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# Amboy welcomes four new businesses with ribbon cuttings



### **REVOLUTION WELLNESS**

The City of Amboy held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Revolution Wellness, one of the new businesses in Amboy. Revolution Wellness is located at 205 E. Main Street, and owned by Allison Hicks, pictured centered cutting the ribbon. Revolution Wellness offers meal replacement shakes, boosted teas, and iced coffees, as well as other items. Revolution Wellness held its grand opening on Friday, June 12.

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## **INSPIRED HOME DECOR & GIFTS**

The City of Amboy held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Inspired Home Décor & Gifts, one of the new businesses in Amboy. Inspired Home Décor & Gifts is located at 204 N. Jefferson, Suite C, in Amboy. Inspired Home Décor & Gifts, owned by Candie Koch, pictured third from left, opened its doors on Saturday, May 30.

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### **BECKER DETAILING**

The City of Amboy held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Becker Detailing, one of the new businesses in Amboy, Becker Detailing, owned by Demi Becker and Kevin Glenn, is located at 204 N. Jefferson, Suite A, in Amboy. Becker Detailing offers interior and exterior detailing, wash and vacuum, motorcycle detailing, full interior cleaning, full exterior cleaning, paint correction, and headlight restoration.

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### **EMERALD BEAUTY BAR**

The City of Amboy held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Emerald Beauty Bar, one of the new businesses in Amboy. Emerald Beauty Bar is located at 204 N. Jefferson, in Amboy. Emerald Beauty Bar, owned by Cameryn Koch, pictured center cutting the ribbon, offers skin care and waxing

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# Lawsuit challenging Pritzker's COVID-19 orders moves toward appellate court

BY GREG BISHOP The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD-Ahearing Friday in a lawsuit state Rep. Darren Bailey filed to challenge Gov. J.B. Pritzker's executive orders could lead to a full-blown appeal.

Clay County Judge Michael McHaney sided with Bailey, R-Xenia, on two counts regarding the governor's orders just before the Independence Day Holiday weekend. The judge ruled July 2 that any COVID-19 executive order beyond April 8 is invalid. McHaney didn't rule on the first count, which

deals with the definition of an emergency and if the COVID-19 meets that defi-

nition. A filing late Tuesday from Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, who is representing Pritzker and the state, calls for the Clay County

Court to find Count I moot. Scott Szala, an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois with a focus on Illinois constitutional law, said the state's move was the first step to an appeal.

"There's no finality to Count I," Szala said. "It's still theoretically pending absent

adjudication on behalf of the government. It may seem counterintuitive the way the process worked out, but the government is attempting to

take the process upstairs." In discussions about other cases in the July 2 hearing, and whether arguments in favor of the governor's orders apply to other challenges, Senior Attorney General Tom Verticchio said: "the executive orders have changed

"The entire factual landscape has changed over time," he said.

over time."

"These executive or-

ders change every week,"

McHaney said. "They change approximately every 30 days, the ones that we're dealing with," Verticchio said. "And I know the courtroom thinks that's funny, but they change about

every 30 days." "And they're getting ready to change again because now we have a new spike. Don't we?" the judge said.

Verticchio discussed the need for finality to the case so it can move forward.

'Oftentimes when I say things, there's laughter in this courtroom, but these

are serious matters and the appellate court should have the opportunity to hear from which one of these parties lose and the only way we're going to get there is if we have

finality," he said. Verticchio then went on to defend the governor's orders as necessary to combat the spread of COVID-19, which he said has not gone away. He argued such powers were necessary because of the emergency from the pandemic. He said a different example is a "terrorism attack where

there was a nuclear event." "Are you comparing thermal nuclear war to the flu?" McHaney said. "When I was referencing what if this was an Ebola virus with a mortality rate approaching 90 to 100 percent, that's what I was referring to. Not COVID-19 with a mortality rate, a survival rate of 98 plus percent, if not 99 percent plus

survival rate." The judge then went on to question other statistics

around COVID-19. See **HEALTH** page A4



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William Laemmel

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## **Inserts**

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### Public health officials announce 883 new confirmed cases of Coronavirus Disease on July 13 **SPRINGFIELD**—The state's COVID-19 test me moved back to a more restrictive phase of Fairs and a number of conventions and sporting the plan if there is a sustained rise in positivity

positivity rate remained at 3 percent Monday as the Illinois Department of Public Health reported 883 new confirmed cases of the virus. The 30,012 test results reported Monday

followed more than 70,000 total reported the previous two days, driving Illinois to more than 2 million tests conducted since the pandemic began. Illinois became the first state in the Midwest to reach that milestone and the fifth state in the U.S., following California, New York, Florida and Texas.

The six deaths reported Monday brought the number of COVID-19 casualties in Illinois to 7,193 out of 154,799 confirmed cases throughout the state's 102 counties.

Monday's results mean there has been an

average of 991 new cases reported each of the past seven days, an increase of 219 from the previous seven-day period. The seven-day rolling test positivity rate has settled at 3 percent, remaining at that level for the past three days after 23 days below it.

According to Gov. JB Pritzker's Restore

Illinois plan, any of the state's four regions can

rate, a sustained increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness, a reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities or a significant outbreak in the region that threatens the public health.

Hospitalizations, however, remain at their pandemic lows. There were 1,362 COVID-19 positive persons hospitalized at the end of Sunday, 334 of which were in intensive care unit beds. The latter number has not fallen below 300 at any point since the state began reporting the metrics in April.

The 136 ventilators in use by COVID-19 patients also represented a near-low for the

In related news, the Chicago Marathon, which draws runners from around the world and an almost 2 million spectators each year, has been canceled, according to the Chicago Sun-Times.

The 43rd running of the race had been scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 11, but is now the latest victim in a series of cancellations of economic drivers in the state, including the Illinois State

## Lee County Cases

Since July 7, Lee County has reported 5 people have tested positive for COVID-19. The people testing positive are 2 in their 20s, 1 on their 50s, and 2 in their 80s. This brings Lee County's positive cases to 107, with 95 recovered, and one death. Lee County warns of hot spots

The Lee County Health Department recommends that if anyone traveled to a state that is considered a "hot spot" for COVID-19, that they should self-quarantine for 14 days upon their return.

The health department listed the following as "hot spot" states on July 11: Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Georgia, Texas, Louisiana, Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, California, North Carolina and South Carolina.

If anyone has questions or needs further guidance, please call the Lee County Health Department at 815-284-3371.

# Opposing groups readying for battle over tax amendment

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SPRINGFIELD-Days after the governor donated \$51.5 million of his personal fortune to a committee supporting a graduated income tax constitutional amendment, a new coalition

has begun an effort to defeat the measure.

At stake is Gov. JB Pritzker's signature policy proposal – a constitutional amendment scrapping the state's protection of a flat-rate income tax for a new structure allowing lawmakers to tax different levels of income at fluctuating tax rates. A rate structure that would take effect if the amendment passes is expected to bring in more than \$1 billion in additional state revenue this fiscal year and more than \$3 billion annually when it is implemented for a full fiscal year.

Pritzker's whopping check, reported over the July 4 holiday weekend, went to the Vote Yes for Fairness ballot initiative committee, to which he had already donated \$5 million. The only other donation to the committee was for \$250, so the governor is basically self-funding the committee's push for the constitutional change from his estimated \$3.4 billion fortune.

On Tuesday, in four cities, a group of business-tied organizations – including the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Farm Bureau, National Federation of Independent Business-Illinois and the Technology and Manufacturing Association – called concurrent news conferences in four cities to make their case against the proposal.

Todd Maisch, president of the Illinois Chamber, said at the news conference the coalition – which he is hopeful will grow to include several more business groups – was "not prepared" to address how much it was willing to spend on the fight.

"However, there will be resources," he said. "But again, the important thing is we don't need to match the proponent spending. We only have to go ahead and be competitive. We don't need to spend dollar for dollar because this is, frankly, an unpopular idea once voters

figure out what's really going on. ... If the proponents were certain that they had this in the bag, would they have written a \$51 million check? I don't think so."

The news conference prompted a swift pushback from pro-amendment groups, including from Vote Yes for Fair Tax, another committee backed by community and advocacy groups, labor organizations and

Working people overwhelmingly support the fair tax amendment because everyone who makes under \$250,000 will get a tax cut or pay no more," John Bouman, the group's chairman, said in a news release.

### The Rate Structure

Ultimately, it will be up to the voters whether the flat tax – which currently taxes all income at a flat rate of 4.95 percent – will remain enshrined in the state's governing document as it has been since the 1970 constitutional convention. If more than half of those voting in the November election or three-fifths of those voting on the ballot question approve the measure, the way will be paved for a graduated rate structure to

rates that will become law on Jan. 1 should voters approve the constitutional change. Rates would remain flat or decrease for those making \$250,000 or less, while they would increase for those making above that amount. Per the rate structure, single filers would

Lawmakers have already approved the

pay the maximum rate of 7.99 percent on all income once their taxable income tops \$750,000. For joint filers, that rate takes effect on all income when it exceeds \$1 million.

For the rest of the brackets, each varying tax rate would apply to only one specific margin of income.

The rates for all filers are 4.75 percent on taxable income from \$0 to \$10,000; 4.9 percent from \$10,001 to \$100,000; 4.95 percent from \$100,001 to \$250,000.

For joint filers, a 7.75 percent rate would kick in on margins from \$250,001 to \$500,000; and 7.85 percent from \$500,001 to \$1 million. For single filers, the 7.75 percent rate applies from \$250,001 to \$350,000, while the 7.85 percent rate applies from \$350,001 to \$750,000.

The bill also includes an increase in the property tax credit from 5 percent to 6 percent, and up to a \$100 per-child tax credit for couples earning less than \$100,000 and single persons earning less than \$80,000.

The corporate tax rate would go from 7 to 7.99 percent, not including an existing corporate property replacement tax of 1.5 to 2.5 percent that is not changed by the bill.

### The Arguments

The main argument for the opposition is not about what the rate structure will do upon the amendment's passage, but rather focuses on whether Illinois politicians can be trusted with the power to set varying tax rates on differing levels of income. For proponents, including Pritzker, pas-

sage of the measure is about raising revenue from the state's highest earners without having to rely on middle class Illinoisans to balance state books. Financial strains from the COVID-19 pandemic make it even more necessary, he has said. Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard

Guebert, however, said the revenue projected to come from the graduated tax will not balance the state's books, considering the pandemic's effects and rising pension and debt obligations. That means, he argued at the news conference, that adjustment to the already-passed rate structure would be

Unspecified spending cuts and reforms to the state's pension payment plan should take precedence over attempts to raise more tax revenue, the opponents argued

"Illinoisans are rightfully concerned that the progressive tax will lead to future tax increases," Guebert said. "If enacted, this proposed tax increase will not meet the projected deficits and debt obligations that are coming in the next few years. ... It's a farce to believe that we can just tax the top 3 percent of income earners over and over

The graduated tax structure would not change the number of votes in the General Assembly needed to raise taxes – the necessary threshold would remain a simple majority. Opponents, however, argue that it's politically easier for elected officials to vote for a tax hike when it applies to only some of the state's residents, not all of them.

Another opponent, Cindy Neal of NFIB Illinois, said property tax relief should be a greater focus than revenue hikes.

While opponents argue that the increased corporate rate would hurt job creators and small businesses, proponents have argued the vast majority of small business owners will see a tax reduction under the plan if they are pass-through entities such as S-corps or sole proprietors.

Among those proponents is Quentin Fulks, a former Pritzker top campaign staffer who heads the Vote Yes for Fairness committee to which the governor has funneled his millions. "Since the truth isn't on their side, this

press conference was filled with lies from start to finish," he said in a statement immediately following the opposition news conference. "Contrary to what they say, the fair tax will only affect small businesses that make more than \$250,000 a year in profit, while at least 97 percent of Illinoisans will see no income tax increase or a tax cut." Similar arguments will be sent to every

household in the state in the form of a pamphlet explaining the amendment later this year. A secretary of state spokesman said the pamphlet, which the state is required by law to send, will be mailed starting Sept. 21. The arguments for the change were written by Democrats, while Republicans wrote the arguments against.

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# As marijuana sales boom, social equity applicants sweat licensing delays

BY JERRY NOWICKI

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**SPRINGFIELD**—One of the few things unaffected by the coronavirus pandemic's presence in Illinois has been recreational marijuana sales.

The \$47.6 million spent on the product in June was the highest single-month amount since recreational marijuana use became legal at the beginning of the year, and sales have increased each month since February even amid strict stay-at-home orders.

Still, while sales boom, the facets of the landmark legalization law that were put in place specifically to diversify the largely white male-dominated industry have not moved forward as planned.

A round of dispensary licenses scheduled for release on May 1, as well as craft grower

and other licenses scheduled to be granted July 1, have been indefinitely delayed.

Toi Hutchinson, a former state senator and Gov. JB Pritzker's lead cannabis policy advisor, said the state is doing all it can to expedite the licensing process but the pandemic created a "perfect storm." That has led to the delays for application filers and a third-party grader that was enlisted to make sure nobody gets an undue leg up in the application process.

"That's one piece, but the other piece is that all government shut down," Hutchinson

said in a phone call Wednesday. "It didn't stop the work but it's slowed it... People had to figure out how to do what it is we needed to do on almost hourly basis for a novel virus that we didn't see coming."

As one of the strongest advocates for the law's social equity measures while she served in the Senate, Hutchinson said she was acutely aware of the setbacks caused to the groups the legislation was designed to help enter the market.

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### **Mini Food Pantry** We have devised a small pantry in the hallway of Teen Turf.

The outside door is always open. We have snacks, school supplies, and other fun items. Please take what you need. We will continue this program until the epidemic is over. If you need something in particular, don't hesitate to call Eileen at 815-440-8195 or call Teen Turf at 815-857-4800.

### A Note to say hello or Happy Birthday in July If you know any person, young or old who is need of a Hello or a Happy Birthday. Please reach out to us via Facebook Messaging or please call Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195. We have given out over 75+ cards.

### **Final Word**

Lord God, We pray for the children to know your goodness and provision. We pray they would place their identity in you. We ask that in the pressures of life, they would know you are their rock on which they can stand. We pray that through the challenges of school life, exams, and future decisions, you would lead them, guide them and bring them comfort. In Jesus' name, Amen

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AMBOY-St. Patrick Food Pantry, 32 N. Jones Ave., will be open from 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday,

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available. You may also visit the website at www.lchd.com for a list of services available.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, at Central School, 30 E. Provost.

**AMBOY**-The First Baptist Church Food Pantry, 24 N. Mason Ave., will be open on Saturday, July 18, from 9 a.m. until noon. Call 815-440-2078 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy City Council will meet at 6

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, at the Elk's Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood. org to make an appointment to donate.

PRINCETON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, at the First United Methodist Church, 316 S. Church St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 27, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**DIXON**-The American

Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 506 W. Third. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood. org to make an appointment





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# Nominees sought for Lee County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award The Lee County Farm Bureau wants

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to recognize our members for their years of loyal service and for the impact that they have had in agriculture and our community. The Lee County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize an individual or couple who has shown exemplary leadership and service to Farm Bureau, agriculture, and farmers in Lee County

You are encouraged to nominate someone who you believe is deserving of this recognition. A short nomination application is available on the Lee County Farm Bureau website, www. leecfb.org, and is due to the Lee County Farm Bureau by Sept. 1, 2020. For more information, please contact us, (815-857-

**SALES** continued from page A1 The social equity applicants — those whose majority ownership stakes include persons disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs — have been especially left in the lurch

as their expenses mount and clarity as to when licenses will be released is lacking. On Thursday, Hutchinson gave a ballpark date as to when

the applicants might have that clarity. "Well, we know that by the date that we filed the per-

manent rule for the tiebreaker scenario...will be in place in September," she said. "The minute those things are in place we can go to the tiebreaker phase." She added, "We're coming to the end part of the arc."

"I just really want people to stay as encouraged as pos-

sible because we know how hard this was, and we know how difficult it was and we know how much people really are watching to see how this...and it's not just us here — the world is watching," Hutchinson said.

One of those social equity applicants that will be watching is R. Lawrence Hatchett, a physician in the southern Illinois town of Marion. He's the lead investor of a social equity applicant group organized under the name Cannabliss Supply Co. Hatchett's diverse group of investors say they are dedi-

cated to "creating new jobs for those long unable to access the American Dream and building up communities that have suffered from years of disinvestment." The group submitted 10 applications for dispensaries, many

in downstate Illinois and some in the suburbs of Chicago. The team also applied for two craft grow licenses, even though they can only be granted one in the first round of applications. But with the money the group has spent — Hatchett invested \$200,000 of his own money into the project — and

no resolution of licensing in sight, Hatchett said, a feeling of 'anxiety" has pervaded the business endeavor. "And we're sort of at the point of no return as a social

equity applicant, meaning we now are like a plane that's gone beyond — we can't go back for fuel," he said in a phone interview last week.

Hatchett said established marijuana companies have the branding advantage, have been selling medicinally for years and had first crack at secondary site locations when the new

While Hutchinson said a goal was to make applications simple enough so that applicants didn't incur major expenses such as hiring experts – in order to file them, Hatchett said that's not been the case for groups like his. There's a \$5,000 fee per each application submitted to the state, and Cannabliss Supply Co. also incurred legal fees, hired lobbyists and paid for some graphic design branding work.



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**DIXON-**The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, July 24, at Ken Nelson Auto Group Chevy Building, 1100 N. Galena Ave. Call 800-733-2767 or visit Red-CrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

3531 or leecfb@comcast.net.

"You'd be surprised how much we have to spend. First of all the application process, to write it, and to the people that we had to hire," he said. "And then the lobbyists, we had to make sure we did all the right things, that we didn't fall on a sword right from beginning."

Hutchinson said that while the original bill was written so that new licenses would be granted on a staggered timeline -first dispensaries, then craft growers — that schedule "was obliterated with the delays."

"If you just look at the timeline for when the permanent rule goes into effect for the tiebreaker scenario on the dispensary, it's gonna fall around the same time that the craft grow thing happens. So, I think what we're gonna see is a lot of activity at one time," she said.

Hatchett said his group will likely need to hear good news in both categories to be able to compete with the existing

"If I don't get multiple locations, I may not be able to have pricing and economy of scale, so I'm gonna have to go maybe pay more than my competitors for the same product as some of these grow facilities until, hopefully, we will also win a cultivation craft license to grow our own," he said.

Hutchinson said capitalism in general favors those who already have greater means, and while one of the goals of the legalization law was to disrupt the existing industry, it's going to take more than six months for it to come to fruition.

"It is very difficult to compete in a world where you have some vertical operations and some independent operations,' she said. "That's absolutely a fact. And moving forward, there may be things that the Legislature will try to enact. There may be certain areas that individual cities and counties will try to enact... None of us can afford to be naive about the fact that this industry had a 10-year head start before Illinois became the 11th state (to legalize marijuana) and tried to figure out how to disrupt it.'

Two of the other social equity measures - mass expungements for nonviolent marijuana-related convictions and the R3 (Restore, Reinvest and Renew) fund to invest in disproportionately impacted communities — are on pace as planned, she said.

"We have obviously collected a lot of tax revenue in the six months that this has been operational," Hutchinson said. "And we have every intention of making sure that that money that's supposed to go to the R3 program is targeted to the communities that have been hit the hardest by the war

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

# **OBITUARIES**

# William K. Laemmel Nov. 30, 1936 - July 5, 2020

**AMBOY** — William K. Laemmel, 83, of Amboy, died Sunday, July 5, 2020 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

He was born Nov. 30, 1936, in Amboy the son of Walter and Elizabeth Marie (Harrison) Laemmel. He had owned and operated with his wife the Long Branch Saloon in Amboy from 1970 to 1984.

He was a veteran of the

William married Barbara Beale Gibson July 29, 1962 in Compton. She preceded him in death July 2, 2016. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Katherine Woodrow

and Doris Butler, and two brothers, Walter and James Laemmel.

He is survived by one son, William "Bill" Laemmel, of Tucson, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Kirsty, William, and Brittney; three step sons, John Gibson of Orlando, Fla., Ron Gibson, of Dixon and Kevin Gibson, of Lee Center.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Burial of cremains will be at a later date in Precinct Cemetery in Earlville.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.



Condolences may be sent at www.thejonesfh.com.

# Federal court denies relaxed ballot requirements for constitutional amendments

BY REBECCA ANZEL Capitol News Illinois

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**SPRINGFIELD** — An Illinois group

trying to get a constitutional amendment on the Nov. 3 ballot is not entitled to looser regulations during the COVID-19 pandemic, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday.

The Committee for the Illinois Democracy Amendment is advocating for a state constitutional change mandating the General Assembly to take roll call votes on legislation proposing "stronger ethical standards for Illinois public officials."

It would also allow residents to introduce related bills by submitting a petition including at least 100,000 signatures.

In a lawsuit filed against the secretary of state's office and State Board of Elections, the organization's attorneys argued Gov. JB Pritkzer's social distancing and stay-at-home orders unconstitutionally prevented canvassers from securing the required 363,813 hand-written signatures — or, 8 percent of votes cast for governor in the last election by May 3.

The three U.S. Court of Appeals judges wrote that the committee brought the problem on itself. The group was founded April 1, according to documents filed with the State Board of Elections, almost 17 months after Illinois rules permitted signature collection to begin and one month after Pritzker issued executive orders to manage COVID-19's

Committee members "had plenty of time to gather signatures before the pandemic began," the judges wrote in their ruling. "That's a good reason to conclude that they are not entitled to emergency" considerations. The court acknowledged social distancing

and stay-at-home restrictions "surely make it hard to round up signatures," but wrote changes to social behaviors caused by the pandemic would contribute to the difficulty as well. And the judges added this matter is

'wholly" one of state law because the U.S. Constitution does not guarantee a right for voters to include initiatives on the ballot Illinois law does.

"If we understand the governor's orders, coupled with the signature requirements, as equivalent to a decision to skip all referenda for the 2020 election cycle, there is no federal problem," the judges wrote in their opinion. "Illinois may decide for itself whether a pandemic is a good time to be soliciting signatures on the streets in order to add referenda to a ballot."

A spokesperson for the secretary of state's office wrote in an email that officials "are pleased with the ruling." A spokesperson for the State Board of Elections declined to comment.

Former Gov. Pat Quinn, an attorney representing the committee, said in an interview Friday he and his clients are "disappointed."

They brought this lawsuit, he said, because "it's impossible" to comply with state law mandating petitions be circulated in person and with the governor's social distancing order. "The state should not be allowed to try

to cancel out the rights of voters to circulate petitions to put issues on the ballot," Quinn said. "It makes the whole process very dangerous. We're going to keep fighting."

Their options, he said, include appealing the decision — the committee is "free" to pursue the issues in this case in a district court, the judges wrote in their ruling — or attempting to change the law "so voters have the option to sign petitions electronically during the pandemic, which is not going

Quinn pointed out his ruling comes 40 years after the Cutback Amendment — which decreased the number of lawmakers in the General Assembly — was successfully added to the ballot. It remains the only one to do so in Illinois history.

'These are fundamental rights that have to be protected from politicians and the State Board of Elections, who are doing everything they can to keep these off the ballot," he said.

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# Like seat belt use, mask acceptance could take time, psychology professor says

BY KEVIN BESSLER The Center Square

**SPRINGFIELD** – The decision to wear a mask or face-covering in public is becoming a divisive and sometimes political statement in a brewing culture war over containing COVID-19 and some have likened it to the early resistance to the mandatory use of seat belts in vehicles.

Many Illinois businesses require face coverings, but some customers still refuse. Northern Illinois University Professor of Psychology Brad Sagarin said some Americans just don't like being told what "We have a natural reac-

tion to people telling us things that we have to do," he said. "If we feel like our choices or our freedoms are being taken away, we will naturally and automatically resist that."

He said it was understandable that some people remain skeptical. At the beginning of the pandemic, many public health officials said the general public didn't need face coverings. That changed as it became clear that infected people could spread the virus before they show symptoms and that COVID-19 could be airborne for an extended period

Sagarin said it is unfortunate that mask-wearing has become a political issue.

"If someone believes if that wearing a mask or not wearing a mask is an expression of what they believe politically, it is going to be pretty difficult to convince them to do differently than they want to," he said.

Dr. Seth Gillihan wrote in "Psychology Today" that the mask debate has an economical connection.

"Masks are also linked to the broader debate about the disease threat from the coronavirus versus the devastating impact that social distancing has had on our economy," he said. "This controversy again has fallen out on political lines, with the right placing a relatively greater emphasis than the left on the need to restart the economy. "

Sagarin said Americans got mixed messages from political and health leaders early on, which caused some of the division. However, he said he thinks the more Americans would use face coverings if President Donald Trump did. "If our leader would speak

with one voice on this issue, it would really persuade people," Sagarin said. "There are plenty of other things to argue about. I really wish they weren't arguing about

# Amboy Police

**Disorderly Conduct** 

On July 8, at 6:28 p.m., Charles W. Ware, 51, of Amboy, was arrested for disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee

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"How many of these positive tests are false? How much of this data is being manipulated for whatever reason, for whatever agenda that the public is denied from discovering under your argument?" he asked

He then ruled against the governor on 'Illinois citizens cannot be mandated to

cede their constitutional rights to some alleged expert," he said. "How is the defendant

qualified to tell Illinois citizens what, whether they can play a sport, stay at home, or operate a business?'

McHaney said the governor was exercising absolute power and it is unconstitutional

Szala cautioned taking the Clay County ruling as a sign the governor's orders are void.

"It is confusing and a circuit court judge does have the power to have an effective order that is carried out in other counties," Szala

said, but he notes other jurisdictions have ruled against temporary restraining orders against the governor's powers.

Bailey's attorney, Thomas DeVore, argues ne circuit court's ruling is good for the entire state because it's a summary judgment, not a ruling on a temporary restraining order. DeVore has said McHaney's ruling the governor's orders are void is in effect until there's action at the appellate court reversing

the lower court decision. Szlala said there are other judges in other

jurisdictions who may differ. "I just think that the best advice that one

uld take is to take a cautious approach to that decision until an appellate court ruling comes down," he said.

A circuit court hearing to bring finality to the case is scheduled for July 17. It's then expected to be filed to the appellate court.

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# Kish offering online short-term training programs for fall

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Continuing Education department is offering two, online short-term training programs during the Fall 2020 semester. Participants are required to have access to a computer and the internet to participate in the programs.

The programs can be completed in 12 weeks and are a great way to explore a career before committing to a degree program. They prepare students to not only work in their field but also successfully pass their national certification exam. Completion of a short-term training program provides an entrance into a career path that begins with a skilled, entry-level position and an opportunity for further career advancement. The online, short-term training programs for Fall 2020 are:

Pharmacy Technician: Sept. 1— Nov. 20

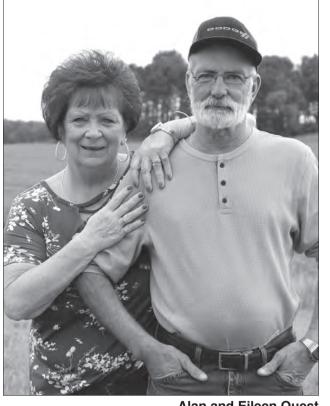
Pharmacy Technicians assist pharmacists to dispense prescription medication. Depending on the position, the technician may also manage third-party billing, answer telephones, direct customers to items or to the pharmacist for medication consultation, receive written prescriptions, clean and sterilize dispensing bottles and instruments, answer questions regarding non-drug products and collect payments. Sterile Processing Technician: Sept. 1— Nov. 20

Sterile Processing Technicians provide support to all patient care services in a healthcare facility. They are responsible for decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed in patient care, especially during surgery.

Both programs are eligible for financial benefits from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

For more information visit www.kish.edu/shortterm or contact Kish's coordinator of short-term training, Melissa Gallagher, at mgallagher1@kish.edu.

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Alan and Eileen Quest

# Couple to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

AMBOY — Alan and Eileen Quest are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married July 18, 1970 at St. Partick's Catholic Church, in Maytown.

The couple have three children, Troy Quest (Lisa), Kevin Quest (Karin), both of LaMoille, and

Andrea Bulfer (James) of Ohio, Il.

They have seven grandchildren, Damon and Mariah Quest, Joseph and Sadie Quest and Summer, Zoey and Bristol Bulfer. They have been lifelong residents of the area and live at

1195 Riverview Rd., Amboy. Al has been the Transportation Director for the Amboy

School District for 30 years. Eileen is enjoying retirement and is active in promotion of music activities for Amboy.

We wonder where did all the time go.



# THE PASTOR'S PEN

### **How Is Your Garden Growing?**

BY PASTOR RICK WULF

The East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy 'ello, Friends,

I am a child of a Farmer's Daughter. My mom in her younger years loved gardening, flowers as well as vegetables. I guess, as some say, "gardening is in my blood." I have tried over the years wherever we have lived, and that is many places through the 44 years of marriage that we will be celebrating this year, to plant a garden each Spring. It has been quite the experience trying to garden, living in many different states. From the very sandy soil of Columbia, S.C., to the very rocky soil of Bentley Creek, (Northern) Pennsylvania. It has been a real blessing to have been living in Bureau and Lee Counties for the past 15 years. Our gardens

have produced many, yummy fresh veggies over the years. I would like to draw some analogies to life from the gardening experience. For you who are farmers or gardeners, you know that your food comes out of the garden or fields and not from the Produce Department of the local grocery store. Isn't it sad that some maybe surprised by that statement? The process many times can be long and arduous. Depending on your soil condition, preparation to plant may be challenging. Now whether you plant seeds or bedding plants, this also adds to the gardening experience. So, planting and caring for a garden and ultimately harvesting a garden is hard and time-consuming work. There is weeding of course, and lots of it. When it doesn't rain, there is daily watering. Then after all that work and the "fruit" begins to show and your hopes start to rise of a harvest, soon to come, wham, you get hit with pests. Why didn't Noah swat those hornworm moths? I lost three tomato plants in a day to those vicious eaters. I don't especially like to use pesticides. Such is life.





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Because the Bible was written over the course of about 1500 years and in a mainly agrarian society, most of the writers along with Jesus, used agricultural illustrations to emphasize spiritual truths. Jesus, in Matthew 13, is recorded telling a series of parables. He starts with His parable of the Sower and the Seed, and afterwards explains it to His disciples. 'Therefore hear the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." (Matthew 13:18-23 NIV)

Just as there are "right" conditions for the growth of physical seed, so is it true in the spiritual realms. Jesus taught the truth and many responded by faith and received His Word and it grew in their hearts and produced spiritual fruit in a great abundance. I trust that as you receive His Word in your heart by faith and yield the control of your life to Him, you will be able to see the change in your life and see the amazing work that He will do in and through and for you, for His honor and

glory and for your blessing.

How is your spiritual garden growing? Well, I trust.



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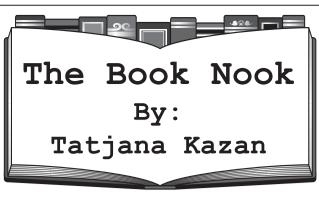
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## The Things They Carried

n the 20th anniversary of his acclaimed war classic, "The Things They Carried," novelist Tim O'Brien said on NPR, "I carry the memories of the ghosts of a place called Vietnam — the people of Vietnam, my fellow soldiers. More importantly, I carry the weight of responsibility, and a sense of abiding guilt." There are also good memories of "the friends I made, the conversations at foxholes where, for a moment or two, the war would seem to vanish into camaraderie and friendship." On coming home, he found that "you couldn't tell anybody what you had witnessed. Without having some experience, they either didn't want to hear it or they couldn't relate to it.'

Based upon O'Brien's experiences as a soldier in the 23rd Infantry Division, "The Things They Carried" is a collection of stories about a platoon of American soldiers fighting in the Vietnam War. The stories are of actual soldiers and events expressed in fictionalized form: "If you weren't humping, you were waiting. I remember the monotony. Digging foxholes. Slapping mosquitoes. The sun and the heat and the endless paddies. Even in the deep bush, where you could die any number of ways, the war was nakedly and aggressively boring. But it was a strange boredom. It was boredom with a twist, the kind of boredom that caused stomach disorders."

O'Brien, who grew up in a small Minnesota town, was drafted in 1968. He admits that he considered fleeing to Canada. He gets as far as the Canadian border, but cannot make himself cross it. He chides himself for lacking the courage of his conviction. A predominant theme of the novel is the moral quandary of how a soldier must adjust his moral sense to find justification for the routine violence that war requires. Pleasure in cruelty is commonplace, as when a soldier repeatedly shoots but does not kill a young buffalo after his buddy is killed. Or when the platoon witnesses a young Vietnamese girl dancing through the burned remains of her village, and one of them grossly imitates her for a laugh.

In two of the stories, O'Brien describes how he killed a man in My Khe. He fantasizes a life story for the man, torturing himself with the idea that the victim was a gentle soul who would die quickly and wake up in the stories of his village.

Marianne Bell is the "Sweetheart of the Song Tra Bong," an area so isolated that one of the soldiers flies his hometown girlfriend in by helicopter. At first, she cooks and tends to the soldiers' wounds, but soon embraces the Vietnamese guerrilla culture, to the point of wearing a necklace made of human tongues, and disappears into the jungle. Even the Greenies (the Green Berets) are impressed by her prowess.

# **Blood drive set in Mendota**

MENDOTA — Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) will hold a blood drive from noon until 5 p.m., Friday, July 17, in Conference Room C at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota. Volunteer blood donors are invited to support the local blood supply by scheduling an appointment to give blood by calling the Community Health Services Department at 815-539-1411. Please bring a photo ID.

For more information on donor eligibility, call the Blood Center at 800-747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenter.org/eligi-



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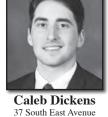
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# A regional culinary treasure - the Quad City Pizza

t is a regional culinary treasure.

Quad-Cities, I never thought of the area's pizza quite that way. Back then, it was just pizza. Really good pizza, mind you. But I didn't realize how unique it was until I left the area in 1999

Until relatively recently, it was only found in the bi-state region which consists of Rock Island and Moline, Illinois, and Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, I found myself hankering for that unique style of pizza. So, I decided to bake my own rendition.

The only problem is I'm not a baker. My kids would add, I'm not much of a cook either. My wife is more diplomatic saying I don't tend to alternate my selections. (Hamburgers and sandwich ribeyes on Mondays, pork chops

on Tuesdays, corn and sausage casserole on Wednesdays.) That said, I used a recipe for Quad-City style sausage pizza that Roots Handmade Pizza shared with the Washington Post.

In 2011, Roots opened in Chicago specializing in Quad-City style pizza. Despite Chicago being a notoriously difficult restaurant market known for its own unique style of pizza, Roots has flourished and now has four Chicago locations.

"What makes Quad-City style pizza unique is that no one else puts malt in the crust," explained Scott Weiner, co-owner

So, the first challenge I faced was finding malt syrup. The grocery stores where I usually shop don't carry it. But I was able to find it at a health-food store, Food Fantasies in Springfield. It's also available on Amazon. Weiner said stores that specialize in providing home brewers with supplies are also good places to shop. The malt syrup gives the crust a sweeter almost nutty taste.

Ideally, the crust should be about one-quarter of one inch thick. Try as I might I was not particularly successful on this front. When I tried to roll it out with a rolling pin, the dough tended to fall apart.

Yes, I know true pizza bakers throw the dough in the air. But considering I live with eight dogs, I refrained. I had visions of one snatching it mid toss.

After much effort, a bit of added water and some help from my 14-year-old daughter, we managed to spread the dough across two pizza stones. (Ultimately the crust came

By Scott Reeder



But during the decade I lived in the Guest Column out about one-half-inch thick but tasted great.) in the Ouad-Cities, said another unique characteristic of Quad-City style pizza is that the toppings go under the cheese.

Weiner added that traditionally the pizza is cut in strips with scissors rather than in pie wedges or in squares.

When you cut it in strips, you guarantee that everyone gets a piece of crust with each piece," Weiner said.

Harris Pizza, Wise Guys, Roots and others are known for their sausage. Weiner said he grinds the sausage once, sea-

sons it and bakes it. He then grinds it a second time to make it extra crumbly. The sausage I used was good but not as good as that used by Harris Pizza. That said, despite my novice baking skills,

the pizzas came out well. My wife and three daughters asked

that I make it again. Weiner shared these directions with myself and the Wash-

Make Ahead: The dough needs to rest in the refrigerator for 24 to 48 hours, then needs to sit at room temperature for 2 to 3 hours

Where to Buy: Malt syrup is available at natural foods stores, Amazon and home brew suppliers.

### FOR THE CRUST

4 ounces (1/2 cup) warm water

1/4 teaspoon instant yeast, preferably SAF brand

6 tablespoons (3 ounces) malt syrup (see headnote) 4 1/2 cups (18 ounces) bread flour, or more as needed

2 teaspoons kosher salt

2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper 2 teaspoons dried oregano

2 teaspoons sweet paprika

2/3 cup (5 1/3 ounces) ice water

FOR THE TOPPINGS

1 tablespoon fennel seed

2 cups cooked, finely crumbled Italian sausage

2 teaspoons crushed red pepper flakes 1 1/4 cups no-salt-added tomato sauce

18 ounces (4 cups) shredded mozzarella cheese

**DIRECTIONS** 

For the crust: Combine the warm water and yeast in the



# On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago July 16, 1920

Amboy is to have a three day Chautauqua to be held the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> of

The triangular piece of ground surrounding the Soldiers Memorial tree, where the old waterworks tower stood, has been filled in and leveled off and will be planted with grass and shrubbery making a small park.

Miss Bernice Underwood and sister Geraldine were in Dixon Saturday.

### 75 Years Ago July 12, 1945

Seven young ladies from Amboy have completed their 35 hours of classroom work at the KSB Hospital, Dixon, and are now on their 45 hours of floor duty at the hospital to finish their Nurses' Aid Course. The local girls taking the course are Misses Patricia Lauer, Eileen Cotter, Mildred Finn, Alberta Kellen, Jane Dickinson, Mrs. John J. Fanelli and Mrs. John C. Elliott.

Joe Scholten, local horseshoer, will

serve as the official horseshoer at the Benefit Horse Shoe to be held in Dixon Saturday

Mrs. Elsie Donnelly and daughter Maureen returned to Chicago Monday after spending three weeks at the Harold Donnelly home.

### 50 Years Ago July 16, 1970

The members of the Federal Land Bank Associations of Amboy and Oregon at meetings on July 9 and 10 voted to merge the Associations into the Federal Land Bank Association of Amboy-Oregon.

With beautiful sunshiny weather, Maxwell Street Sidewalk Sale Day last Friday drew crowds to Amboy to take advantage of the many bargains offered by participating merchants in Main Street. Heaviest shoppers attendance came in the morning, many bargain hunters being on hand when the merchants brought their racks, tables, and displays out to the sidewalks.

Marvin A. "Ted" Miller, who resides on rural route 2, Amboy, was appointed

supervisor of Amboy Township at a special meeting of the Town of Amboy Board of Auditors held Wednesday evening, July 8. He fills the vacancy created by the recent death of Everett F. Barnes, who held the office for 25 years.

## 25 Years Ago July 20, 1995

A record-setting heat wave baked this area several days last week, sending the thermometer over 100 degrees with high humidity. Meanwhile, little rain has fallen this month. Less than two inches has been recorded here.

Induction of Amboy Lions Club officers was held last month in the Long Branch. They are, Treasurer Dave Tippey, Secretary Greg Knutson, President Tom Reck, Board member Neil Soenksen, Tail Twister Curt Harrison, Board member Norm Ross, Attendance Cecil Harrison, Board member Ken Robbins, Lion Tamer and past president Steve Brownlee, and First Vice President Mike Hickey.

bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a dough-hook attachment; let the mixture sit for 10 minutes, then add the malt syrup, flour, salt, pepper, dried oregano, sweet paprika and ice water. Beat on low speed for about 2 minutes, then increase the speed to medium and mix for another few minutes to form a dough that is smooth and elastic. Divide the dough in half; wrap each portion in plastic

wrap, then refrigerate for 24 to 48 hours. Before shaping the pizza, bring the dough to room temperature, 2 to 3 hours. Place a pizza/baking stone on the lowest oven rack; preheat

to 450 degrees. If you don't have a baking stone, invert a large baking sheet on the lower rack. Place each dough ball on top of its own 12-inch square of parchment paper. Use a rolling pin to stretch and roll each

dough ball into a 12-inch round, folding the edges of the dough over about 1/2 inch and crimping with your thumb and forefinger, to form a lip. For the toppings: Stir the fennel seed into the cooked and crumbled sausage. Stir the crushed red pepper flakes into the tomato sauce. Spread half of the tomato sauce across the surface of each dough round. Sprinkle the seasoned sausage

cheese, being sure to spread it evenly over the sausage. Use a pizza peel to carefully transfer one pizza (with its parchment paper) to the pizza/baking stone; bake for up to 15 minutes, until the top is golden brown and bubbling.

evenly over the sauce, then top with the shredded mozzarella

Let the pizza sit for a few minutes before using kitchen shears to cut it crosswise into strips that are about 1 1/2 inches wide; then cut down the center (so the long strips are cut in half). Repeat with the remaining dough and toppings.

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A TRAY OF FUDGE BROWNIES ... THEY'RE

STILL WARM SHE CAN'T BE FAR ...

Y'SHOULD

ALWAYS KEEP A WEATHER EYE OPEN...

by Dave T. Phipps

Y'KIN USE'ROUN YER HOUSE

**Amber Waves** 

THIS WILL BE MY FIRST ENTRY INTO

MY JOURNAL. HERE I PLAN TO LOG ALL MY PAIN AND SUFFERING.

Out on a Limb

R.F.D.

The Spats

GRANDPA, DO YOU EVER TALK

YOURSELF?

WELL THAT CROSSBREED

WAS A WASTE OF TIME!

# LOCAL NE

Posting Date July 13, 2020

# King Crossword

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25 Beckon 49 Neighbor-28 Vast sandy hood expanse 50 Quite eager 32 Leafy shelter 33 Release a

deadbolt Trolley codes sounds 53 — good 36 Present from

birth ment 37 Common Mkt. 38 Pigpen

39 Pre-swan 42 Puncturing device

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question

by Dave T. Phipps

SO...GOOD NEWS, AT THIS RATE I SHOULD PROBABLY HAVE MORE THAN

ENOUGH MATERIAL BY BEDTIME.

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

ONLY WHEN

I'M ALONE

TRACKING BETTY CROCKER

GERALD, YOU GET IN THIS HOUSE

RIGHT THIS MINUTE AND CLEAN UP THIS MESS IN THE KITCHEN!

CHERRY TOMATOES

TOMATO CHERRIES, NOT SO MUCH!

ARE DELICIOUS

44 It gets in the whey

48 Seek restitution

51 Historic time 52 Read bar

example 54 Press for pay-

55 Cattle group 56 A bit unclear

DOWN

3 Peal

1 Tranquil 2 Bocelli solo

6 Session with a shrink 7 Extended family

4 "Two Tickets

singer

5 Diamonds,

essentially

to Paradise"

8 Shirt shape 9 Tortoise's opponent Lotion additive 41 Slender 10 11 Satchmo's

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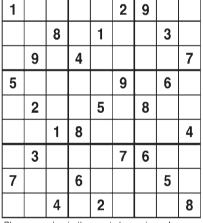
46 "Puttin' on the -47 Crucial time

49 Blond shade

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# Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



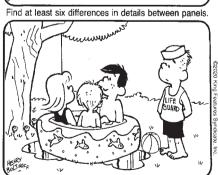
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

# DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF **HOCUS-FOCUS** 



ent. 3. Ball has been added. 4. Fish have changed direction. 5. Lifeguard's shirt is different. 6. Flowers have been added. Differences: 1. Window is gone. 2. Girl's swimsuit is differ-

# **CryptoQuip**

for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error Clue: B equals L

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MOCSHWSQKBBN THJ GOCN

BSTFJFOKWOW KLW EHYBW FKGO

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# **О**ИТБОІИБ

Today's Word

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uoitnios SCRAMBLERS

1. TELEVISION: In which 1980s-90s sitcom did a waitress named Carla Tortelli appear?

2. LITERATURE: What are the treelike beings called in "The Lord of the Rings"? 3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What

is the rallying cry for the shape-changing Transformers? 4. U.S. STATES: Which state would a

Jayhawker hail from? 5. MOVIES: Which movie featured the line, "Life is a banquet, and most poor

suckers are starving to death!"? 6. ANATOMY: Which part of the human body is affected by surgery called rhinoplasty?

7. MUSIC: Which rock group's debut album was titled "Bleach"?

8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was known as the "hero of San Juan

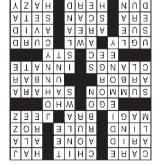
9. MEASUREMENTS: What does a joule measure?

10. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Grand Teton National Park?

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10. Wyoming, United States 8. Theodore Roosevelt 7. Nirvana 6. The nose 5. "Auntie Mame" 4. Kansas 3. "Till all are one" 2. Ents 1. "Cheers"

Answers



Solution time: 24 mins. Answers

ming Crossword —

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

OK DEAR. IN MY DEFENSE THE TRAVEL LOG SAID

'UNFORGETTABLE LODGING". I HAVE A FEELING YOU

WON'T LET ME FORGET ABOUT THIS FOR A LONG TIME.

every night he's going bowling or going out to the fights ..."



Blend

Avoid

**TEDIOUS** 

# SEQUERA DOTO "Is this my bill or my odometer mileage?"

SO Y'SEE? HE GITS HIS FEE...

LAFF-A-DAY

GITS TH'

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LEMING GREAHT

REGION **TODAY'S WORD** 

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113 FINANCIAL

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119 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

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203 HELP WANTED

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305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE **SALES** 

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Wendell Dr. Friday July 17th and Saturday 18th, 8am-4pm. Camping Gear, Women's Shoes. Purses, Clothes, Baby Clothes, Miscellaneous Household Items.

ROCHELLE: 5185 S

203 **HELP WANTED** 

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# 305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE MISCELLANEOUS

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307 **MISCELLANEOUS** FOR SALE

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405 **HOUSES FOR SALE** 

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GARAGE SAIND <u>NDAY, 10</u>

# **MARKETPLACE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LEE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEE COUNTY ILLINOIS

On July 2, 2020, Eldena Solar, LLC ("Eldena Solar"), a Delaware limited liabi lity company, 8400 Normandale Lake Boulevard, Suite 1200, Bloomington, Minnesota, 55437, as lessee of certain real property located in South Dixon and Nachusa Townships, Lee County, Illinois and more part icularly described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference (collective ly referred to as the Property"), filed a petition ("the Petition ") with the Lee County Planning and Zon ing Commission requesting it be granted a special use and variance on the Property, which is zoned Ag-1 Rural / Agricultural District, to allow for the construction and operation of a solar energy system ("SES"). Included in the Petition is Eldena Solar 's request for a variance from the three hundred-foot (300') setback requirement for the real property more particularly described in Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporat ed

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the Petition at 7 p.m. on August 6, 2020, at the Lee County Old Courthouse Building, 112 East Second Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021

The officers and shareholder /stockholder owning >20% interest of Eldena

Name

Blake E. Nixon

Chief Executive Officer

8400 Normandale Lake Blvd., Suite 1200, Bloomington, MN 55437

President

8400 Normandale Lake Blvd., Suite 1200, Bloomington, MN 55437

Jeff Ringblom Chief Financia I Officer

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Dated this 10th day of July, 2020.

ELDENA SOLAR, LLC a Delaware limited liability company, EHRMANN GEHLBACH BADGER & CONSIDINE, LLC

Courtney E. Kennedy No. 0703

(July 15, 2020)

PARCEL# PIN

**EXHIBIT A** 

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

1	18-08-25-400-010	The East Half of the Southeast Quarter (SEX) of Section Twenty- siv, more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a steel pin in the Northeast comer of said Section; thence West along the North line of said Section I, 466. I feet to a steel pin; thence South 0 degrees 36 minutes East 1,558. I feet to a steel pin set in the centerline of a public highway; thence in a Southeasterly direction along the centerline of said highway 1,546 feet to a steel pin set on the South line of said Northeast Quarter (NEX) of said Section Thirty-six; thence East along said South line 370.9 feet to a steel pin at the Southeast comer of the Northeast Quarter (NEX) of said Section Thirty-six; thence North along said East line, 2,626 feet to the Place of Beginning, ALL in Township Twenty-one North, Range Nine East of the Fourth Principal Meridian EXCEPT that part of the Southeast Quarter (SEX) of Section Twenty-five, Township and Range aforesaid, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast comer of said Section Twenty-five (25); thence Westerly on the South line of said Section Twenty-five, 445.0 feet; thence Northerly parallel with the East line of said Section Twenty-five, 490.0 feet; thence Easterly parallel with the South line of Section Twenty-five, 445.0 feet to the said south line; thence Southerly on the said East line, 490.0 feet to the said Point of Beginning containing 149.454 acres, more or less.
2	18-08-24-100-002	The Northwest Quarter (NW%) of Section 24, Township 21 North, Range 9 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian! I in Lee County, Illinois, EXCEPTING HOWEVER, a portion thereof described as follows: A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 21 North, Range 9 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian in Lee County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the northwest comer of Section 24 for a Point of Beginning; thence Southerly along west line of Northwest Quarter of Section 24, 797.33 feet; thence Easterly at an angle of 91 degrees 11 minutes measured clockwise from last described course, 410.58 feet; thence Northerly at an angle of 87 degrees 42 minutes measured clockwise from last described course, 240.58 feet; thence Easterly at an angle of 264 degrees 39 minutes measured clockwise from last described course, 360. 74 feet; thence Easterly at an angle of 94 degrees 38 minutes measured clockwise from last described course, 35.59 feet to north line of Northwest Quarter of Section 24; thence Westerly at an angle of 93 degrees 38 minutes measured clockwise from last described course, 631.98 feet to Point of Beginning, in LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
3-8	18-08-25-400-009; 18-08-25-100-003; 18-08-25-200-002;	The West Half(W½) of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section Twenty-four (24) the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section Twenty- five (25) and the East Half (E½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼)

**EXHIBIT A** 

Nine (9) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described tract Part of the Northeast Quarter (NE%) of said Section 25, Township and Range aforesaid described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner thereof, thence running 317 feet along the north line of said Quarter Section to the point of beginning of the tract being described; thence South parallel with the west line of said Quarter Section 248 feet; thence East parallel with the north line of said Quarter Section 98 feet; thence North parallel with the west line of said Quarter Section 248 feet to the north line of said Quarter Section and thence West on the north line of said Quarter Section 98 feet to the point of beginning.
The West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Nine (9) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, EXCEPTING THEREFROM: Commencing at the Southwest comer of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-five (25) for a Point of Beginning; thence Easterly along the South line of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-five (25), 402.44 feet; thence Northerly at an angle of 89 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds measured clockwise from the last described course to the North line of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Nine (9) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian; thence Westerly along said North line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section to the center of said Section; thence Southerly at an angle of 89 degrees 16 minutes 30 seconds measured clockwise from the last described course along the West line of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twentyfive (25), 2627.70 feet to the point of beginning, all in LEE The Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 21 North, Range

of said Section 25, ALL in Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range

9-10 18-08-24-300-005;

18-08-24-400-001;

18-08-25-200-003;

Nine (9) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian EXCEPTING THEREFROM part of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¾) of said Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section 24) Township and Range aforesaid, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest comer of Section 24, thence Southerly along the West line of said Section 24, 2,652.00 feet for a point of beginning: thence continuing Southerly on said West line at an angle of 179 degrees 30 minutes measured counterclockwise 660,00 feet, thence. Easterly at an angle of 88 degrees 18 minutes measured clockwise 330.00 feet; thence Northerly at an angle of 91 degrees 42 minutes measured clockwise; 660.00 feet; thence Westerly at an angle of 88 degrees 18 minutes measured clockwise 330.00 feet to the point of beginning, all in LEE COUNTY. ILLINOIS.

### **EXHIBIT A**

11	14-09-30-300-001	The Southwest Quarter (SW %) of Section Thirty (30) and the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (5 %NW%) of said Section Thirty (30) in Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Ten (10) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois.
12-13	14-09-19-300-001; 14-09-30-100-002	The South Half (S. 1/2) of the Southwest Fractional Quarter (SW Frl. %) of Section Nineteen (19); the Northeast Quarter (NE %) of the Northwest Fractional Quarter (NW Frl. %) of Section Thirty; and the East Half (E. 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW %) of the Northwest Fractional Quarter (NW Frl. %) of Section Thirty (30), all in Township Twenty-One (21) North, Range Ten (10), East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, together with an easement for ingress to and egress from the above described premises to a public road over and through and across a sip of land two rods in width measure North and South and 10 rods in length measure East and West in the Northwest corner of the West Half (W. ½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW %) of the Northwest Fractional Quarter (NW Frl. %) of Section Thirty (30) in Township Twenty-One (21) North, Range Ten (10), East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, all in Lee County Illinois.

### EXHIBIT B

ARCEL#	PIN	LEGAL DESCRIPTION
	18-08-25-100-003	The East Half (E%) of the Northwest Quarter (NWK) of sald Section 25, ALL in Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Nine (9) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian all in LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
	18-08-24-400-002	The East Half (E½) of the Southeast Quarter (SE½) of Section Twenty-four, Township Twenty-one North, Range Nine East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, situated in the County of Lee in the State of Illinois.
	14-09-19-300-001	The South Half (S. 1/2) of the Southwest Fractional Quarter (SW Frl. ¼) of Section Nineteen (19); the Northeast Quarter (NE ¾) of the Northwest Fractional Quarter (NW Frl. ¾) of Section Thirty; and the East Half (E. 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¾) of the Northwest Fractional Quarter (NW Frl. ¾) of Section Thirty (30), all in Township Twenty-One (21) North, Range Ten (10), East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, together with an easement for ingress to and egress from the above described premises to a public road over and through and across a strip of land two rods in width measure North and South and 10 rods in length measure East and West in the Northwest corner of the West Half (W. ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW Frl. ¾) of Section Thirty (30) in Township Twenty-One (21) North, Range Ten (10), East of the Fourth Principal

### 101 **LEGAL NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY **DATE FOR REQUEST** 

FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Request of: Alyxandria Beth Miller Case Number 2020MR00019 There will be a court

date on my Request to change my name from:Alyxandria Miller to the new name of: Trayse Michael Scott Miller. The court date will be held: 08/12/2020 at 1:30 pm in Courtroom B at 309 South Galena Avenue, Dixon, IL 61021 before the Honorable Douglas E. Lee.

/s/ Alyxandria Beth Miller No. 0702 July 8, 15, 22, 2020

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# Illinois, regional economies shrink in first quarter

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**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois economy shrank at an annual rate of 5.4 percent during the first quarter of 2020 compared to the previous quarter, according to federal data released Tuesday, an indicator of just how severely the COVID-19 pandemic affected commercial activity.

The gross domestic product figures for the January-through-March period represent the total value of goods produced and services provided during the quarter.

University of Illinois economist Fred Giertz said in an interview that virtually all of the decline occurred in the final weeks of March, after Gov. JB Pritzker issued a statewide stay-at-home order that forced many businesses, schools and other employers to shut down or scale back operations.

"All the evidence suggests that the first two months of January-February were not impacted very much by the virus issue, but then they have a huge impact and in March even though the formal shutdown didn't begin until the last week or so of March,"

Nearly all sectors of the economy took significant hits during the quarter led by arts, entertainment and recreation, which took the biggest hit with a 36 percent rate of decline. Accommodations and food service fell at a rate of more than 27 percent.

Other sectors taking big hits included finance and insurance, down 10.6 percent, and transportation and warehousing, which includes airline and rail transportation, which fell at a 9.8 percent rate. The only bright spot in the report was the

agricultural sector – one area of the economy that was not affected by the stay-at-home order – which grew quarter-to-quarter at a rate of 183 percent. The overall decline in Illinois was greater

than the national average of 5 percent but smaller than the average for the Great Lakes region, which was 5.7 percent. Neighboring states Iowa, Missouri and

Wisconsin all fared better than Illinois, while Indiana and Kentucky fared slightly worse. The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis,

which produces the GDP numbers, is scheduled to issue its first estimate of second-quarter activity – April through June – later this month, but state-level GDP figures won't be available until October. However, some early indicators of what's

likely to be in the second-quarter report came out recently from the Commission on Government Reform and Accountability, or CoGFA, the Illinois General Assembly's fiscal monitoring arm.

That agency reported this week that during the fiscal year that ended June 30, general fund revenues received by the state were \$1.1 billion below last year's revenues, and that virtually all of the dropoff occurred during the April-through-June quarter.

Much of that was due to declines in personal income tax collections, which were down by a net \$765 million due to a combination of mass layoffs and delaying the tax filing deadline to July 15. Corporate income taxes and sales taxes were also below last year's levels. There were also big declines in revenue

from riverboat casinos and the state lottery, although there was nearly a 3 percent increase in liquor taxes.

The report also said June showed signs of improvement as the state gradually began to reopen its economy.

Personal income tax collections during the month were up \$173 million, or 9.4 percent, as many people returned to work and began filing their 2019 tax returns. Corporate income and sales taxes remained below June 2019 levels but overall state tax collections were off by only 0.1 percent.

Giertz said he sees similar trends in his monthly Flash Index, a general measure of economic activity that shows whether the

state's economy is growing or contracting, and by how much.

A Flash Index value greater than 100 indicates a growing economy while a value less than 100 reflects economic contraction.

That index had been over 100 for 96 consecutive months, dating back to March 2012 when Illinois began pulling out of the Great Recession. It fell to 99.8 in March, 94.2 in April and 92.8 in May as effects of the economic lockdown began to be felt. But it ticked up slightly in June to 93.1, indicating the economy was still weak, but improved from May.

"Things are clearly turning around now but that turnaround could be halted almost any time we had another kind of outbreak," he said. "I suspect, though, that even if we do have a resurgence of the virus, ... we're going to be more open about that and not have a complete shutdown the way we did back in March."

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## Area Students Graduates from Clarke University

**DUBUQUE**, **Iowa** — Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa, extends a warm congratulations to the following Class of 2020 graduates:

Lauren A Akre, Master of Arts in Education, of Amboy. Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Commencement is planned for Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the Robert and Ruth Kehl Center.

Founded in 1843 by the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Clarke University is located near the Mississippi River in Dubuque, Iowa. The University believes learning is lifelong and life-changing. Our community inspires intellectual curiosity, cultural engagement, professional preparedness, spiritual exploration, and a commitment to contributing to the common good in a global society. Academic offerings include over 50 undergraduate majors and minors, 10 pre-professional programs, and six graduate degree programs.

### Des Moines Area Community College announces President's List

**DES MOINES** — Des Moines Area Community College President Rob Denson recently released the names of students eligible for the Spring Semester President's List.

To be eligible, a student must have completed a minimum of 6 credits and earned a 4.0 grade point average for that

Owen Drew, Liberal Arts, of Amboy, was named to the President's List.

### Local student named to the spring 2020 Dean's List at Aurora University

AURORA—Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors (\*) have earned a perfect 4.0.

Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, fully accredited higher education institution offering students an excellent education while maintaining one of the lowest private school tuition rates in Illinois. Our campus is nestled in a tree-lined neighborhood in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois, and located approximately 45 miles from Chicago. The university serves approximately 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students across more than 50 majors and programs.

AU leadership, faculty, and staff are committed to the success of our students, offering strong academic support programs and learning opportunities that prepare students for success beyond graduation. The university is also committed to giving back to the city we live and work in by offering educational and cultural programming that enriches the larger community. Our dedication to the transformative power of learning inspires all to discover what matters and build a life around it.

Sarah Beauchem\*, Junior, Pre-Social Work Katelyn Hamel\*, Senior, Therapeutic Recreation Lee

Andrew Headley\*, Senior, Finance, BS, Criminal Justice

### Kishwaukee College announces Spring 2020 Part-Time Student **Honors List**

Part-Time Student Honors List for Spring 2020. Over half the students at Kishwaukee College attend school part time and many of these students have responsibilities that extend far beyond the classroom, including work and family obligations.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must have completed a minimum of 6 (but less than 12) semester hours of college-level courses at Kish with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The following students have been named to the Kishwaukee College Spring 2020 Part-Time Student Honors List: Amboy

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Cassandra E Hintz

Audrey Elizabeth Hulthen, Thomas Michael Rissman and

Thomas Clair Wheeler Paw Paw

Anthony Michael Castaldo, Ashlyn C McLaughlin and Antonio Solis

### **UW-Platteville announces 2020** graduates

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to nearly 1,000 students from its three campuses for the spring and summer of 2020. Local students graduating include:

Ryan Rod, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, **UW-Platteville** 

# Sauk Valley Community College scholarships applications for fall accepted through July 31

**DIXON**— The Sauk Valley College Foundation announces the Fall Scholarship Kick-Off. Scholarship awards will be applied to the Fall semester. Applications will be accepted starting on July 1 and must be fully completed and submitted by 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 31.

The Sauk Foundation has merit and

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need-based scholarship awards usually ranging from \$150 to \$1,000. Interested applicants should visit svcc.edu/scholarships for award criteria and application requirements. It only takes minutes to apply for the money that can help you pursue vour academic goals.

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Adam Mairs, Bachelor of Science in Soil & Crop Science, **UW-Platteville** 

A total of 942 students from UW-Platteville, UW-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County and UW-Platteville Richland earned either their bachelor's or associate degrees. Because of COVID-19, no ceremonies were held in May, but will be rescheduled at a later date.

UW-Platteville, founded in 1866, has been named the best public institution in Wisconsin for annual return on investment for the fifth consecutive year by Payscale and the best value in the state.

For more information on the university, located in Southwest Wisconsin, visit uwplatt.edu.

## Kishwaukee College announces Spring 2020 graduates

MALTA—Kishwaukee College announces the graduates

for Spring 2020. Graduation Honors are divided into three

categories based on final cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale: summa cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.75-4.0; magna cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.5-3.749; and cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.25-3.499. Students who fulfill requirements for a Certificate and have a final cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher are awarded a Certificate with Distinction.

The graduate total for the semester is 287 students who completed a total of 293 degrees and certificates for Spring

The following students completed the requirements for graduation from Kishwaukee College:

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Winner will receive a 2-hour gig by Burn n' Bush, acoustic music, within a 50 mile radius of Dixon in 2021.

Tickets will be available for purchase at various locations or you can contact: Clara Harris at 815-973-5135, Janet Bushman at 815-973-3204 or Linda Erisman at 815-535-1689.

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