

## Fieldcrest Intermediate Recognizes Students & Staff Of The Month & Perfect Attendance

Below is a list of the Fieldcrest Intermediate School - January: Student/Staff of the Month & Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to last month's winners! & Special Thanks to our Fieldcrest PTO for a PJ Day themed Fun Friday!



January Perfect Attendance: [LtoR] 5th Grade-Charlotte Bogacz; 4th Grade-Patience Anthony; 3rd Grade-Cole Hartley



January Students of the Month, nominated by their teachers: [LtoR] 3rd Grade-Journey Wilson; 5th Grade-London Dikeman; 4th Grade-Lyncoln Egle



January Staff of the Month, nominated by their coworkers: [LtoR] Blaine Stalter - Head Cook; Carolyn Wargo - STEAM Teacher; Heather Hamer - 5th Grade Teacher

## Fieldcrest's Kindergarten Roundup Planned For Friday, April 17th At The Primary School

The Kindergarten Roundup for the 2026-2027 school year will be held Friday, April 17, 2026, from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm at Fieldcrest Primary (523 Johnson St) in Minonk. Parents/Guardians must schedule a 30 minute session for the pre-registration and skills check of their child. Please sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C-0C4CA4AB29A5FB6-62363484-kindergarten>

Students must be 5 by September 1, 2026.

Please bring a copy of your child's certified Birth Certificate to the screening.

Health requirement and other information will be distributed at the screening.

Kindergarten screening is required before your child can be placed on a class list.

The Sign up link can also be found on the District's website: [www.unit6.org](http://www.unit6.org).

Please call the Primary school at 309-432-2838 if you have any questions.

## Fieldcrest Lady Knights Fall In Last Week's Regional Championship

The Fieldcrest girls basketball season came to an end last week when they dropped a 55-20 decision to Cissna Park in the regional finals.

The Lady Knights kicked off the post season on Monday, February 16 when they knocked off Iroquois West by a 42-39 score. The Lady Knights led 9-7 after the first quarter and 14-13 at the half in a low scoring contest. Iroquois West took a 27-24 heading into the fourth quarter.

Teri Lynn Timmerman tallied 19 points and five steals. Pru Mangan added 8 points and 11 rebounds.

The season came to an end in (Continued On Page 10)

## Fieldcrest Boys Basketball Team Splits Pair Of Conference Games To Close Out Regular Season

The Fieldcrest boys basketball team split a pair of conference games to close out their regular season with a 16-13 record and now head off to regional play.

On Tuesday, the Knights came up against a tough LeRoy team as they fell 61-50. Fieldcrest trailed 13-10 after the first quarter, then saw the Panthers score 17 of the second quarter's 22 points as LeRoy took a 30-15 lead at the half. It was 43-28 heading into the final quarter.

Layton Gerdes tallied 24 points for the Knights including a 10-10 performance from the free throw line. Kash Klendworth added double figure scoring with 14.

In their season finale on Friday, the Knight built up a 28-8 first half lead, only to see a Tri-Valley rally

come up short as the Knights held on for a 43-40 win.

Tri-Valley cut the 28-8 halftime lead down to 7 points as it was a 35-28 lead heading into the final quarter. The Knights did not score a field goal in the fourth quarter, but converted on 8 of 12 free throws as they held on to the 43-40 win. Layton Gerdes led the way for the Knights as he tallied 13 points.

Fieldcrest now heads to the Knoxville regional. After a game Monday against L-P Washburn, barring a major upset, the Knights will advance to the semi-final round where they would face the West Central-Peoria Heights game on Wednesday, February 25. The championship game is set for Friday, February 27 at 7:00.

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## Illinois Is 2026's State With The 2nd Highest Property Taxes

Depending on where you live, property taxes can be anything from a minor annoyance to a significant financial strain. The average U.S. household pays \$3,119 per year in property taxes on their home, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and residents in the 26 states that levy vehicle property taxes pay an additional \$499 annually.

While property taxes may seem irrelevant to the 35% of households that rent, that assumption misses the mark. Whether paid directly or indirectly, nearly everyone bears the cost of property taxes, as they influence rental prices and help fund state and local governments.

So which states place the heaviest property tax burden on residents, and what should taxpayers know about managing and potentially reducing what they owe? To find out, we examined real estate and vehicle property taxes across all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and consulted a panel of property-tax experts for both practical guidance and policy insight.

"Some states charge no property taxes at all, while others charge an arm and a leg. Americans who are considering moving and want to maximize the amount of money they take home should take into account property tax rates, in addition to other financial factors like the overall cost of living, when deciding on a city."

Chip Lupo, Wallethub Analyst

State	Effective Real Estate Tax Rate
<b>Lowest Tax Rate</b>	
1. Hawaii.....	0.27%
2. Alabama.....	0.38%
3. Nevada.....	0.47%
4. Arizona.....	0.48%
4. Colorado.....	0.48%
4. South Carolina.....	0.48%
7. Idaho.....	0.49%
8. Delaware.....	0.50%
8. Tennessee.....	0.50%
10. Utah.....	0.52%
11. West Virginia.....	0.53%
12. Louisiana.....	0.55%
12. Arkansas.....	0.55%
14. Wyoming.....	0.57%
15. District of Columbia.....	0.58%

### Highest Tax Rates

37. Rhode Island.....	1.21%
38. Michigan.....	1.25%
39. Kansas.....	1.29%
40. Pennsylvania.....	1.30%
41. Ohio.....	1.31%
42. Iowa.....	1.39%
43. Wisconsin.....	1.42%
44. Texas.....	1.49%
44. Nebraska.....	1.49%
46. New York.....	1.55%
47. Vermont.....	1.59%
48. New Hampshire.....	1.66%
49. Connecticut.....	1.81%
50. Illinois.....	2.01%
51. New Jersey.....	2.11%

### Property Taxes in Illinois

(1st=Lowest; 25th=Avg.):

- ♦ Real-Estate Property Tax Rank: 50th
- ♦ Vehicle Property Tax Rank: 1st
- ♦ Real-Estate Tax on Median State Home Value: \$5,298
- ♦ Real-Estate Tax on Median U.S. Home Value: \$6,694
- ♦ Vehicle Property Tax on Best-Selling Car: \$0

## Marshall County Court News

### FINES LEVIED

Chelsi L. Williams 5/26/25 by Lacon "agg battery/peace officer" 2/18/26 charge amended/reduced "battery/cause bodily harm" fine \$891

Carlle M. Craig "criminal trespass to land" 2/17/26 fine \$689, 90 days supervision.

Bahaaeddin FA Hamed 3/31/25 by County Traffic "drvg under influ of alcohol" 2/18/26 Guilty. "Driving on Suspended License" 2/18/26 fine \$7,231, 24 months probation.

Santiago Guijarro 10/29/25 by County Traffic "speeding 26-34 mph over limit" 2/17/26 Charge amended/reduced "driving 21-25 mph above limit" fine \$750, 90 days supervision.

Richard E. Farrell 1/2/26 by County traffic "driving on suspended license" 2/18/26 fine \$450.

Bejanmin P. Mayo 1/13/26 by County traffic "driving suspended license" 2/17/26 fine 4450.

Cassandra A. Sustek 1/15/26 by County Traffic "speeding 26-34 mph above limit" 2/17/26 charge amended/reduced "driving 15-20 mph above limit" fine \$500, 90 days supervision.

Theresa L. Shank 1/3/26 by Henry "dog running at large" 2/17/26 fine \$150.

### CIVIL JUDGMENTS

Katherine A. Cardinal (D). Midland Credit Management, Inc. (P). 2/17/26 judgment (P) \$3,043.77

### LAND TRANSFERS

Grantor: Daniel D. Leifker. Grantee: Kevin Testin, Laurynne Testin. Gochanour's 2nd Lot 1. Lot 12. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Dylan Todd McCaw. Grantee: Kevin Lee Carrithers. Santa Fe the 1st Add Block 43, Lot 1; Lot 2; Lot 3. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Dawn M. Arrington, Deborah L. Battaglia, Brad R. Briggs, Gregory S. Briggs. Grantee: Alexander Pettis. Devore & Henthorns Add Lot 5. Ball Add Block 79, Lot 10, Notes 2' Strip. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Jane E. Krischel, Robert P. Krischel. Grantee: Jane E. Krischel Co. Tr., Robert P. Krischel Co. Tr. Section 24, township 30N, Range 1E, Govt Lot --SW, Notes Pt. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: John Kettwich Tr. Grantee: Leisha OWens. Lombards 1st Add, Lot 112. Trust

Deed.

Grantor: Bonita Upts POA, Cody M. Upts. Grantee: Colleen K. Byrd, Steven C. Byrd. Section 36, Township 29N, Range 1E, Govt Lot --NW, Notes E 1/2. Section 36, 29N, 1E, --NE, Notes Pt. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: John B. McFarland. Grantee: Michael S. Blew. Santa Fe the 1st Add. Block 60, Lot 11. Lot 12. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Crystal M. Becker, Crystal M. Clark. Grantee: Zachary D. Becker. Outlots City of Lacon. Lot 13, Notes E 66' S/L 5 & 6. Quit Claim Deed.

Grantor: Kevin Schoon, Shawna Schoon. Grantee: Danielle Calder, Ian Calder. Lake Wildwood Development Lot 1789. Quit Claim Deed.

Grantor: Shawn T. Volpe. Grantee: Lisa M. Volpe, Shawn T. Volpe. Section 23, Township 12N, Range 8E, Govt Lot --NW, Notes Pt, 6.00A. Quit Claim Deed.

Grantor: Paula J. Ballard, John D. Riley. Grantee: Pizza My Heart LLC. Wenona (Original Town) Block 11, Lot 3, Notes S 1/2. War-

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