

ISSUE: Schools

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: Pontiac Schools Loan

Date 6/19/17

Time: 9a.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

With local school fiscal years ending June 30, many administrators are making alternative plans to make their budgets work in the fear the state won't pull through with their required funding.

Pontiac High School Superintendent Jon Kilgore admits that they've gone as far as to secure a loan if that ends up happening.

Kilgore says he still hopes the budget impasse will end in the next couple of weeks, but adds that it's hard to think that it will.

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Title: HIGH SCHOOL SKILLS

Date 6/2/17

Time: 9a.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Illinois students who aren't heading to college could soon have a much different high school experience. High schoolers in Illinois must take four years of gym, two years of science, and a year of geometry. But vocational or technical classes are optional. The state board of education's Jackie Matthews says that may change this month, as they are expected to vote on a new plan to give non-college-bound students a chance to learn job skills.

The plan would let students take traditional vocational classes, but also start internships, partnerships, and relationships to learn skills in business, IT, ag, and healthcare.

About 30-percent of Illinois high schoolers never even enroll in college.

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How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: Barickman Schools/Min Wage

Date 6/1/17

Time: 9a.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

The Illinois Senate has sent a 15 dollar-per-hour minimum wage increase to Governor Rauner's desk. Republican State Senator Jason Barickman tells WJBC's Scott Laughlin, Democrats have no intentions of passing such a hike, they are simply trying to embarrass the governor by forcing him to veto it.

The governor has said he won't only approve an increase in the minimum wage unless it is tied to other reforms.

ISSUE: Schools

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: Barickman School Funding

Date 4/13/17

Time: 6a.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

State Senator Jason Barickman is offering his concept for school funding reform. The bill calls for the state to look at each district and its resources separately without a blanket funding formula.

... that would be in two weeks. Barickman calls his K through 12 funding plan an evidence-based model, with 27 separate points figuring into each school district's funding formula.

ISSUE: Schools

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: Unit Five school board

Date 4/13/17

Time: 9p.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

NORMAL - Memories of a transportation debacle in August were fresh in the minds of Unit Five school board members Wednesday night, as they approved spending up to 3.5 million dollars to buy a fleet of school buses and transit vans. Complicated routes, late and overcrowded buses plagued the district the first several weeks of the school year, calling into question the performance of administrators and the busing contractor, First Student.

"Part of our changes in what we've done this year in regards to transportation is because of funding," superintendent Mark Daniel told news partner WMBD-TV. "If we don't get those payments, we will certainly be in greater deficit."

Board members John Trask and Gail Ann Briggs called on administrators to perfect a communication plan with First Student and with the public. Business manager Marty Hickman said he expects delivery of the 54 buses and half-dozen transit vans to arrive 12-to-14 weeks. Hickman added the purchase eliminates the need to rent buses from First Student.

Four Unit Five elementary schools will have new principals when the next school year begins. The board tabbed Moe Backe as principal at Glenn. Former Glenn principal Julia Schoonover moves to Fox Creek, as Dennis Lafson assumes other administrative

duties. Sarah Edwards becomes principal at Grove elementary, replacing Tina Fogal, who takes over at Pepper Ridge.

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How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: Pontiac Preschool

Date 4/10/17

Time: 9p.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

State Representative Tom Bennett was joined by local law enforcement to read to preschoolers in Pontiac Monday morning to showcase that children attending preschool make them less likely to commit crimes later in life.

Bennett's group met at Central School in Pontiac for a morning of reading to preschoolers.

While working in Springfield and supporting aspects of school funding and working on the budget in general, Bennett enjoyed the morning reading to the children and agrees that crime prevention really does start with children.

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The group Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Illinois organized the day.

ISSUE: Crime

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: BPD CRIME SPREE ARRESTS

Date: 5/16/17

Time: 5p.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Bloomington Police have arrested a man and a woman from Indiana suspected of a crime spree netting them thousands of dollars in cash and merchandise purchased with stolen credit cards.

37-year old Brent Heitz of Indianapolis and 37-year old Desiree Gill, also known as Desiree Jordan, of Elmwood, Indiana face multiple burglary and theft by deception charges and use of forged credit and debit cards.

Police responded to a call of suspicious activity at Eastland Mall, and officers said they found the pair a short time later loading a van with merchandise bought with a stolen credit card. That card and a purse had reportedly been stolen from a car at a local park.

Police said a follow-up investigation linked the two to the theft of a second purse at another local park on May 5th, which resulted in the loss of more than 11-thousand dollars in cash and merchandise from area stores using stolen bank and credit cards.

Police said the woman was able to withdraw large amounts of money from victims' accounts using stolen bank cards.

The arrests happened last Thursday, but details were just released. The investigation continues, and anyone with information is asked to call Bloomington Police or McLean County Crimestoppers.

ISSUE:Crime

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: Hate Crimes

Date: 4/11/17

Time: 9a.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

State and local police will receive training on dealing with hate crimes as part of the state's effort to fight intolerance. State police is working with the anti-defamation league to update curriculum at the state police academy. Governor Rauner says that will include strategies for identifying and investigating hate crimes.

Rauner says his office is also working with lawmakers to increase the penalties for hate crimes and improve anti-hate education for illinois school children.

ISSUE:Crime

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: Iowa Felon

Date: 6/27/17

Time: 9a.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

An Iowa man has been sentenced to four years and nine months in federal prison for illegal possession of firearms by a felon stemming from a traffic stop in McLean County. State Police pulled over 35-year-old Terrail Draper Lavar Dixon of Cedar Rapids, late one night last November after observing Dixon's vehicle speeding and driving erratically on I-e 55. When the vehicle stopped, Dixon got out of the car and shouted, "arrest me, go ahead and arrest me." When the trooper asked why, Dixon responded, "because I have guns in the car." Police seized two loaded handguns from the vehicle. Dixon told the officer the guns were "security." He had prior felony convictions in Illinois and Indiana. Dixon pleaded guilty in February.

ISSUE:Crime

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: LaSalle Murder

Date: 6/27/17

Time: 9a.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

A man in lasalle county faces murder charges in the death of a 12-day-old. jeffrey price of Marseilles (mar-SALES) was charged with one count of aggravated battery to a child ... but the state's attorney also charged him with 3 counts of first degree murder.price is accused of causing injuries to ean mariotto ... which led to his death. the peoria county coroner says ... the child died of injuries to his head. lasalle county assistant state's attorney Greg Sticka tells news parnter WMBD price faces up to 60 years in prison for the charge of first degree murder.

Prosecutors had no comment on price's relationship with the baby ... as it's an ongoing investigation.

ISSUE:Crime

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: NPD sex abuse arrest

Date: 5/26/17

Time: 9a.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

NORMAL - Normal Police detectives have arrested a Gibson City man in a year-old child sexual abuse case.

Courtney Rockwell, 27, is charged with predatory criminal sexual assault and aggravated criminal sexual abuse after police said they received a complaint that Rockwell inappropriately touched a child, younger than 13, about a year ago in Normal.

"Based on the age of the victim, the Normal Police Department will not release additional information concerning this case," the department said in a news release.

"There is no public safety concern regarding this incident," the release also said.

Rockwell is being held in the McLean County Jail on 50-thousand dollars bond.

**ISSUE:Crime**

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: Prostitution Arrests

Date: 5/22/17

Time: 9p.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Police have made four arrests following an online investigation into prostitution in Bloomington. The city Police Department's Vice Unit reports the four Bloomington residents people were taken into custody last week near the 800 block of I-A-A Drive in Bloomington. Police say 26-year-old Dvaunte Dawson, was arrested for promoting prostitution and driving with a suspended license. 25-year-old Kelsey Voegtly (VOTE-lee) was arrested for promoting prostitution. 22-year-old Sara Ridgeway was arrested for prostitution.

A 15-year-old girl was taken into protective custody. Authorities also seized 20 grams of marijuana and cash as evidence. The three adults were taken to the McLean County Jail. The juvenile was released to her parents

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ISSUE: Government

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: SW MendozaBudget1

Date: 6.29.17

Time: 9a.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Illinois Comptroller Susanna Mendoza made an appearance at the Humane Society of Central Illinois in Normal today (yesterday) to discuss her "Comptroller's Critters" initiative, but she couldn't escape questions about the state's budget mess. While promoting the program helping Illinoisans connect with local pet adoption shelters throughout the state, Mendoza focused as well on budget issues as lawmakers in Springfield race to deliver a balanced budget by the end of the week. Mendoza says even if a balanced budget is passed before the end of the fiscal year - the effects of a two-year budget impasse could linger for some time.

Mendoza encouraged legislative leaders to pass a balanced budget by midnight Friday to avoid a further credit downgrade to "junk" status.

ISSUE: Government

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: Radogno tops with tape web

Date: 6/30/17

Time: 9p.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno has announced her resignation effective Saturday, saying the start of the new fiscal year seems like a natural break for her to leave office and focus more on her personal life.

The Republican said lawmakers have made some progress on a budget deal, but they must set aside personalities and realize no one will get everything they want.

"I feel strongly that the Governor has the right agenda, but it's not that easy getting there," said Radogno.

"We need fundamental change in this building, but we need to compromise in order to get there," the departing GOP leader also said.

Radogno said there are many capable people to replace her, but she won't endorse a candidate. Bloomington State Senator Bill Brady is said to be on the short list to become the next GOP Senate leader.

In a statement, Brady praised Radogno as an "incredibly hardworking, principled, and bipartisan leader who truly believes in working across the aisle."

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ISSUE: Government

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: MarchToSpringfield

Date: 5/22/17

Time: 9p.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Activists are embarking on a 15-day, 200 mile march from Chicago to Springfield in an effort to demand an end to the state's historic budget crisis.

The group - organized by Fair Economy Illinois - is passing through the Bloomington-Normal area this week and will host a listening session at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Bloomington on Thursday evening at 7:00.

Samantha Nihcols is a leader with the group and says the demonstration is in response to two years of inaction from lawmakers in Springfield....

The march has already hosted listening sessions in Chicago, Joliet and Dwight. The Wednesday night listening session in Bloomington will be their final before arriving in Springfield.

ISSUE: Government

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: KimBrayCouncil

Date: 4/20/17

Time: 9a.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

One of two new faces on the Bloomington City Council will be that of Ward 9 resident Kimberly Bray.

Bray won the seat held by Jim Fruinn in the April election. Fruinn did not seek reelection.

The election of Bray means the majority of Bloomington City Council seats will be held by women.

Bray tells WJBC's Sam Wood that the distinction was not on her mind during the election...

Bray will join Jamie Mathy as newcomers on the council. The pair will be sworn-in May 1st.

ISSUE: Government

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: IWUvsRODNEY

Date: 4/19/17

Time: 9a.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

U.S Representative Rodney Davis is taking heat from the Illinois Wesleyan campus community after declining an invitation to visit campus during this month's Congressional recess.

The IWU faculty invited the 13th District Congressman to visit campus and engage in talks with the campus community in an letter dated March 7, 2017.

Responding to that request, Congressman Davis' office said they would be willing to meet with a small group of 10-15 "faculty, students, and staff leaders" at IWU with no media availability.

Representatives from IWU countered with an offer to make the event private, with no media availability and only open to individuals with a valid IWU I.D. card.

Congressman Davis' office declined the offer.

IWU professor Emily Kelahan tells WJBC's Sam Wood that the event was not intended to be a shouting match....

Republican members of Congress have been under fire in recent months for their refusal to hold town hall events. 18th District Republican Darin LaHood hosted a town hall Wednesday evening in Washington, Ill.

ISSUE: Government

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: BradyBudget-SW

Date: 4/11/17

Time: 9a.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

State Representative Dan Brady is feeling 'cautiously optimistic' about the prospect of a spending plan passing through the State Legislature before the Spring session ends May 31st.

The Bloomington Republican tells WJBC's Sam Wood that a spending plan needs to be hammered out one way or another...

Brady - who serves as Deputy Minority Leader in the House - voted no on a stopgap spending plan that passed through the House along party lines last week. Moody's Investor Services warned earlier this month that the lack of a spending plan by May 31st could signal "political paralysis" in the state.

**ISSUE: Business**

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: Chipotle cyber attack

Date: 5/29/17

Time: 9p.p.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Three Chipotle Mexican Grills in Bloomington-Normal were among the chain's restaurants hit by a cybersecurity attack which sought customers' information stored on their credit cards.

A company blog post revealed the malware, or malicious software, searched for data including card numbers, expiration dates, and internal verification codes.

The affected restaurants include a Chipotle in Bloomington at 3-0-5 North Veterans Parkway, 7-0-1 South Main Street and 16-0-1 East College Avenue, both in Normal.

The breaches happened between March 24th and April 18th, but the company said not all Chipotle's were involved.

Chipotle said it is supporting law enforcement's investigation, improving its security, and working with payment card networks to increase monitoring by the banks that issue the credit cards.

**ISSUE: Business**

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: gh--Jobe Tourism

Date: 5/30/17

Time: 3p.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

The Illinois tourism director says more people are visiting the state, resulting in more dollars in state and local accounts.

During a recent visit to Bloomington-Normal, Illinois Office of Tourism Director Cory Jobe said it's not just Chicago that people are visiting--many are headed downstate:

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Jobe said 110 million domestic visitors were recorded in Illinois in 2016, up by one million from 2015. That resulted in about 2.6 billion tourism dollars.

ISSUE: Business

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: Minority Jobs

Date: 5/25/17

Time: 11a.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Illinois' jobs picture is spotty, depending on where you live. But new numbers show there are also gaps in the job market for young people and minorities.

New numbers from the federal government say Illinois' unemployment rate for African Americans is the worst in the nation, at almost 13 percent.

Just over half of black adults in the state have some kind of work.

Illinois Employment Security Director Jeff Mays says many of the state's problems with minority unemployment go back to problems in minority heavy school districts.

Governor Rauner says the state must do a better job to help young people and minorities find not just work in the state, but careers.

Mays wants to see Illinois do more to find people who have the skills that are needed in the workforce.

ISSUE: Business

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: pancake house

Date: 5/17/17

Time: 6p.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Bloomington-Normal will soon have another restaurant option for breakfast, and it will be located at the site of the former Wild Berries restaurant.

The Original Pancake House will take up half the building which will soon be under construction at 115 South Veterans Parkway in Normal.

Co-owner Brian Landstrom tells WJBC he expects the restaurant to open its doors in November.

Most, if not the entire menu, will be breakfast food, although Landstrom said the Pancake House might serve some lunch items. He said daily business hours will likely be from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The restaurant will seat 150 people in addition to an enclosed patio that will seat another 50 people.

Developers have not revealed what will open up in the other half of the building.

ISSUE: Business

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: State Farm jobs

Date: 5/12/17

Time: 9p.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Bloomington-Normal stands to see a pick-up in economic activity as State Farm shuts down 11 offices nationwide and moves about 42-hundred jobs to other locations, including its corporate headquarters here.

Like so many other communities, anemic economic growth has plagued McLean County since the Great Recession. It's hard to say how many State Farm jobs will shift to Bloomington, but Zach Dietmeier of the Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council tells our news partner WMBD-TV that new payrolls are good for the local economy.

State Farm said it is providing job opportunities to affected workers at existing company sites. State Farm will consolidate its facilities in phases from 2018 to 2021.

ISSUE: Business

How issue was resolved: News Story

Title: Rauner Small Biz

Date: 5-1-17

Time: 5p.m.

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

SHIRLEY- Governor Bruce Rauner is kicking off the month by promoting the importance of small businesses.

Rauner went to four different locations across the central portion of the state, including Funks Grove Maple Syrup in Shirley, and DoMorr Equipment in Eureka. The Governor says the majority of people working in the state work for small businesses. He also says two out of every three new jobs come from small businesses.

Rauner says he has heard many concerns from employers, mostly concerning bureaucracy.

" QUOTE FROM RAUNER"

Rauner also used the opportunity to tout his plan for freezing property taxes, saying that issue should be left up to individual communities and their voters.