

## **WGLT Issues and Programs - Second Quarter 2022**

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### **Politics and Government**

**[B-N's 91st House District contest will be expensive in November - Charlie Schlenker](#)** June 29, 2022

You can expect big money from outside of Bloomington-Normal to finance one of the marquee Statehouse races in Illinois in November. Democratic McLean County Board member Sharon Chung of Bloomington faces Republican and Normal Town Council member Scott Preston in the 91st District.

**[Dennis Tipsword wins four-way GOP primary in deep-red 105th House District - Charlie Schlenker](#)** June 28, 2022

Dennis Tipsword won the Republican primary in the 105th House District over three other Republican candidates. Tipsword said he is happy to emerge from a field of "good conservative candidates."

**[Bloomington's mayor talks about redistricting, street renaming, and the anniversary of historic flooding - Charlie Schlenker](#)** June 22, 2022

Bloomington Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe says two city council wards will need significant adjustments during redistricting. Ward 8, which takes in the east side Grove subdivision areas near the airport and Old Farm Lakes subdivision, had significant growth in the last decade and now includes more than 10,000 residents.

**GOP lawmakers: Angst over rising electric bills demands legislative action - Charlie Schlenker** June 21, 2022

There's already a lot of consumer angst about rising electricity rates in central Illinois. Ameren Illinois said the average bill for households in this part of the state could rise by \$500-600 this year. And when there's that much pain and that much stress, lawmakers get calls.

**State study shows sharp rise in problem gambling - Charlie Schlenker** June 16, 2022

More than two thirds of adult Illinoisans gambled last year (68%), and almost 4% have a gambling problem, according to a study done for the state Department of Human Services. DHS said the study showed 3.8% of residents of the states have a gambling problem. That's 383,000 people. An additional 7.7%, approximately 761,000 people, are at risk for developing a gambling problem .

**Normal asks federal government for more underpass money - Charlie Schlenker** June 15, 2022

The estimated price of the Uptown Underpass Project in Normal could go up by 25% because of inflation.

**Q&A: State Senator Jason Barickman on gun policy choices - Charlie Schlenker** June 8, 2022

Charlie Schlenker talks with state Sen. Jason Barickman about policy choice in the debate over guns. Barickman is a Republican from Bloomington-Normal. Barickman says he acknowledges the system is imperfect and society needs to find ways to do better. This interview has been edited for clarity and brevity.

**Marcfirst aid to buy land for Bridge Academy goes before Normal Council - Charlie Schlenker** - June 3, 2022

The Normal Town Council will consider giving \$500,000 to Marcfirst to buy land for the Central Illinois Bridge Academy when the council meets on Monday. The money would come from federal pandemic relief aid via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and allow Marcfirst to partner with the Regional Office of Education.

**[ISU historian: Russian invasion of Ukraine carries ongoing risks for the West - Charlie Schlenker](#)** June 2, 2022

Illinois State University History Department Chair Ross Kennedy studies World War I. Kennedy is leery of drawing direct parallels between the pre-World War I network of alliances or anti-globalist sentiment and the present-day environment.

**[Bloomington gives preliminary approval for a 2nd cannabis dispensary - Eric Stock](#)** May 20, 2022

A group of cannabis industry professionals wants to build a marijuana retail store in Bloomington.

**[Experience vs. energy frames the only GOP primary for McLean County Board - Eric Stock](#)** May 20, 2022

The race for McLean County Board District 2 involves three Republicans vying to two seats in the June primary.

**[Bloomington council to consider incentives for game store expansion - Charlie Schlenker](#)** May 20, 2022

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**[Mayor makes the case for new Uptown development incentives - Charlie Schlenker](#)** May 18, 2022

The mayor of Normal supports offering economic development incentives for the Trail East and West projects. The town is negotiating a

development agreement with Cedar Falls, Iowa-based Eagle View Partners.

**Mayor of Normal looks forward to service on Amtrak board** - [Charlie Schlenker](#) May 17, 2022

President Biden recently nominated the mayor of Normal to a seat on the Amtrak board, which oversees the nation's passenger rail service.

**Open seat in 105th House District attracts broad field of GOP candidates** - [Charlie Schlenker](#) May 17, 2022

It's rare to have a truly open seat election in the Illinois General Assembly and one in a freshly drawn district. And so the 105th House District race attracted a lot of candidates.

**In survey, attorneys rate McFarland higher than Knapp in judicial primary race** - [Charlie Schlenker](#) May 12, 2022

Attorneys with the Illinois State Bar Association have issued a "not recommended" rating for one of the candidates for 11th Judicial Circuit judge in McLean County.

**Former U.S. Rep Tim Johnson passes away** - [Charlie Schlenker](#) May 11, 2022

Former Congressman Tim Johnson has died. He was known as a quirky, sometimes caustic, and always energetic public servant. Johnson never lost an election. He represented Bloomington-Normal in Congress for 12 years in an older version of the 13th District before deciding not to run again in 2012

**'Everything is so secretive:' Pontiac residents ask state for answers on prison changes** - [Charlie Schlenker](#) May 11, 2022

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the Pontiac Correctional Center to other prisons early this year, and the fear is the rest of the prison built in the 1870s will shut down, too.

**Garman to retire from state Supreme Court** Peter Hancock May 9, 2022

Republican Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita Garman announced Monday that she will retire on July 7, marking the end of a long legal career that has included 48 years as a jurist. She would have been up for retention this year, but the timing of her retirement means the other six justices will appoint someone to serve in her 4th District seat until the 2024 elections. She has served on the high court since 2001.

**Carolyn Moon is Planned Parenthood's 'Champion of Care'**  
**honoree** - Charlie Schlenker May 4, 2022

McLean County resident Carolyn Moon is one of those uber volunteers, the ones that give fire to any organization. She has been a patient educator in hospitals, and made sure children are educated on health issues. Moon also is this year's "Champion of Care" honoree and will be recognized May 12 by Planned Parenthood of Illinois for decades of volunteerism.

**Speed is of the essence in Market Street Parking Deck decision** -  
Charlie Schlenker May 2, 2022

A lot of work has to happen quickly to determine whether the Market Street Parking Deck in downtown Bloomington will be a good fit for a Connect Transit bus transfer center.

**Wind farm boosts McLean County property values** - Charlie Schlenker April 29, 2022

McLean County's taxable assessed property value rose by \$143 million last year. County treasurer Rebecca McNeil said the growth largely came from the addition of the Bloomington Grove Wind Farm.

**Barickman: State budget deficit can kicked down the road - Charlie Schlenker** April 15, 2022

State Sen. Jason Barickman said early in the spring legislative session he expected very little productivity coming out of it. And now Barickman said his expectations have been fulfilled.

**Heritage CEO praises lawmakers and industry reform bills - Charlie Schlenker** April 11, 2022

The head of a large long-term care company based in Bloomington said lawmakers did good work on nursing home reform in the spring session. One bill, more than a year in the making, will annually put \$700 million more into the revenue stream (HB 246).

**Education and Schools**

**Ahead of retirement, Barry Reilly reflects on challenges and opportunities in District 87 and beyond -** June 15, 2022

Barry Reilly is retiring after more than 30 years with Bloomington District 87 schools.

**A month after Lincoln College closed its doors, one employee says she wants to counter the COVID-19 and ransomware narrative -**  
**Lyndsay Jones** June 13, 2022

Becky White says she was a nine-year employee, working at the college as an adjunct professor and tutor.

**'Seeing people who look like you:' A Bloomington foundation helps students of color weigh college options -** **Amina Jinadu** June 13, 2022

The founder of a not-for-profit that teaches kids about computer programming says he thinks it's important for African American kids to go to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

**\$5 million 'transformational' donation to benefit ISU College of Education, University High School students - Lyndsay Jones** June 8, 2022

The donor was an alumnus of ISU, but otherwise wished to remain anonymous.

**Mary Rohrscheib teaching scholarship celebrates past teachers and helps new ones** - Jack Podlesnik June 6, 2022

Applications are open for a scholarship to help students pursuing a career in education. The Mary Rohrscheib teaching scholarship will award \$1,000 to the winning applicant for school expenses.

**Sound Health: Negligent homicide conviction raises concerns for aspiring nurses** - Eric Stock - June 6, 2022

The head of nursing instruction at Illinois Wesleyan University says she hopes a recent negligent homicide conviction of a nurse in Tennessee won't deter students from pursuing nursing careers.

**In the wake of Uvalde, B-N teachers want change — not guns** - Sarah Nardi June 1, 2022

Teachers in Bloomington-Normal are speaking out against the idea of more guns in schools.

**A new school opening this fall will serve students who have been hospitalized or homebound for mental health issues** - Lyndsay Jones May 31, 2022

The Central Illinois Bridge Academy is expected to serve about 40 students from 7th-12th grade in the four-county region covered by ROE 17.

**EDC leader to Unit 5 board: Standardized incentives could better woo businesses to enterprise zone** - Michele Steinbacher - May 26, 2022

The Unit 5 school board expects to vote next month on whether to join a collaborative effort to create standardized incentives in the local enterprise zone.

**More specifics emerge as Unit 5 asks public to rank options in Phase 2 of feedback sessions** - Jim Stahly Jr. May 25, 2022

Unit 5 administrators detailed the consequences of looming financial shortfalls and shared a community wish list of district improvements Tuesday night. Now, they're asking district residents to prioritize those lists — and say what they might be worth.

**New West Bloomington Revitalization Project book bike hits the road** - Jack Podlesnik May 23, 2022

The West Bloomington Revitalization Project Book Bike just got a little easier to pedal. The bike has given out thousands of books to kids and others who want them, and after 11 years of a 250-pound one-gear bike, there's a new lighter bike that has multiple gears.

**High-end financial analysis lab comes to IWU** - Charlie Schlenker May 20, 2022

Illinois Wesleyan University has unveiled a new Bloomberg Finance Lab. It is a computer financial analysis system students will use. Accounting Department Chair Robert Irons said he hopes real world experience will help students after they graduate.

**Bloomington library rejects mover bids and sets groundbreaking date** - Eric Stock May 19, 2022



Bloomington Public Library staff will be packing some of its books and other materials for its planned expansion after bids from moving companies came in too high.

**[Unit 5 sets more public sessions to get pulse on how community wants to deal with finances - Michele Steinbacher](#)** - May 12, 2022

Three additional public information meetings are planned for May, to address Unit 5's multimillion-dollar deficit.

**[District 87's budget deficit much smaller than first projected](#)** - [Eric Stock](#) May 11, 2022

Bloomington District 87 will end the school year with a deficit, but it won't be nearly as large as first projected.

**[District 87 school board member Samedy faces felony DUI charges](#)** - [Eric Stock](#) May 10, 2022

District 87 school board member Fitzgerald Samedy faces felony drunk driving and other charges following his weekend arrest in Bloomington.

**[ISU approves an equity-focused engineering college, new housing and higher tuition and fees](#)** - [Eric Stock](#) May 6, 2022

Illinois State University officials said the new College of Engineering will create a more welcoming environment to encourage women and minority students who previously have shied away from engineering careers.

**[Colene Hoose breaks ground on playground designed to improve child development and relationship with nature](#)** - [Jordan Mead](#) May 6, 2022

Unit 5's Colene Hoose Elementary School broke ground on the new world-class playground designed by Danish architect Helle Nebelong.

The new playground will teach kids to care about the environment long term by exposing them now.

**[Seeing a gap in accountability, some push for a new approach to racial harassment in schools - Lyndsay Jones](#)** May 5, 2022

A cohort of finalists from the 2020-21 Illinois Teacher of the Year contest and other education-focused groups are pushing for legislation that would require schools to have policies specific to racial harassment on the books.

**[ISU trustees are set to consider new dorms, dining and a new engineering college - Eric Stock](#)** May 4, 2022

Illinois State University's Board of Trustees will consider a plan on Friday to design a new residential hall and dining hall, five years after a study determined the campus had a housing shortage.

**[Giving graduation advice is tricky in a changing world - Charlie Schlenker](#)** May 2, 2022

It's college graduation season and the young people matriculating school this year have spent more than half their college time in the middle of a pandemic. Commencement speakers are trying to find messages of optimism for these young people entering the working world.

**[ISU String Project celebrates 20 years of music opportunities for children - Charlie Schlenker](#)** April 29, 2022

String Project, one of Illinois State University's longest running community programs, is celebrating 20 years of cultivating a love of music in children. The spring concert is at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Center for Performing Arts at ISU.

**[For 2nd year, federal COVID relief funding allows for expanded Unit 5 summer school - Michele Steinbacher](#)** April 29, 2022

For the second year in a row, Unit 5 expects to draw more than 1,000 students to its summer school programs in an effort to help close education gaps created by the pandemic.

**Despite a problematic year, Unit 5 extends bus contract with First Student - Michele Steinbacher** April 27, 2022

Despite a year filled with controversy over busing problems, Unit 5 will keep First Student next year.

**Unit 5 community meeting on financial crisis draws big virtual crowd - Michele Steinbacher** April 26, 2022

A virtual public information session about Unit 5's financial crisis, and whether addressing it might include pushing for a tax hike referendum, drew about 200 attendees Tuesday night.

**Unit 5 hears feedback on budget shortfall during the 1st of 3 listening sessions - Amina Jinadu** April 24, 2022

With Unit 5 serving over 12,000 students, that number only growing larger, and the budget getting smaller each year, the school board has turned to the community to help them determine the future of the schools.

**NEA union president holds roundtable with B-N teachers: 'You inspire me every day' - Eric Stock** April 22, 2022

The head of the nation's largest teachers' union says better pay and more support will keep more educators from leaving.

**School board races will not be exempt from increased polarization - Lyndsay Jones** April 22, 2022

School board matters have become increasingly heated, tense and personal during the COVID-19 pandemic and revived culture wars.

**Heartland college board approves construction for new agricultural complex - Philip Walker** April 19, 2022

The Heartland Community College Board of Trustees on Tuesday approved construction of a \$23.4 million agricultural complex.

**Union: Tentative contract reached; potential worker strike at ISU averted - Charlie Schlenker** April 14, 2022

The union representing building, grounds, and food service workers at Illinois State University said Thursday evening it has reached a tentative contract agreement with the university.

**A Lincoln College trustee says vote to close school was 'painful' - Lyndsay Jones** April 14, 2022

Kathryn Harris has been on the 157-year-old college's board of trustees since 2018.

**Got ideas? Unit 5 seeks public input on plans for 'long-term, financial stability' - Lyndsay Jones** - April 14, 2022

McLean County's largest school district will hold three public forums this month aimed at soliciting community feedback on how the district should address a multimillion-dollar deficit in its education fund.

**Bloomington's District 87 seeking to fill board vacancy by mid-June - Lyndsay Jones** April 14, 2022

Board member Tammy Houtzel resigned her position during a regularly scheduled board meeting on Wednesday night. Houtzel cited a relocation to LeRoy as the reason for giving up the seat.

**Unit 5 school board approves portable classrooms for NCHS and raises for substitute food workers - Amina Jinadu** April 14, 2022

The Unit 5 school board on Wednesday approved plans to lease four portable classrooms for Normal Community High School and pay raises for substitute food service workers.

**[Future clouded for some colleges similar to Lincoln - Charlie Schlenker](#)** April 11, 2022

The announced closure of Lincoln College is an example of a challenging time in higher education, says the president of Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington. Georgia Nugent used to work at the Council of Independent Colleges, a group of about 700 mostly smaller and liberal arts institutions that has tracked a half century of issues facing largely private liberal arts colleges.

**[Students weigh in on the decision to close Lincoln College, the only primarily Black institution in downstate Illinois - Lyndsay Jones](#)** April 11, 2022

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**[Illinois State marks 50 years since Title IX changed women's athletics - Eric Stock](#)** April 8, 2022

A former Illinois State women's basketball coach says it took time to realize the full impact that Title 9 would have on college athletics.

**[Heartland Community College yet to decide if new public safety department will include sworn officers - Lyndsay Jones](#)** April 8, 2022

It's been nearly three months since Heartland's Board of Trustees voted in favor of establishing a new public safety department that would end the college's longstanding practice of contracting out its security workers.

**['It's heartbreaking': Lincoln College president talks about decision to close the college on May 13 - Lyndsay Jones](#)** April 5, 2022

David Gerlach has been at the helm of the 157-year-old institution since 2015.

**[Bloomington library launches public phase of capital campaign to cover the final pieces of renovation - Eric Stock](#)** April 5, 2022

Construction will begin soon at the Bloomington Public Library as it embarks on a \$25.2 million renovation. It's the library's second expansion since it opened 46 years ago.

**[A Bloomington mom on when work, school, and home collide - Sarah Nardi](#)** April 5, 2022

Megan Carter decided to homeschool her four kids during the pandemic. Now she wonders, what comes next?

**[Members of 'Save Lincoln College' Facebook group hope for 'miracle' - Lyndsay Jones](#)** April 4, 2022

The 2,000-plus-members group hopes to snag the attention of a megadonor between now and May 13, the day president David Gerlach said Lincoln College will close its doors permanently.

**[IBHE promises options for Lincoln College students from underrepresented groups - Charlie Schlenker](#)** - April 1, 2022

The executive deputy director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education said when a college closes, there are disproportionate impacts on students of color. And most of the student body at the soon-to-close Lincoln College is Black.

**[Eureka College will match 'net tuition costs' of displaced Lincoln students - Lyndsay Jones](#)** April 1, 2022

The 1855-era private liberal arts college made the announcement on Friday, extending the offer to both Lincoln College and Lincoln Christian University.

## **Business and Economy**

**[Rivian superfans awaiting vehicle delivery resort to drones, stakeouts and surveillance - Steve Hendershot](#)** - May 23, 2022

For those languishing on preorder lists for the company's coveted electric truck and SUV, obsessing online together is sweet torture.

**[What we can learn from a cooperatively owned local food hub in Logan County - Tory Dahlhoff](#)** May 16, 2022

In Episode 9 of the food and farming series Food Trek, Tory Dahlhoff and co-producer Allison Walsh check in with the Central Illinois FarmFED Cooperative in Mount Pulaski, in Logan County.

**[Rivian issues first recall over airbag issue involving child passengers - Ryan Denham](#)** May 12, 2022

The electric automaker Rivian has issued its first vehicle recall – for a potentially dangerous airbag issue in its R1T pickup trucks. There have been no known injuries thus far.

**After tough week for stock price, Rivian tries to reassure investors on supply chain issues and Georgia plans - Ryan Denham** May 11, 2022

After enduring a week of plunging stock prices, Rivian's top leaders on Wednesday reassured the market they'll hit 2022 production targets in Normal and revealed new details about the "R2" line of vehicles that will be made at the EV maker's second plant Georgia.

**Georgia says \$1.5 billion incentive package lured Rivian's second plant - Ryan Denham** May 2, 2022

The economic incentives package that lured Rivian's second plant to Georgia was finally made public Monday – and its size dwarfs the tax breaks that put the company's first plant in Normal.

**In testimony to Congress, Rivian's policymaking wish list leans into battery supply chain - Ryan Denham** April 28, 2022

The U.S. has the mineral resources and industrial capability to create a fully domestic battery EV supply chain, but it will take a massive “all of the above” mobilization of the federal government to make it happen, a Rivian official told Congress.

**Rivian truck voted 'Coolest Thing Made in Illinois' - Maggie Strahan** April 27, 2022

Rivian's electric pickup truck is “The Coolest Thing Made in Illinois,” according to a statewide online contest held by the Illinois Manufacturing Association.

**How plant-based meal options are increasing for vegans and nonvegans alike in Bloomington-Normal - Jordan Mead** April 26, 2022



More people are seeking plant-inclusive and animal product-free meals. But satisfying vegan and vegetarian diets is not easy in Bloomington-Normal.

**[Rivian hires its first chief sustainability officer](#)** - [Ryan Denham](#) April 19, 2022

Anisa Kamadoli Costa officially joined Rivian on Monday. She will be responsible for the electric automaker's sustainability roadmap for both the business and its products.

**[After hiring spree, Rivian's next challenges are employee retention and avoiding burnout](#)** - [Ryan Denham](#) April 18, 2022

The electric automaker Rivian has already hired over 5,000 people in Normal, making it McLean County's second-largest employer almost overnight. But now comes the hard part: Keeping them. And then growing again when the supply chain allows for the plant to increase production capacity.

**[That's amore! Pizza Payaa in Bloomington started with love](#)** - [Sarah Nardi](#) April 14, 2022

Adam Elpayaa spent the pandemic mastering pizza. Now he runs Pizza Payaa, a New York-style pizzeria in Bloomington.

**[Nap House Studios gives emerging central Illinois musicians a big look](#)** - [Jon Norton](#) April 14, 2022

Storm Angone believes the local artistic collective Nap House Studios has become an essential part of the Bloomington-Normal music scene.

**[As Reditus lawsuits unfold behind closed doors, signs point to receivership](#)** - [Ryan Denham](#) April 11, 2022

A deal has apparently been struck that could put someone else in charge of Reditus Labs as embattled CEO Aaron Rossi faces lawsuits and

criminal charges – although the details of the change remain hidden from public view.

**Rivian says it's on pace to meet 25,000 vehicle production target for 2022 - Ryan Denham** April 6, 2022

The electric automaker Rivian says it's on pace to meet its 2022 production target, which was reduced due to ongoing supply chain problems.

**New apartment-style hotel planned for Bloomington's west side - Ryan Denham** April 5, 2022

**New court filing calls CEO Aaron Rossi the 'cancer' of Reditus - Eric Stock** April 5, 2022

New allegations in a lawsuit filed against Reditus Labs and its CEO Aaron Rossi claims Rossi lied to patients that he's a medical doctor and illegally prescribed opiates to himself and others.

**Rivian cites Russian invasion of Ukraine as business risk in new SEC filing - Ryan Denham** - April 3, 2022

You can add Russia's invasion of Ukraine to the long list of challenges facing electric automaker Rivian as it tries to ramp up production in Normal.

**Central Illinois economy strong despite negative national growth - Charlie Schlenker** June 14, 2022

The chief investment officer for a Central Illinois bank said Tuesday he does not see a significant recession arriving until late this year or early next.

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**[Interest rate increase by the Fed affects Bloomington bond issue - Charlie Schlenker](#)** May 23, 2022

People who buy homes and cars aren't the only ones paying higher interest rates on loans. City of Bloomington residents will pay more as well.

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**[New EDC study shows 4,300-unit housing shortage in B-N - Charlie Schlenker](#)** May 6, 2022

There have been anecdotal reports of a housing shortage in Bloomington-Normal for years. Now, the Bloomington- Normal Economic Development Council has a new analysis that shows the shortage is significant and has grown since the last study done five years ago.

**[Bloomington mayor discusses downtown redevelopment preferences - Charlie Schlenker](#)** May 4, 2022

The discussion over a potential Connect Transit bus transfer center on the site of the current city-owned parking deck on Market Street opens a couple of possibilities for the city.

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**[Developer chosen for \\$50-60 million Trail East and West developments in Uptown - Charlie Schlenker](#)** April 15, 2022

Town of Normal staff have recommended the council choose an Iowa development company to build the \$50-60 million Trail East and Trail West projects in Uptown.

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**ISU starts 'contingency planning' as union files an intent-to-strike notice - Charlie Schlenker** April 7, 2022

The union that represents building service, dining, and grounds workers at Illinois State University has filed an intent to strike notice with the state Labor Relations Board.

**Rivian tops 5,000 workers and adds warehouse space - Charlie Schlenker** April 1, 2022

Rivian is continuing planned growth in Normal by greenlighting a \$30.4 million expansion of a warehouse on Kerrick Road.