

# 2Q 2023 FCC Report

## Arts and Culture

['Heritage trips' provide an opportunity to connect with family history](#) – June 30, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[Peoria's music man has generated 120 million streams on Pandora](#) – June 28, 2023 by Steve Tarter

[New management, a potential new tent and a stacked summer season: There's a lot going on at Corn Stock Theatre](#) – June 22, 2023 by Jody Holtz

[Peoria Civic Center starts new fund to attract new artists from all genres](#) – June 15, 2023 by Camryn Cutinello

[Photographer moves from China to Peoria to document people through their possessions](#) – June 13, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[Summer Camp Music Festival is on a 'hiatus' after this year's event](#) – May 16, 2023 by Jody Holtz

[New Peoria Riverfront Museum exhibits explore the intricacies of the human anatomy](#) – May 12, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[Reverend Peyton talks about songwriting and his country blues guitar style](#) – April 21, 2023 by Holden Kellogg

['A female goose came on the ground': New book examines baseball's emergence in Illinois](#) – April 12, 2023 by Joe Deacon

[Central Illinois libraries are making a stand against book bans and censorship](#) – April 11, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[The first-ever Peoria Fashion Week stokes a growing passion for fashion](#) – April 7, 2023 by Collin Schopp

## Business and Economy

[\*\*Q&A: Peoria Area Chamber leader Gunn sees diversity and equity, talent attraction as biggest needs\*\*](#) – June 29, 2023 by Joe Deacon

[\*\*Fair trade shop Global Village to close, transition to new ownership\*\*](#) – June 28, 2023 by Tim Alexander

[\*\*'Peoria wants you': Peoria Pitch Contest aims to bring outside businesses into downtown\*\*](#) – June 22, 2023 by Isabela Nieto

[\*\*Washington brewpub development on hold for now as business owner sues to halt demolition\*\*](#) – June 13, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*The first cat cafe in Central Illinois: River Kitty Cafe is on the way\*\*](#) – May 25, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[\*\*Peoria area startups look to benefit from participation in gBETA Distillery Labs cohort\*\*](#) – May 19, 2023 by Joe Deacon

[\*\*Q&A: Chef Josh Lanning is hoping to overhaul Peoria's hospitality industry\*\*](#) – May 11, 2023 by Mike Rundle

[\*\*'40 minutes from everywhere:' How Stark County is seeking to strengthen its community ties, and draw new people in\*\*](#) – May 10, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*PAAR president Simpson points to ongoing inventory shortage for drop in Peoria-area 1Q home sales\*\*](#) – April 27, 2023 by Joe Deacon

[\*\*Business leaders lay out plan for how they will entice professionals to 'Choose Greater Peoria'\*\*](#) – April 20, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*\\$670,000 wayfinding project will bring 70 new signs to downtown Peoria\*\*](#) – April 18, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[\*\*Kim Blickenstaff's Peoria-area properties are going up for sale\*\*](#) – April 10, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Carle Health takes over former Peoria-area UnityPoint operations\*\*](#) – April 3, 2023 by Joe Deacon

## Education and Schools

[Mike Murphy in as new Peoria Public Schools board president after re-organizational meeting](#) – June 30, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[Peoria area higher ed leaders say U.S. Supreme Court's affirmative action decision doesn't impact their admissions policies](#) – June 29, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[Peoria's new home visiting program hopes to empower parents and boost preschool and kindergarten readiness](#) – June 1, 2023 by Jody Holtz

[Peoria Public Schools Foundation growing Adopt-A-School, Career Exploration programs](#) – May 9, 2023 by Mike Rundle

[Not sure what to do after graduation? This literary mixtape can help](#) – May 3, 2023 by Jody Holtz

[Peoria Public Schools hosts final speech tournament of the year ahead of their first summer program](#) – April 28, 2023 by Isabela Nieto

[Governor's proposed higher ed funding boost could pave the way to community college for more low-income students](#) – April 4, 2023 by Tim Shelley

## Politics and Government

[Tazewell County Board approves demolition of Pekin's Arcade and Tobin buildings](#) – June 28, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[Peoria Heights board of trustees considers contract with Peoria Fire Department](#) – June 27, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[Q&A: Peoria City Manager Urich says water buyout option 'was never designed' for a successful bid](#) – June 26, 2023 by Joe Deacon

['The flowers are blooming': Peoria Mayor Rita Ali says the city is well-positioned for growth in annual address](#) – June 23, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[Q&A: Mayor Ali discusses Peoria's strategic planning, mentorship programs, water company buyout](#) – June 12, 2023 by Joe Deacon

[\*\*Development of Peoria County's next landfill is at a full stop, halted by a forgotten mine\*\*](#) – June 8, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[\*\*Pritzker touts food, housing programs in FY24 state budget during Peoria stop\*\*](#) – June 6, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Appellate court rules Thomas has no 'ascertainable right' to hold Peoria County auditor's office\*\*](#) – June 2, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[\*\*Q&A: Pekin Mayor Mary Burress discusses work environment at City Hall, division on city council\*\*](#) – May 30, 2023 by Joe Deacon

[\*\*Back-in parking is going 'bye-bye' in downtown Peoria this fall\*\*](#) – May 24, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*HR report: Former Pekin interim city manager created a 'fear-inducing atmosphere' for employees\*\*](#) – May 24, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Once considered eyesores, the Harrison and McKinley School sites are now attracting significant redevelopment interest\*\*](#) – May 19, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*The GOP plans to turn Peoria County and Illinois red by getting out the vote\*\*](#) – May 16, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis teases presidential run in speech to Republicans in Peoria\*\*](#) – May 12, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Former Peoria Mayor Richard Carver remembered as a natural leader during a season of change\*\*](#) – May 9, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[\*\*Families will begin moving into Providence Pointe this summer as first construction phase wraps up\*\*](#) – April 28, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[\*\*Peoria County Board approves additional funds for new HHS campus, paving way for construction to begin\*\*](#) – April 20, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Woodford County faces a federal lawsuit after a kitten seized by animal control was euthanized and beheaded\*\*](#) – April 19, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Pekin City Council unanimously approves \\$89.9 million budget\*\*](#) – April 17, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Newcomer garners most votes in race for Peoria City Council at-large seats\*\*](#) – April 4, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[\*\*Burress wins Pekin mayoral race\*\*](#) – April 4, 2023 by Joe Deacon

## Public Safety and Courts

[\*\*Prosecutors say a failed robbery attempt is at the root of a Peoria teenager's murder\*\*](#) – June 29, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Trial of father charged with murder of 8-year-old Navin Jones delayed\*\*](#) – June 26, 2023 by Camryn Cutinello

[\*\*One young person killed, another injured in shootings on Peoria's south side\*\*](#) – June 18, 2023 by Ryan Denham

[\*\*'This has to stop': Peoria Police Department announces more aggressive strategy for downtown Peoria crowds\*\*](#) – June 16, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[\*\*Peoria woman argues she is eligible for 'compassionate release' ahead of murder trial\*\*](#) – June 5, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Sheriff: Peoria man arrested after bringing 'large amount' of illegal drugs into courthouse\*\*](#) – May 25, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Peoria's struggles with rising gun violence in recent years are far from unique among similarly-sized U.S. cities\*\*](#) – May 25, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Q&A: Peoria County Sheriff Watkins says jail needs 'dire help'\*\*](#) – May 15, 2023 by Joe Deacon

[\*\*Peoria man convicted of murder on 'strong circumstantial evidence' in case where victim's body was never found\*\*](#) – May 10, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Peoria Police chief says progress is coming on \\$3 million social worker and mental health co-response program\*\*](#) – May 2, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[\*\*Rural Mackinaw teen charged in her mother's death pleads not guilty, could face decades in prison\*\*](#) – April 27, 2023 by Joe Deacon

[\*\*Former Bradley student sentenced to 14 years in prison for DUI crash that killed 2\*\*](#) – April 27, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Bradley University to review campus emergency and communication plan following Tuesday bomb threat\*\*](#) – April 26, 2023 by Tim Shelley

[\*\*Everyone safe after multiple fire departments respond to large blaze at Morton Industries\*\*](#) – April 20, 2023 by Joe Deacon

[\*\*Peoria Safety Network prepares to take action, while Cure Violence picks community partner\*\*](#) – April 14, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[\*\*Delavan man dead after Sunday single-vehicle crash in rural Pekin\*\*](#) – April 10, 2023

[\*\*'Stay home, stay away from the area,' emergency officials evaluating tornado damage in Fulton County\*\*](#) – April 5, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[\*\*New task force will crack down on Peoria-area auto crimes, including carjackings and thefts\*\*](#) – April 5, 2023 by Tim Shelley

## Health and Medicine

[\*\*'What if...?': Plans for a rural wellness center in Elmwood move forward with \\$3.75M federal grant\*\*](#) – June 30, 2023 by Joe Deacon

[\*\*Q&A: Class at Western Illinois University examines the ways we heal\*\*](#) – June 28, 2023 by Collin Schopp

[\*\*How harm reduction prevents overdose deaths in Peoria\*\*](#) – June 26, 2023 by Camryn Cutinello

[\*\*Peoria psychiatrist outlines blueprint for improving access to mental health care across Illinois\*\*](#) – June 15, 2023 by Joe Deacon

[\*\*Center for Prevention of Abuse set for service cuts after a loss in federal rape crisis center funding\*\*](#) – June 14, 2023 by Isabela Nieto

[\*\*Renovations begin on new West Peoria children's behavioral health facility\*\*](#) – June 7, 2023 by Camryn Cutinello

**[Peoria-area study into long COVID progressing into the next stage of research](#)** –

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**[New 100-bed Peoria behavioral health hospital wins state regulatory approval](#)** –

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**[How OSF's Cancer Institute and Breakthrough Treatment Center will benefit patients, and Peoria](#)** – April 25, 2023 by Joe Deacon

**[Crew 309: Fighting cancer, empowering women and showcasing the Illinois River through rowing](#)** – April 24, 2023 by Jody Holtz

**[What does the FDA's over-the-counter Narcan authorization mean for an 'overdose epidemic?'](#)** – April 3, 2023 by Collin Schopp