

State issues stricter mitigations in ongoing fight against COVID-19

Efforts are being made to avoid another stay-at-home order

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker announced last week that the entire state would enter Tier 3 of his mitigation plan, which began Nov. 20, as he noted the best way for Illinoisans to avoid another stay-at-home order was by staying home.

“Tier 3 boils down to this: if you don’t need to do it, don’t,” Gov. JB Pritzker said of leaving the home as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to soar.

Pritzker, at his daily briefing, said the Tier 3 mitigations stop short of a stay-at-home order, although staying home was the best option for limiting the virus’ spread. More businesses are allowed to remain open than when he issued a stay-at-home order in March because more is known about the virus, he said.

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—Gov. JB Pritzker

The announcement confirmed that certain businesses – including casinos and indoor gaming terminals – would close. The Tier 3 mitigations also call for limiting home gatherings to household members and banning gatherings at meeting rooms, banquet centers, private party rooms, private clubs and country clubs. Funerals are limited to 10 family members of the deceased person.

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accountable.”

The mitigations are needed, according to the governor and IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike, because hospitalizations are hitting a point of exponential growth, meaning the rate of increase is growing faster. Mitigations will be in place until numbers start to decrease significantly, the governor said.

“In hospitals throughout the state, one out of every four patients has COVID and that number is only going to grow,” Ezike said. “So if those COVID numbers grow, and flu hospitalizations will grow, where will someone go with chest pain? Where

would they go if they acutely notice facial droop? After a car accident? We have to be able to take care of all of the people of Illinois and have the hospital capacity to do so.”

The virus spreads through respiratory droplets and when people are in close contact with one another, so the new mitigations are aimed at keeping people further apart from one another, she said.

“Right now this virus has backed us into a corner,” she said. “And we are left making insanely difficult and weighty decisions. We all want to get back to normal but we can’t get there just yet. I urge people to turn their frustration and their anger into something positive. Instead of trying to buck the mitigations, can we all just

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District 289 closed until Jan. 18

MENDOTA – Mendota Elementary School District 289 will remain closed for full in-person learning until Monday, Jan. 18, 2021.

This “adaptive pause” is designed to prevent further spread of COVID-19 and reduce the risk for district students, staff and community.

Student learning will be Monday through Friday with remote/blended learning for all students. Northbrook School

will continue its A-Day/B-Day scheduling. Packets will continue to be made available.

Meal pickup will be Mondays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Northbrook. If you are already receiving pickups, you don’t need to do anything. To be added to the list, call 815-539-6237.

Parents need to take attendance in TeacherEase during the closure.

For more information, contact the District office at 815-539-7631.

District 289 hires superintendent

MENDOTA – The Mendota Elementary School District 289 Board of Education has announced the approval of a contract for the district’s next superintendent, K. Bradley Cox. He will succeed current superintendent Dr. Kristen Scholten upon her retirement on June 30, 2021. The three-year contract was approved on Nov. 20 at a special board meeting.



B. Cox

“After an extensive search and several hours of interviews with numerous leaders, we believe that Mr. Cox is the best choice for our district,” said Board President Sean Pappas. “The process we used included input and feedback from teachers, administrators, parents and the community, recognizing that the individual serving in this role is an integral pillar of leadership in our role.”

Cox is currently in his 19th year as a Superintendent

of Schools in rural Illinois communities. He began his educational career at River-ton High School as a science teacher and coach, followed by the Junior-Senior High principalship in Greenvew. Mendota Elementary will be his fifth superintendency with the previous four (Donovan, Tri-Valley, Erie, Beecher) being in unit districts providing him with a great perspective of not only elementary education, but also the needs of our graduating eighth graders.

“I believe that children should be at the center of each decision that a school makes,” said Cox. “I practice leadership through service, to foster positive relationships built on trust, respect, communication and transparency.” He was described as an inspirational leader with the ability to handle difficult situations with utmost dignity and consideration by former colleagues and board members.

The union membership at his current district voted and

expressed a 98 percent rating of support for Cox.

As part of the final decision process, the Mendota Elementary 289 Board of Education hosted a community conversation with two finalist candidates. Questions were asked by administrators, teachers and parents and written feedback was provided by all attendees to the board. Feedback reflected confidence in Cox’s depth of experience and his student-centric leadership.

Cox has an extensive background in finance and human resources and holds degrees from Illinois State University and Eastern Illinois University. During his career, Cox has been a regional and statewide presenter on 1:1 technology implementation, staff professional development, and alternative energy for schools.

Cox will be relocating to the area with his wife Janna. They have three sons, Will, Alex and Adam. Adam will be attending third grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Mendota next year.

Midwest governors urge residents to limit contact over the holidays

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A bipartisan group of governors from seven Midwestern states, including Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, issued a joint plea for residents of their states to take precautions against the spread of COVID-19 over the upcoming holiday weekend, even if that means avoiding travel and family get-togethers.

“This Thanksgiving is going to look different than others have before, and it’s because it has to,” Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said during a virtual joint news conference. “I know that instead of hosting a big, in-person Thanksgiving like I usually do, I’m going to be setting up a Zoom call with my family members.”

Whitmer was joined by Pritzker, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, all Democrats, in the news conference. Earlier, however, those governors were joined by Republican Govs. Eric Holcomb of Indiana and Mike DeWine of Ohio in releasing a joint video on social media calling on residents throughout the region to take extra precautions this year.

All of those states, as well as others in the region, have seen some of the most rapid growth rates in the nation for COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations. And the news conference came on the same day Pritzker announced that all of Illinois has been placed under Tier 3 mitigations, which include the closing of certain nonessential businesses and strict capacity limits in retail stores, fitness centers and some other establishments.

“As of our most current data, Illinois today is averaging more than 5,200 patients (per day) fighting COVID-19 in our hospitals – 400 more individuals than at our spring high,” Pritzker said. “And this isn’t just in Chicago or our other cities in

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Gretchen Whitmer

Illinois. It’s happening in our suburbs and our rural areas.”

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, as of Monday, Nov. 15, the most severe hospital resource shortage was in Region 7 of the state’s mitigation plan, made up of Will and Kankakee counties, where only 12 percent of the region’s hospital medical and surgical beds, and 16 percent of intensive care unit beds remained available.

But many of the governors said they were less concerned about the availability of hospital beds than about hospital staff.

“Because every day that you have 3,000, 4,000, 5,000 cases, those include our health care workers too,” Kentucky Gov. Beshear said. “And they’re not getting it at the hospital. They’re getting it in their communities. So, to make sure that we have enough people and enough staffing, we need people to do their part and to remember, if you don’t want to mask and you go out in public, you may be infecting that health care worker that you or your family could later need.”

Wisconsin Gov. Evers said his state is experiencing the same problem.

“Here, we are at capacity or very close to it,” he said. “But it is about the people that do the hard work. We have a severe shortage of people, we’re stealing from other states. And, you know, we’re stealing from the states around us for God’s sakes.”

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LOCAL AND AREA

Friends of the Library holding mini-tree decorating contest

MENDOTA - Friends of the Library is inviting the community to enter the Graves-Hume Public Library Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Pick up a mini-tree now through Nov. 30 at the Library. No library card is required; one tree per family.

Decorate your tree however you wish, using any sort of materials. Drop off the decorated tree at the library by Dec. 8 and invite your friends and family to vote with dollars. All proceeds will help Friends

of the Library provide future library programs. The Friends group is a separate, charitable entity that supports the library with monetary donations for books and programs not in the library's budget.

Voting will begin Dec. 9 and end on Dec. 23. The tree with the most money collected will receive the grand prize of \$30 Mendota Chamber Gift card. Second place winner will receive a \$20 Mendota Chamber Gift Card. Help decorate the library with



your festive ideas.

Learn from home with Winter Webinars

URBANA – From selecting and caring for a Christmas tree to creating a winter haven for birds, the University of Illinois Extension Good Growing Winter Webinar series has seasonally appropriate tips and tricks to keep you informed from the comfort of home this winter.

Extension Educators Andrew Holsinger, Chris Enroth, Ken Johnson and Katie Parker will lead a series of five live sessions with follow-along activities.

Webinars are free and will be 3 to 4 p.m. CST Wednesdays from Nov. 25 to Dec. 16 and return in 2021 on Jan. 6. Sign up for one or all of the sessions. Advance registration is required for each session.

• **Christmas Tree Types and Care - Nov. 25:** Different types of Christmas trees offer different colors, strength of fragrance, needle retention, branch sturdiness, and other attributes. Join Local Foods and Small Farms Educator Katie Parker to learn about the different types of trees and how to care for live trees. Illinois Extension educators will demonstrate how to create nature-themed ornaments, in this kid-friendly hands-on activity. Sign up at go.illinois.edu/GGChristmasTrees.

• **Fun with Evergreen Foliage - Dec. 2:** Craft some holiday elegance with evergreen foliage for your home. Learn how to craft your favorite holiday décor and how to source suitable materials in your home landscape.

Extension Educator Andrew Holsinger will demonstrate how to make a wreath and follow along at home with hands-on activities for kissing balls, outdoor holiday planters or evergreen gnomes. Sign up at go.illinois.edu/GGEvergreenFoliage.

• **Popular Holiday Plant Care - Dec. 9:** Do you love buying holiday plants like poinsettia and amaryllis, but struggle to keep the plants alive through the holidays let alone keeping them going year-round? Join Illinois Extension educators as they discuss popular holiday plants and their care. During this webinar they will talk about poinsettia, amaryllis, holiday cactus, and Norfolk Island pine. Sign up at go.illinois.edu/GGHolidayPlantCare.

• **Holiday Spices - Dec. 16:** Ever wonder about where those holiday spices you're using come from, or if you could grow them? Illinois Extension educators Ken Johnson and Chris Enroth will cover the origins and how to grow popular holiday spices such as nutmeg, cinnamon, clove, allspice, peppermint, citrus, and ginger. Sign up at go.illinois.edu/GGHolidaySpices.

• **Create a Winter Bird Haven - Jan. 6:** Gardens are a haven for bird year-round. Lots of wildlife use yards for over-wintering and provide a delightful spectacle on cold days.

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Graves-Hume Library open

MENDOTA - Graves-Hume Public Library District will remain open for "Grab & Go" and curbside services in compliance with the latest Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations in the Restore Illinois Plan. Grab & Go service in the building includes browsing, material check out and public computer use, as well as scan and fax services.

Patrons are asked to limit their time in the library. Face coverings that cover both mouth and nose are required for all library staff and patrons over the age of 2 and six feet of distance must be maintained. Patrons are also asked to stay home if they or a member of their family is currently ill or exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.

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HOLY CROSS HONOR ROLLS

Holy Cross Honor Roll 1st quarter 2020-21

8th High Honor Roll

Lily Bokus—4.0, Kirby Bond—4.0, Alondra Delao, Ava Eddy, Bailey Engels—4.0, Cassandra Gonzalez—4.0, Lauren Holland, Libby Huffaker—4.0, Korinne Miars—4.0, Izzy Rosales, Grace Royer—4.0, Kenley Wilson—4.0

8th Honor Roll

Benjamin Bresley, Natalie Hanaman, Ella Martin

7th High Honor Roll

Maren Atherton, Alex Beet, Anna Cyrocki, Laylie Denault, Dane Doyle, Mae Hagenbuch, Brody Hartt, Alex Holland, Addisyn Jones, Grady Jones, Ella Lewis, Peri Manning, Kooper Novak, Lily Soliman, Joe Stewart, Aden Tillman

7th Honor Roll

Addyson Allensworth, Breanna Martinez, Nick Sheridan

6th High Honor Roll

Emily Diaz, Emma Huffaker, Elaina Koch, Kara Miars, Alexandrew Tillman

6th Honor Roll

Nolan Hagenbuch, Abbie Kreiser, James Whitmore

5th High Honor Roll

Charlee Dankenbring, Komen Denault, Hayley Diaz, Corbin Doll, Karson Doyle, Giselle Gonzalez, Leah Henkel, Kaylee MacDonald, Abby Magallanes, Gaby Martinez, Ashlynn Rickels, Elsie Soliman, Ross Sondgeroth, Cole Tillman, Charles Wilson

5th Honor Roll

Emily Diaz, Nolan Hagenbuch, Abbie Kreiser

Music and dance remain prominent at Holiday Folk Fair International

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – Dancers and musicians representing cultures from around the world will continue to be a key component of the 77th annual Holiday Folk Fair International, America's premiere multi-cultural festival that is now being presented online at www.FolkFair.org.

Videos of dance and musical performances by the following groups and/or individuals will be offered as part of this year's event: Algerian Dance Group, Caledonia Scottish Dancers, Chuevang Xion (Hmong Musician), Dance Academy of Mexico (Youth and Adult Group Performances), Dnipro Ukrainian Adult Dance Ensemble, Filipino American Association of Wisconsin, The Givatayim (Israeli) Dance Group, Kalyna Ukrainian Dance



Ensemble (Children), Latvian Dance Group, LAUME Lithuanian Folk Dance Group, Milwaukee Croatian Tamburitans, Na Less Bulgarian Cultural Dancers, Nefertari African Dance Company, Polynesian Dance Group, Promin Ukrainian Youth Dance Ensemble, Paul Trebian (Tlingit Native American Group), Syrena Polish Folk Dance Group, Tradizione Vivente (Italian Dance Group of Milwaukee), Viata Romanesca Romanian Dance Group.

In addition, groups have prepared dance demonstration videos that will allow viewers to practice and learn dances performed by the cultural groups during Holiday Folk Fair International and at other locations throughout the area. The following groups prepared dance demos: Dance Academy of Mexico, Nefertari African Dance Company, Polynesian Dance Group, Shanley Spence, Indigenous Dancer, Turam Turkish Folk Dance Ensemble, Tradizione Vivente (Italian Dance Group of Milwaukee), Viata Romanesca Romanian Dance Group.

A program of the International Institute of Wisconsin (IIW), the 2020 event theme is "Celebrate the Culture of Plants – The Seeds of

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American Life in Poetry

By TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

James Crews is the editor of a very timely anthology entitled "Healing the Divide: Poems of Kindness and Connection," published by Green Writers Press. He's also an accomplished poet and the author of several books, including "Bluebird."

This poem by Crews first appeared, appropriately at Gratefulness.org.

Winter Morning

When I can no longer say thank you
for this new day and the waking into it,
for the cold scrape of the kitchen chair
and the ticking of the space heater glowing
orange as it warms the floor near my feet,
I know it's because I've been fooled again
by the selfish, unruly man who lives in me
and believes he deserves only safety
and comfort. But if I pause as I do now,
and watch the streetlights outside flashing
off one by one like old men blinking their
cloudy eyes, if I listen to my tired neighbors
slamming car doors hard against the morning
and see the steaming coffee in their mugs
kissing chapped lips as they sip and
exhale each of their worries white into
the icy air around their faces—then I can
remember this one life is a gift each of us
was handed and told to open: Untie the bow
and tear off the paper, look inside
and be grateful for whatever you find
even if it is only the scent of a tangerine
that lingers on the fingers long after
you've finished peeling it.

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Smaller turkeys, lower prices on Thanksgiving menu

URBANA – As concerns rise over the possible spread of coronavirus during large family gatherings, the expected smaller holiday party size is affecting the food production industry.

A smaller number of guests in homes means consumers are looking for smaller whole turkeys on the holiday menu in 2020.

Local health authorities, including the Centers for Disease Control, are warning against large family gatherings for the holidays, so consumers may downsize from their usual 25-pound bird or switch the menu entirely.

"What's going to happen is people are going to have smaller group settings and buy boneless turkey breasts instead of the whole turkey," says Ken Koelkebeck, University of Illinois animal sciences professor. "There may also be more demand for ham."

Koelkebeck, who specializes in poultry production, says supermarkets will be serving up good deals this year, especially on birds larger than 15 pounds. He's seen prices between 33 cents to 39 cents a pound.

"In order to sell those whole turkeys, they're going to have to cut the price," Koelkebeck says, "and that means good specials for consumers on whole birds."

Grocery stores typically lose money on whole turkeys with low prices, but use the marketing strategy of lower prices to get shoppers in the door hoping they'll spend more on other holiday ingredients, sides, and desserts.

For those worried they won't get enough leftovers, prices are expected to drop even further after Thanksgiving,



as low as 19 cents a pound. Koelkebeck says that might be a good time to stock up if you have the freezer space because higher feed prices for corn and soybeans

will affect the turkey supply in 2021. To see a video tutorial on how to break down a turkey for storage, visit go.illinois.edu/CutWholeTurkey.

Winter

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Attracting birds to the winter landscape can be incredibly rewarding for all ages.

Horticulture Educator Chris Enroth will describe the species of birds in Illinois during the winter, what they're looking for, and how to make habitat so they stick around all year.

Enroth will be joined by other Extension Educators who will demonstrate creative ways to feed the birds with logs, toilet paper rolls, grapefruit and a fruit and popcorn garland.

Please sign up online at

go.illinois.edu/GGWinter-Birds.

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to participate in this program, please contact Horticulture Educator Chris Enroth at cenroth@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting access needs.

CARL'S QUIZ

What are the most often recorded songs in the U.S.?

The answer to last week's quiz is: The Eiffel Tower was originally intended for Barcelona, but Spain rejected the project.

Answer next week in The Mendota Reporter and online at www.mendotareporter.com

Library

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It is also encouraged that patrons limit their visits to the library during this time by checking out extra materials. Please call or check the library's Facebook page for up-to-date information. The Library is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.–4 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.–2 p.m. If you need assistance, call (815) 538-5142.



Mendota Weather

Nov. 25, 2020

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Rain Likely
High: 54 Low: 36

Thursday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 49 Low: 33

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 48 Low: 30

Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High: 45 Low: 28

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 44 Low: 25

Monday
Sunny
High: 43 Low: 26

Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 38 Low: 19

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 95% chance of rain, high temperature of 54°, humidity of 84%. Southwest wind 11 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 65° set in 1966. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night, overnight low of 36°. West wind 6 to 9 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 32°. The record low for Wednesday night is 7° set in 1995.

Regional Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	54/37	ra	50/34	mc
Champaign	58/38	sh	50/35	mc
Chicago	55/41	ra	50/38	mc
Freeport	49/33	ra	48/32	pc
Joliet	56/39	ra	50/35	mc
Moline	54/35	ra	50/34	pc
Peoria	56/38	sh	51/37	pc
Rockford	51/36	ra	49/34	mc
Springfield	56/38	t	51/37	pc

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	52	30	46/28	0.00"	0.04"
Tuesday	42	29	45/27	0.04"	0.68"
Wednesday	52	33	44/27	0.00"	-0.64"
Thursday	69	49	44/27	0.00"	
Friday	60	41	43/26	0.00"	
Saturday	46	37	43/26	0.00"	
Sunday	47	39	42/25	0.00"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Full 11/30	6:57 a.m.	4:29 p.m.	2:32 p.m.	2:11 a.m.	New 12/14
Wednesday	6:58 a.m.	4:28 p.m.	2:54 p.m.	3:10 a.m.	
Thursday	6:59 a.m.	4:28 p.m.	3:17 p.m.	4:10 a.m.	
Friday	7:00 a.m.	4:28 p.m.	3:43 p.m.	5:10 a.m.	
Saturday	7:02 a.m.	4:27 p.m.	4:12 p.m.	6:11 a.m.	
Sunday	7:03 a.m.	4:27 p.m.	4:47 p.m.	7:12 a.m.	First 12/21
Monday	7:04 a.m.	4:27 p.m.	5:29 p.m.	8:13 a.m.	
Tuesday					

Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

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Weather Trivia

What characteristic do thunderstorms possess to form a tornado?

Answer: Rotation.

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain, highest temperature of 61 in Long Neck, Del. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain and isolated thunderstorms, highest temperature of 83 in Pembroke Pines, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 85 in Harlingen, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 54 in Pine Bluffs, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 74 in Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

Weather History

Nov. 25, 1970 - The temperature at Tallahassee, Fla. dipped to 13 degrees, following a high of 40 degrees on the previous day. The mercury reached 67 degrees on Nov. 26, and highs were in the 70s the rest of the month.

Nov. 26, 1896 - Snow and high winds hit the northern Plains and the Upper Mississippi Valley, with a Thanksgiving Day blizzard in North Dakota. The storm was followed by severe cold in the Upper Midwest. The temperature at Pokegama Dam, Mich. hit 45 degrees below zero.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Brad L. Prentice

MENDOTA - Brad Lee Prentice, 59, formerly of Mendota, passed away Nov. 15, 2020 due to complications from COVID-19 at Trinity Hospital in Minot, N.D. where he resided.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 27 at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. John Nuegebauer officiating. Military rites will be conducted by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Brad was born April 14, 1961 in Mendota to James and June (Zimmerman) Prentice. He married Iris Bollman in Carberry, Canada.

Survivors include his mother, June Prentice of Mendota; one son, James "Ryan" Prentice of Fargo, N.D.; one daughter, Sandra Abrahamson of Stanley, N.D.; his twin brother, Timothy (Patty) Prentice of Lancaster, Calif.; and two sisters, Kim (Steve) Kofoid of Mendota and Kelly (Joe) Baird of Granville.

Brad graduated from Mendota High School in 1979. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years from 1979-1999. He worked with Minute Man III missiles and was currently working as a civilian on the Minot Air Force Base. His main entertainment was riding his motorcycle and spending time with his beloved dog, Rukus.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



Therese M. Blee

AURORA - Therese Marie Blee, 88, of Aurora, formerly of Paw Paw and Holiday, Fla., peacefully entered eternal life on Nov. 19, 2020 at her home.

Visitation was held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 25 at the Daleiden Mortuary in Aurora. Funeral services followed at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 25 at the mortuary and then an 11 a.m. funeral mass at Holy Angels Church in Aurora. Burial was at 2:30 p.m. that afternoon at Wyoming Township Cemetery in Paw Paw.

In adherence to COVID-19 protocols, non-family visitors were asked to pay their respects to the family for only a few minutes and exit the funeral home in a timely fashion. Social distancing and face masks were required for those in attendance with a limit of 10 people in the building at a time.

Therese was born March 29, 1932 in Rochelle to Hans Pater and Inger (Larsen) Hansen. Due to the death of her mother when Therese was an infant, she was adopted by her uncle and aunt, Charles and Minnie Hansen. She married Arthur J. Blee on Oct. 16, 1954, and they made their home in Paw Paw. He preceded her in death.

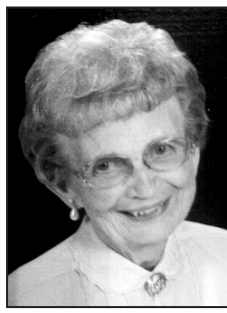
Survivors include one daughter, Karen (Gerard) Nickels of Aurora; one son, Arlen Blee of Phoenix, Ariz.; one grandson, Joseph Arthur Blee of Phoenix, Ariz.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years; her parents; three sisters, Hazel Quinn, Bernice Schoenholz and Arlene White; and one brother, Clifford Hansen.

Therese was a 1950 graduate of Rochelle Township High School. After retiring in 1979, she and Arthur moved to Holiday, Fla. Therese returned to Illinois in 2018 to live near her daughter in Aurora. She was an associate of The Blessed Sacrament Fathers and volunteered to help the poor at Florida soup kitchens and a parish food pantry. She was a member of The Ladies Guild of her Florida parish, St. Vincent de Paul, and had served on the board of her condo association. She enjoyed sewing and craft work and made many beautiful items for family and friends.

Please visit www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for Therese's family.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated in Therese's name to The Holy Angels Food Pantry, 204 South Russell Ave., Aurora, IL 60506.



Phyllis V. Thompson

MENDOTA - Phyllis V. Thompson, 92, of Mendota, formerly of Belt, Mont., slipped quietly from sleep in her home into the arms of her loving Savior and is now singing and dancing on the streets of Heaven.

A memorial service will be held at a later date, when all her family can gather safely together to celebrate her life. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Phyllis was born June 29, 1928 in Wethersfield to McKinley and Vonda Eshelman. She married Floyd Thompson on June 3, 1956. He preceded her in death on Sept. 22, 2001. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include three daughters, Margo Gamble of Sharpsburg, Ga., Kim (Kenny) Van Rheenen of Mendota, and Diana (Kevin) Watts of LeClaire, Iowa; three sisters, Marilyn Alexander of North Carolina, Ruth (Marion) Kubinsky of Kewanee and Barbara Fors of Woodhull; her twin brother, Philip (Lois) Eshelman of Ankeny, Iowa; one sister-in-law, Roseanne Eshelman; five grandchildren, Ryan Gamble of Sharpsburg, Ga., Kristopher (Melinda) Watts of Lisle, Allison Watts of LeClaire, Iowa, Travis Van Rheenen of Kirkland, and Logan Van Rheenen of Annawan; one great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; twin sons; five brothers, Joseph, William (Dorothe - deceased), Paul (Delora-deceased), Richard (Betty - deceased) and Vernon Eshelman; two sisters, Josephine Eshelman and Marcia Horine; and two brothers-in-law, David Alexander and Cecil Fors.

Phyllis loved the Lord most of all and shared His light and love with everyone she met. She loved to bake and to feed people. She was known as "The Cookie Lady" by many of the lucky recipients of her baked goods throughout the years. She loved singing hymns and often did so while she did housework, which she called "playing house." She loved to tounce her children and grandchildren at Canasta and did so gleefully. Phyllis and Floyd traveled extensively during his Air Force career. In the first 15 years of their marriage, they lived in 23 different locations. Upon retirement, they moved to the little town of Belt, Mont., which they called home for the next 31 years. No matter where they were stationed, Phyllis made a point of making friends quickly and always stayed in touch with those she befriended. She sent over 120 Christmas cards each year to people they met in their travels. She always said, "Make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver, and the other is gold."

Following Floyd's death, Phyllis moved to Mendota, where she has lived in her "little house across the drive" for the past 19 years. As was her way, she met many friends in her new community, especially her church family at Mendota First Presbyterian.

Memorials may be directed to the micro-pantry at the First Presbyterian Church, which offers food to anyone who needs it.



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Heritage," which will explore how plants are used by groups from around the world in order to shape their heritage.

In addition to the videos of dance/musical performances, visitors to www.FolkFair.org will have the opportunity to view cooking and artisan

demonstrations, education presentations, participant interviews, and "Folk Fair Through the Years" presentations.

For more information on the 2020 online Holiday Folk Fair International, visit www.FolkFair.org or call (414) 225-6225.

OSF part of national campaign to encourage everyone to #MaskUp

PEORIA - OSF HealthCare is joining 100 of the nation's top health care systems, representing thousands of hospitals in communities across the U.S. with an urgent plea for all Americans to mask up, because wearing a face mask is our best chance at slowing the surging COVID-19 pandemic.

More than 11 million Americans have tested positive for the virus—including an additional one million in just the past week—leading to more than 250,000 deaths. With 13 hospitals across Illinois and one in the upper peninsula of Michigan, OSF HealthCare has felt the impact of the increasing number of people with COVID-19

who require hospitalization.

This trend is causing increasing concern for OSF HealthCare and others, not only because of the demands on physical needs like personal protective equipment (PPE) and hospital beds, but also a potential shortage of healthy caregivers to handle a rapidly increasing number of patients. The next several months will be critical.

Though there has been positive news about vaccine development, no one knows when those vaccines will be ready for widespread use. In the meantime, everyone must remain vigilant, take precautions and follow public health orders. The power to do what is right is now in the hands of

everyone everywhere.

"We are proud to partner with these other well-respected health care organizations on this important public service campaign," said Bob Sehring, CEO of Peoria, Illinois-based OSF HealthCare. "The message is simple: we need everyone in the communities we serve to help us help keep our communities healthy."

A public service message is running in The New York Times, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and The Los Angeles Times. The message reads:

"As the top nationally-ranked hospitals, we know it's tough that we all need to do our part and keep wearing

masks. But, here's what we also know: The science has not changed. Masks slow the spread of COVID-19. So, please join us as we all embrace this simple ask: Wear. Care. Share with #MaskUp. Together, wearing is caring. And together, we are saving lives."

"Recent studies have shown that facemasks successfully limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus in two ways: by protecting the wearer against inhalation of harmful pathogens and by preventing exposure of those around the wearer," said Dr. Leonardo Lopez, Chief Medical Officer, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center. "We will get through this pandemic, together. By wearing a mask, you limit potential exposure and help us conserve vital medical resources by stopping the spread of the virus."

The CDC suggests minimizing non-household contacts, maintaining six feet of distance and limiting time around others. For information on COVID-19 visit OSF's COVID-19 digital hub at: www.osfhealthcare.org/covid19/.

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EveryMaskUp.com is a collaboration of dozens of leading health systems representing thousands of hospitals across the U.S. joining together to create messages for the betterment of communities they serve.

The impetus for this, and other public service campaigns to follow, came from a group of health care marketing and communications executives meeting for a decade and reengaged weekly since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The goal is to share knowledge and experience, best practices, strategies and

resources—knowing they can accomplish more together.

Founded and led by Rhonda Weiss, Ph.D., Los Angeles-based national health care leader and consultant, the expanded coalition is partnering with Cleveland Clinic Chief Marketing and Communications Officer Paul Matsen and his team for this effort. Additionally, hospitals and health systems on a regional basis continue to come together to send messages like these of prevention and safety, hope and healing, life and death, care and caring.

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Mitigations

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follow them, acknowledging that these are what are needed to get back to some semblance of normal?"

Health and fitness centers will be allowed to operate at 25 percent capacity as long as all patrons wear a face covering and reservations will be required. Indoor classes will not be allowed and locker rooms will be required to close.

The guidance also calls for a "pause" of all indoor group sporting and recreational activities including youth and adult recreational sports while Tier 3 mitigations are in place. This includes park districts and travel leagues.

Outdoor sports and recreation are allowed but participant groups and practices outdoors will be limited to 10 people or less and social distancing is required along with face coverings.

Non-essential retail facilities will be allowed to operate at 25 percent capacity, while pharmacies and grocery stores may operate at 50 percent capacity.

Personal care services must operate at the lesser of 25 clients or 25 percent of capacity but can remain open as long as everyone wears a face covering throughout the appointment.

Indoor service will continue to be banned at bars and restaurants, which will no longer be allowed to operate gaming terminals. The businesses must close by 11 p.m. and table sizes cannot exceed six people.

The tier also closes indoor recreation centers such as theaters, performing arts centers and indoor museums and amusement centers. Outdoor activities are allowed at 25 percent of capacity or less, with outdoor group activities limited to 10 people or less, with face coverings and reservations required.

Manufacturing facilities may remain open with several safety and risk guidelines and contact tracing procedures in place.

Some state House Republicans earlier in the day called for the governor to convene a special session for lawmakers to give input on mitigation plans. Democratic leaders in the General Assembly called off a planned November veto session, and when lawmakers last met in May, they decided not to pass measures allowing lawmakers to meet and vote remotely after strong Republican opposition.

Asked about including the General Assembly Tuesday, Pritzker said he has had "discussion after discussion with individual members of the Republican caucuses" and taken into account their suggestions on "a number of industries" in consultations with doctors.

"And so again...what the doctors are trying to do is measure the risk and then take action based upon how we can limit risk, but still keep things going," he said.

Governors

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And so the point is absolutely true. They're getting it from the community. We have to stop the community spread."

Minnesota Gov. Walz said the health care workforce in this state is likewise affected by community spread of the virus outside of hospital settings.

"One of the things is child care, and schooling for these frontline workers, what they do with that," he said. "When we start to see that community spread, it has a cascading effect. And what do they do with their own children? What happens when their school goes to distance learning? And that's one of the challenges of looking at this much more holistically."

IVCC Board approves tax levy; college's portion of tax bill should not increase

OGLESBY – The Illinois Valley Community College board adopted the tentative \$12.8 million 2020 tax levy Nov. 12, a three percent increase over the \$12.4 million actual 2019 levy.

The levy is based on a five percent increase in the district's equalized assessed valuation (EAV), said Vice President for Business Services and Finance Cheryl Roelfsema.

Homeowners should not see an increase in the IVCC portion of their property tax bill, she said. The estimated 2020 tax rate of .3557 is down slightly from the 2019 rate of .3644.

Since the increase is less than five percent, there is no requirement for a public notice and public hearing before trustees move for final approval Dec. 10.

IVCC levies taxes in all or parts of eight counties: La Salle, Bureau, Putnam, Marshall, Lee, Livingston, Grundy and DeKalb.

In other action, the board approved an Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Assisting.

"After discussion with the dental assisting advisory board, local dentists, current and past students, it is apparent the AAS in Dental Assisting would be beneficial to future, current and past students from a continuing education and employment perspective," said program coordinator Heather Seghi.

The 60-credit AAS aligns with dental hygiene program requirements at various Illinois schools and will thus ease transfer to those institutions, said Dean of Workforce Development Shane Lange.

In his report, IVCC President Jerry Corcoran said the administration fosters open communication with faculty and staff by offering numerous opportunities for discussion and feedback.

"Despite some unfortunate statements made to the contrary over the last few months, I want to set the record straight regarding the degree to which the administration encourages faculty and staff participation in the decision-making process," Corcoran said.

"IVCC uses the principles of shared governance in its operations. Standing committees exist to facilitate the work of the institution. Faculty hold key positions on 18 committees and 11 subcommittees/workgroups.

"From a communication standpoint, every semester begins with an all-staff in-service. Debriefings are held the week following every board meeting," he said.

"The spring term included regular Zoom meetings with all employees and, when asked for additional meetings with the faculty, the administration was happy to do so.

"In 2020, we've had 11 debriefings

(everyone is invited), four faculty forums, three in-service all-staff sessions, and two meetings of the faculty Executive Board and President's Council," Corcoran said, adding, "To those team players who have worked hard with the administration and contributed to the positive direction of the college, I say thank you."

Trustees also approved:

- Seeking bids for 20 multi-stage welders at an estimated cost of \$60,000.

- The hiring of Dr. Jennifer Grobe as director of nursing effective Jan. 4. Grobe earned the Ph.D. in education, specializing in nursing, from Capella University, the MSN from Benedictine University and BSN from Rockford College. She is currently associate dean of nursing and allied health at Highland Community College in Freeport.

- The appointment of Crystal Credi as interim transition and completion specialist through December 2021. The position will be paid through the CTE Improvement Grant, part of IVCC's Adult Learner Initiative. Credi is currently the administrative assistant for Student Services.

- Release of 2019 closed session meeting minutes from Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

- Following closed session, approved release of closed session minutes from Oct. 8.

The board learned:

- Online enrollment remains strong. "Although Illinois community college enrollments are down, it is encouraging to see the progress we've made in boosting online enrollments. Fall online headcount of 1,770 places us in the upper 50 percent of the 48 community colleges. Learning Resources and faculty should be commended for a job well done," said Corcoran.

- Summer 2021 sessions include a three-week term, Summer A, May 24-June 15; eight-week term, Summer B, June 7-Aug. 2; and six-week term, Summer C, June 16-July 28.

- Custodian Jon Scott Mercer will retire Jan. 1 and Mary Beth Liss, administrative assistant in Truck Driver Training, a 24-year employee, will retire Dec. 31. Janna Stash, administrative assistant in financial aid, resigned Nov. 12.

- The IVCC Foundation met growing demand for student financial assistance this fall by awarding over \$330,000 in scholarships to 325 students. In a campus update to the board, Executive Director of Community Relations and Development Fran Brolley said as of June 30, Foundation assets topped \$6.9 million, an increase of nearly \$280,000 over the previous year.

- The Nov. 10 Virtual Explore IVCC event attracted 120 RSVPs and 22 students attended the Oct. 27 Virtual College Connection.

Farmdoc Illinois Economic Summit set: Farm management guide in difficult times

URBANA – The past year has been a year like no other for Illinois agriculture. While the year started optimistically with talks of a surge in agricultural exports resulting from the trade agreement with China, the COVID-19 pandemic rocked the global economy. Most agricultural prices plummeted, and the government created new ad hoc agricultural aid programs.

Illinois farm managers for commercial and small-scale operations are invited to the farmdoc 2020 Illinois Farm Economic Summit for some perspective with research-based discussions of trends and projections from University of Illinois experts.

Scott Irwin, Chair of Agricultural Marketing, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics will lead a session on the market outlook for corn and soybeans.

"After the year we've just had, it's hard to know where to start when thinking about the economic outlook for Illinois agriculture in 2021," Irwin says. "We will do our best to walk people through the big issues that are on the horizon – the grain price and income outlook, new and old policy programs, and the incredible macro response to the COVID pandemic."

The summit is being presented virtually with the first of five live sessions starting Dec. 1. College of Agricultural and Consumer Economics experts and researchers will discuss where the agriculture sector is heading

and how to manage in such unprecedented times.

The online summit is free and will be presented 11 a.m. to noon CT Dec. 1, 4, 8, 11 and 15. Register in advance at go.illinois.edu/IFES. Each session will include a 30-minute presentation followed by a 30-minute Q&A.

- 2021 Market Outlook for Corn and Soybeans - December 1: In a year stricken by the coronavirus pandemic and an extremely severe economic contraction, corn and soybean prices have risen to levels that seemed impossible just a couple of months ago. A critical question for 2021 is the likelihood of sustaining corn prices near \$4 and soybeans near \$11. This webinar discusses the 2021 supply and demand outlook for corn and soybeans and the longer-term outlook for trade with China.

- Grain Farm Income Outlook with Risk and Rental Implications - December 4: Grain farm incomes in 2020 were supported by above-trend yields, higher prices than expected, and several forms of Federal payments. These 2020 incomes serve as a backdrop for 2021 income projections. Sufficient 2021 incomes will be dependent on a combination of above-trend yields and continued federal payments. Risk management will be critical, and several new tools are available this year.

- Farm Program and Crop Insurance Decisions for 2021



- December 8: The election and enrollment period for the ARC and PLC programs for the 2021 crop year is now open, and decisions must be made by March 15. A new county-based crop insurance program, the Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO), will also be available for crops produced throughout the Midwest. ECO can be used to supplement underlying multi-peril coverage for eligible crops. This session will address these decisions and provide some examples and recommendations for Illinois farm situations.

- Post-election Farm Policy Outlook - December 11: We consider the short- and medium-run outlook for U.S. farm policy following the

2020 election. The presenters will provide an updated review of three years and four rounds of ad hoc farm payments, including an analysis of payment distribution and program design for the Market Facilitation Program (MFP) and Coronavirus Food Assistance Programs (CFAP). Presenters will discuss what the perceived need for ad hoc assistance says about standing farm programs such as Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and the implications for future coronavirus-related relief and the 2023 Farm Bill.

- Farmland Markets and Macro Markets - December 15: Farmland is receiving significantly increased attention

by owners and investors seeking to make sense out of the scrambled economic signals of the recent past. This session examines the relative returns to farmland over differing macro-environment periods of the past and suggests the strength of relationship to expect in the future to financial assets, interest rate indexes, and inflation.

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The wait for FOID

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois is one of only four states that require a license to own a firearm, but the state is routinely failing to process applications and renewals in a timely manner.

“I have constituents who have waited more than a year to get a FOID card. That is denying them a basic constitutional right,” state Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, said.

Twelve years ago, in *Heller vs. District of Columbia* the U.S. Supreme Court interpreted the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as a right to own firearms.

Liberals hate this decision almost as much as conservatives hate *Roe vs. Wade*.

“How would a woman feel if she were told she had to wait five or six months to exercise her constitutional right to an abortion?” said Todd Vandermyde, a lobbyist for licensed gun dealers in Illinois. “That’s what’s happening with our constitutional right to bear arms. A woman may be the victim of abuse and wants to buy a gun to protect herself but she may have to wait months and months to get a FOID card before she can even buy a gun.”

Firearm Owners Identification, or FOID card, must be presented when purchasing guns and ammunition. And it is a requirement for possessing a firearm. The average wait time for new FOID card applicants is 122 days, according to the Illinois State Police.

If you are an otherwise legal gun owner and are arrested for possessing a firearm without a valid FOID card, you could be facing an offense punishable by up to a year in jail. Before issuing FOID cards, the State Police conduct full criminal background checks on applicants.

There are a number of reasons why the state has fallen behind in processing FOID applications and renewals. They are inadequately staffed, the volume of applications has gone up two or three fold and COVID restrictions have made it more difficult for office workers to process the paperwork.

For example, between July and October of last year, Illinois processed 52,077 new FOID applications. For the same period this year the state processed 114,512, Beth Hundsdoerfer, a spokesperson for the Illinois State Police, said.

State Sen. Neil Anderson, R-Moline, said rioting in cities across the country has sparked the growing desire to own firearms.

“Before, folks didn’t think this could happen in their town or their neighborhood. Now they know that it can,” he said. “So, they want to find a way to protect themselves.”

Anderson wants to eliminate the FOID card requirement for Illinois.

“Now that the federal government requires instant background checks when a gun is purchased, the FOID card is redundant,” he said.

Hundsdoerfer said within the past “several months,” the State Police have hired 21 Firearms Eligibility Analyst Trainees and will continue to hire additional analysts in the coming months. She added, on average, the current staff works an extra week in overtime hours each month to address application processing needs.

Illinois law has required FOID cards for more than 50 years. The cards typically expire after 10 years. But Hundsdoerfer said cards that expire during the current COVID crisis have had their expiration dates extended by 18 months through an executive order from Gov. JB Pritzker.

But this is far from a satisfactory solution.

Individual police officers don’t always know about executive orders, Vandermyde said.

“If someone hands an officer a FOID card that appears to have expired that person is likely to get arrested,” he said.

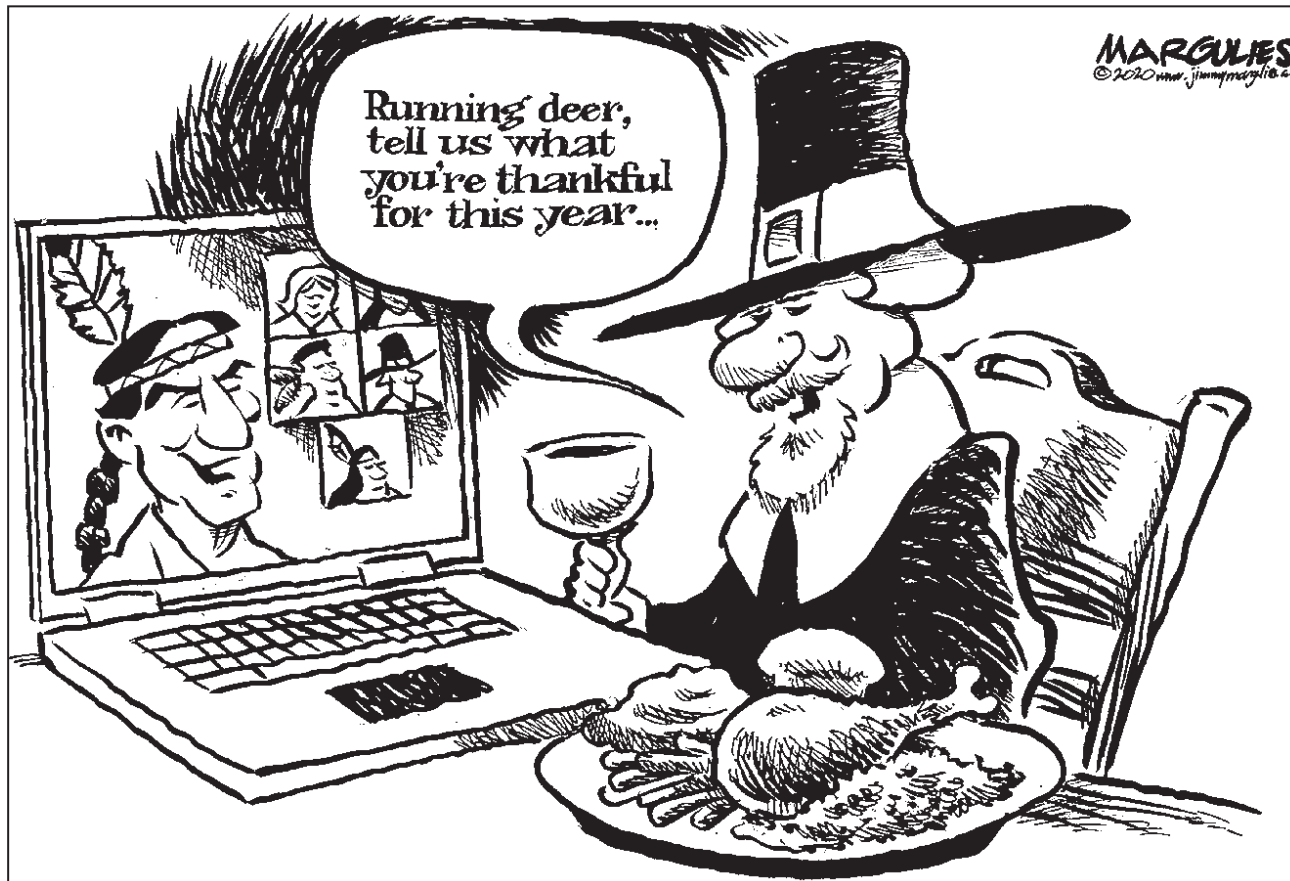
He added that many stores selling firearms and ammunition won’t accept a FOID card that appears to have expired.

“It’s not like when you go into a store to buy ammunition, you have a state trooper standing behind you telling the clerk it’s OK to accept that FOID,” Rep. Butler said.

Butler noted firearm deer season has arrived in Illinois.

“I have one constituent who really wants to go deer hunting. But he is still waiting for his FOID card so he won’t be able to go hunting. That’s just not right.”

(Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. ScottReeder1965@gmail.com)



When the voters said no in 1975

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Nov. 28, 1990)

By Jessica Nashold

When *The Reporter* came out on Nov. 26, 1975, it carried gloomy news. Since the special grade school tax referendum on Nov. 20 had been defeated, certain cutbacks in District 289 would now take place.

The defeat had been decisive—1,484 in favor of the 33-cent increase and 1,784 opposed. This was the fifth tax referendum to fail in the 10-year period.

The consequences had been clearly spelled out before the referendum so there were no surprises. Compton and Blackstone schools would be closed. The grade school administrative office would be moved from 728 Main St. —the present Chamber of Commerce location —to a mobile unit at Northbrook School.

James Basala, superintendent of grade schools, explained that, with an expected enrollment of 800, he felt the administrative office should not use classroom space. He was prepared to make the move in January, although the lease ran until April.

The teaching staff would be reduced by 18 and in addition, one principal, one secretary, two cafeteria workers and two noon-hour assistants would be eliminated.

An initial plan was to divide kindergarten classes between Lincoln and Northbrook, take care of grades one through three at Lincoln, and enroll grades four through eight at Northbrook.

The psychologist and social worker would be cut from two days to one day a week.

Expenditure for textbooks would be reduced by \$30,000. It was believed there would also be a saving of \$36,000 in building operation and maintenance costs.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

The lone note of encouragement was the fact that in the Nov. 20 referendum, there had been more yes votes than in the June 24 referendum. In Compton, where the school closure was sure to follow defeat, the referendum passed.

The Reporter quoted Ron Moeller, finance committee chairman:

Maybe people who voted no said “we won and the board lost” — but it’s the community and the children who’ve lost.

At a board meeting Dec. 3, as discussions began on closings and cuts, Oden Jordal, principal at Lincoln School, presented his resignation as his contribution to “an orderly transition.”

Although some of the 18 teachers to be cut were not tenured, some tenured staff would have to be dismissed as well. Class sizes under the reduced setup would be 30 to 35 students.

All the news was not depressing in the November issues. At Mendota High School, on Nov. 22, 500 students gathered for the North Central Illinois Conference music festival.

During the afternoon, they practiced. In the evening, they presented a concert.

David Nott of Illinois Wesleyan University directed the choral members. Victor Zajec from the Vandercook College of Music in Chicago conducted the orchestra. Robert L’Heureux, music department at Dixon High School, took the baton for the finale.

Since coach Bob Beals had gone to

Illinois Valley Community College, a new basketball coach was needed at MHS, and Sam Snuffin received the nod.

Cub Pack 109 was chartered at Blackstone School with Gilbert Crane as Cubmaster. A previous Pack 109 at Blackstone during the 1940s and 1950s had lapsed.

Boy Scouts had been busy transplanting 250 small trees from Shed’s Grove to Snyder’s Grove. They also planted countless acorns.

Merritt Funeral Home, which had put on an addition in 1972, was arranging still more space.

Polley’s Round-up featuring Levi’s for men, women and children had a grand opening at 707 Illinois Ave.

Mabel Jarrell’s tumblers earned the championship in a state competition held at the Mendota High School gym.

Don Harl Studio opened in the El Jan properties on Nov. 30.

Kurz Stansell & Co. was hired to set up a bookkeeping and record-keeping system as required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

At Wayside Press, three new directors were named: Stan Kordek, Marge Cannon and Vince Slomian. The officers were K.B. Butler, president; Wes Yenerich, Ken Yohn, Warren Hanson and Jack Tieman, vice presidents; and Mary K. Beckner, secretary-treasurer.

And at *The Mendota Reporter*, yearly subscription rates were raised from \$5.50 to \$7 in LaSalle, Bureau, Lee and DeKalb counties. The rate elsewhere was \$9 per year.

The failure of Black Lives Matter

By Rich Lowry

Black Lives Matter came up with the single most effective political slogan of the year.

While no one was likely to be overly impressed with Joe Biden’s line, “Build Back Better,” and Donald Trump’s “Keep America Great” or “Make America Great Again,” didn’t have the resonance of the original 2016 version, BLM broke through the clutter with a catchphrase that was memorable, pungent -- and utterly devastating to Democrats.

After a surprising Tory victory in the British parliamentary election in 1992, the pro-Tory tabloid *The Sun* famously boasted, “It’s the Sun Wot Won It.” In the same spirit, it could be said that in this year’s congressional election, “It’s ‘Defund the Police’ Wot Lost It.”

Democrats have an uphill battle to take the U.S. Senate -- pending two Georgia run-offs -- and suffered shocking setbacks in the House that drastically diminished their majority.

All over the map, Democrats got hammered on defunding the police, which couldn’t have been better designed to extract maximum political pain with zero upside.

Black Lives Matter has been a stunning success in the elite culture. It won the obeisance of almost every major institution, from corporate America to sports leagues to colleges. It created a powerful, if dishonest, narrative of systemic police racism. It got invested with nearly a holy significance, such that criticizing it is considered at least a sin and perhaps a firing offense.

Much more importantly, at least for a time after the death of George Floyd in police custody in Minneapolis, it won the goodwill of a clear majority of Americans.

To take this position of strength and use it primarily to associate your allies with a politically radioactive position

requires extraordinary strategic folly and heedless ideological fanaticism. BLM had both, in ample supply.

The notion of defunding the police had been rattling around the left for a long time, but the George Floyd protests took it mainstream. BLM pushed municipalities to actually act on the proposal.

Whenever someone tried to take the edge off defunding the police by redefining it as simply reallocating some law-enforcement dollars, defenders piped up to say, No, we really mean it. The *New York Times* ran an op-ed against incrementalist interpretations, “Yes, We Mean Literally Abolish the Police.”

Predictably, Republicans took the weapon handed to them and used it, as Democrats would have done if a voluble faction on the right called for, say, abolishing child welfare agencies.

The effectiveness of the attack now has Democrats who are otherwise loath to speak ill of BLM complaining about what its catchy slogan did to the party.

After support for BLM surged last spring, positive feelings for it have been declining. A Pew Research report showed support for BLM dropping from 67% in June to 55% in September. Only 45% of white people expressed support for the movement.

Given that BLM elevated the dumbest, most self-destructive slogan in American politics in a very long time, and an even more atrocious policy, its numbers deserve to fall further. Advocates of defunding the police argued that setting out an extreme position could have a political effect even if it had no chance of enactment.

They proved exactly right -- just not how they expected.

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SPORTS

IHSA temporarily pauses sports & activities

BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met for a special virtual meeting on Nov. 19, where the Board provided an update on winter sports.

To maintain compliance with the most recent mitigations issued by Governor Pritzker that took effect on Nov. 20, the IHSA Board issued guidance to pause all IHSA winter sports and activities by Nov. 20.

“All IHSA sports and activities will cease by Nov. 20 for what we hope is a short-term pause,” said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. “Given the rising COVID-19 cases in our state and region, we support the Governor’s mitigations and believe it is imperative for everyone in the state to do their part in following them so that we can return to high school sports participation as soon as possible.”

The Board will revisit the status of winter sports at its update discussion on Dec. 2, and again at its regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 14 if necessary.

“Taking into account the current state mitigations, the Board believes that early to mid-December will be the most reasonable target to review the status of winter IHSA sports and activities,”



said Anderson. “The Board is sensitive to the scheduling difficulties these delays create for athletic directors and coaches. However, our experiences this summer and fall lead us to believe that setting arbitrary start dates hinders the process even more. We realize it may seem redundant, but we have to preach patience as we await more data and direction from the state. Despite the obstacles this unprecedented school year has presented, the Board’s vision to provide participation opportunities in all IHSA sports has not wavered.”

The Board was steadfast in its desire to remind all athletes and athletic programs that adhering to the mitigations is vital to the hopes of safely playing high school sports in Illinois as soon as possible.

“I believe there is a misconception that IHSA and non-school athletic programs have an adversarial relationship,” said Anderson. “In my time at the IHSA, I have not found that to be the case at all. More so, I think there is a

mutual respect for the opportunities that each provide for athletes. IHSA schools have been exemplary in adhering to state regulations throughout this pandemic and we are calling upon non-school programs to hold themselves to that same standard. As school and non-school sports temporarily cease in Illinois, and throughout the Midwest, it is a great reminder that putting the health and safety of our fellow citizens at the forefront in the short-term will allow all levels of athletics to thrive in the long-term.”

The Board provided the following participation clarifications to member schools:

Winter Season Start Date: Given the timing of the Governor’s new mitigations, Nov. 16 will not be recognized as the start date of the winter season, regardless of whether winter sport teams conducted any official try-outs or practices. A new start date will be established for each sport once winter sports can be conducted again.

Conditioning & Weight Training: Conditioning and weight training before and after school are paused. Local schools will decide if conditioning and weight training programs that are a part of their academic curriculums continue or are ceased.

Open Gyms: Are paused and cannot be conducted at this time.

Outdoor Workouts: Outdoor workouts may be conducted in any sport in groups of 10 or less with masks and social distancing. Coaches are counted toward the 10. Use of sport-specific equipment is allowable with proper sanitizing practices.

One-on-One Skill Work: Per Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations and with school approval, one-on-one skill work between a coach and student-athlete is permitted for winter sports only, but is limited to one coach and one student-athlete per facility.

Activities: Practices and competitions may only be conducted virtually.

Non-School Participation: All sports organizations in the state, school or non-school, have been directed to abide by the Governor’s mitigations. IHSA coaches cannot organize non-school participation in any fashion. IHSA by-law 3.100 will be in effect once winter sport

seasons begin following this pause.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

At each meeting of the Board of Directors, there are certain items the Board discusses, but upon which no action is taken. The following is a report of those items from the November 19, 2020, agenda:

1. The Board discussed IHSA eligibility by-laws 3.022 and 4.022. A recent survey of IHSA member schools did not support waiving the by-laws during the second semester of the 2020-21 school year. No further action is expected regarding these by-laws.

2. The Board discussed contact days, voicing support for continuing contact days once the state is out of Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations. This will be reviewed at the December Board meeting.

3. The Board discussed seeking feedback from advisory committees on winter, spring and summer sport season lengths should winter sport seasons be delayed beyond December. This will be reviewed at the December Board meeting.

4. The Board discussed State Series plans for winter sports and activities, as well as winter sport spectator guidelines. Both will be reviewed at the December Board meeting.



Little Ten updates the status of its winter season

EARLVILLE – Officials from the Little Ten Conference have released the following statement in regard to the winter sports season:

Given the current limitations and guidance provided by state and local officials, as well as the IHSA, the Little Ten Conference schools have elected to postpone league games, events, and activities through Jan. 15.

The Little Ten will await further developments and will provide another update a month from now.

Please note, this applies only to conference scheduled games, events and activities. The decision to move forward with any team-related or non-conference competitions will be made by the individual school.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Neil Bogart launched Casablanca Records in 1973 at age 30 and was a pioneer of the disco era. Bogart discovered and promoted Donna Summer, Curtis Mayfield, The Village People, Kiss, The Isley Brothers and Gladys Knight, to name some, before succumbing to cancer a short nine years later, at 39. Now his son, Timothy Scott Bogart, wrote “Spinning Gold” and is producing and directing the biopic about his father with a fantastic cast.

Jeremy Jordan, of the Marilyn Monroe NBC musical series “Smash” (and a few Hallmark movies), has been cast as Neil Bogart. Samuel L. Jackson embodies “Godfather of Funk” bandleader George Clinton; Jason Isaacs plays Neil Bogart’s father, Al Bogart; Grammy nominee Jazmine Sullivan does Gladys Knight; and Steven Strait is Gene Simmons. Stand-up comic and “The Irishman” co-star Sebastian Maniscalco embodies three-time Oscar and four-time Grammy-winning composer/songwriter and record producer Giorgio Moroder. SNL’s Kenan

Thompson and James Wolk also have key roles. If you’ve never experienced disco, you’re in for a treat.



E. Ballace

A star is reborn! Elaine Ballace has to be one of the last traditional Hollywood comedic character actresses in the vein of Ethel (Vivian Vance) in “I Love Lucy” and Gladys Kravitz (Alice Pearce) in “Bewitched.” She worked extensively for Mel Brooks (who has become a friend) from 1987- 1995, in “Space Balls,” “Life Stinks,” “Robin Hood: Men in Tights” and “Dracula: Dead and Loving It.”

She co-starred in the web series “The Rich & the Ruthless” for three seasons for former “Diagnosis Murder” and “The Young and the Restless” star Victoria Rowell, who created, executive-produced, wrote and directed the award-winning series, which has just completed season four. She also stars in the current film “Dared My Best Friend to Ruin My

Life.” Elaine has several films awaiting release, which have been delayed due to theater closures because of the pandemic: “Free Lunch Express,” “Gaycism” and the comedy “Love Without Hairs,” in which she plays a prostitute.

In her spare time, Elaine has created a little book that will inspire first-time and young writers who need a cheerleader to get them motivated to actually put their life and thoughts on paper. “How to Write a Book, Camp Elaine Style” (based on her popular web series of the same name) is basically a place to write your thoughts while homebound that you’ll love sharing years later with friends and family, when we’re finally out of this mess. It’s not “Gone With the Wind”; it’s just for fun and a great stocking stuffer, or for those people who are hard to shop for. For \$24 plus shipping and handling, it could be yours. You can contact Elaine at Platzer. Media/elaine. Where was she when I was starting out?

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

I have never been one for Black Friday shopping. Even in a nonpandemic year, I can’t tolerate the chaos of mass retail. Maybe it’s because I did my college years behind the counter of a shop facing down the general public on a daily basis. Maybe it’s because I prefer my couch and a great movie. But even with an endless supply of goods at my fingertips these days through aps and websites, I still miss shopping in a store.

Here are a few movies either set in shops or with an iconic shopping scene to remind you of better, or at least more shoppable, times.

“Pretty Woman” -- Julia Roberts’ hooker with a heart of gold makes a sad first attempt to buy clothes at a Beverly Hills boutique and is rebuffed, but don’t worry. After her rich, um, patron (Richard Gere) steps in to make shopping a bit more fun, she goes back to let the snotty shopwomen know

they made a “big mistake -- HUGE.”

“Confessions of a Shopaholic” -- Isla Fisher stars opposite Hugh Dancy in a romcom set in New York City. Fisher plays a writer who struggles with an addiction to high fashion who lands a job writing advice for a financial publication.

“Empire Records” -- A hip-cool crew of young adults -- including Liv Tyler and a young Renee Zellweger -- manage emotions and expectations along with an attention-seeking shoplifter, a visit from an aging rocker, a missing bank deposit and the potential closing of the record store!

“European Vacation” -- Clark Griswold and company toot about Europe to hilarious hijinks. But after all of their luggage is stolen, they find themselves needing new clothes. The ensuing Italian fashion montage is so very Griswold.

“High Fidelity” -- Another retail setting in a music

store, this one with John Cusack as a fourth-wall-breaking record shop owner who spins his way through some questionable luck in love, with side antics by Jack Black.

“Employee of the Month” -- Set in a warehouse store, we follow employee interactions centered around a cashier (Jessica Simpson), who may or may not have a thing for go-getter Employee of the Month types (Dax Shepard), and a stockman (Dane Cook) who has his eyes on the title.

“Clerks” -- Rated R for Raunchy, but a classic in its own right, this convenience-store-set comedy features a devil-may-care clerk named Randall, his perennially harassed co-worker Dante and the coterie of crazy characters who revolve around the store -- including the indelible Jay and Silent Bob.

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Is Sofia Coppola still directing movies? Also, what about her father, the legendary Francis Ford Coppola? -- **M.D.**

A: Despite her family ties, Sofia Coppola did not have a good start in show business. She was slammed by critics and audiences alike back in 1991 when she was cast in her father’s disappointing “The Godfather: Part III” after actress Winona Ryder was ill, and her acting career never recovered. Fortunately, she seems to have inherited her father’s gift behind the lens. She both won and was nominated for an Oscar for writing and directing, respectively, for the motion picture “Lost in Translation” back in 2003. The dramatic film starred Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson, and really turned her career around.

A few years later, Sofia directed Kirsten Dunst in a retelling of historical figure “Marie Antoinette.” Her most recent project is the film “On the Rocks,” starring Murray once again. It’s available for streaming on AppleTV+.

As for Francis Ford Coppola, he appears to have

retired from filmmaking. I often wonder if he’ll attempt a fourth chapter of “The Godfather” saga, but at 81 years old, he’s likely very much enjoying his retirement.

Q: Is the show “50 Cent” coming back? -- **R.S.**

A: Yes, a third season of the Ryan Murphy (“American Horror Story”) produced Netflix show “Pose” is expected to premiere around June 2021, assuming that production resumes as planned. The Emmy-nominated series is set in the Latino and African American ball culture and stars Billy Porter, who himself won Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series in 2019.

Production for the third season was stopped just a few days into filming because of the pandemic, so that’s set everything back, but the good news is that the show has indeed been renewed.

Q: A friend of mine was telling me there is a TV show that stars rapper 50 Cent



“50 Cent”

and that he’s actually quite good in it. Is it still on the air? -- **B.P.**

A: Your friend was talking about the ABC prison drama “For Life,” which is based on the true story of Isaac Wright Jr., who was falsely convicted of drug charges in 1991. While behind bars, he became a paralegal and helped turn around prison sentences of some of his fellow inmates, and eventually his own conviction.

In the series adaptation, Wright’s story is told through a character named Aaron Wallace, played by actor Nicholas Pinnock. Curtis “50 Cent” Jackson plays a violent inmate named Cassius. He not only acts in the drama, he’s an executive producer.

Season two debuted this November and airs on Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. ET on ABC. In real life, after his release from prison, Isaac Wright Jr. went on to earn his law degree and still practices to this day.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Tigers, jaguars and leopards love the smell of Calvin Klein’s “Obsession For Men.” Photographers who used the fragrance to lure the big cats to their cameras in the wild said the cats “would start drooling, their eyes would half-close, almost like they were going into a trance.”

* The human body gives off enough heat in 30 minutes to bring a gallon of water to a boil.

* Between 1970 and 1973, four Israeli fighter pilots held as POWs in an Egyptian prison passed their time by translating J.R.R. Tolkien’s “The Hobbit” from English into Hebrew. The book was sent to them by their family members via the Red Cross. The pilots’ version was published commercially in 1977 and is still considered by many to be one of the best Hebrew translations available.

* Until 1953, New York City had a pneumatic tube mail network that spanned 27 miles and connected 23 post offices. At its peak, the system moved 95,000 letters a day at speeds of 30-35 mph.

* Halloween is more Irish than St. Patrick’s Day.

* Ever wonder how the dice game Yahtzee got its curious moniker? A wealthy Canadian couple invented the game as a way of entertaining friends on board their yacht. After it proved a hit, the couple consulted a toy maker who loved it, bought the rights, and changed the original name from the generic “Yacht game” to “Yahtzee.”

* Homer Simpson’s famous “D’oh!” is a real word in the Oxford English Dictionary, though in “The Simpsons” scripts, it’s rendered merely as an “annoyed grunt.”

* Barbie has been outfitted by over 70 well-known designers, including Yves Saint Laurent and Christian Dior.

Thought for the Day: “Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.” -- Lao Tzu

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Answers

• Trivia Test •

1. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is another name for the vegetable known in some parts of the world as a courgette?

2. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin phrase “Ars longa, vita brevis” mean?

3. **LITERATURE:** Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, “When he was nearly thirteen, my brother Jem got his arm badly broken at the elbow”?

4. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a pudu?

5. **MOVIES:** Which 1983 movie featured the character of Tony Montana?

6. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of the vacuum cleaner on the children’s series “Teletubbies”?

7. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What color is carmine?

8. **SCIENCE:** What was the first mammal to be cloned successfully from an adult cell?

9. **FIRSTS:** Who was the first African American man elected to the U.S. Senate?

10. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** What was the name of President Bill Clinton’s family cat?

Answers

- Zucchini
- Art is long, life is short
- “To Kill a Mockingbird”
- Small South American deer
- “Scarface,” Al Pacino
- The Noo-noo
- Dark red
- Dolly the sheep
- Hiram Rhodes Revels, 1870
- Socks

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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In memory of Juanita Bernice Koonce, the family of the late **Juanita Bernice Koonce** wish to express their deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, food, donations, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement. We especially wish to thank the United Pentecostal Church of Mendota for their support and hospitality. We are grateful for the professional and loving care shown by funeral director Catherine Thomas-Wasmer and staff of Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota.

MPD reminder

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department would like to remind drivers of a few safety tips to keep everyone safe while driving in winter weather conditions.

Take the time to clean the snow and ice from all vehicle windows prior to driving on the road. Keep your speed down to assist in keeping control of your own vehicle when driving on slick icy roads. If traveling long distances remember to pack a few emergency items to take along in the event your vehicle should go off the roadway, including a cell phone, blankets and water.

If you are leaving town and need information regarding road conditions, call 800-452-4368.

IVCC adds to adult ed staff

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Adult Education department has a new English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education/High School Equivalency (HSE) Aid with a familiar face: recent HSE graduate **Natasha Delaney**.



Delaney

Delaney, of Spring Valley, was a featured speaker in this year's virtual Adult Education Honorees Recognition event and received the HSE as well as completing the Integrated Career and Academic Preparation System (ICAPS) and Bridge to Careers programs.

"I was a former (Adult Education) student and moved on to get my CNA. While getting that, I realized I liked helping others understand material more than I liked being a CNA," she explained. "It was a no-brainer to change my major from nursing to teaching."

She faced some challenges, namely overcoming public speaking and working with her dyslexia, but kept going with a little help.

"Instructor Sandra Woest never let me give

up and helped me find what my true calling is, to teach. My husband always supports me in all different adventures," she said.

"The support that you receive from the Adult Ed staff doesn't end when you get your GED; they are there to help with all your future educational questions," she added.

At age 38, being selected to speak for her peers was a challenge. "I was nervous and honored, I have never been great in the spotlight. Being the oldest of five from a poor family, I worked so they could reach their goals."

She plans to continue her education and become a teacher. Becoming an ESL Aide was a natural fit. "I enjoy helping others follow their dreams."

Director of Adult Education **Sara Escatel** is proud to welcome Delaney as part of her staff. "Natasha is an inspiration for others to follow."

Delaney's advice for potential HSE or ESL students is, "Remember, our jobs are to help you understand the material. No question is a dumb question if it helps you understand."

For information about IVCC's Adult Education program, contact Escatel at (815) 224-0355 or sara_escatel@ivcc.edu.

POLICE BLOTTER

NO VALID LICENSE

Jennifer L. Lesley, 47, of 404 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop in the 900 block of Washington Street at 6:43 p.m. Nov. 16. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS

Bailee E. Cannon, 21, of Hoopston, was charged with criminal trespass to a vehicle after police officers were called to a disturbance in the 100 block of 20th Street at 12:30 a.m. Nov. 18. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

SUSPENDED LICENSE

Tiffany L. Lange, 26, of 726 ½ Main St., Mendota, was charged with driving

while license suspended after a traffic stop at 4:14 p.m. Nov. 19. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

BATTERY

Dennis L. Sears, 71, of 202 Cherry St., Apt. B6, Mendota, was charged with battery at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 20. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Scott L. Christman, 51, of 2100 Lincoln Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 9:12 p.m. Nov. 20 on a valid failure to appear LaSalle County warrant for driving while license suspended. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County Jail to appear before a judge.

TWO CHARGED

Jennifer L. Lesley, 47, of 404 Fourth Ave., Mendota, and Jordan E. Lewis, 31, of 105 20th St., Apt. A5, Mendota, were each charged with city ordinance citations for disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace after police officers investigated the report of a fight in the 700 block of Sixth Street at 10:16 p.m. Nov. 20. Both subjects were released with LaSalle County court dates.

LITTERING

Monica Fox, 59, of Mendota, was charged with two counts of city ordinance littering violations on Nov. 21 after a complaint of depositing litter in the 500 block of Plaza Drive. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

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Nov. 14 is the kickoff date for the Mendota Chamber's 2020 Shop Local Promotion. The Shop Local promotion will run from Nov. 14 through Dec. 31 at participating businesses.

For every \$10 spent in a participating business, you will receive one sticker. In order to qualify, you must turn in a full card and each card must have stickers from at least three of the participating businesses.

Bring in your full cards to the Mendota Chamber Office at 800 Washington St. by noon Monday, Jan. 4, 2021. Drawing will take place Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021. The Grand Prize includes over \$1,000 in merchandise & gift cards from our participating businesses. Three consolation gifts baskets worth over \$300 in merchandise & gift cards. Ten additional consolation winners will receive \$20 in Chamber Gift Certificates.

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THE FARMER'S REPORT



ARS researchers created a process for making biodegradable base oils for lubricants and other products using estolides from canola, soybean and other crop plants.

Plants give rise to biodegradable base oils – with helping hand from science

PEORIA – Estolides may not be a household name yet, but Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists and their industry partners are working on it.

Made from organic fatty acids found in various plant (bio)-derived oils, estolides as highly functional biosynthetic oils have numerous uses in lubricant, automotive, marine and personal care applications.

Scientists at the ARS National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research in Peoria, began researching the estolides in 1991—first, using fatty acids from a new oilseed crop called meadowfoam and, later, from canola, sunflower, safflower, lesquerella, castor and high oleic-acid soybeans.

Tests showed estolides showed excellent oxidative stability, which is a measure of the service life of a lubricant. Other biobased lubricants that were evaluated for comparison required the use of costly additives to keep them from oxidizing and performing poorly, according to Steve Cermak, Terry Isbell, Thomas Abbott (retired) and others with the ARS center's Bio-oils Research Unit in Peoria.

The estolides also scored high marks on the opposite end of the spectrum, retain-

ing desirable pour point properties when used in cold temperatures of -22 to -52 degrees Celsius. Furthermore, estolides performed as well as or better than standard petroleum-derived base oils.

In addition to coming from a renewable resource—namely, castor or soybeans—estolides promise to leave behind a lighter “environmental footprint” than mineral-oil-based lubes. Testing also showed that the estolides components of a finished engine are biodegradable.

Some inventions can languish on the lab bench for years before a company takes notice. Not so with estolides. In 2009, ARS licensed the technology to Biosynthetic Technologies, an Indianapolis-based company, which has since commercially developed estolides into biosynthetic base-oil products for a variety of applications.

The company created a synthetic motor oil using the estolides technology and put it to the ultimate road test: lubricating the engine of a Las Vegas taxicab during a 150,000-mile, 18-month trial run involving stop-and-go traffic. In this test, the engine using estolides-based motor oils was cleaner and showed much less varnish than those engines using commercially

available mineral-oil-based motor oil.

The encouraging results led to Biosynthetic Technologies' subsequent development of two different grades of passenger car motor oil, 5W-20 and 5W-30—each containing estolides in the formulation. These two grades also received American Petroleum Institute (API) SN - Resource Conserving certification, which validates the performance capabilities and the environmental promises.

Under a renewed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) signed with ARS in July, Biosynthetic Technologies will continue collaborating with the Peoria team to expand the functionality of estolides. CRADAs are one of several partnership mechanisms by which ARS innovations like the estolides technology are moved out of the lab and into the marketplace, where consumers, producers and other stakeholders can benefit.

The team's estolides research also supports the “Value-Added Innovations” theme outlined in the USDA Science Blueprint and moves us closer to meeting the goals outlined in USDA's Agriculture Innovation Agenda.

Grant given to study corn tar spot disease

By SARAH GOLDBERG
FFAR

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Since 2018, an epidemic of corn tar spot has plagued corn growers from Florida to Michigan and as far west as Idaho. This plant disease, caused by the fungus *Phyllachora maydis*, reduces corn yields by as much as 60 bushels per acre. Compounding difficulties, the disease cannot be grown in a lab, limiting scientists' understanding of how to fight it. To combat its spread, the Foundation for Food & Agricultural Research (FFAR) awarded a \$150,000 Rapid Outcomes for Agricultural Research (ROAR) grant to University of Illinois researchers to develop tools to study and mitigate tar spot on corn.

Tar spot was first detected in the US in 2015 and quickly spread through the Corn Belt. Scientists predict that tar spot could soon reach parts of North Dakota and New York, further devastating yields. This disease causes significant losses for farmers' livelihoods. Even a 1 percent reduction in total domestic corn production could cost American farmers an estimated \$231 billion in lost revenue.

Efforts to combat the disease have been hampered by the difficulty of growing *Phyllachora maydis* in a laboratory – an essential step for developing a remedy. University of Illinois researchers are developing molecular tools and techniques to understand how the pathogen interacts with its host. This information will allow farmers to make more informed decisions about when and how best to apply fungicide – which can better protect crops from corn tar spot.

“It's especially hard to develop solutions for tar spot when the underlying fungus cannot be grown in a lab,” said FFAR Executive Director Dr. Sally Rockey. “One of our initial objectives is to address unanticipated pathogens and this grant does just that by generating the knowledge needed to help farmers make timely and economical decisions to prevent tar spots.”

University of Illinois researchers are building a multi-state effort to develop research tools and information to help growers with tar spot management. The team's research is mapping where the fungus is currently, discovering how the fungus entered the US, assessing



management options and developing outreach and extension materials for corn farmers. The researchers are also building forecasting models to help producers make timely fungicide decisions using a free smartphone application and working with corn farmers to collect information that will result in immediate real-world impacts on and benefits for producer decisions.

This research is funded through FFAR's ROAR program, which rapidly funds research and outreach in response to emerging or unanticipated threats to the nation's food supply or agricultural systems. This ROAR grant was matched by the National Corn Growers Association, Corteva Agriscience, Wyffels Hybrids, Illinois Corn Growers Association and Purdue University for a total investment of \$300,000.

About the Foundation

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The Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization originally established by bipartisan Congressional support in the 2014 Farm Bill, builds unique partnerships to support innovative and actionable science addressing today's food and agriculture challenges. FFAR leverages public and private resources to increase the scientific and technological research, innovation, and partnerships critical to enhancing sustainable production of nutritious food for a growing global population. The FFAR Board of Directors is chaired by Mississippi State University President Mark Keenum, Ph.D., and includes ex officio representation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and National Science Foundation. Learn more: www.foundationfar.org.

Local foods offer a cornucopia of fresh Thanksgiving options

URBANA – When the Thanksgiving table is set this year, check if something is missing. It may be the care that local farmers, ranchers, bakers and cooks put into their work.

For four years, Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Kelly Allsup has challenged herself to buy mostly fresh, local ingredients for her family's meal.

“Buying local foods has become a new Thanksgiving tradition,” Allsup says. “In past years, we have feasted on sweet potatoes, brussels sprouts, carrots, cheese, honey, eggs, and herbs as well as breads and desserts from local bakeries.”

Supporting regional food providers is good for you and your community. It encourages economic growth, benefits the environment and promotes a safer food supply.

Locally grown foods also have more nutrients since they have a shorter time between being harvested and reaching the consumer. Produce grown locally travels an average of 56 miles to market while conventionally grown food travels 1,494 miles, according to a 2003 Iowa State University study.

Allsup encourages people to consider a few local options when shopping for Thanksgiving.

Finding locally grown fresh produce can be difficult in Illinois in November. Some towns have pop-up markets for Thanksgiving and roadside stands may be an option. If you've developed a relationship with a farmer at a market, consider contacting them in advance

about an order.

It's likely too late to track down a locally-sourced turkey or ham this year, but next summer ask around at your local farmers market about ordering a locally raised bird in advance.

Honey can be swapped for sugar in many recipes. Honey made by local bees has minerals, vitamins and is a natural energy booster

and can be found at markets and natural food stores.

Shoppers may also unintentionally end up with local foods on the table. Whether buying gourds for decorations, canned pumpkin or a premade pie, the source squash is likely from Illinois. About 90% to 95% of the processed pumpkins in the U.S. are grown in Illinois.

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SOCIAL SCENE



Roger & Jean Simkins

Celebrating 50-year wedding anniversary

MENDOTA - Roger and Jean (Sondgeroth) Simkins celebrated their 50th anniversary on Nov. 21, 2020.

They were married at Holy Cross Church in Mendota by Rev. Charles Karl on Saturday, Nov. 21, 1970. A Mass of Thanksgiving for God's blessings was celebrated on Nov. 21, 2020 at Holy Cross with the immediate family.

Roger and Jean were blessed with three children, Ryan (Carrie) of Naperville along with sons Owen and Aidan; Corry (Jennifer) of Lockport, along with sons Ethan and Alex; and Trina (Ryan "Bart") Barnard of Crestview, Fla. with their children, Addison, Brendan and Camryn.

Roger retired from Caterpillar/Aurora after 32 years of service. Jean retired from Black Bros. Co. after 25 years of service and then went on to a career in sales for Cygnus Business Media, followed by five years as travel coordinator with the Vista Club for First State Bank. They both enjoy keeping active with activities and travel, when possible.

A celebration with family and friends has been postponed until 2021 when safe to do so. If desired, cards may be sent to: 1503 Lakeview Drive, Mendota, IL 61342.

NORTHBROOK STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER



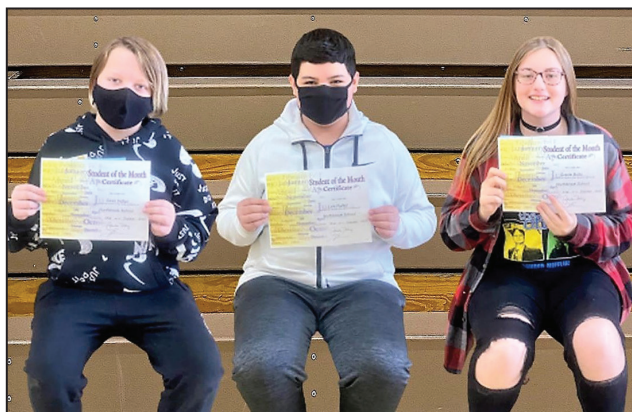
5th Grade

Northbrook School's fifth grade Students of the Month for October, left to right, are Samantha Nelson, Isaac Caracheo and Fernanda Valdes. Not pictured are Savannah Lenert and Jordyn Sanders. (Photos contributed. Please note: Photos of the students were each taken individually for safety and then grouped together digitally.)



6th Grade

Northbrook School's sixth grade Students of the Month for October, left to right, are Blake Bute, Harlow Foltyniewicz and Emily Sondgeroth. Not pictured is Ryder Woods.



7th Grade

Northbrook School's seventh grade Students of the Month for October, left to right, are Sean Indigo, Luis Nunez and Gracie Botts. Not pictured is Talia White.



8th Grade

Northbrook School's eighth grade Students of the Month for October, front row left to right, are Jose Hermosillo, Travis Mumm and Jose Hernandez; back row, Jesus Escobar, Brenna Rummery and Lissette Sandoval Rios.

Girl Scouts and SupplyCore bring back popular rappelling adventure

SupplyCore continues sponsorship & provides historic 8-story building for 2021 Over the Edge 4 Girl Scouts - Girl Scouts of N. I. urban rappelling fundraising event

ROCKFORD – Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) and SupplyCore are happy to announce plans to host Over the Edge 4 Girl Scouts in 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the two organizations were forced to move the event originally scheduled for May 30 at SupplyCore in Rockford, to June 5, 2021. Plans are currently underway for the event to run amid updated health and safety guidelines.

Over the Edge 4 Girl Scouts takes fundraising to new heights and adds adventure! This unique event provides participants the

thrill of rappelling down the historic 8-story SupplyCore building in downtown Rockford. Limited to the first 92 participants, individuals, ages 11 and older, raise proceeds through peer-to-peer and DIY fundraising with GSNI's fundraising toolkit and specially designed website! "Edgers" must raise \$1,000 to go Over the Edge 4 Girl Scouts. Employees can even join together to raise \$1,000 to "Toss the Boss" and send someone over the edge.

No experience is required—only the desire to show off your courage and give back to girls in the community! The Over

girl scouts
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the Edge staff consists of a team of experts who provide the technical expertise, training, and equipment needed for the event. Social distancing and COVID-19 safety policies are strictly followed.

Early Bird Registration is available through Jan. 1, 2021. Registration fees count as the first donation and applies to each person's final fundraising goal. Visit www.girlscoutsn.org/ote to sign up or check out

ways to support local event rappellers with their fundraising efforts at www.overttheedgegsni.com.

Proceeds from the event aid local troops that face financial barriers to fully participating in Girl Scouts. Funds raised will support leaders in areas where volunteers are not always readily available. Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is committed to provide every interested girl and her family access to the lifelong benefits and skills found only in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

For information on Over the Edge or to donate or volunteer, contact 1-844-476-4463 or customer@girlscoutsn.org.

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KIDS' FUN PAGE



What's the Difference?

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B



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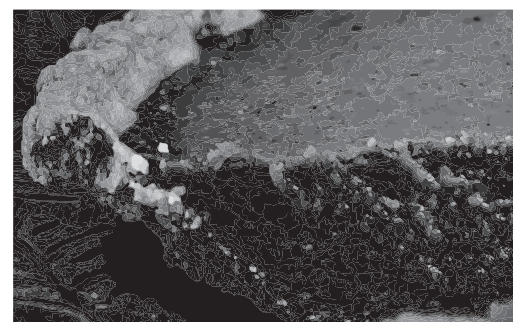
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What does it mean to be led by the Holy Spirit? Some may refer to it as being filled with – or sensitive to or anointed by – the Spirit. It sounds really spiritual, but being led by the Spirit is actually a very practical part of living the Christian life.

Simply put, to be led by the Holy Spirit just means to be obedient to Him.

The Holy Spirit does such awesome, yet practical work in the lives of God's children. He is our Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Ad-

vocate, Strengthened and Standby. He teaches us and guides us into truth... and He even brings the things we learn back to our remembrance as we need it.

And the best part of it all is that He lives in each of us. Ephesians 3:16 (AMP) says you can be "strengthened and spiritually energized with power through His Spirit in your inner self, [indwelling your innermost being and personality]."

He comes to live in our hearts when we're born again, and then He

teaches and guides us according to God's plan and purpose for us. One of the ways He does this is by convicting us of the sins in our life; we learn what's right and wrong as we grow in our faith. We may get by with things that are not right for awhile, but the time comes when we need to grow up.

I remember when I would go to church every Sunday and then gossip about the pastor or whatever I didn't like about the service. Of course, I was not a very happy Christian during that time. And I couldn't have been a very good example of one to others either. Critical and judgmental attitudes like that, or murmuring, being unthankful, and complaining hinder our relationship with God and our representation of what a Christian is.

But eventually, I began to get this nagging, uneasy feeling every time I would say something negative about the pastor...or anyone else for that matter. I could feel that what I was saying was wrong, and I knew in my heart it was the Holy Spirit telling me it was time to grow up and mature spiritually.

Now I am immediately aware when I say or do something that is not pleasing to God. And this is what He wants for all His children: to develop



sensitivity and obedience to His voice as He leads each of our lives. Romans 8:14 declares that "all who are...led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." This term "sons" indicates a level of maturity and intimacy in our relationship with Him.

God is not looking for spiritual robots; He wants sons. He doesn't want us all just following a bunch of rules for the sake of obedience.

Jesus made a way, through His perfect sacrifice, for our sins to be completely washed away and removed from us so we can have a personal relationship with God. We are free to obey Him simply because we love Him and we know that everything He tells us to do, or not do, is for our good. We just need to learn to follow His lead.

It's actually exciting to follow the Holy Spirit. I can tell you that life will never be boring with Him in the lead.

When I first met my husband, Dave, he had been praying for a wife... and particularly someone who needed help. He

came to the house one day to visit a friend of his who lived upstairs from us. I was outside washing my car and he said, "When you finish that one, you want to wash mine?" My response was, "If you want your car washed you can wash it yourself!"

It had to be the Holy Spirit leading him, because he says that's when he thought, "That's the girl for me!"

Everyone's story is different but the point is the Holy Spirit wants to lead us all according to the plans God has for each of our lives. In our relationship with God, our part is to pray, study His Word, and learn to develop sensitivity and be obedient to the Holy Spirit's lead.

As we do, He promises this: "I will give them one heart [a new heart], and put a new spirit within them. I will take from them the heart of stone, and will give them a heart of flesh [that is responsive to My touch]" (Ezekiel 11:19 AMP).

Trust the Holy Spirit and follow His lead.

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FOR PERIOD ENDING 04/20**

REVENUE SUMMARY: PROPERTY TAX-CORPORATE \$2,084,095.67 - ROAD & BRIDGE TAX \$118,106.20 - PROPERTY TAX-FIRE PROTECTION \$55,544.17 - PROPERTY TAX-POLICE PROTECTION \$55,544.17 - PROPERTY TAX-AMBULANCE \$55,544.17 - PROPERTY TAX-LIABILITY INSURANCE \$169,484.18 - PROPERTY TAX-STREET LIGHTING \$37,031.99 - PROPERTY TAX-PARKS \$55,544.17 - PROPERTY TAX-PLAYGROUND \$9,971.86 - PROPERTY TAX-ESDA \$11,970.01 - PROPERTY TAX-SCHOOL CROSS GUARD \$14,971.56 - PROPERTY TAX-WORKMAN'S COMP. \$174,470.11 - PROPERTY TAX-AUDIT \$31,904.34 - PROPERTY TAX-FIRE PENSION \$338,968.36 - PROPERTY TAX-POLICE PENSION \$1,072,735.10 - FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX \$13,938.09 - HOTEL/MOTEL TAX \$58,446.69 - TELECOMMUNICATION TAX \$117,821.36 - LIQUOR LICENSES \$16,562.50 - DOG LICENSES \$1,185.00 - FRANCHISE LICENSES TV \$86,779.17 - BUILDING PERMITS \$11,160.00 - CONTRACTORS LICENSE \$12,000.00 - VIDEO GAMING TERMINALS LICENSE \$2,050.00 - PEDDLER'S PERMITS \$700.00 - OTHER PERMITS \$100.00 - STATE INCOME TAX \$725,294.70 - PERSONAL PROPERTY REPLACEMNT TAX \$163,026.26 - SALES TAX \$1,217,899.12 - SALES TAX AUTO RENTAL \$10,731.80 - LOCAL USE TAX \$258,087.21 - CHARITABLE/TIP GAMES TAX \$1,860.51 - VIDEO GAMING MACHINES TAX \$134,895.19 - CANNABIS USE TAX \$1,206.36 COURT FINES \$1,967,115.55 - PENALTIES GARBAGE \$39,583.43 - GARBAGE COLLECTION REVENUE \$520,615.26 - GARBAGES STICKERS \$104.50 - GARBAGES BAGS \$451.50 - AMBULANCE FEES \$449,899.53 - CONTRACTED FEES POLICE \$1,320.00 - CONTRACTED FIRE EXTRICATION \$812.25 - FIRE/AMB INTERCEPTS \$587.25 - RESOURCE/DRUG ENFORCEMENT COORD. \$43,000.00 - PARKING FINES/ACCIDENT REPORTS \$6,455.00 - BIRTH/DEATH CERTIFICATES \$7,221.86 - EMPLOYEE PURCHASES \$3,711.61 - MAINTENANCE FEES STATE HWY \$38,143.14 - CITY SERVICES \$6,776.23 - GRANT MONEY \$26,025.27 - GRANT REIMB./POLICE DEPT \$3,381.86 - TRIDENT DRUG REIMBURSEMENT \$120,580.00 - INTEREST INCOME \$150,572.07 - RENTAL INCOME \$151,717.75 - RENTAL INCOME/INDUSTRIAL PARK \$30,625.00 - RENTAL INCOME/RURAL FIRE \$4,100.00 - RENTAL INCOME/RURAL AMBULANCE \$5,500.00 - RENTAL INCOME/SNYDERS GROVE \$38,775.00 - COMMUNICATIONS TOWER RENTAL \$9,893.91 - WATER DEPT. PROP. MAINT. FEE \$21,400.00 - RENTAL WIXOM FARM \$17,920.00 - DONATIONS \$52,114.91 - INSURANCE CLAIMS/REIMBURSE \$49,017.96 - RESTITUTION \$158.49 - SWIMMING POOL/GATE RECEIPTS \$16,652.91 - PARK RENT \$700.00 - SWIMMING POOL/CONCESSIONS \$5,945.00 - ECONOMIC DEV/ FARMERS MRKT \$310.00 - ECONOMIC DEV/IL AVE \$1,311.19 - SWIMMING POOL/LESSONS \$6,205.00 - CHAMBER MAINTENANCE FEES \$3,330.00 - MISCELLANEOUS INCOME \$26,834.38 - INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER \$729,273.16 - LOAN PROCEEDS \$52,431.42 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECEIVABLE \$8,000.00 - LA SALLE CNTY-DRUG \$4,152.99 - LA SALLE CNTY-FINES \$1,528.26 - MOTOR FUEL TAX \$272,039.02 - PROPERTY TAX-IMRF \$69,789.57 - PROPERTY TAX-FICA & MEDICARE \$69,789.57 - PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF PROPERTY \$3,495.90 - WATER SALES \$695,303.78 - WATER SALES/CITY \$5,167.36 - WATER SALES/CITY OF MENDOTA \$1,028,022.07 - TAP-ON FEES WATER \$300.00 - METER SALES \$381.25 - SERVICE FEE \$1,058,205.90 - SERVICE LINE REPAIR \$21,970.00 - BAR PACKAGE INCOME \$17,743.22 - SPECIAL EVENTS \$6,813.00 - LINEN INCOME \$2,939.50 - GRATUITIES \$4,933.37 - SPECIAL SERVICE FEES \$1,235.66 - CATERED FOOD SALES \$82,392.38 - BEER SALES \$7,881.59 - WINE SALES \$1,445.99 - LIQUOR SALES \$9,679.97 - SODA/COFFEE SALES \$1,758.53 - IN HOUSE FOOD SALES \$38,014.57 - MOTEL TAX INCOME \$353,335.94 - RENTAL FULL HALL WEEKEND \$10,731.00 - RENTAL FULL BALLROOM/ WKDAY \$6,575.00 - RENTAL SECTIONS \$8,583.25 - RENTAL CONFERENCE ROOM \$3,464.00 - RENTAL FEIK PARLOR \$125.00 - RENTAL MISSION ROOM \$8,731.00 - RENTAL PERGOLA \$2,000.00 - RENTAL MASS OFFICE RENTAL \$3,000.00 - UNREALIZED LOSS (GAIN) \$156,833.87CR - REALIZED (GAIN) LOSS \$7,380.32CR - TOTAL REVENUES: \$15,375,516.86.

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: BOELK, DAVID W \$6,900.00 - FITZPATRICK, JAMES F \$4,500.00 - HESSENBERGER, JOHN J \$4,500.00 - HOCHSTATTER, LEO J \$1,875.00 - HOLLAND III, JOHN M \$4,500.00 - HUNT, WILLIAM F \$3,750.00 - JOHNSON, VICKI L \$750.00 - KIM, KYLE L \$4,500.00 - MILLER, JAY \$4,500.00 - PEASLEY, MARK E \$4,500.00 - PIERSON, JOHN W \$2,250.00 - SILFIES, MICHAEL J \$11,960.04 - SIMONTON, JEFFREY W \$2,400.00 - STROUSS, JAMES \$7,600.32 - AMBLER, CARLOS S \$71,165.49 - BORELLI, RITA R \$48,605.20 - HOLLAND, SAMANTHA J \$61,827.14 - CORRIGAN, KEVIN A \$19,670.00 - EISENBERG, LONNY L \$96,085.72 - EUTIS, TERRY M \$85,781.50 - FALCON, DANIEL J \$63,748.67 - FISHER, BRIAN L \$103,540.99 - FITZGERALD, TOBY S \$72,227.14 - GONDA, VICTOR J \$63,777.42 - GREEN, RACHEL A \$40,116.19 - GRINKA, MARK R \$47,101.63 - HAGEMANN, DALE \$68,072.89 - HERNANDEZ, DANIEL \$34,076.41 - HOCHSTATTER, CHAD R \$51,212.91 - HUFTEL, DALTON J \$16,979.38 - HUNT, ZACHARY \$41,432.12 - KACKERT, TAMMY L \$38,489.80 - KAMMERER, LUCAS \$64,050.19 - KELLEN, GREG S \$85,125.13 - KENT, TYLER \$79,971.01 - KIM, NATHANIAL \$41,467.73 - KIMREY, TIMOTHY D \$81,661.46 - LETTERLY, WENDY L \$48,605.20 - LONG, MICHAEL C \$56,123.37 - MANN, AMY E \$57,331.87 - MARTIN, BRADLEY S \$69,090.02 - MARTIN JR, SETH \$31,512.61 - MATHESIOUS, KAREN A \$16,085.43 - CRONIN-MCCONVILLE, EMILY J \$62,090.30 - MCPHEETERS, KEVIN D \$75,373.80 - MCWADE, MARY E \$25,773.00 - MYERS, JOHN R \$82,551.21 - PETERSEN, PAUL D \$69,591.19 - PHALEN, JASON B \$54,499.17 - PRESTON, JEFFREY S \$25,796.80 - RAYA, JOSE DE JESUS \$63,667.62 - RUTISHAUSER, DENNIS J \$108,679.07 - SARVER, JOSHUA S \$62,584.30 - SETCHELL, JUSTIN \$83,162.36 - STEWART, JASON E \$40,384.16 - STREMLAU, NICHOLAS \$47,959.75 - TUCKER JR, RANDY \$31,701.24 - URBANSKI, ZACHARY S \$61,530.84 - YUCUS, ABRAM \$6,536.64 - AMBLER, HANNAH \$1,895.25 - ASKA, MARK D \$1,152.00 - AVERY, RYANN J \$1,830.75 - BARRETT, AMANDA \$2,910.25 - BARKMAN, KAYLEE L \$1,850.50 - BARKMAN, PAITYN \$709.00 - BAUER, CARRIE A \$1,385.64 - BAXTER, DAN \$16.50 - BENTLEY, BENJAMIN J \$9,322.09 - BLAIR, KIMBERLY A \$133.00 - BOELK, MADISYN \$4,128.51 - BOELK, MYAH N \$2,041.25 - BOELK, MARLIE \$3,195.13 - BOKUS, ANNA L \$2,687.88 - BURKE, CATHY K \$13,692.01 - CALDERON, TANYA \$1,524.61 - CESSNA, ROBERT P \$62,400.00 - CHAON, PATRICIA A \$4,559.16 - CHRISTMAN, HOLLY A \$7,705.00 - DAGENAIS, JEFFREY \$824.96 - DEFORE, MASON R \$3,500.26 - DEFORE, MARY E \$2,194.75 - DELONG, NATHANIEL G \$3,744.00 - DENK, JANET M \$6,940.01 - ECCLES, KIMBERLY \$151.59 - EMMETT, SHAWN \$5,125.19 - ESCATEL, UVALDO \$118.00 - ESTELL, MARY \$1,643.32 - FEURER, TIMOTHY C \$84.62 - FITTANTO, ANDREW N \$3,053.00 - FORBES, STACI \$3,914.15 - GARZA, AARON \$8,570.25 - GARCIA, LARISSA \$369.06 - GREEN, ABRAM J \$673.77 - HADLEY, SHEILA L \$429.37 - HAMMEN, MICHAEL A \$53,300.00 - HAUN, JENNIFER \$396.19 - HAYWARD, ADAM L \$2,191.12 - HERNANDEZ, DANIEL \$11,209.32

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	(01) GENERAL FUND	(02) 2% FIRE FUND	(03) STATE DRUG FUND	TRIDENT TASK FORCE	(08) FIRE DEPT FUND
Beg. Fund Balance	\$1,035,214.05	\$15,945.42	\$32,981.06	\$1,177,250.03	\$70,636.12
Revenues	\$5,852,609.27	\$13,938.09	\$7,723.27	\$1,930,738.80	\$36,394.95
Expenditures	\$5,877,117.67	\$7,149.24	\$3,790.00	\$2,191,346.10	\$65,348.05
Other Fin. Sources	\$60,431.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Fin. Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Fund Balance	\$798,181.72	\$22,734.27	\$36,914.33	\$919,862.73	\$41,683.02
	(09) POLICE DEPT FUND	(14) DUI FUND	(15) MOTOR FUEL TAX	(16) I.M.R.F. FUND	(17) MEDI.SOC. SEC. FUND
Beg. Fund Balance	\$9,047.61	\$28,405.09	\$405,501.25	\$355,904.47	\$420,921.83
Revenues	\$0.00	\$5,690.29	\$273,575.42	\$76,712.64	\$69,789.57
Expenditures	\$1,364.11	\$8,607.93	\$260,701.58	\$81,217.75	\$89,683.63
Other Fin. Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Fin. Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Fund Balance	\$7,683.50	\$25,487.45	\$418,375.09	\$351,399.36	\$401,027.77
	(20) TIF DIST. I	(26) TIF DIST. VI	(27) TIF DIST VIII	(28) TIF DIST VII	(29) TIF 2017A
Beg. Fund Balance	\$689,410.63	\$585,885.77	\$464,985.14	\$3,216.45	\$26,779.03CR
Revenues	\$1,098,315.17	\$342,902.53	\$208,918.75	\$6.29	\$121.18
Expenditures	\$537,765.04	\$81,511.59	\$18,472.89	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Fin. Sources	\$729,273.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Fin. Uses	\$466,460.42	\$74,555.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.35
Ending Fund Balance	\$1,386,237.52	\$772,721.06	\$655,431.00	\$3,222.74	\$31,190.01CR
	(30) TIF 2017B	COUNTY VEHICLE FUND	(44) BOND FUND	(51) WATER FUND	(52) SEWER FUND
Beg. Fund Balance	\$724,357.87CR	\$5,933.65	\$28,695.24CR	\$8,148,197.94	\$2,790,588.01
Revenues	\$3,046.02	\$1,528.26	\$148,990.56	\$1,455,095.96	\$1,434,025.18
Expenditures	\$0.00	\$8,445.01	\$146,150.00	\$872,133.59	\$838,859.38
Other Fin. Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Fin. Uses	\$665.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$331,782.00	\$476,924.00
Ending Fund Balance	\$338,612.75CR	\$983.10CR	\$25,854.68CR	\$8,399,378.31	\$2,908,829.81
	(54) CIVIC CENTER	(68) CAPITAL EQUIPT	(71) FIRE PENSION	(72) POLICE PENSION	(80) RLF/ED FUND
Beg. Fund Balance	\$155,733.22CR	\$511,131.89	\$3,249,421.87	\$6,730,829.59	\$1,910,244.19
Revenues	\$243,486.65	\$51,628.35	\$364,018.06	\$959,121.92	\$31,405.80
Expenditures	\$247,930.33	\$59,489.75	\$191,290.98	\$554,204.00	\$0.00
Other Fin. Sources	\$0.00	\$3,495.90	\$76,637.63CR	\$87,576.56CR	\$0.00
Other Fin. Uses	\$4,787.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Fund Balance	\$164,963.90CR	\$506,766.39	\$3,345,511.32	\$7,048,170.95	\$1,941,649.99

The aforementioned is a true and correct statement of the various City funds of the City of Mendota, Illinois for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020, and an accurate state of the Treasury as of April 30, 2020.

Jeff Simonton, Treasurer
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In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand as said City Clerk and affixed hereto the Corporate Seal of the said City of Mendota, County of LaSalle, State of Illinois, this 19th day of November, 2020.

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No. 1104
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ESTATE OF)
Geneva A. Ernat,)
Deceased)

Case No. 2020-P-211

CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Geneva A. Ernat of Peru, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 2, 2020 to Phillip L. Ernat of 120 N. 34th Road, Peru, IL 61354 whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 1, 2021. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the)
Estate)
of LAURIE F. WIESE,)
Deceased.)

No. 2020-P-220

CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of LAURIE F. WIESE of 2705 St. Vincent Avenue, LaSalle, Illinois 61301. Letters of Office were issued on November 19, 2020 to AUDREY SEBBEN, 217 South Western Avenue, Ladd, Illinois 61329, as independent executor, whose attorneys are DOUGLAS B. OLIVEIRO & ASSOCIATES, 1615 Fourth Street, Peru, Illinois 61354.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. If claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, then claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within three months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

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DOUGLAS B. OLIVEIRO & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys for Estate
1615 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois 61354
Telephone: 815/224-2400
No. 1106 (11/25, 12/2 & 12/9 2020)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF)
DONNA L. CRAFT,)
Deceased.)

2020 P 00217

CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Donna L. Craft, of LaSalle County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on the 12th day of November, 2020 to Larry R. Hunter and Brian R. Craft, whose attorney is Eric B. Deobler of White, Marsh, Anderson, Martin, Vickers, Deobler & Goode, 511 E. Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350.

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No. 1107 (11/25, 12/2 & 12/9 2020)

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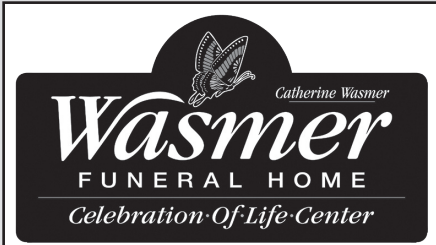
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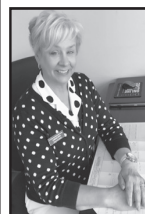
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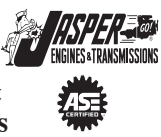
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