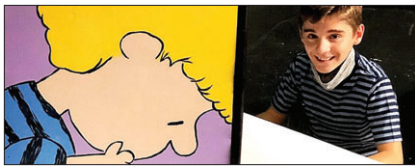


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Downtown beautification

Coal City submits ITEP grant application

BY ANN GILL
EDITOR

In an effort to further enhance Coal City's downtown streetscape, town officials are seeking more than \$300,000 from the state of Illinois.

The beautification elements town officials have outlined were part of the original South Broadway reconstruction plan, however they were dropped from the project in order to maximize the total funding of \$4.5 million.

Village Administrator Matt Fritz said the hope had been the village could augment the project with Illinois Transportation

Enhancement Project [ITEP] funds at a later date.

Well, the state has made the call for ITEP project submissions and the elements taken from the initial plan have been submitted as an ITEP application to the Illinois Department of Transportation [IDOT].

Enhancements outlined in the ITEP grant request include the addition of 17 stamped asphalt crosswalks, just for were included within the reconstruction plan.

The larger part of the plan is focused on public art. The village had planned to coordinate with the Illinois Arts Council on this aspect of the project. However, Fritz said the arts council's funding has dwindled as the state

prioritizes its spending so those elements are now being identified for completion through ITEP dollars.

The art elements would include sculptures, murals and mosaic title art within the walkways.

Fritz reports if the grant application is approved, the village would commission custom art pieces from Illinois artisans including former Coal City residents Rick Romero and Dante DiBartolo, as well as well known street and mosaic artist Jim Bachor, of Chicago.

The art elements installed along Broadway would also include a tornado sculpture created by students at Grundy Area Vocational Center that was commissioned after the 2015 storm by

students in Betsy Cowherd's fourth grade class at Coal City Intermediate School. Funds to complete the project were raised by the students.

The tornado sculpture was given to the village with plans for it to be installed within the downtown area.

The overall cost of the project from stamped crosswalks and customized art pieces, to engineering and construction oversight comes in at \$375,025.

Based on information Fritz shared with village trustees the art elements comprise the bulk of the cost at \$267,900.

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Restrictions in place

As positivity rate increases, Grundy enters mitigation

STAFF REPORT

State imposed mitigations aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 are now in place across Illinois.

Following three days of test positivity rates above 8%, Gov. JB Pritzker announced Sunday that Region 2—the North Central Region that Grundy County is a part of—would enter tier one mitigations today [Wednesday, Nov. 4].

The region's positivity rate went from 7.9% on Oct. 26 to 9.3% on Oct. 29 with 760 new cases of the virus reported within the region's 20 counties in a single day.

For the next 14 days, restaurants and bars within the region are to cease indoor service and gathering limits for events such as weddings is limited to 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity—indoors and outdoors—whichever is less.

All restaurants and bars must close at 11 p.m. and reopen no earlier than 6 a.m. the following day.

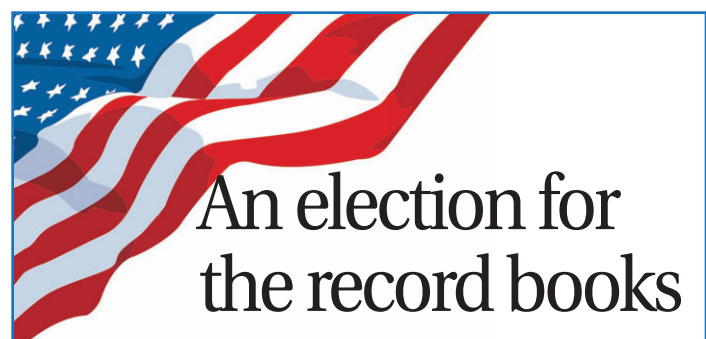
Outdoor service can continue for bars and restaurants, as well as pickup and delivery services. There is to be no standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for service, outdoor tables should be set at least six feet apart, reser-

vations are required and multiple parties are not to be seated together at tables.

Under tier one mitigations, gaming and casinos close at 11 p.m. and, if applicable, follow the same mitigations as bars and restaurants. And, there are to be no party buses.

The mitigations are in place for 14 days. If the positivity rate average is less than or equal to 6.5% over a three day period the region would return to phase 4 guidelines, if the rate falls between 6.5% and 8% the state would continue to monitor the area and if the rate remains over

SEE MITIGATIONS, PAGE 2



An election for the record books

STAFF REPORT

Illinois voters set records for early voting as over 43% of the state's 8.3 million registered voters had cast a ballot in the general election prior to Election Day.

As of mid-day Monday, the Illinois State Board of Elections [ISBE] reported more than 3.5 million ballots had been cast in the general election, far more than in any previous Illinois election. The advanced votes include over 1.75 million mail-in ballots as well as more than 1.78 million votes at early polling places and nearly 47,000 grace period votes.

There were also 586,709 mail-in ballots that had not yet been returned.

Under Illinois law, mail-in ballots that are postmarked by Election Day will be counted as long as they are received by local election authorities within 14 days after the election. The deadline this year is Nov. 17.

In Will County 26,662 of the 123,837 requested mail-in ballots were still out as of Monday and of the 8,022 requested in Grundy County 1,388 had yet to be turned in.

According to ISBE data, 37.6% of Grundy County's registered voters had cast a ballot as of Monday morning. The advanced vote total was at 13,725—6,634 mail-in ballots, 6,901 early votes and 190 grace period votes.

As of Monday, 44% of Will County's registered voters had casting a ballot. Among the 203,964 ballots, 97,175 were mail-in ballots, 104,335 were cast at one of the county's 24 early voting locations including 1,600 at Braidwood City Hall and 2,454 were grace period votes.

Election officials and voters in both counties were reporting lines at early voting locations for much of the past week as voters sought to get their votes in prior to the polls opening on Tuesday.

Local results from Tuesday's general election were not printed in this week's edition due to a press deadline.

While the polls closed at 7 p.m. results were unavailable in time for us to include them in this edition. However, unofficial election results will be available on our website at www.freepressnewspapers.com, and election reports posted in the Nov. 11 edition.

Election results are not official until after the re-tab and canvas that will including any remaining vote by mail ballots received and postmarked by Nov. 3 and valid provisional ballots cast on Election Day.

In Will County, the unofficial totals can be viewed at thewillcountyclerk.com that began rolling out the totals after the polls closed at 7 p.m. Early and mail-in votes were the first to be uploaded by the Will County Clerk's Office and once all 305 precincts had reported in the grace period votes were included in the total.

In Grundy County, the early and mail-in votes were added in at the close of the night once all of the county's 40 precincts had reported in to the county courthouse. The unofficial votes can be obtained at www.grundyco.org.

The final results will be posted by both counties following the re-tab and canvas set for Nov. 17 in Will County and Nov. 18 in Grundy County.

Peter Hancock of Capitol News Illinois contributed to this report

Merry Madrigals



IT'S BEGINNING TO look like Madrigal Season. The Coal City High School Madrigal Choir is in rehearsals for its annual holiday concert and show. Amid the pandemic, the choir is making some changes to its performances that will be filmed and available for streaming this holiday season. Jester Zoe Smith and Queen Addey Connor practicing their social distancing. The Madrigals first performance of the season will be Saturday, Nov. 14 at The 3 French Hens Holiday Market in Morris.

GROCERY LIST

Canned fruits and vegetables, rice, instant potatoes, cereal, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter, jelly, flavored gelatin, flour, sugar, flavored gelatin, pasta and pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, cake mixes and canned frosting, brownie mixes, pie filling, biscuit mixes, crackers, box dinners, canned soup, gravy mix, dry beans, boxed stuffing, fruit snacks, breakfast bars and tarts, granola, coffee, tea, flavored drink mix and juices.

Also, paper towels, toilet paper, hand/body soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine care products, laundry soap, dish soap and household cleaning supplies. dish soap laundry soap shampoo.

STAFF REPORT

Cub Scout Pack 466 is scouting for food, and they are calling on the community to lend a hand.

For longer than anyone can remember, local scouts have organized a holiday food drive to benefit the Coal City Food Pantry. This year is no different, just a bit earlier in the season.

The scouts announced last week they were moving the annual food drive up one month, a change driven by the

on-going coronavirus pandemic.

Due to guidelines, the food pantry must follow including social distancing and capacity limits, changes had to be made in the way the donations are delivered and sorted by volunteers.

Food Pantry president Barb Kent asked organizers if the annual drive could be moved from the first weekend in December to early November, and they agreed.

The change will provide volunteers with additional

time to sort the donations that will be put to immediate use.

Items collected during the Nov. 8 food drive will be utilized to fill the boxes that are collected by families seeking assistance from the pantry on a monthly basis.

In October, the pantry assisted 99 families. Kent expects that number to rise in the coming month as a result of a resurgence in coronavirus cases.

In the first two months of the pandemic—March and April—the pantry was assisting

over 130 families. With the surge in cases and mitigations taking effect locally, the pantry will likely see more individuals and families seeking food assistance.

The door-to-door food collection begins Saturday, Nov. 7 when local scout groups pool their resources to distribute grocery bags to doorsteps throughout the villages of Carbon Hill, Coal City and Diamond. The sacks are to be used for making contributions of non-perishable food items, paper products, household

cleaning supplies and personal care items. All donations must be in sealed, original containers and display current expiration dates.

On Sunday, Nov. 8 the filled donation bags should be placed on door steps for the scouts and their helpers to

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Scouting for food

Annual Cub Scout Pack 466 food drive this weekend





A POLITICAL DISPLAY set up along Division Street in advance of Tuesday's general election was damaged in the overnight hours of Monday as someone set fire to one of the flags and shot out the tires on the hydraulic lift.

Political vandalism

STAFF REPORT

Division Street just east of First Avenue.

When Shain viewed the display on Election Day it looked different from when it was put up.

In the overnight hours on Monday someone set fire to one of the flags, poured gasoline over the lift and shot out all four tires with what appears to be a .22 caliber bullet.

The incident was reported to Coal City Police Tuesday morning. At this time no offender information is available. Anyone with information regarding the damage is asked to contact the Coal City Police Department at 815-634-2341.

Bill Shain put up an eye-catching display supporting the reelection of President Donald Trump in advance of Tuesday's general election. The display featured Trump 2020 flags, signs and even a cardboard cutout of the 45th President. It all stood on a hydraulic lift that had been placed on an empty lot he owns along

Schools not immune to virus

BY ANN GILL EDITOR

Last week, Bugg called a meeting of the district's Citizens Advisory Committee as he was looking to gain some insight on the public's perception of how the return to school is going.

The superintendent shared what school officials see as successes and challenges in educating during a pandemic and he shared the numbers—in-person and remote learners and the COVID-19 case count.

It was from that information a committee member suggested it might be helpful for families who are considering a return to in-person learning to know what the COVID case count is within the district's school buildings.

Bugg took that idea back to district administrators who are now looking at creating a dashboard on the district's website that would provide up-to-date COVID statistics.

In the meantime, Bugg put the numbers on paper to share with families and explained the process of contact tracing and exclusion for close contacts, and that the Grundy County Health Department is consulted with every positive case.

Of the 36 total cases, there was one single incident at the high school where there was possibility of transmission occurring within the school. That is why the high school was temporally closed for 14 days in September.

"The encouraging news is that the evidence continues to show that we are not experience transmission of the virus at school. For every one of our positive COVID cases [other than the incident at the high school] we have been able to contact trace back to a source outside of school," Bugg said.

The district has seen no evidence of any student excluded due to close contact becoming COVID positive.

The 22 positive student cases involve two early childhood center students, one student enrolled at the elementary school, three at the intermediate school [one starting the year in quarantine], four at the middle school and 12 at the high school.

The 14 staff cases include one person at the early childhood center, five at the middle school, one at the high school, three in the district office, and three at the elementary school who started the academic term in quarantine.

The 14th case was reported just this weekend and involved a cafeteria worker at the intermediate school.

Contact tracing determined the staff member had not been in close contact with any student, however that was not the case with their fellow workers and as a result those staff members will be excluded from work for 14 days.

The news prompted an immediate deep cleaning of the school's kitchen to ensure the building and food prep area was ready for the start of new school week.

"Obviously we wish we never had a positive COVID case among our students and staff, but we understand that is not a realistic expectation," Bugg said.

Overall, the superintendent said mitigation strategies—face coverings, social distancing when possible, hand washing and enhanced cleaning and sanitation—have been effective.

As COVID cases across the state continue to surge, Bugg stresses those same strategies outside of school will help keep kids in school.

"The school district has no control over what happens once the students walk out our doors each day. By reinforcing proper mitigation strategies outside of school, we enhance our changes of continuing to offer the face-to-face instructional and extra-curricular opportunities that we believe are available to the academic and social/emotional health of our students," Bugg said.

A roller coaster of temperatures

STAFF REPORT

Temperatures were up and down during the month of October with a daily high that hit the low 80s and a daily low that dipped into the 20s.

The Grundy County Emergency Management Agency [GCEMA] reports the average monthly temperature for the month was recorded at 51 degrees with the high of 83 degrees on Friday, Oct. 9 and the low 21 days later on Oct. 30 registering 29 degrees. Overall there were 10 days with temperatures at 32 degrees or below.

Rainfall in the month of October is officially recorded at 1.66 inches with 11 days of measurable precipitation. The highest 24-hour rainfall was .55 inches on Thursday, Oct. 22 in Morris. Rainfall recorded in Coal City for that same time was significantly higher at 1.83 inches.


Author to present make it a Hallmark Christmas

Have you ever dreamed of writing a Hallmark Christmas story complete with romance and Christmas magic? Do you enjoy the happily-ever-after every time?

Join author Annalisa Russo Thursday, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Coal City Public Library to brainstorm ideas and working plots to write the holiday story of your heart, worthy of Hallmark status.

Anyone who really wants to submit to the Hallmark Channel, Russo will explain the rules and how to proceed.

She will have her own new Christmas book "Two Hearts for Christmas" available for purchase. Registration is required and space is limited.



Grant

Coal City's match amounts to 20% or \$75,005. About \$60,000 of that would be covered by payments the South Broadway contractor—D Construction—paid into a beautification fund held by the Community Foundation of Grundy County.

Funds that were remaining from streetscaping beautification and rent payments from the project engineer.

The North Central Council of Governments [NCICG] assisted the village with the grant application that was delivered to IDOT's Springfield office on Friday, Oct. 30 ahead of the Nov. 2 application deadline.

NCICG director Kevin Lindeman reports the grant awards will likely not be announced until spring or summer 2021 and the work of installing the streetscaping would likely begin the following construction season.

Mitigations

8% after 14 days additional mitigations would take effect.

Early in the pandemic, the village of Coal City and a number of other local municipalities put rules in place to allow outdoor dining, the outdoor consumption of alcohol and temporarily amended liquor codes to follow state guidance allowing to-go sales of cocktails.

Some of these rules remain in place to help ease the burden on businesses impacted by the mitigations that are slated to last through Nov. 18.

After four weeks of being in the blue, Grundy County returned to an orange warning level on Oct. 30 as the positivity rate for the reporting period of Oct. 18-24 reached 10%, up from 7.9% a week earlier. Within that time the state reports 208 new cases per 100,000 population were reported with 1,137 tests performed.

In its weekly update, the Grundy County Health Department reported 1,030 persons have tested positive for the virus since the first case was reported in March.

As of Oct. 30, the health department was following 177 people who had tested posi-

Marshall County at 4.9%.

Regional and county specific data can be monitored on the IDPH website.

Local and state health officials remind residents to wear a face covering in public, maintain acceptable social distance and practice frequent hand washing and sanitizing.

COVID-19 testing is available through local hospital systems and mobile testing units organized by IDPH with locations that can be found by visiting the agency's website at dph.illinois.gov.

Food drive

pickup beginning at noon.

As in the past, the Scouts are calling on area residents to support the effort by picking up extra items when they venture out to the grocery store this week.

Area residents who do not receive a bag and would like to make a donation can do so by placing items in the pantry's donation box located outside the south entry door of Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd.

Along with regular distributions, the food pantry will hold a holiday distribution this December.

All items collected this weekend will be delivered to the pantry and will be sorted by volunteers on Tuesday, Nov. 10, Wednesday, Nov. 11 and Friday, Nov. 13. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, volunteers must schedule a time to assist with the sorting of items. Individuals interested in lending a hand must call the food pantry at 815-216-3288.

Kent said the pantry is grateful to the scouts and community for its continued support of the pantry, especially at a time when there is a need for food.



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Attention voters

WILMINGTON—By the time you read this the polling places will be closed and your vote to decide who will be president for the next four years is likely still being counted. Can we all agree that no matter who you voted for, Democrat or Republican, thank goodness the Nov. 3 is over. Now the key word is patience. Final election results will take time and let's hope that millions of dollars are not needed to defend lawsuits to decide the final outcome. May there be peace on our streets, let Democracy be upheld and let's unite America.

Enforce due date

COAL CITY—I have a question if someone can answer it. When you get your utility bill in the mail they have to receive it within seven days of the due date. In other words, it's gotta be received by the due date, not after or you can be charged an extra late fee. So why is it with elections you don't have to mail your ballot in seven days before and it can still get counted seven, ten, twenty days later, that is wrong. If you are an American you will vote on time. If you're mailing your vote in, it should be mailed in a full seven days before the due date.

All at a loss

WILMINGTON—Dead St. Rose-ers and non St. Roser-ers, I think it is safe to assume we all agree that Wilmington has lost a very valuable and historical place. It couldn't have come at a worse time either. This pandemic has spun our world upside down. In reference to last week's "move on" comment, I first would like to say no one has the right to tell anyone what the right amount of time to grieve is. Keep those signs as long as you want. However, from an outsider's perspective, I do believe it was not all your Pastor's fault. Just like you and I, he has someone to answer to while doing his job as well. I also realize that so many of you good save St. Rose Christians should not be brought down by a few bad ones who have chosen to act in a petty, vindictive and quite ridiculous way. But again, everyone has the freedom of speech and the right to peaceful protest. I hope you realize this going back and forth with each other in public forums or social media just makes all of you look the same. Petty and childish. Someone needs to eventually take the high road and quit the bickering. God loves us all, God forgives all. It's a fresh wound, I understand, but in the end if the school closing or a sign in someone's yard is the issue that keeps you up at night, not finances, not sickness, not starvation, not death of a loved one, not job loss during a world-wide pandemic, then maybe just take a moment and thank your lucky stars.

Families still struggling

WILMINGTON—In response to "Let's move on." It is really sad that you do not have any empathy for the families that were affected by the closing of St. Rose School. Many families are still struggling with the ramifications of the actions of Father Sebastian and the Diocese. Many students still struggle with the loss of their school and their trusted loyal teachers and the friendships that now have to survive different schools, different schedules. Some families were forced to re-enroll in school districts that had failed them already. And by the end of first quarter, had failed them again. So now their children do not have an option to go to an actual school. Other "viable" options are now a 45-minute drive one way, which is unacceptable. Homeschool with zero options of extracurricular activities is where they have to "Move onto." Your posting was heartless and has stirred the proverbial pot. If you have recently found your way back to the Lord, I question your direction since your actions do not come across very Christian-like.

Slow down please

BRAIDWOOD—I am a mom who walks my kids to school. This is a reminder that the speed limit near the elementary

school is 20 mph. Just recently a driver going too fast came very close to hitting me and my kids. Also, the students leaving the school need to slow down. We do have police patrol at the school but everyone's cooperation is needed for safety's sake.

Cheap gas

WILMINGTON—What a great feeling it was to fill my car up at \$1.93 a gallon. Not sure who we have to thank for that but it sure helps feed the kids since my daily commute is 60 miles. What I don't understand is why across town it's almost 20 cents more?

Late treaters

COAL CITY—I had children at my door trick or treating after 8 p.m. and I didn't have lights on because we don't celebrate Halloween. I wish there was a way to stop people from coming to my door, to save their time from walking up to the door. Also the kids were under 10 and I didn't see a parent.

Not another 4 years

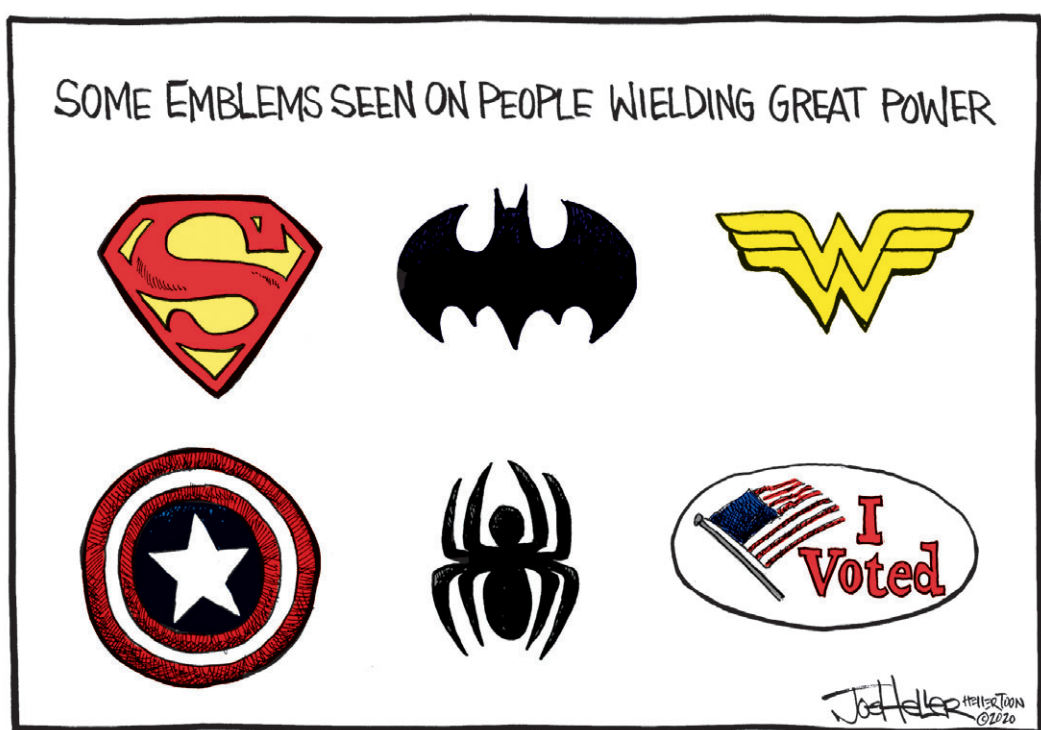
BRAIDWOOD—Today is Oct. 28. By the time this comes out in the paper we will probably have a good idea of who is going to be the president for the next four years. In today's paper I was surprised to see all the sound-offs stating that Trump has done so much for this country but nobody said what it is that he's done. They sound just like Trump himself, "I'm going to make America great again." Here we are 4 years later, the country is divided and everyone hates each other. Where is the wall that is supposed to protect us from the dangerous predators coming into this country illegally? He was going to bring back all the companies that left America yet almost everything I buy still says made in China or other countries. For seven months he's been telling us that the end of the Covid-19 virus is just around the corner. These are all true facts. I just hope that I won't have to hear lies for the next 4 years.

Blue states

SHADOW LAKES—My name is Dan Hill. This one is about why the blue states not allow people to attend church and many have been arrested but yet they can have protests, burn, loot, rob and even maim. I would like this printed before election because these Democrats are so far left they are actual communist. It reminds me of what I read about World War II and the Nazis.

River bone dry

WILMINGTON—Wilmington dam. I have fished the Wilmington dam almost all my life until I got older. Taken that dam out is gonna really be bad news up the river. I don't know if it will cause any problems if they need hot water later in the winter for ice jams but there won't be no water down there. That river is going to be bone dry. You need to keep that dam, you just need better ways of keeping people from getting too close. I sure hope you don't get rid of that dam. Norm Channing Elwood



Up to the experts

WILMINGTON—Seems to me the city of Wilmington is making a big mistake using a public survey to determine the fate of the river dam. Since when does popular opinion take precedent over scientific research? If the dam is simply removed what happens to the upstream flow of the river? It would be nice if the mayor, city administrator or even an alderman could address that question with certainty. They can't because none of them know. Nobody has done their home work to find out. Instead, they've put the decision in the hands of the public and believe me, the public is uneducated too. Instead the city should be demanding that the state research what will happen with the upstream flow if the dam is removed. Let's base the decision on science. Let the experts make the decision, not public opinion.

Privileged

BRAIDWOOD—Several Sound-off authors find Jake of State Farm to be annoying as well as the Pelaton commercial. For me, Christina on the Coast gets on my nerves as a superficial, gag me with a spoon, privileged valley girl. Colleen N.

Think about it

WILMINGTON—I see these Proud American signs all over town and I am reminded that pride is one of the seven deadly sins. Just something to think about.

Not for America

CUSTER PARK—Responding to a "A true diplomat," I agree that President Trump is doing good. But for who? Not for America. For Putin and Erdogan, the dictators of Russia and Turkey instead. We've recently discovered Trump's favors to Turkey's dictator Erdogan when Trump ordered our justice system to accommodate the corruption of Turkey and its Halkbank. When Erdogan asked Vice President Biden in 2016 to "fix" the problem, Biden told the dictator to 'get lost' because America doesn't work that way. But Trump, who has business interests in Turkey, willingly sold out our justice system to his foreign friends. Furthermore Trump is always at the beck and call of Putin considering that Trump has still not approached Putin about the bounties on our soldiers' heads after Americans found out about this 4 months ago. And who can forget Trump's pandemic disaster with our country's performance among the worst in the world? Trump says that the end is just around the corner but Trump has been claiming that since February when our first COVID-19 cases occurred.

Front line heroes

WILMINGTON—Consider that COVID-19 death tolls for South Korea, Japan and China are 463 dead; 1,748 dead and 4,634 dead, respectively, with our death toll at 230,000. The three countries mentioned above are much more densely populated than we are, but nevertheless their death tolls are tiny in comparison to our's. Furthermore President Trump tells the crowds at his rallies that doctors in our country are lying about coronavirus deaths by making them up in order to enrich themselves. Such an insulting lie toward our front line heroes is unfit to come from the mouth of the commander-in-chief. This reminds us that Trump is an impeached president and deservedly so. Moreover it's why Trump is and always has been unfit to be the leader of the United States of America. Irene D.

Business as usual

BRAIDWOOD—It was nice to watch a city council meeting free of yelling, finger pointing and outbursts from members of the audience. This is how meetings should be conducted.

Won't tolerate it

BRAIDWOOD—This newcomer to town that we keep reading about week after week in the sound-off is starting to get really old. It's obvious that this person's ways are starting to catch up to them and those in town that have had enough are making it known. Someone new to a town will quickly learn where they stand especially if they try to stir up trouble where it doesn't need to be. Those who call the town their home won't tolerate such mischievous behavior.

Mob behavior

COAL CITY—What is this violence that's cropping up everywhere? Plans to kidnap and possibly kill Michigan's governor with a civil war to be waged thereafter. Plans to kidnap Wichita's mayor. Plans to carry weapons at polling places to intimidate voters in Philadelphia. And in my neighborhood, significant property damage to rip down a banner in addition to thievery of many signs. Right-wingers are the perpetrators of this destructive mayhem as they appoint themselves to be vigilantes throughout the country. Right-wingers should go home and stay there. Their attacks reveal their hypocrisy as they prove that they are the real perpetrators of mob behavior. Kurt K.

Went so well

BRAIDWOOD—A great big thank you to everyone who worked to put together the drive thru Trick-or-Treat event on Halloween. The children absolutely loved it and the concept was fantastic. We were expecting a lot more chaos and confusion but everything was so well organized that the people putting it on didn't seem to miss a beat. It's so wonderful having so many great people that care about our community and can work together so well to accomplish things for our town.

Kids having fun

DIAMOND—It was so nice to see all the children out trick or treating on Halloween. I must say I was very impressed with how polite the kids were and the fact that most of the kids were all escorted by parents.

Can't understand

COAL CITY—I can't understand why Midland Bank is going to build a new building out in Diamond instead of utilizing the perfectly good building uptown on South Broadway. Just makes no sense.

Showing disrespect

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Wait a minute, I had always pegged Ol' Blue eyes as a Martini guy, or scotch on the rocks. No, Frank was all about Jack Daniel's. In fact, Frank loved his classic black label Jack Daniel's so much that he was buried with a bottle.

So how did the epitome of style and class become the face of the quintessentially southern Jack Daniel's whiskey? After trying Jack Daniel's on the rocks as recommended to him by Jackie Gleason, Frank introduced audiences around the globe to the charcoal filtered Tennessee whiskey.

Beginning around 1955, Sinatra would set a rocks glass of whiskey on a stool in his stage act. At some one point in the show, he would say "Ladies and gentlemen, this is Jack Daniel's, and it's the nectar of the gods."

This was the endorsement of endorsements as far as the distillery in Lynchburg was concerned. Prior to being adopted by the Chairman of the Board, the nearly 100 year old Jack Daniel's distillery was producing approximately 150,000 cases per year.

After the endorsement

from Frank Sinatra in 1955, production doubled by the end of 1956. The state-side demand for Jack Daniel's was so great that it prevented the exportation of the signature Tennessee whiskey for nearly two decades.

This week we are going to taste

and it was as simple as 3-2-1. Three ice cubes, two fingers of whiskey, one splash of water. Then, you would wait for the signal to bring another.

That's all there is to it. Frank would occasionally drink Martinis with his Rat Pack brethren, but favored the subtle sweetness and okay character of bourbon.

I have always wondered if the current formulation of Jack Daniel's is the same stuff that Frank is drinking in all of those classic black and white photos. In 2018, the distillery gave us an answer when they released the "Sinatra Select" line of Jack Daniel's whiskey. You will find it in one liter bottles and the premium whiskey will set you back around \$150.

The distillery admits that the Jack Daniel's of Frank's era would have been made in smaller batches, with better quality oak barrels. The Sinatra Select line is aged in their special "Sinatra barrels" which have deep grooves carved into the staves to impart more charred oak flavor, darker amber color, and a stronger vanilla finish.

The finished product is a bolder version of the base whiskey, and closer to what would have been served in Frank's era.

There is a marketing element that comes into play here, and I'm sure that the distillery has to pay the Sinatra estate to use the name, but the Sinatra Select is without a doubt a high quality whiskey.

The distillery wanted to give something back, to say "thank you." Did Frank really go out of his way to promote the brand out of loyalty and love for the product? Yes, he did. Frank never entered in to a contract or received any



whiskey "Frank's way". He didn't simply pour whiskey in glass and knock it back, he was overly particular about how he took his whiskey.

For starters, Frank only drank from newly opened "fresh" bottles. The folks at Jack Daniel's made this easy by keeping Frank and the band supplied with plenty of whiskey. The case(s) of Jack Daniel's would typically arrive at the venue before Frank's plane landed.

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Extension for license plate sticker renewals runs out

The automatic extension for expired license plate stickers that Illinois vehicle owners got back in June has ended.

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding the public that expirations for license plate stickers ended Nov. 1. Driver's licenses and ID cards remain extended until Feb. 1, 2021.

The public is encouraged to renew their license plate sticker online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com from the comfort on their own home. Online renewals for license plate stickers have skyrocketed since June 1, and if you pay with an e-check, the payment processing fee is waived through the end of the year.

To register, drivers will need their vehicle registration card or past renewal notice

containing their Registration ID and PIN numbers. If vehicle owners do not have a renewal notice or a current registration card, they should call the Public Inquiry Division at 800-252-8980. After obtaining their Registration ID and PIN numbers, they can visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com and go to the "License Plate Renewal Email Notices" under online services.

Since June 1, more than 1.5 million people have renewed their license plate stickers online. This is nearly double the amount renewing online during the same period in 2019.

White is reminding the public that if they renew online and pay with an e-check, the payment processing fee is waived through the end of the year for the following services:

renewing a license plate sticker, obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card, and renewing a driver's license through the Safe Driver Renewal program. People who conduct online transactions will avoid waiting in line at a facility.

For those customers who must visit a facility, face masks are required. In addition, customers are asked to be patient due to heavy volume and to be prepared to wait outside in various types of weather. This is due to social distancing, which limits the number of people inside a facility at one time.

For more information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Morris Hospital new visitor restrictions in place

In response to increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the community and for the safety of patients and staff, Morris Hospital is returning to strict visitor guidelines effective now. One designated visitor/support person age 18 or older will only be permitted for laboring mothers, children 17 and younger, and patients who require continual assistance. No other visitors/support persons are permitted at Morris Hospital or any of its facilities at this time.

The visitor restrictions apply to hospitalized patients, patients having surgery and procedures involving anesthesia, emergency patients, and all patients coming to the hospital for any service. The same restrictions will go in place at all Morris Hospital facilities including immediate and convenient care locations and physician offices.

For hospitalized patients who are at end of life, visitors will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

"We understand the important role of family and are very disappointed to have to implement strict visitor guidelines again," says Kimberly Landers, Vice President of Patient Care and

Chief Nurse Executive at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers. "With COVID-19 incidence on the rise, limiting the number of people who come into the hospital and all of our facilities is one way we maintain a safe environment for our

patients, staff and community. We appreciate everyone's cooperation during these difficult times."

For Morris Hospital's latest visitor restrictions and guidelines, go to morrishospital.org/covid19.

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Midewin virtual celebration on Veterans Day

U.S. Military Veterans' photographs of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie will be showcased in a 2021 Date Planner and in a special virtual celebration on Veterans Day. U.S. Navy Veteran Angela Walker will open the Veterans Day program singing "America the Beautiful." The program will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11. U.S. Military Veterans and their families took the photo-

graphs as participants in the "At Ease" Nature Platoon at Midewin NTP. The program is intended to encourage U.S. Military veterans to connect with natural resources and for people everywhere to experience the prairie through the lens of their cameras. The project is through a community partnership with the USDA Forest Service and Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods. Staff with Brushwood Center began the "At Ease" program six years ago.

for 2021 that highlights key dates in conservation and natural resources. The Date Planner was produced by the USDA Forest Service. The Date Planner is available on the Brushwood Center and Midewin NTP websites. The USDA Forest Service features the photographs in an online photo album created especially for Veterans Day 2020: www.flickr.com/photos/usfs_eastern_region/albums/72157716650460151.



Courtesy photo
U.S. NAVY VETERAN Greg DuBois experiences the Henslow Trail at the USDA Forest Service's Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. Photographs taken at Midewin NTP by Dubois and other U.S. Military Veterans will be featured in a virtual Veterans Day program on Nov. 11 at 4 p.m. and in a Date Planner for 2021 that is available for download from the Brushwood Center at www.brushwoodcenter.org and the Midewin website at www.fs.usda.gov/midewin.

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"Spending time in nature is a powerful practice for mental and physical well-being," said Brushwood Center Executive Director Catherine Game. "These photographs document the beauty of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, as experienced and captured by U.S. Military Veterans and their family members."

Fifteen photographs of nature scenes at Midewin NTP are featured in a Date Planner

"It has been exciting to see the photographs that have resulted from the program," said Midewin Prairie Supervisor Wade Spang. "Now, others can experience Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie through these photographs."

U.S. Military Veterans and their family members who participated in the program will share their Midewin NTP stories during the program on Veterans Day. To register for the program, visit:

www.BrushwoodCenter.org/VeteransPhotoReception.html. U.S. Military Veterans and their families are welcome to

participate in At Ease programs. For more information, email: info@brushwoodcenter.org.

Forest Preserve's calendar dog needs loving home

Lollipop, a sweet one-year-old hound mix, needs a loving home after having a rough start in life.

After giving birth to a litter of pups, she was dumped at a high-kill shelter in Kentucky before being rescued and transported to the Will County Humane Society. "The family literally bred her and then dumped her," said humane society shelter manager Malorie Ernst. "Lollipop wasn't even done weaning the puppies yet and she was still full of milk."

Lollipop's tale is being told as part of the Forest Preserve District of Will County's 2021 Dog Park Calendar fundraising effort, which raises money for the humane society, the oldest no-kill shelter in the county.

The precious pup is available through the foster-to-adopt program at www.willcountymane.com. Lollipop's photo and story will be included in the dog park calendar, which can be ordered at willcountydogs.org through Nov. 13. Calendars will be delivered the first week in December in time to give them as presents to all your friends and family for the holidays. Calendars cost \$15, and \$10 dollars from every sale will be donated to the humane society, which survives on donations alone.

The calendar also will be filled with photos of the dogs that play at the district's six dog parks. The Forest Preserve's first calendar effort

in 2020 raised almost \$6,000 for the shelter, funding that was used for food, medical treatments, supplies and other necessities that helped keep the animals safe and healthy.

Lollipop's story illustrates the plight of shelter animals. The humane society took the pup in three months ago after she was rescued by a group working to save animals from euthanasia, which would have been Lollipop's fate without intervention.

"Her fur was patchy and her skin was rough," Ernst said. "She was scared and very shy. We soon found out she tested positive for heartworm disease, Lyme disease and ehrlichiosis, a bacterial infection, on top of having many intestinal parasites."

The dog is receiving medical treatment and she's warming up to humans and is now considered a "miracle case" for how she is responding, Ernst said. One of the reasons it has been difficult to find a home for Lollipop is because she has not finished her heartworm treatment yet, which means she cannot run or play hard until her heart is completely free of the heartworm parasites. Ernst stressed that the dog's condition is not contagious.

A family that takes Lollipop in would sign a foster-to-adopt agreement, which means they would be foster parents until the dog was healthy and then they would adopt her once her medical treatment concluded. That would allow the humane society to pay for all her treatment and monitor her condition until medical intervention was no longer necessary.

Lollipop is getting stronger every day with a regimen of antibiotics, steroids and pain medications and she has overcome all her other ailments, so Ernst is confident Lollipop will be healed in just a few more months. "She's still a little guarded at first with new people, but that's normal especially with what she's been through," Ernst said. "But with the shelter staff, she's super bubbly and loves to play with toys and loves the



Courtesy photo
THIS ADORABLE HOUND mix pup named Lollipop needs a home. She will be featured in the Forest Preserve District of Will County's 2021 Dog Park Calendar to illustrate the plight of shelter dogs. Calendar sales benefit the Will County Humane Society. The calendar also will highlight the Forest Preserve's six dog parks and feature dogs that patronize the parks. Lollipop is available through the foster-to-adopt program at www.willcountymane.com and calendars can be ordered willcountydogs.org through Nov. 13.

company of other dogs." Ernst is hoping to get Lollipop into a new home as soon as possible so she can bond with a family of her own. "She's just a genuine, overall great dog," Ernst said. "Our goal here is to get her out of the stress of being in a shelter and into a home where she can properly recover."

Many of the dogs that visit the Forest Preserve's dog parks were once shelter dogs themselves, said Laura Kiran, the Forest Preserve's director of marketing and communica-

tions. "The dogs that visit Forest Preserve dog parks are lucky, because they have homes and owners who care for and about them," Kiran said. "But not every animal is as fortunate. The calendar initiative is a way to help those pets that are without a loving family to call their own, while also putting our dog park patrons' pets in the spotlight."

For more information on the Forest Preserve District of Will County, visit www.reconnectwithnature.org.

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GOP pushes back on Pritzker's mitigation efforts

Lawmakers say evidence lacking that bars, restaurants are major source of spread

BY PETER HANCOCK
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SPRINGFIELD — Republicans in the Illinois House and Senate pushed back Wednesday against Gov. JB Pritzker's efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, arguing that lawmakers should be involved in crafting the state's response to the pandemic.

In back-to-back virtual news conferences, GOP leaders in the House and Senate argued that they believe there is scant evidence that bars and restaurants—which will be closed to indoor service in eight of the state's 11 regions by the end of the week—are a significant source of COVID-19 spread.

"Many Illinoisans have invested their life savings into restaurants in their state," said Senate Minority Leader Bill Brady, R-Bloomington. "This is a cornerstone to many of our communities. They barely survived the shutdown that was initiated by the governor earlier this year. But after that, they scraped together to take the proper health precautions to operate their restaurants in a safe manner, employing the people who worked so hard for them and providing a livelihood for those employees."

The Republicans' comments came on the same day the Illinois Department of Public Health announced it would impose enhanced mitigation measures effective Oct. 31 in northern suburban Lake and McHenry counties, which make up Region 9 of the state's reopening plan. And it came one day after those same measures were announced for the city of Chicago, which makes up Region 11, effective Oct. 30.

By Oct. 31, eight of the

state's 11 regions were under enhanced mitigation measures, which include the closure of bars and restaurants to indoor service, limits on the size of public gatherings and other measures.

Pritzker and IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said last week that bars and restaurants are the second most frequently identified source of virus spread, based on data from contact tracers. The governor's office distributed a graphic on Oct. 20 showing 2,300 of 17,939 contacted COVID-19 positive individuals said they had been at a bar or restaurant within 14 days prior to diagnosis. That was second only to "other," which included social gatherings such as weddings, parties and more. The governor's office said the report included data from 69 of 97 health departments.

They have also cited, among others, a study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which showed COVID-19 positive individuals studied were "twice as likely to have reported dining at a restaurant" than those who tested negative.

But Republicans on Wednesday, Oct. 28 questioned those findings, saying the administration has not been forthcoming with the specific contact-tracing data they are using.

"There has been an absolute lack of transparency with regards to the governor's office and Department of (Public) Health regarding the data that is being used to determine whether bars and restaurants are, in fact, significant contributors to the spread of the virus," said Senator Don DeWitte, R-St. Charles.

Republicans haven't been the only ones questioning data about bars and restaurants. On Oct. 27, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, a Democrat, was interviewed on the PBS NewsHour where she said the mitigation plan there would effectively shut down one of the city's major industries.

"Two-thirds of the people that are testing positive and are talking to our case investigators are telling us that they got it from somebody that they knew, and that they got it in a home or other social setting that's not in public," Lightfoot said.

During a separate news conference, House Minority leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, presented data from DuPage County, which is part of Region 8, showing that most of the cases reported there were associated with long-term care facilities and skilled nursing facilities.

"And restaurants don't show up," Durkin said. "Contact tracing during the month of October did not show one case that appears on their list of confirmed cases that came from restaurants."

Representative Brad Stephens, R-Rosemont, in suburban Cook County, also questioned the accuracy of the data that state and local health officials are using.

"There is no exact data that shows that at a certain time, and on a certain day that that's when I'm contracting the virus," he said. "And if there is, we haven't been shared that information. But how does somebody know that? What if I'm at five different restaurants over five different days, and I'm also at Target and the shopping mall and Walmart? People are free to move about."

Speaking in Chicago during his daily press briefing Oct. 28, Pritzker said the state will start sharing its data publicly in the coming days.

"Let me begin by saying we have 97 local public health departments in Illinois. Some are more technically proficient than others," he said. "And so it's taken us some time to work with those departments to get them up to speed working on the same system so that they're reporting into the Department of Public Health all of the data in all of those 97 public health departments."

Brady called on Senate

leaders to form a committee that could meet and review the data being used by IDPH and provide feedback to the agency. And when asked what kinds of mitigation measures he and other Republicans would support, he suggested reducing occupancy limits to 25% of capacity instead of closing restaurants to indoor service altogether.

He also said the state should put more focus on testing, contact tracing and isolation of people who test positive.

"We don't think we've moved quick enough to do that," Brady said. "And this is why we're calling for evidence within the contact tracing that will tell us what we need to do based on science and based on the evidence in terms of mitigating. But so far, there's no proof that restaurants are mass spreaders of this, and particularly if they were reduced to 25% occupancy."



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SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker on Oct. 21 renewed his call for more federal aid for struggling state and local governments as well as small businesses, but talks in Washington may be stalled until after Election Day.

"We believe the federal government needs to step in here, both with greater dollars available to small businesses, targeted to small businesses, as well as for local governments and state governments to support the small businesses across our state," Pritzker said at an event in Chicago. "We have programs that do that. The federal government can reup the programs they've created for that. Those are all things that are going to be needed to get through the COVID winter that's ahead of us."

Pritzker was speaking to reporters after touring the DLV Printing plant in Chicago, one of roughly 2,800 firms in Illinois that took part in the first round of the state's Business Interruption Grants, or BIG program, which provides aid to businesses to offset expenses or losses related to COVID-19.

That program is funded with money from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act, which Congress approved in March, shortly after the pandemic hit the United States.

The state of Illinois received roughly \$3.5 billion in CARES Act money to pay for expenses related to its COVID-19 response. According to information on the Illinois Comptroller's website, however, the state has already spent more than half of that money, a little over \$1.8 billion.

The largest share of that money, roughly \$557 million, has been spent by the Illinois Emergency Management

Agency, much of it for things like medical supplies and testing equipment. Another \$412 million has been spent by the State Board of Education for school meal programs throughout the state, while another \$183 million has gone through the Department of Healthcare and Family Services largely for health care costs.

The CARES Act also provided another \$1.4 billion in aid that went directly to large cities and counties with populations over 500,000 as well as \$250 million that the state is disbursing in the form of grants to smaller local governments.

Under federal rules, however, CARES Act money may only be used for certain direct pandemic-related expenses. But since the pandemic hit, state and local governments throughout the country, including Illinois, have seen steep drops in revenue as businesses were ordered to close or scale back operations, unemployment skyrocketed, and the travel and tourism industry ground to a virtual halt.

In recent days, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has been negotiating with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin on a second relief bill and President Trump has signaled his support for one. But national news outlets including the Washington Post reported Wednesday that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-KY., has urged the White House not to strike a deal with Democrats before Election Day.

State Comptroller Susana Mendoza said in an interview Oct. 21 that state and local governments would be better off if an aid package were passed before Election Day because if Trump is not reelected, there would be no incentive for him or the Republican-controlled Senate to act on anything until the new administration takes office in January.

She also said it would be "catastrophic" for Illinois if Congress fails to pass another stimulus package that includes aid for state and local governments.

That's because the state of

Illinois is currently facing a budget hole of around \$6 billion, Mendoza said. Part of that could be filled with passage of a graduated income tax amendment that is on the Nov. 3 ballot, but even if that passes it would only generate an estimated \$1.2 billion in the last six months of the current fiscal year, meaning the state would still need about \$5 billion in federal relief.

"And if we don't get that, then you're talking about incredibly draconian cuts to core programs that people need as well as, you need to come up with the revenue somehow," she said. "So, you know, it's cuts — which you cannot possibly cut yourself out of \$5 billion that you have to make up for. So, it'd be combination of cuts, a combination of borrowing, which only kicks the can down the road further, and a combination of significant revenue increases."

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John Bollino

John Edward Bollino, 68, passed away on Oct. 31, 2020 at his home in Neoga, IL, surrounded by his wife, 3 sons and a few grandchildren.

Born in Morris, he was the son of John Henry and Rose Marie Bollino (Ouamak). He attended Coal City High School and graduated in 1970. He worked at and retired from Akzo-Nobel after 34 years of employment.

John enjoyed spending time with his kids and grandkids. He was so proud of each one of them. Spending time outside watching birds and other wildlife with his wife was one of his favorite pastimes. You could regularly find John enjoying his morning coffee on the back porch overlooking the lake. John loved his family deeply and always made sure they were provided for and that they had a great life. He will always be remembered for his garage conversation, which was always full of jokes and laughter.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Dolores Pauline (Windell) Bollino; his boys: John Christopher Bollino, of Essex; Chad Michael Bollino and his wife Lacey, of



Charleston, IL and Jeremy Edward Bollino, of Essex; grandchildren: Stephanie Bollino, Sarah Bollino, Megan Bollino, Taylor Bollino, Brandon Bollino, Ryan Bollino and Bryson Reed; siblings: Barbara Lange, Terry Bollino, Phyllis Mark and half-brother, Robert Ouamak.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two siblings, William and Emma Jean Bollino.

The visitation for John will be held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory in Braidwood on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020 from 5-7 p.m. with a funeral service beginning at 7 p.m. All attendees are required to wear face masks and observe social distancing standards.

Cremation rites will be accorded following services.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, 401 E. Main St., Braidwood is in charge of arrangements.

Jacqueline Marks

GARDNER—Jacqueline “Jackie” Marks, 88, of Gardner, and formerly of Sullivan, MO, passed away Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Born July 16, 1932 in Sullivan, Jacqueline Jean was a daughter of Milner Dee “Jack” and Cora Leona (Hays) Benton. She was raised and educated in Sullivan; graduated from Sullivan High School with the class of 1950, and on Oct. 20, 1951, married Walter Marks in Sullivan.

Jackie worked as a clerk at the Royal Blue in Gardner for many years, and she was a member of the Church of Hope, where she enjoyed singing in the choir. Jackie was an avid crocheter, took pleasure in reading, and will be remembered as a great fan of the Chicago Cubs.

Survivors include six children: Christine Davis, of Sullivan; Tom Marks, of Potosi, MO; Rick (Kim) Marks and Randy (Lori) Marks, both of Gardner; Rhonda Marks, of Dwight and John (Gina) Marks, of Washington, MO; 12 grandchildren: Richard (Mary) Wymer, of St. Louis, MO; Andrew (Kasia) Davis, of Barrington, IL; Jason Marks and Lucas Glaser, both of Sullivan; Benjamin Marks, Blake Marks, Braden Marks and Carl Jr. (Sarah) Marks, all of Gardner; Kaitlyn (Ben) Greenawalt, of Coal City; Brandon



Marks, of Dwight; Megan (Jimmy) Heideman, of Missouri and Melanie (Jeff) Sanders, of Florida; eight great-grandchildren: Mia, Luke, Drew, Simon, Madeline, Jack, Jenna and Hannah; one great-great-granddaughter, Violet; three brothers: William Benton Reeves, of Missouri; James L. Reeves, of Illinois and Kenneth L. Reeves, of Missouri and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jackie was preceded in death by her parents, one son, John Timothy in infancy; her husband, Walter on Feb. 27, 1984; one sister, Phyllis Ross and one brother, Dale Benton.

Per Jackie’s wishes, green flameless cremation rites have been accorded and she will be laid to rest with her parents in Sullivan IOOF Cemetery. Graveside services and a celebration of her life is being planned for July of 2021.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Jackie’s memorial page online through social media by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com/obituary/Jacqueline-Marks

Green flameless cremation services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Gardner.

Yvonne P. Kilpatrick

NORFOLK, AR—Yvonne Pauline Scaman Kilpatrick, 82, of Norfolk, AR passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020 in Mountain Home, AR due to Covid 19.

She was born on Jan. 22, 1938 in Morris, the daughter of George and Sophie Scaman. George was killed in a car accident when Yvonne was young and Sophie then married Mike Bertino. Yvonne was the youngest of eight children; Elmer, Lillian, Irene, Ray, George, Betty and Ken.

Yvonne was known by her given name, Mom and Grandma, but the name that most called her since she was a little girl was Babe. Babe graduated from Reed Custer High School in May 1956. After graduation she went to work at AP&A in the office. Yvonne married Robert Kilpatrick at the First United Presbyterian Church in Braidwood on Jan. 19, 1957. They lived their married life in Braidwood, and later moved to Morris to Babe’s family home in 1963. Babe retired in January 1991 as the plant manager of Coils, Inc. They moved to their retirement home full time after the Morris Hospital purchased their Morris home for the expansion of Morris Hospital.

Babe was known and loved for her homemade chocolate chip cookies and rolls. She kept track of how many she made each year - in 2018 she baked 192 dozen, in 2019 she baked 275 dozen and in 2020 she baked 152 dozen chocolate chip cookies for friends and family. She loved baking and sharing with others.



Babe was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Mountain Home, AR, the Rodney Jordan Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, the Ladies of Jordan and The Prune Beach Club on Norfolk Lake.

Robert and Babe had three children: Michael James (Susan), of Norfolk; Matthew Robert (JoAnn), of Westmont, IL and Mari Beth (Fred) Ruegsegger, of Norfolk; grandchildren: Leslie (Jerry) Hernandez, of Venus, TX; Paula (Ryan Erdmann) and Jenny Kilpatrick, of Westmont, IL; Sarah, Alex, Ian, Andrew and Elliott Ruegsegger, of Norfolk; great-grandchildren: Ryeann (Jose) Rincon and Stephanie and Jerry Michael Hernandez, all of Venus, TX; great-great-grandchildren: Zariah Rincon, TerriAnna Sedberry and Jayden Hernandez, all of Venus.

She is preceded in death by her husband, of 62 years, Robert; her parents, her mother and father-in-law, James and Pauline Kilpatrick and a special niece, Judy Phillips.

There will not be a memorial service at this time due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rodney-Jordan Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 129, Pineville, AR 72566 or the First Presbyterian Church of Mountain Home, 1106 Spring Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

The online guestbook and obituary are available at www.connerfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Tammy Cardwell

GARDNER—Tammy Cardwell, 62, of Gardner, passed away Monday, Nov. 2, 2020 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home.

Born April 3, 1958 in Assumption, IL, Tammy Ellen was a daughter of Kermit and Gertrude (nee Walker) Stokes. She was raised and educated in Assumption, and graduated from Assumption High School with the class of 1976. Tammy attended the University of Saint Francis in Joliet and earned her bachelor’s degree in social work. On June 13, 1981, she married Patrick Kevin Cardwell at Saint Mary Nativity Catholic Church in Joliet.

Tammy worked for many years at Gardner Grade School as a paraprofessional with the Grundy County Special Education Cooperative. She had a quick-witted sense of humor that was instantly recognizable to anyone she met, and enjoyed playing pool and singing karaoke. Tammy loved spending time outside tending to her flower garden and relaxing in her pool. She had a sizable collection of angels, and took great pleasure in reading a good book.

Survivors include her husband of 39 years, Patrick Cardwell, of Gardner; two sons, Brandon (Dawn) Cardwell and Kyle Cardwell, both of Gardner; one grandson, Lee Cardwell, of Gardner; one sister, Carol (Lyle) Giles, of Assumption, one brother-in-law, Terry (Barb) Cardwell, of Carlyle, IL and several nieces and nephews.



Tammy was preceded in death by her parents, one granddaughter, Alex Cardwell and five brothers: Kermit, Greg, John, Robert and Roger Stokes.

Per Tammy’s wishes, cremation rites are being accorded, and a memorial service is being arranged for a later date.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book, upload photographs, and share Tammy’s memorial page by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com

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Sponsor a wreath for a veteran's grave at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. The wreath laying will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19.

The ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Wreaths are placed after a brief ceremony. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help place wreaths, dress appropriately for the cold.

Sponsorship is a tax deductible donation and may be made for a specific veteran or any veteran.

Complete the form below. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Wreaths Across America and mailed to: Will County Farm Bureau, c/o OCP Wreath Project, 100 Manhattan Rd., Joliet, IL 60433 Group# IL0013P

Sponsorships are being collected through Nov. 24 for the year 2020 campaign. Donations after Dec. 2 will be for 2021. Order online at Wreaths Across America and include cemetery ID: ILALNE. For updates pertaining with wreath placement and coronavirus precautions visit the Facebook page: Wreaths Across America Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Grave specific sponsorship

Complete a separate form for each veteran. Sponsors who attend the wreath laying on Saturday, Dec. 15, may place the wreath on that specific grave.

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Catapult a pumpkin

Will County and Lewis University have partnered to offer the 5th annual Will County collection of pumpkins for recycling.

From 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 7, students, parents and residents are encouraged to bring their pumpkins and gourds to Lewis University in Romeoville. Lewis Physics Club will be operating catapults! The will be free document destruction service offered and electronics recycling of up to two TVs.

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How seniors can save on prescription eyeglasses

Dear Savvy Senior,
 What tips can you recommend for finding affordable prescription eyeglasses? I used to have vision insurance through my work but lost it when I turned 65 and signed up for Medicare.



SAVVY SENIOR
 Jim Miller

Dear Need,
 Unfortunately, in 2020 it's still true that original Medicare does not cover vision services, which includes routine eye exams and prescription eyeglasses - unless you've just had cataract surgery. While there's no one solution to this common need, here are a few tips that can help you save.

While original Medicare doesn't cover vision services, there are Medicare Advantage plans that do. Medicare Advantage plans, which are sold through private insurance companies, cover all the same medical and hospital services that original Medicare does, but many of them also provide vision as well as dental, hearing and prescription drugs too.

To locate Advantage plans in your area that provide vision coverage, go to [Medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) or call 800-633-4227. But before enrolling in a plan, check the benefit details to ensure the plan's vision coverage includes routine eye exams, eyeglass frames and lenses.

If you are currently enrolled in original Medicare you can switch to a Medicare Advantage plan each year during the open enrollment peri-

od, which is between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7. Or, if you already have an Advantage plan that doesn't provide adequate vision coverage, you can swap to another plan between Jan. 1 and March 31.

If, however, you don't want to change your Medicare plan, you can still get coverage by purchasing a vision insurance policy - see [eHealthInsurance.com](https://www.eHealthInsurance.com). Vision policies typically start at around \$11 to \$13 per month for an individual, but before signing up make sure your savings potential is worth the cost of the monthly premiums and required copays.

Purchasing eyeglasses from discount retailers is another way to save.

You also need to find out if you are eligible for any discounts. Ask your optometrist if they provide discounts to membership groups like AARP and AAA. AARP members, for example, can get 30 percent off a pair of glasses (frames and lenses) simply by asking. AARP also offers \$55 comprehensive eye exams (dilation included)

at participating eye doctors. See [AARPVisionDiscounts.com](https://www.AARPVisionDiscounts.com) for more information.

To purchase glasses online, you'll need a valid prescription from an eye doctor (typically no more than a year old), plus your pupillary distance number, which is the distance, measured in millimeters, between the centers of your pupils in each eye.

If your income is low, depending on where you live, there may be some local clinics that provide free or discounted eye exams and eyeglasses. Put in a call to your local Lions Club to see what's available in your area. See [Directory.LionsClubs.org](https://www.Directory.LionsClubs.org) for contact information.

You may also be able to get free eyeglasses through New Eyes (New-Eyes.org, 973-376-4903), a nonprofit organization that provides free eyeglasses through a voucher program to people in financial need.

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Forest Preserve's pandemic-era virtual field trips a hit with educators

Long yellow school buses filled with students are a rare sight at Forest Preserve District of Will County visitor centers this fall, but the new virtual field trip format being offered by the District is becoming popular with educators who appreciate the option.

More than 90 online field trip programs have been scheduled or have already taken place as educators seek to keep their students engaged in environmental education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"While in-person would be best, it is just not safe right now, so the virtual trips we have taken are the next best thing," said Rebecca Young, an AP environmental science

teacher at Plainfield East High School, whose students recently completed the "Deep Dive into Wetlands" virtual field trip.

Teacher Vanessa McNeff's fifth graders from A. O. Marshall Grade School in Joliet attended a "Trouble in the Water" field trip earlier this month to learn how water resources must be protected locally and globally.

"It was great and the kids loved it! It was run very smoothly and very organized," she said. "The chat box was blowing up with the students expressing shock and a strong interest in helping solve the problem!"

To learn about the online offerings, visit bit.ly/forest-fieldtrips.



Courtesy photo
ANGIE OPIOLA, a Forest Preserve District of Will County program coordinator, wades into a pond during one of many virtual field trips now being offered by the District during the pandemic.

Oakwood Cemetery fall clean-up

Oakwood Cemetery in Wilmington will begin its fall clean-up starting Monday, November 16, 2020. All decorations, trinkets etc: that are not removed by this date, will be removed and discarded by cemetery personnel. Anyone wishing to save the decorations, will need to remove them by Sunday, November 15, 2020.

Veterans Day Tribute will be virtual

The Coal City Public Library District will launch its 12th Annual Veterans Day tribute video virtually on its Facebook page and Website at [cppld.org](https://www.cppld.org) on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 at 11 a.m. The video will include a flag ceremony performed by the St. Juvin VFW Post 1336, speaker Dr. Kent Bugg, local Veteran videos, a memorial tribute, music and more. The library appreciates all Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Infant Safe Sleep Awareness

Unsafe sleep is a leading cause of death for children one year old and younger; and while October's Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month has ended, Illinois DCFS continues to work year-round to remind parents and caregivers of the importance of putting infants to sleep safely.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic halted plans for in-person awareness events this year, Illinois DCFS credits a multi-faceted awareness campaign and community partnerships that began in 2019 with decreasing the number of unsafe sleep deaths from 143 in 2018 to 108 in 2019. In addition to recording a public service announcement and pro-

moting safe sleep messages across social media, the department collaborated with the Illinois Child Death Review Teams to promote the ABCs of Safe Sleep on billboards in Springfield, Bloomington and Chicago.

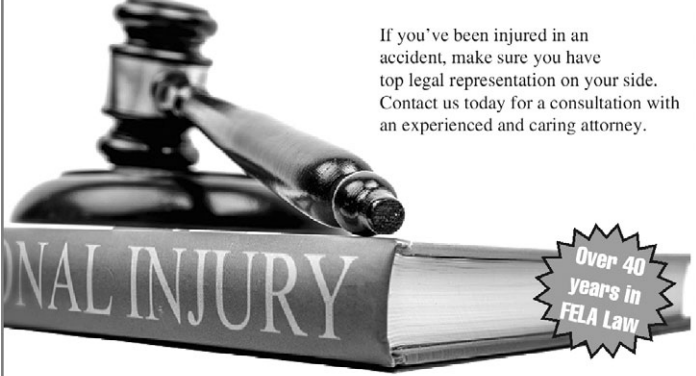
"Infant safe sleep deaths are preventable; and although it is encouraging to see the number of infant deaths due to unsafe sleep decrease from one year ago, parents and caregivers must remain vigilant and put their infant to sleep Alone, on his or her Back, in a safe Crib - every time," said Illinois DCFS Acting Director Marc D. Smith.

In 2019, 108 infants in Illinois under the age of 1 died as a result of being put to sleep unsafely. 87 were

found in locations other than a crib, bassinet or 'pack and play;' 76 were found in positions other than on their back; and 71 were co-sleeping with another individual at the time of death.

Infants sleep safest alone in a crib with a firm mattress and tightly-fitted sheet. The crib should be free of pillows, blankets, bumper pads, stuffed animals and toys. Infants should never be placed on an adult bed or couch to sleep. If parents of young children are traveling, they should call ahead to make sure their accommodations include a crib and bring a pack and play if one is not available.

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CCHS to sponsor blood drive

Coal City High School is sponsoring a blood drive for students and the community on Nov. 17 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the small gym.

Anyone wishing to donate blood is asked to wear a mask and come to the front office where you will have your temperature taken and come to the front office where you will need to have your temperature taken.

To sign up, go https://donate.illinoisversiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5578549 to schedule yourself by Nov. 13. Remember, donors must be 16 or older. Eat a good breakfast the morning of the drive.

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Not everybody is talking about climate change

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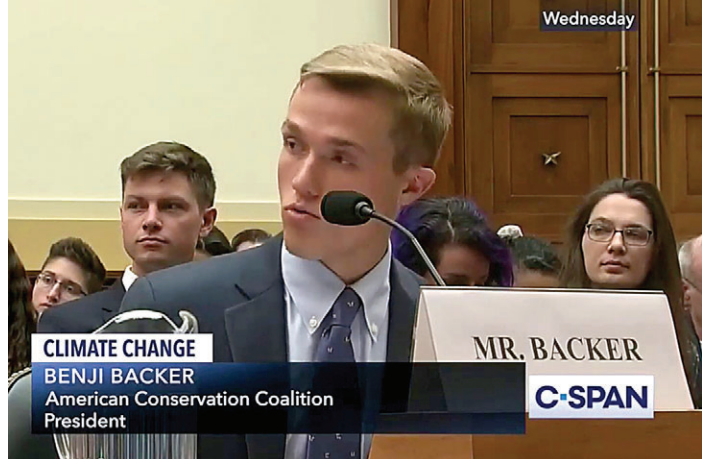
Americans, regardless of political affiliation, all live on this planet together and share its ecosystems and resources. Yet there is a deep divide among us with regard to environmental policies and climate change. Nothing underscores this divide more than Donald Trump's rolling back of nearly 100 mostly Obama-era environmental regulations since 2017.

And during the 2020 Republican National Convention, climate was not mentioned once, apart from Trump's bragging about leaving the Paris Climate Agreement.

unanimously in 1973 by the Senate and later by a 390-12 vote in the House (another bill President Trump is in the process of dismantling).

Even up until 2007-2008, the GOP supported many of the environmental regulations passed. Republicans such as George W. Bush, Newt Gingrich (former Republican Speaker of the House), Rudy Giuliani, Mitt Romney and John McCain all agreed verbally that protecting our planet from climate change was not a partisan issue. It wasn't until 2008 when Obama tried to pass policies to help reverse and mitigate climate change that special interests began to really intercede in U.S. environmental politics.

That being said, there is reason for hope in the generations of Republican youth join-



BENJI BACKER and other young Republicans started the American Conservation Coalition in 2017 to merge their conservative and conservation values.

ing the table who are dedicated to making climate change a prominent issue for the Republican party. One recent study found that millennials and younger Republicans are more likely than older Republicans to view government efforts to reduce climate change as insufficient (52 percent versus 31 percent). Similarly, 78 percent of younger Republicans (against 53 percent of older ones) agree that alternative (non-fossil-fuel) energy sources should be a priority, numbers that bring hope to those already working on climate change issues.

Nature Conservancy members. But they were conservative, and I grew up not thinking that the environment should be political at all," says Backer.

Another youth-led advocacy group that has emerged is the Young Conservatives for Carbon Dividends (YCCD), which supports carbon taxes to reduce greenhouse gases. Founder Kiera O'Brien grew up in Alaska and says that she and fellow Republicans have seen the impacts of climate change first-hand in the rapidly warming region.

The American Conservation Coalition (ACC) is an advocacy group started by Benji Backer and other young Republicans in 2017. Backer said his drive to start this group after his freshman year of college came from his love of nature that was inspired by his family. "They were Audubon members,

As things worsen globally, many others, despite party affiliations, will likely come to similar realizations. The question is, can each and every one of us band together to make impactful change before it's too late?

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Standby deer hunters won't be allowed

No standby deer hunting will occur at state hunting sites for the 2020-2021 seasons.

That's the biggest change announced by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) last week as part of health and safety protocols implemented in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Deer hunting during the firearm, muzzleloading rifle, CWD and Late Winter deer seasons on state sites where special permits are issued through the regular statewide drawing will be limited to those persons already in possession of a site permit at the beginning of the season.

In the past, standby drawings were held to fill unmet quotas or allow additional hunters to go afield once others had harvested deer. These drawings often resulted in crowded conditions at site offices.

It includes the Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area in Wilmington, Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area/Heidecke State

Fish and Wildlife Area near Morris and Mazonia-Braidwood SF&WA near Braceville.

Upon arriving on-site, hunters should report to the normal check station and follow instructions as posted or as given by site staff. The 5:00 a.m. check-in time will be waived; hunters need only check in before going afield.

Self check-in and check-out procedures are already in place on these sites.

Hunters should follow all public health guidelines issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health, including wearing masks when social distancing cannot be achieved and refraining from congregating in parking lot areas.

Through responsible actions, hunters can help ensure that site hunting programs continue to offer Illinoisans healthy outdoor recreation opportunities.

The archery season is underway while the firearm season will be Nov. 20-22 and Dec. 3-6.

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle.

Circle jam set for Nov. 14 in Godley

There will be a circle jam on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the rec hall under the water tower at the Godley Park District, 500 S. Kankakee Street, Godley.

Bring your instrument and play, sing or just enjoy. The free event is open to everyone including musicians and listeners. Donations will be accepted.

Circle jams are held on the second Saturday of each month from January to November, and are social hours featuring a mix of music from classic country to bluegrass and more.

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- Upright post on a boat
 - Sentimental person
 - Native American tribe
 - Wear away
 - Where you're going
 - Doctor
 - Popular Chinese dialect
 - One point east of due south
 - Northern sea duck
 - Note
 - Wives (law)
 - Trigonometric function
 - A way to communicate (abbr.)
 - Swiss river
 - No (Scottish)
 - Commercials
 - Large instrument
 - Chantilly, ___ de Menthe
 - Small, saclike cavities
 - High and thin in tone
 - Treat extremely well
 - Famed track star Usain
 - Secure web connection (abbr.)
 - Rob of energy
 - Paving material
 - Cool!
 - Tip of Aleutian Islands
 - Indicates silence
 - Water in the solid state
 - Security interests
 - Popular hoopster Jeremy
 - Shed tears
 - Low frequency
 - Harmful bacterium
 - Common language: lingua ___
 - Standards of perfection
 - They consist of two parts
 - A detailed description of design

- CLUES DOWN**
- More (Spanish)
 - A subdivision of a play
 - Japanese title
 - More jittery
 - Fabric
 - Luke's mentor ___-Wan
 - Cleaving tool
 - Ancient city of Egypt
 - 36 inches
 - Farewell
 - Second to last
 - Improved by critical editing
 - Defensive weapon (abbr.)
 - Fancy attire
 - ___ Farrow, actress
 - Completely opposed
 - Supervises flying
 - Pouch
 - True firs
 - Mistake
 - Computing platform (abbr.)
 - Snakelike fish
 - Greatly horrify
 - Despicable person
 - Tell on
 - Ballplayer's tool
 - Central Brazilian town
 - Court game
 - Land
 - "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
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 - Data executive
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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to aviation. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = T)

A. 19 18 15 10 16 22
Clue: Soaring through the air

B. 23 15 20 10
Clue: Part of an aircraft

C. 7 18 22 15 22 13 26 25
Clue: Height of an object

D. 7 5 9 25 20 22
Clue: Climb upwards

Answers: A. flight B. wing C. altitude D. ascent

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to aviation.

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Answer: Planes

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in California on November 6, 1946. I was a high school cheerleader before getting my acting break as a teenager. I also played a flying nun. I've starred in many top films, including one with Tom Hanks.

Answer: Sally Field

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Either way outcome will be 'horrible'

For generations now, Chicago has had its own separate set of state laws for just about every topic under the sun. The city's mayor is allowed to appoint the school board, Chicago has its own "working cash fund" law, the state's mayoral veto law does not apply to the city and the city has a unique exemption allowing it to deduct money from worker paychecks. From big to archaic, the list is almost endless.

So, when you've grown accustomed to doing it your own way for a century or so, you may start thinking you're a special case in literally everything. And that seems to be what happened last week.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot told reporters she hoped to change Gov. JB Pritzker's mind about imposing the same public health mitigations on the city as the state has imposed on several other regions, including suburban Cook County, and said the two ought to be "in lockstep" on any "new restrictions."

The mitigations mainly involve shutting down indoor dining and booze-drinking at taverns.

The moment to address this, of course, was months ago when Pritzker laid out the new plan and the boundaries of the new public health districts. Chicago was given its own dis-

trict back in mid-July (ironically, at the behest of the suburbs), but not its own rules. The city, in fact, imposed even tighter restrictions on restaurants, taverns, parks, beaches, etc. than the rest of the state, which is allowed under Pritzker plans. But the city and the mayor have known all along that local governments cannot impose looser regulations than the state's.

And, really, how would DuPage County respond if Chicago was given a special pass on indoor restaurant dining? Not well, I assure you. And Will County denizens would be rightly upset if Chicagoans could drink inside their local taverns and they could not.

Complying with the mayor's demands would undermine the governor everywhere else in the state. And he's got enough of that problem as it is.

Look, we know that state mitigation works if regions stick to the program.

Why? Simple. The Metro East area as well as the region encompassing Will and Kankakee counties both eventually worked their



CAPITOL FACTS
Rich Miller

way out of the stricter protocols. Those successes alone should be enough to prove that the spread is slowed when indoor dining and drinking are curtailed.

But coverage follows conflict, so news consumers aren't getting that message. Instead, it's all about disagreements between political leaders and the furious anger of the hospitality industry.

But both of those previously successful regions are now right back in mitigation. Restaurants and taverns that survived the first mitigation round are now having to go through this nightmare all over again. Businesses in first-time mitigation and those in regions about to be subjected to the limits look at their colleagues and are justly terrified for their futures.

While there's no doubt that indoor dining, indoor tavern drinking, etc. do, indeed, spread the virus, people should be forgiven for thinking it's unfair to put the onus completely on those specific businesses - particularly at a time when the federal government is showing absolutely zero interest in helping the busi-

nesses cope and the main complainers about Illinois' rules (other than Lightfoot) are unwilling to vigorously demand federal action.

In order to make this more "fair" and spread out the pain instead of focusing the responsibility, everyday people would be required to do their own part. Chicago's contract tracing program shows that "small social gatherings" are major contributors to the spread.

"Where we're seeing the greatest challenges is in people's homes, in social settings that are not public," Lightfoot said. But if you think people are upset about the restaurant and tavern situation, try ordering them to avoid all contact with their friends and families. Yikes.

So, the choices are between ginning up either a horrible backlash with horrible economic consequences or a horrific and widespread public backlash that could conceivably jeopardize everything.

Or let it all burn, and Pritzker is not going to do that. So, "horrible" seems the only do-able choice. And, make no mistake, without help from DC, it will truly get horrible for a lot of very good people.

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Illinois gas prices drop at an accelerated rate

Illinois gas prices have fallen 2.0 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.17/g Monday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,378 stations. Gas prices in Illinois are 6.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 33.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Illinois is priced at \$1.84/g Monday while the most expensive is \$2.89/g, a difference of \$1.05/g.

The national average price of gasoline

has fallen 2.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.12/g. The national average is down 6.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 48.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"The drop in gas prices has accelerated in the last week as oil prices continued to slide on uncertainty over the election, stimulus and as coronavirus case counts soar, leading to more states rolling back their reopening plans," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for

GasBuddy.

"In just the last few days, it feels like uncertainty over a potential legal fight over the U.S. election has also risen to near panic levels, all of which throws more uncertainty into the ring, keeping the U.S. from potentially having a clear leader to turn things around. For now, it's virtually guaranteed that the national average will fall to under \$2 per gallon in the next two weeks, so motorists need not be in a rush to fill their tanks."

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COALER SPORTS



KRISTA WATSON was selected by her old battery mate Kirsten Verdun to be a catcher on the Coal City softball dream team.



KIRSTEN VERDUN was a unanimous choice to pitch on the Lady Coaler softball dream team.

Dream team, continued from page 14

who graduated in 2008 and went on to play for Winnona State.

"She was our third basemen in freshman and sophomore year," said Verdun. "She played for a very good travel organization, hit in the heart of the lineup for us so she's definitely one who would fit well in that spot. She and Katie Crawford were really good upperclassmen with how well they led us."

Brittini Manietta, Molly Manietta, Makenna Emerson and Madison Emerson were also recommended to play third base.

Brittini, the third basemen for the 2008 third place team, hit .294 with a home run, five doubles and 16 runs batted in. Her sister Molly was a part of that team as well as the 2010 state championship team.

Molly hit .337 with six home runs, six doubles and 23 RBIs that season.

After one season at Youngstown State, she transferred to University of Illinois at Springfield where she made their record books. Manietta is ninth in career home runs, belting 12 from 2014-16. She's eighth in RBIs with 67. She also had the most putouts at first base, making 1,066 career outs.

Makenna is second in doubles during a season, tied with Verdun with 19 doubles in 2016. She also was second overall in career steals, swiping 41 bags. She was named All-Conference during her sophomore and her junior seasons.

Makenna went on to play at Olivet Nazarene University where she finished with a .350 batting average, hitting 10 career home runs with 32 doubles, four triples and 121 runs driven in.

Madison followed in her sister's footsteps at third base and was very effective as she batted .402 during her senior season with five home runs and 33 runs driven in. As a result, she made All-Conference player during her sophomore (2018) and junior seasons (2019). She missed out on her senior season in 2020 due to the Coronavirus but was in a prime spot to add on.

An honorable mention pick for the hot corner would be 2019 graduate and Tusculum University commit Zoe Wills. Wills had power at Coal City during her two season on varsity as she was tied for the lead on the club with five home runs, sporting a .270 average in 2019.

Second base

At second would be Bryanna Phelan who was a member of the championship and third place state team.

She was a two-time All-Conference player with a .450 average, driving in 15 runs during the 2010 season. She scored 77 times that year, which ranks third in Illinois for single-season run total.

"She was a phenomenal athlete," added Verdun. "She was fast, a speed player. Bryanna Phelan would be a true centerfielder but she played second base for us because it's just where we needed her."

Phelan played at Northern Illinois University where she batted .340 to lead the Huskies during her senior season in 2015. She was third for NIU in hits with 50, runs scored (31) and on-base percentage (.386). She was also tied for the team lead with 16 multi-hit games.

Leah Campos was also selected at second. Campos

played second base for the Coalers from 2015-17 before attending college at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA where she earned Second-team American Rivers All-Conference selection at third base during a season where she hit .373 with two home runs, 10 doubles, two triples and 21 runs driven in to help the Knights to a 26-12 record.

Catcher

Behind the plate Verdun picked Krista Watson, who was her battery mate in 2010.

Watson was second on the team coming into the state championship game with a .554 average, nine home runs, 19 doubles and 78 RBIs.

"In my opinion, she could've been the best shortstop to ever come through Coal City but she had to catch because no one else could catch me."

She went on to play for Augustana University where she still made the school record books.

Along with playing the fifth most games at AU (167), Watson drove home the fourth most runs (101), she total the second most bases (295), the most doubles (42), the fourth most hits (179) and the second most home runs in Viking softball history as she hammered 22 from 2011-14.

Natalie Teague was another standout catcher selected. The senior catcher batted .478 last season with a long ball, eight doubles, two triples and 22 runs driven in. She was a big bright spot on a 10-17 team. She was also very good at handling her pitchers and at fielding her position. She committed to Ferris State University for the 2021 season. Teague earned all-conference during the 2019 season.

First base

At first base, Verdun likes Kristen Arndt, who was fourth on the team in average with a .405, had 5 home runs, even doubles and drove in 53 runs.

"Her numbers speak for themselves," added Verdun. Kristen and Krista were a great 3-4 hitters after me. There weren't a lot of holes in our lineup that season."

She went on to play at Joliet Junior College where she played one season for the Wolves, hitting .319 with a home run and 14 runs batted in 69 at bats.

Another selection at first base was Kristyn Daigger.

Shortstop

At short, Courtney Delach and Lauren McGlasson were top suggestions.

Delach was an important part of the third place team as a senior, hitting .426 (40-for-94) with 13 doubles, a triple, a home run and 27 runs driven in. Delach was selected as an All-Conference selection during her junior and senior seasons.

McGlasson was a bigger part of the 2010 team, smacking six of the team's 38 home runs with a .337 average.

Outfield

In the outfield are Madison Giordano, Rachel Burroughs and Taylor Meents.

Giordano was a speedy centerfielder, who would be used more for her tracking ability than for her bat. As a freshman, Giordano hit .221.

Burroughs hit .255 with three home runs, 11 doubles, a triple and 37 runs knocked in. She was also very good at her position.

Meents was another selection for outfield because of her speed and ability to track down any ball.

She leads the Coalers with 64 career stolen bases and stole 64 in 66 attempts. Meents had the single season lead for steals with 43 and would be an excellent edition at the top of the order.

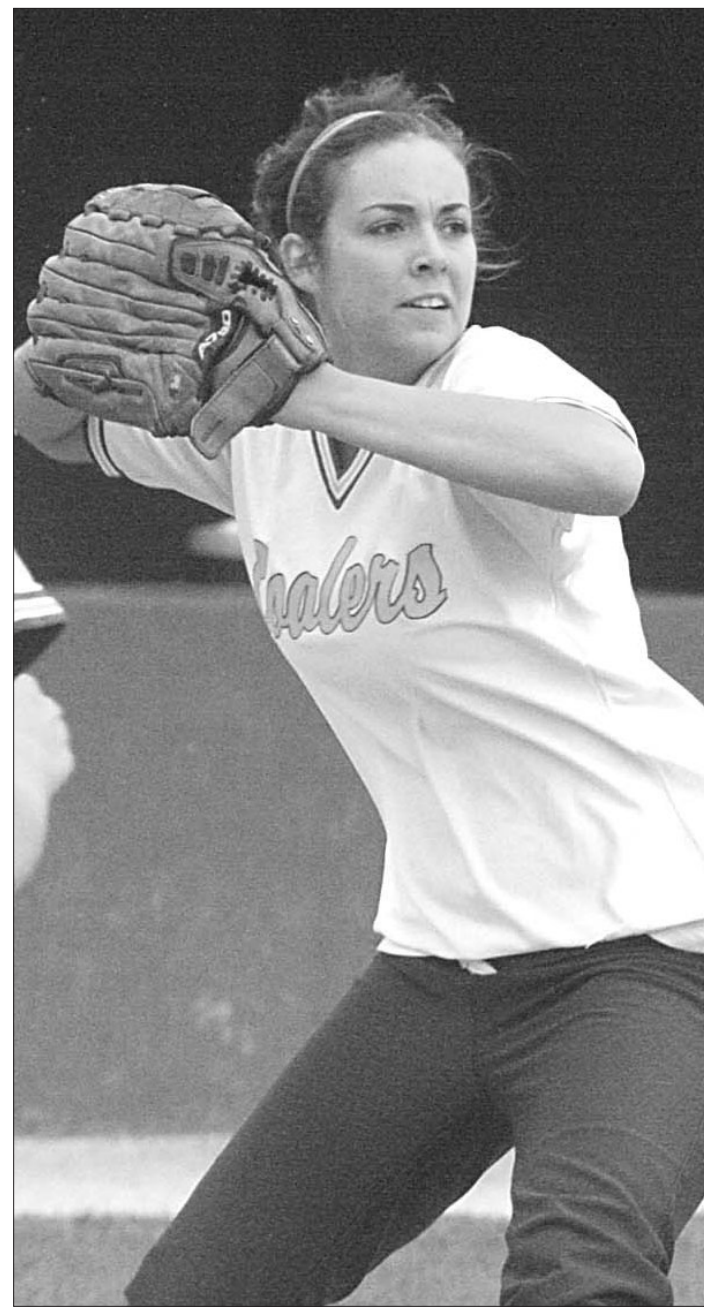
Hannah Boresi was another standout outfielder on the state championship team. As a freshman in 2010, she hit .204 with two home runs, two doubles and 12 RBIs.

Sydney Singleton, who graduated in 2019, was a very good slap hitter who hit lead-off. She along with Abbie Cullick would be honorable mention in the outfield.


Singleton hit .375 during her senior season with two doubles, a triple and 23 runs scored.

Cullick was all-conference during her junior season, posting a .410 batting average with seven doubles and 26 runs scored. She stole 17 bases and had 26 overall. Cullick's senior season was canceled due to the Coronavirus.

Madelaine Ragain was also mentioned as a selection in right field. Ragain was second on the team with a .423 average in 2019. She hit nine doubles, a triple and drove in 19.




CAROLYNN KRATOCHVIL was selected by Kirsten Verdun to be third basemen on her Lady Coaler softball dream team.



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Hopes are high there will be boys and girls basketball seasons

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

Coal City girls and boys basketball players got sixth-man support from the Illinois High School Association last week after Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker nearly canceled winter sports.

The IHSA approved the playing of winter sports on Wednesday, a day after Gov. Pritzker upgraded basketball to the "high risk" level putting the 2020-2021 season in jeopardy.

Lady Coaler basketball coach Brad Schmitt is excited for the players and thinks sports can be a big part of a kid's happiness.

"I think sports are important for a kid's mindset," said Schmitt. "I don't like seeing the kids walk around like they're in limbo having to dodge everything that's thrown at them."

He hopes for the best knowing that ultimately it will be up to the school board and health department to make the final decision.

"I think that once this is all over, we're all going to have to be understanding."

IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson said the IHSA wasn't budging and they're going to play basketball with the guidance of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

"You know at some point, I think over the next month or whatever time frame, we'll figure out if this is a legal issue for us as an association or if it is for our schools - and then we'll have to pivot, as we've been pivoting a number of times throughout this school year," Anderson said.

"This is a step forward to really say that as an association we think we can do it safely, and we want it for our students."

The governor came back on Thursday, saying legal action could be taken, and fines administered to any school who defies the state's health department. That didn't stop the IHSA from issuing winter sport guidelines on Friday.

Included in the guideline is it will be up to the schools and local health departments to decide if spectators will be allowed to attend games.

Basketball seasons can

begin on Nov. 30 ending on Feb. 13.

Contests will be between only conference opponents or from the same COVID region.

As for postseason play, a state series is to be determined so the season will go as far as Feb. 13, encouraging teams to leave the week of Feb. 8-13 open for postseason games.

There can only be 50 people in the gym for games, meaning players, coaches, timers, paid/volunteer game officials and media make up the 50 people.

If they are allowed, all fans will be masked and spread out with at least six feet between each family and 30 feet away from the team benches which will both be placed on the side with the scorer's table.

The same goes for the players on the floor. Even if they're playing, they will have to be masked. Players on the sidelines will be in face coverings, spaced at least six feet away from another team member or coach.

It is recommended for players to bring multiple masks to replace sweaty ones throughout games/practices.

Any mask modification requests due to a documented medical condition, must come through an accommodation request which can be accessed through the IHSA.

Due to players wearing masks during the games, a media time-out will be taken each quarter at the first dead ball under the five minute mark to give players an opportunity to catch their breath.

Physical celebration will not be allowed. That includes fist bumps, handshakes, hugging or any other type of celebratory interaction.

Any basketball used as part of warm-ups or game play will be cleaned and sanitized between each use.

The same goes for game balls before each contest and for all equipment used before the game.

This includes the gym, chairs, scorer's table, locker rooms and the bleachers.

There should be two sanitized game balls to switch in and out during quarter breaks and full time-out, sanitizing them after each use.

Other game specific guidelines include spacing out the throw in and omitting the



KYLE BURCH is a leader of the 2020-21 basketball team and will hope he gets to play his senior year.

jump ball. Officials, who will also be masked, will stand six feet or more away from the player making the throw-in and bounce the ball to that player on any throw-in.

There will be no jump ball at the beginning of the game. Instead, the ball will be given to the visiting team for the first possession of the game. The alternating possession will then be set after the initial throw in.

In an overtime period, possession will be decided by the flip of a coin. Just like it is decided in football, the head coaches will meet in the center of the court with the visiting coach making the call on the coin flip.

Competitive cheerleading
The competitive cheer season will be able to start on Nov. 30 with the season running through Feb. 13 like basketball. The only difference is they will have a state series.

Sectionals will take place on Jan. 30 with the state finals on Feb. 5 and 6.

No physical contact is allowed, meaning partner pyramids/tossed partner stunts and lifts are prohibited.

Just like basketball, masks must be worn by everybody.

If poms, signs and flags are used, they can't be shared.

With pyramids, tosses and partner stunts out, the raw score on an IHSA score sheet will now be out of 55 possible points instead of 100.

As far as practices, which begin Nov. 16, it is best to have workouts in pods of the same students who are always training and rotating together. This will ensure more limited exposure if someone develops an infection.

During competition warm-ups the hosts must establish firm arrival times for participants. If cheerleaders arrive early, they must stay in their vehicle until the appointed time.

For invitationals, auxiliary spaces can be used for holding areas for participants, meet personnel, spectators, etc. as long as they allow for social distancing and are kept at 50 people or less capacity.

Competition times should be spaced out.

There will be no live awards. Instead, it is suggested to administer awards online.

Former standout pitcher suggests this softball dream team

BY SHAWN LONG
STAFF WRITER

Who would make the roster for a Coal City softball dream team?

We polled Courant readers on who they'd pick and one, former Lady Coaler All State pitcher Kirsten Verdun, helped us make up this fantasy team.

Verdun led Coal City to a third place state finish in 2009 and a state championship in 2010. Her success at Coal City and in college playing for DePaul University is a mile long.

She is the leader in almost every pitching category, leading Coal City and the state in single season wins (40-0). She is the leader in no-hitters in a season, spinning 10 gems in 2010. If no-hitters weren't impressive enough, Verdun threw four perfect games that season.

She would rank sixth in strikeouts during the regular season, fanning 480 batters in 2010.

Verdun had a .565 batting average with 12 home runs. At DePaul University, she is third in career home runs as she belted 37 out between 2011-14. She's the leader with 156 career walks. Her on-base percentage ranks just behind Reed-Custer standout Missy Nowak, as Verdun got on base at a .477 clip. Verdun also had the fifth best slugging percentage which was .589.

From the circle, Verdun is second in career wins (105), second in career punchouts (954), second in complete games (105) and second in innings (924.2). She was also named second team All-American in two seasons, earning the nod in 2012 and 2014.

Another standout pitcher is Katie Crawford, who was a senior when Verdun was a freshman.

"My sophomore year, we went undefeated until postseason and she split the other half of the games so I pitched 10 games and she pitched 11 games, and we both did really



MAKENNA EMERSON was selected to be a third basemen on the all-time Lady Coaler softball dream team.

well," Verdun noted.

Crawford was 13-0 that season with an earned run average of 0.92, fanning seven batters a game, and she is well deserving of a spot on the list.

"She played competitively, had a good high school career and then went on to play in college."

At North Central College she pitched 11 wins with a respectable, 3.94 ERA through four seasons.

Morgan Youskevitch was another name mentioned as a standout pitcher at Coal City. She collected 14 wins in her first 19 games during her senior season in 2013, leading the Lady Coalers to an 18-12 record.

Morgan signed to play college softball at Roosevelt University where she was starting pitcher for three seasons.

Emily Aichele is another top choice for pitcher, throwing a few seasons for the Coalers between 2014-16.

She was 18-11 with a 3.93 ERA in 2013 as she led the Coalers to an 18-12 record.

Leslie Youskevitch was another standout pitcher. Leslie pitched from 2016-18 and she was

Youskevitch pitched 376 innings with 31 wins while fanning 277 batters in her career at Coal City. She earned Interstate Eight All-Conference in 2016 and 2017.

She also was 62-for-204 offensively with 34 runs driven in.

Youskevitch went on to pitch at University of Wisconsin at Platteville and played a little bit as a freshman, pitching just two innings. She wasn't able to pitch this year (2020) because the coronavirus ended up canceling their season.

Paityn Smith was an honorable mention selection on the dream team. Smith earned All-Conference during her final season at Coal City with a 2.04 ERA including 130 strikeouts over 130 innings.

Third base

At third base, top prospect is Carolynn (Kratochvil) Novak



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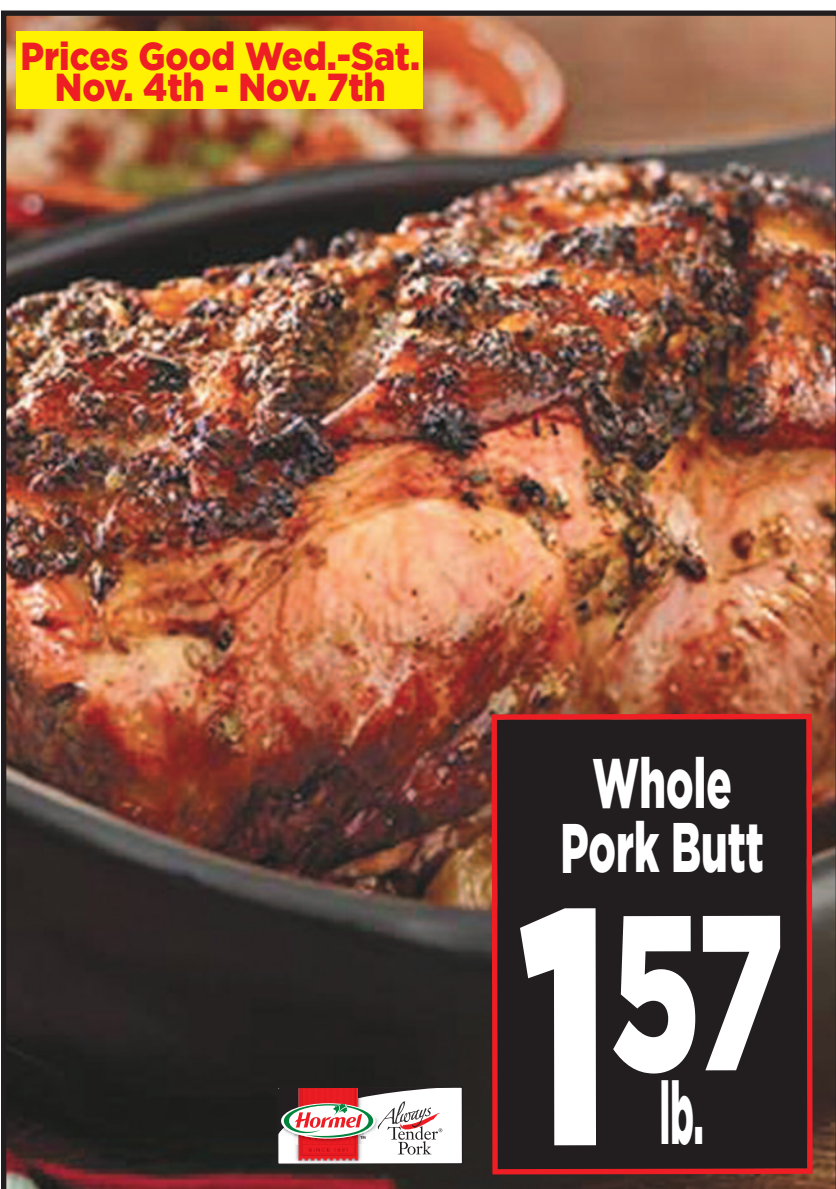
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