois project privately and Pritzker and state lawmakers have long ruled out state subsidies for direct stadium construction. That said, the provision would open the door for local governments to do that.

Pritzker said "that is a choice that people at the local level can make if they want."

"For example, Arlington Heights and Chicago want to compete in order to have a stadium, and you may recall that the mayor of Chicago held a big

press conference with the Bears announcing a \$2.5 billion stadium that he had no money to pay for," Pritzker said, referring to a 2024 plan for a public lakefront stadium that would have required \$800 million in state-backed bonds for stadium construction.

"So somehow that was going to have to get paid for," Pritzker said. "And that's not something I was willing to do and, indeed, the amount of money that the state is willing to put up is money that we would put up for a business in the state of Illinois for infrastructure alone, not building a stadium."

As for the megaprojects tool nixed by the Senate: "We still need that, by the way," Pritzker said, reiterating his charge that Illinois is "behind the curve" given how 38 other states have a statewide mechanism for large developers to negotiate property taxes.

"They've always been negotiating about property taxes all across the country," Pritzker said. "It's just in Illinois where we have had a disorganized, dysfunctional endeavor forever, and now we're trying to organize it and make it work, so that businesses will want to come."

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Laura Huszla, artist



The new milking stanchion in the dairy barn

Milk Days

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food and soft drink options, including milk, of course.

A special event this year will be the opening of a time capsule planted at Harvard Junior High School in 1976 during the Bicentennial. The capsule will be dug up at 12 Noon at the Junior High and will be opened at 3 PM Sunday at Milky Way Park in the entertainment tent.

Two signature events of the festival are the Saturday afternoon milk drinking contests and the infamous cow chip bingo. These two popular events have become true crowd pleasers. (See accompanying articles.)

One new event will be milking demonstrations in the barn. Matthew Wundrow of Poplar Grove donated a milking stanchion originally made by Harvard's Star Line Manufacturing Company. Looking closely, the Star Line mark is still visible on the stanchion.

In keeping with the Grand Marshal and the wrestling theme, there will be professional wrestling on Friday night in the entertainment tent from 7-10 PM Friday. Saturday night will see the Talent Show at 6 PM. Finally, on Sunday night, STORM, a "classic rock" band, will entertain from 7-10 PM, followed by fireworks at 10:30.

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Cow Chip Bingo

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Cow Chip Bingo is a 50-50 raffle with a totally different twist. So far, no one in Harvard has claimed to have invented this attraction, and its origin has become thankfully obscured with the passage of time.

To enter, wagers buy one of 100 chances for \$5 apiece, with the chance to win \$250. The winning number is determined by leading a cow to an approximately 15 by 15-foot pen. The pen is divided into 100 18-inch squares. Each square has a number. Eventually, the cow relieves herself. Whoever bought the square in which the cow makes her mark is the winner.

Last year, we were present for the occasion. At about 3:45 on Saturday afternoon, after 100 tickets were sold, "Pretty," a one-year-old, red and white Holstein from Wisconsin Dells was led from the cow barn to the pen. In past contests, Pretty's mother, "Passion," has done the honors.

Initially, the pen was surrounded by onlookers, who eventually lost interest and went over to watch the milk-drinking contest. After about 20 minutes, Pretty, decided to lay down in the field. "Experts" at this ritual told me this was a sign that we might soon have a winner.

Apparently, Pretty did not appreciate her audience and decided she wasn't going to do her business with a dozen or so onlookers watching.

Finally, at 7:25, after Pretty decided she was having none of it, she was led back to the cow barn and replaced with another cow. At 8:00, Pretty's replacement decorated space 67, yielding a winner.

A second card was played with another cow on Sunday.

This year's ticket sales begin at 2PM on Saturday.

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"Pretty" with her owners being led to the pen



After a few minutes, "Pretty" decides to be seated.



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2026 Harvard Milk Days Queen is Denise Bernal-Morales.

2026 Harvard Milk Days Queen is Denise Bernal-Morales. She was also voted "Miss Congeniality" by her fellow contestants.

Denise has just finished her Junior year at Harvard High School where she is very active in various clubs and is a member of the National Honor Society. She plans on attending Judson University to pursue multiple degrees in Psychology.

This year's Queen's Court include:

- 1st Runner up - Summer Jones
- 2nd Runner up & Director's Choice - Callie O'Grady
- Miss Beloved Beauty - Rosy Gonzalez
- Miss Photogenic - Alondra Uvaldo Ruiz



Master of ceremonies Jason Grabowski conducting the milk drinking contest



The senior milk drinking contest with Harvard Mayor Mike Kelly officiating, at right

Milk Drinking Contest

Charles Herbst

Can you drink a quart of milk in 15 seconds? Then plan to enter the milk drinking contest this year. It costs nothing to enter, and the winner receives a medallion and glory. Prairie Farms generously donates the milk.

The rules are pretty simple. When the signal is given, you drink down the milk as fast as you can. If you spill a few drops, that's ok, but if you spill a lot, you will be disqualified. (They really do cry over spilled milk!)

There are four divisions, with a tent-full of onlookers cheering on the contestants. First, the kids line up to drink the fastest half pint. Second, the teens try their skill at downing a quart. After that, the adults are divided into two divisions, depending on which side of 35 you're on.

Last year's Junior winner, Scott Garolow, was the defending champion from the 1984 Milk Days contest. Will he make it a three-peat in 2026? Scott told us that eating peanut butter Scotcheroos is how he likes to prepare for the contest.

Eric Gallagher, Assistant Principal of Harvard High School, won his first contest in



2025 Sr. Milk Drinking Champion Eric Gallagher



2024 Junior Milk Drinking Champion Scot Garolow

2025. He'd had 2 previous second-place finishes. Eric says his students have encouraged him and that he practices all year.

This year's contest is this Saturday at 4PM in the Entertainment Tent. Even if you don't enter, join the audience, have a few laughs, and a good time.

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Session Slog Ends in \$56b Budget, New Taxes on Social Media Companies, Crypto, Fantasy Sports

Gas tax increase suspended while new taxes on businesses plug revenue hole

Ben Szalinski Capitol News Illinois

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."

SIMS

The budget totals \$55.9 billion, supported by a similar amount of revenue. The spending plan 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 had called for new progressive revenue measures throughout the session, including taxes on big 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 taxes 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 that's slated for July 1, pushing it to January. It also creates a sales tax holiday on school supplies from Aug. 7-16.

Republicans, meanwhile, said the relief didn't go nearly far enough.

"We're not going to raise the gas tax in July, we're just going 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, adding sarcastically that there was a "lot of courage coming out of that side of the aisle and the governor."

Path to passage

Its passage comes after an 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 morning. 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. with only Democratic votes as well.

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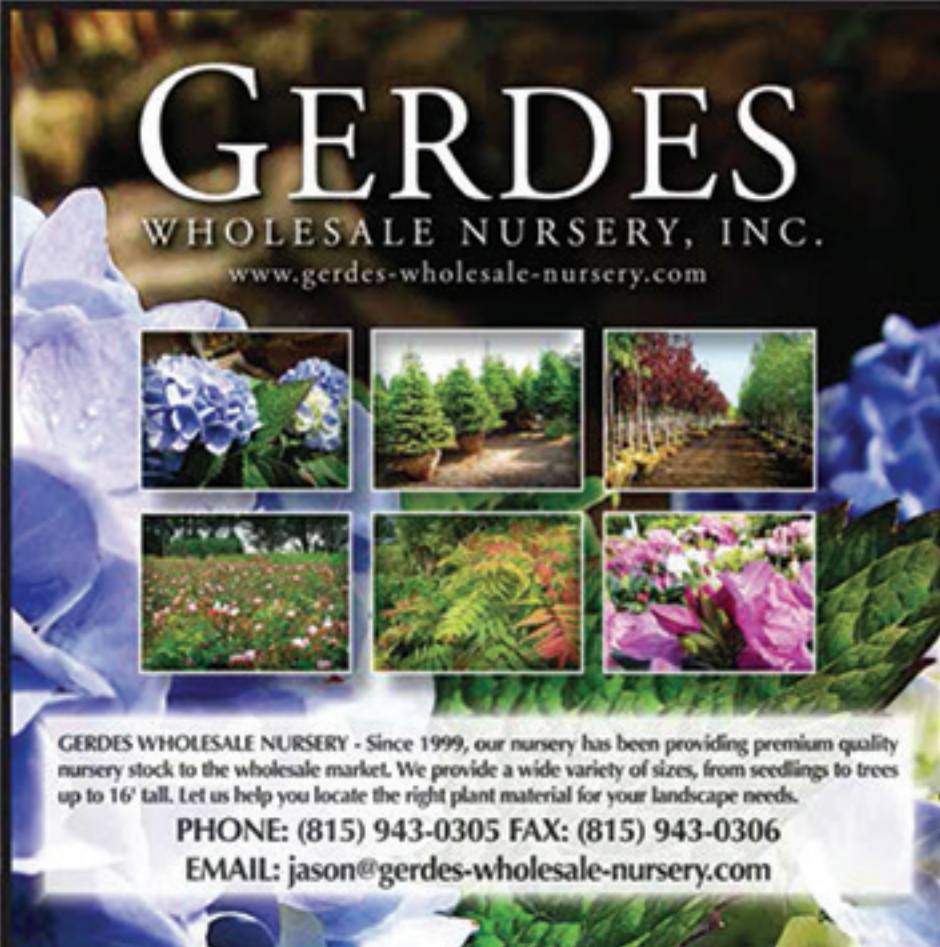


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Budget

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Tax increases and revenue maneuvers

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, opening that revenue up to be spent on any purpose.

“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 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.

That state plans to spend \$143 million on a healthcare 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.

Social media companies would be taxed on a progressive scale starting with platforms with 100,000 to 499,999 users paying 10 cents per month for each user all the way up to platforms with at least 1 million users paying a \$165,000 fee plus 50 cents for each user each month. A similar tax in Chicago is already tied up in court.

New taxes on digital asset sales and fantasy sports are expected to generate \$65 million. The state would create a licensing structure for fantasy sports operators and impose a 15% tax on each business — something Rep. Curtis Tarver, D-Chicago, said the industry themselves requested.

Consumers purchasing tires will also see a 50-cent increase in a tax on those purchases, which primarily funds a waste disposal fund.

Sports bets on prediction markets and remote tobacco retailers would also be taxed under the plan.

“This state is addicted to spending money it doesn’t have,” Rep. Blaine Wilhour, R-Beecher City. “It’s addicted to creating programs that it can’t afford. It’s addicted to making promises it can’t keep, and it’s addicted to coming back to the taxpayers constantly, constantly to clean up the mess.”

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. Tarver 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 federal internet freedom laws.

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

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 and other grants. 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, which led to some confusion among lawmakers debating the bill in the House.

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. “That means no taxes on working people, and no severe cuts to critical services they depend on.”

The budget would establish a program to help people who have lost Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, 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 just one year and is estimated to cost about \$70 million.

Following Wilhour’s address, Rep. Diane Blair-Sherlock, 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. “We as a state are trying to fill in gaps created by the federal government.”

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.

Direct service providers will receive a 60-cent wage increase, half of what is recommended. The budget also does not include any increase in the “rainy day” fund.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TO: James M. Grisanzio; James A. Grisanzio; Occupant; Kayla E. Eisman; Melania Villela; Karen M. Grisanzio; Amy Ohlsen, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

**TAX DEED NO.: 2026TX16 FILED: 5/11/2026
TAKE NOTICE**

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold: October 30, 2025

Certificate No.: 2024-00098

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2024

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 12357 Cameron Court, Caledonia, IL 61011

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 03-32-476-013

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 4, 2026.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 4, 2026.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County in 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008, Room 3, on November 24, 2026 at 9:30 AM.

You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 4, 2026 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Belvidere, Illinois.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK

1212 Logan Ave., Suite 103

Belvidere, IL 61008

(815) 544-3103

Private Equity Group, LLC.

Purchaser or Assignee

May 12, 2026

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TO: Steiner Management Group Inc.; Illinois Secretary of State for Steiner Management Group Inc.; Carl Triplett as R/A for Steiner Management Group Inc.; Carl Triplett as R/A for Steiner Management Group Inc.; Dawn M. Moyer; Dawn M. Moyer; Occupant; Rebecca L. Carlson; E-Z Towing; Esy Towing Recovery; Logan Automotive & Tire; Auction Z 2 Inc.; Greg Bingham as President for Auction Z 2 Inc.; Eeservices, Inc., as R/A for Auction Z 2 Inc.; Nikles of Petersburg, Inc.; Franks Gerkin Ponitz Greeley P.C., as Attorneys in 2022AR11; State of Illinois Department of Revenue; State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Attorney General for State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Department of Employment Security; Attorney General for the Illinois Department of Employment Security; Reno & Zahm, LLP as Attorneys in 2023FC9; City of Belvidere c/o City Clerk; City of Belvedere c/o City Council; Logan Auto Body, Inc.; Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company; Northern Illinois Community Development Corporation; John J Phelps as R/A for Northern Illinois Community Development Corporation; William Lee; Amy Ohlsen, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

**TAX DEED NO.: 2026TX18 FILED: 5/11/2026
TAKE NOTICE**

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold: October 30, 2025

Certificate No.: 2024-00224

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2024

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 1011 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 05-36-206-062

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 4, 2026.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

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Belvidere, IL 61008

(815) 544-3103

Private Equity Group, LLC.

Purchaser or Assignee

May 12, 2026

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TO: Steiner Management Group Inc.; Carl Triplett as R/A for Steiner Management Group Inc.; Carl Triplett as R/A for Steiner Management Group Inc.; Illinois Secretary of State for Steiner Management Group Inc.; Dawn M. Moyer; Dawn M. Moyer; Occupant; 30 60 90 Tools Espinoza S Tires; Alpha Autos, Inc.; Belvidere General Rental Center; Espinoza's Tire Shop Inc.; Genoa Heating and Air Conditioning; Logan Auto Sale Inc.; Seven Day Auto; State Street Automotive; Woodruff's Body Shop; Xa Team Testing; Auction Z 2 Inc.; Eeservices, Inc., as R/A for Auction Z 2 Inc.; Greg Bingham as President for Auction Z 2 Inc.; Nikles of Petersburg, Inc.; Franks Gerkin Ponitz Greeley P.C., as Attorneys in 2022AR11; State of Illinois Department of Revenue; State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Attorney General for State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Department of Employment Security; Attorney General for the Illinois Department of Employment Security; Reno & Zahm, LLP as Attorneys in 2023FC9; City of Belvidere c/o City Clerk; City of Belvedere c/o City Council; Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company; Northern Illinois Community Development Corporation; John J Phelps as R/A for Northern Illinois Community Development Corporation; William Lee; Amy Ohlsen, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

TAX DEED NO.: 2026TX17 FILED: 5/11/2026

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold: October 30, 2025

Certificate No.: 2024-00223

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2024

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 1007 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 05-36-206-061

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 4, 2026.

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Private Equity Group, LLC.

Purchaser or Assignee

May 12, 2026

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

BMO Bank N.A. PLAINTIFF

Vs. No. 2026FC29

John Arrowood; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Charles E. Arrowood a/k/a Charles Arrowood; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Amy L. Silvestri, as Special Representative for Charles E. Arrowood a/k/a Charles Arrowood (deceased) DEFENDANTS

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Charles E. Arrowood a/k/a Charles Arrowood

Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

322 E Pleasant St

Belvidere, IL 61008

and

313 Caswell Street

Belvidere, IL 61008

and which said Mortgage was made by:

Charles E. Arrowood a/k/a Charles Arrowood

the Mortgagor(s), to BMO Harris Bank N.A., as Mortgagee, and recorded

in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County, Illinois, as Document No. 2015R00214; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Pamela Coduto

Clerk of the Circuit Court

601 North Main Street

Belvidere, IL 61008

on or before June 18, 2026, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

(630) 794-5300

DuPage # 15170

Winnebago # 531

Our File No. 14-26-02155

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

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TAKE NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 2026TX13

To: Ennis Montgomery; Spouse of Ennis Montgomery; Dwan Montgomery; Integrity Investment REO Holdings, LLC; Boone County, as Trustee; Ally Financial, Inc.; Amy Ohlsen, Boone County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at: 1210 E Madison St, Belvidere, IL

Property Index No. 05-25-129-002

Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022-00117

This property was sold on October 26, 2023 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2022. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 10, 2026.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 6, 2026. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Belvidere, Illinois on October 20, 2026 at 9:30 AM before Judge Balogh via Zoom (Meeting ID: 963 9791 8024; Passcode: None), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, INC., Petitioner

Angela L. Tucker, Esq.

JICTB, INC.

1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100

Champaign, IL 61821

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TAKE NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 2026TX14

To: Estate of Robert Armbruster, Jr., deceased; Amanda Armbruster; Joshua Armbruster; Unknown Heirs/Devises of Robert Armbruster, Jr., deceased; Amy Ohlsen, Boone County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at: 570 Warren Ave, Belvidere, IL

Property Index No. 05-25-386-007

Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022-00137

This property was sold on October 26, 2023 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2022. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 10, 2026.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 6, 2026. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Belvidere, Illinois on October 20, 2026 at 9:30 AM before Judge Balogh via Zoom (Meeting ID: 963 9791 8024; Passcode: None), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, INC., Petitioner

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Champaign, IL 61821

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
FOR BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS –
CHANCERY DIVISION

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. Case No.: 2026FC38

JOSEPH M. KRIEGL; LISA J. KRIEGL; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Property Address:

337 West Boone Street, Belvidere, IL 61008

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING, 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:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON STAKE IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT THREE (3) IN BLOCK FIVE (5) OF ISAAC MILLER'S ADDITION TO BELVIDERE; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF BOONE STREET, NINETY (90) FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AT A RIGHT ANGLE WITH SAID STREET LINE, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-

EIGHT AND FORTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (148.45) FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY, PARALLEL WITH SAID STREET LINE, NINETY (90) FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT AND FORTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (148.45) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PREMISES INCLUDED A PART OF BLOCK 71 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF BELVIDERE, SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND PART OF LOTS 2 AND 3 IN BLOCK 5 OF ISAAC MILLER'S ADDITION TO BELVIDERE, SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 337 West Boone Street, Belvidere, IL 61008
 Names of the titleholders of record: Joseph M. Kriegl.
 Date of the Mortgage: April 23, 2007.
 Name or names of the mortgagors: Joseph M. Kriegl; Lisa J. Kriegl.
 Name of the mortgagee: Countrywide Home Loans, Inc..
 Date and place of recording: May 3, 2007; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Boone County, Illinois.

Identification of recording: Document No. 2007R04913.
 NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before July 2, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.

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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 Joseph M. Kriegl 16582-4563
 _s/ Meaghan Diaz de Villegas, Esq. ___
 Meaghan Diaz de Villegas, Esq.
 Counsel of Record for Plaintiff
 ARDC # 6340688
 Published by The Boone County Journal Jun 2, 9, 16, 2026 PP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOONE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following petitions:

The applicants, Brandon Brock and Morgan Clott, are seeking a variance to construct an addition to a detached garage, a size limit of 750 square feet. The variation is for a requested 1,850 square feet, a variation of approximately 1,100 square feet, in the R-1, Single-family Residential District. Pursuant to 2.8 (Variations) and Chapter 5, 5.2 - Accessory Structures or Uses 5.2.1. of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance, at 11132 Woodstock Road, PIN 06-01-300-008, in unincorporated Bonus Township, Boone County, Illinois.

All persons interested may appear at the hearing and be heard at the stated time and place.

Rick Schultz, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals
 Published in the Boone County Journal on Tuesday June 2, 2026.

Official Notice of Bid

Bids are now being accepted by the Boone County Conservation District (BCCD) for the construction of a 25kW AC Photovoltaic Solar System. Instructions, specifications, and proposal forms may be viewed and obtained at 603 N Appleton Rd., Belvidere IL 61008, Monday-Friday 8:00am-noon and 1pm-4:30pm or at www.bccdil.org. Bids will be opened on July 7th at 2p.m.(Central) 2026. The BCCD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Published in the Boone County Journal on Tuesday June 2, 2026.

ASSUMED NAMES

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE COUNTY
 ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
 No. DBA4285 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that an INSURANCE AGENCY business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of MAPS MEDICARE AND PRESCRIPTION SERVICES that its location is or will be 10511 SADDLE PATH ROAD in BELVIDERE in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
 Phone Number: 815-885-2301
 CARL E. RITZ 10511 SADDLE PATH ROAD
 BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008
 I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: May 20, 2026
 Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County
 Published in Boone County Journal 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/26 - P

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.

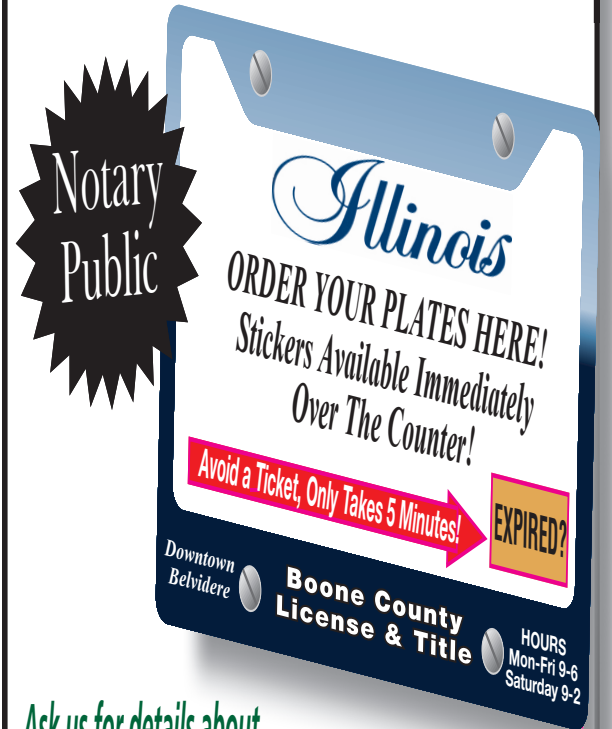
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Saturday, May 9th

7:00 pm Queen Coronation
Harvard High School

Saturday, May 16th

10:00 am Prince and Princess Contest
Crosby Elementary School

Saturday, May 30th

9:00 am Golf Outing
Shotgun start
Milk Days Golf Outing & Lunch
Beaver Creek Golf Course

Wednesday, June 3rd

6:00 pm Big Wheel Races - Ayer St. - Downtown

7:00 pm Bed Races - Ayer St. - Downtown

Thursday, June 4th

6:15 pm Youth Parade - Ayer St. - Downtown

Friday, June 5th

10-4:30 pm Farm Tractor / Equipment Display

5:00 pm Festival Grounds Open
Food Court/Marketplace, Cow Chip Lotto,
Carnival, Concessions, Petting Zoo,
Chainsaw Carver, Milking Demonstration

6-10:00 pm Wristband Hours

7:00-10:00 pm POWW (Professional Wrestling)
Entertainment Tent

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Magic Matt's Family Fun Show Roving the grounds various times	
Water Walking Balls 	Watch 'Em Go Friday: 6:00, 8:00 Saturday: 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sunday: 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00
KIDBUCKS GAMESHOW 	Fun on the Run Entertainment 
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Saturday, June 6th

8:00 am Milk Run/Walk Start -Jefferson School
Sign-Up between 6:45 - 7:45 am

9-11:00 am Farm Tractor / Equipment Display

9-10:30 am Milk Days Country Breakfast
Stratford Banquet Hall - \$20 Advance

1:00 pm Milk Days Parade
Ayer Street - Traditional Parade Route

2:00 pm Festival Grounds Open
Food Court/Marketplace, Cow Chip Lotto
Carnival, Concessions, Petting Zoo,
Chainsaw Carver, Milking Demonstration

3-7:00 pm Farm Tractor / Equipment Display

4:00 pm Milk Drinking Contest
Registration 3:00 (Registration Tent)

5:00 pm Milk Days Milking Contest - Dairy Barn

6:00 pm Talent Show - Entertainment Tent

Sunday, June 7th

10:00 am Community Church Service
Entertainment Tent

12:00 pm Junior Dairy Cattle Show
Dairy Barn

12-3:00 pm Farm Tractor / Equipment Show

12:00 pm Festival Grounds Open
Food Court/Marketplace, Cow Chip Lotto
Carnival, Concessions, Petting Zoo,
Chainsaw Carver, Milking Demonstration

1- 5:00 pm Wristband Hours

7:15-10:00 pm - STORM (Classic Rock Band)
Entertainment Tent

10:30 Fireworks

Check out our Website and Facebook for Updates

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