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COVID cases alter school schedule for District 209-U

BY MARNEY SIMON
EDITOR

Two new cases of COVID-19 among staff members in the Wilmington 209-U School District forced administrators to make adjustments to its in-person learning plan for this week.

On Oct. 22, Superintendent Dr. Matt Swick sent an email to parents in the district, informing them that one of the teachers at Wilmington High School had tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

"This staff member successfully followed all the necessary steps and protocols. It has been determined that this teacher was not in close con-

tact with any students," Swick told families. "We have identified one staff member that was in close contact with this teacher. This staff member will self-quarantine for a period of 14 days."

Close contact is defined by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to mean spending more than 15 minutes within 6 feet of an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 or otherwise exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 within 48 hours of the person's onset of symptoms.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) last week altered the close contact definition slightly, changing the 15 minute rule from 15 continuous minutes to 15

cumulative minutes in a single day.

Swick said the educator was recovering at home.

However, on Friday, a second message was sent home to families, alerting them to a second positive among support staff at WHS.

"We do not believe this was connected to the teacher who recently tested positive. It has also been determined that this employee was not in close contact with any students," Swick wrote. "However, we have determined that this staff member was in close contact with a few other adults. These staff members will self-quarantine for a period of 14 days."

Swick added that the support staff member who tested positive was

asymptomatic.

But, with those two positive tests plus others awaiting results, the district opted to cancel food services and send students home early on Friday, Oct. 22.

On Sunday, families were informed that the district was still awaiting some test results for support staff, and, out of an abundance of caution, would make changes to the school day this week.

"Although none of our Food Services employees have actually tested positive for COVID at this time, as a result of close contacts, we believe that the wisest and safest course of action for the week ahead is to implement early student dis-

missals for each day," Swick told families, noting that Friday, Oct. 30 was already on the calendar as a scheduled early release day.

"We decided to exercise extra caution in striving to ensure the safety and well-being of both staff and students," he said.

Dismissal times for this week are as follows:

- Bruning, 12 p.m.
- WHS, 12:15 p.m.
- WMS and SIS, 12:20 p.m.

The district also canceled all breakfast and lunch for both remote and in-person students for the week. Students are required to engage

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Local road projects underway



Photo by Marney Simon

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER — Roadwork in Wilmington kicked off later than usual, as Austin Tyler began resurfacing projects last week. Crews were seen working along Mill, Jackson, Van Buren and McIntyre streets on Monday as the first snow flurries of the season fell. The roadwork is part of this year's Motor Fuel tax (MFT) project, which will consist of blacktop repaving this month. Tar and chip projects slated for alleyways will wait until spring. MFT funds are taxes collected at the gas pump by the state then redistributed to municipalities and highway districts, earmarked specifically for local road projects.

Rate increases set for monthly water meter charge

Monthly fee will now be based on size of meter

BY MARNEY SIMON
EDITOR

The city of Wilmington has amended how it charges for new water meters. City officials said the plan is designed to make sure everyone is paying their fair share when it comes to those new meters.

On Oct. 20, the council approved an ordinance amending city code on meters and rates.

The ordinance amends the monthly fee for installation and replacement of meters, which will now be billed in accordance with the size of a customer's meter.

"Commercial meters that are larger than the residential ones were paying the same

water meter replacement fee for their bill, and their water meters were substantially more," Alderman Ben Dietz explained. "Three, four, nine times more. So, all we're doing is changing the language for the commercial side of it, so that they're paying their fair cost of what it costs to replace their meters."

Until the change, every water customer in the city was paying \$2.93 on their monthly bill for their meter replacement fee.

The change will go into effect with the addition of a 2% annual increase on overall water bills, however, the fee will now be dependent on the size of the meter.

"Everyone in town, commercial or residential, was paying [the same] regardless. Now they will be paying based on the size of their meter," Dietz said.

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Wilmington Park District thanks volunteers

STAFF REPORT

A standing ovation met one of the strongest volunteer groups in Wilmington Thursday, Oct. 22 at the Park District Board of Commissioners' meeting.

The Community Foundation for Wilmington Parks, Recreation, and Improvement was recognized for their outstanding service to the betterment of the Wilmington community.

In early Spring of 2020, the Community Foundation and Wilmington Park District teamed up to recover some gently used playground equipment from Alsip Park District.

The equipment consisted of two elements: a toddler play structure and as well as a youth structure

After successful recovery and careful planning, the tod-

dlar structure was strategically installed at Children's Memorial Park on the weekend of Oct. 10.

Mulch and final touches were completed on Oct. 15 by park district staff, and the new equipment made its debut for area children a few days later.

"The new playground structure looks incredible. Many have already complimented how great it looks and have taken their children to play on it," said Andrew Liaromatis, Superintendent of Recreation with the Wilmington Park District.

"The volunteers did an extraordinary job with the

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COVID-19 positivity rate continues to climb

STAFF REPORT

Half of Illinois' 102 counties were placed on the state's COVID-19 warning list last week, including Will County.

That warning list is in addition to the resurgence mitigation placed on Region 7, which consists of Will and Kankakee Counties.

As of Tuesday, those numbers remain on the rise in Region 7.

The regional data is posted to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) website with a three day lag period. As of Tuesday, the latest

numbers indicate eight days of positivity increases in Region 7, with the latest reported data from Saturday, Oct. 24 at 9.6%.

That marks six days in a row where the positivity rate was above 9%.

The numbers are higher for Will County when separated from Region 7.

The positivity rates in Will County were 9.5%, 9.7%, 9.5%, 9.8%, and 10% for Oct. 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, respectively.

The positivity rate is calculated as total positive tests to total tests.

That means Will County remains under those resur-

gence mitigations.

Per the governor's Restore Illinois plan, mitigations will be applied if a region's positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8% for three consecutive days, or if a region experiences a sustained increase in the positivity rate (increases in 7 out of 10 days) and sustained increase in hospital admissions for a COVID-19 like illness or reduction in hospital capacity that threatens surge capabilities (availability of ICU or med/surgical beds under 20 percent).

If a region has exceeded IDPH criteria that trigger

but a resurgence of COVID-19 and prevent uncontrollable spread, new measures are necessary to curtail further spread.

Region 7 entered the resurgence mitigation phase on Friday, Oct. 23.

Those mitigations include no indoor service at bars and restaurants, closure of all bars by 11 p.m., no party buses, limits on gatherings to 25% of the venue capacity, and gaming and casinos limited to 25% venue capacity, must close by 11 p.m., and must

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in at least one hour of instruction from home this week.

Swick said all students would receive details from their teachers on extended learning.

"These activities will look differently for students across various grade levels and school buildings," Swick said.

The Illinois State Board of Education has required all students to participate in five hours of learning in order to count as a full day of school.

Swick noted that the four hours of in-person and remote direct instruction that will take place during each morning this week, combined with a daily hour of remote learning to satisfy that requirement.

All district buildings, classrooms, hallways, entryways, gyms and other spaces are cleaned and disinfected at the end of each day.

Per the district's reopening plan, individual students and their parents/guardians as well as staff members are contacted directly by a school district nurse or administrator and/or an official from the Will County Health Department if they are ever identified as a close contact for a confirmed COVID

case. Students and staff are also required to self-monitor each day for any potentially COVID-related symptoms or elevated body temperatures.

Anyone experiencing symptoms or elevated temps should stay home and communicate as soon as possible with the appropriate school nurse, building principal or immediate supervisor.

"I apologize for any inconvenience," Swick said. "But we feel it is important to proceed with extra caution, when necessary, as we continue to work through this challenging school year."

Earlier last week, the members of the board of education held a brief discussion on the state of the district's in-person learning plan.

Swick said that while nothing can replace in person learning, teachers are working hard on implementing and organizing plans for all required remote options.

"I've very thankful for the 80% that are hear, wearing their masks, keeping kids safe, keeping each other safe, doing the thing that we do inside our walls," Swick told the board, adding that the district's remote teachers had "stepped up" to help with the planning.

"Without them, we wouldn't be pulling off what we're pulling off right now," Swick said. "It's gone well... You can't replace face to face teaching and

learning. You build relationships face to face. Whether it's coaching, teaching, you sharpen people face to face. But, they've made the best of the situation we're in. So, I couldn't be more impressed."

Prior to the end of the week infections, the district had a total of seven students and one teacher who had previously tested positive.

Swick said one of those students was a remote learner, while another was diagnosed prior to the return of in-person instruction.

"It can happen overnight," Swick said of the virus. "You can have a few infections, you have to deal with the county health department and make good decisions. But, we've been very fortunate, and I just have to give credit to our people, the kids and the adults. They're doing what's asked of them, they're keeping distance, they're following the procedures and protocols, they're wearing their masks."

Swick said the district plans to return to its regular in-person learning on Monday, Nov. 2.

There is no school on Tuesday, Nov. 3, for the 2020 General Election, which is now a state holiday in Illinois.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled to take place on Nov. 11 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Those conferences will take place virtually.

Meters

The monthly fees will be assessed as follows:

- 1 inch meter — \$2.24
- 1.5 inch meter — \$3.26
- 2 inch meter — \$6.84
- 3 inch meter — \$7.61
- 4 inch meter — \$8.38
- 6 inch meter — \$11.04
- 8 inch meter — \$14.19

The increase is expected to help better cover the costs of the meters overall. For those with 1 inch meters, the new installation cost is \$506. But for 8 inch meters, that cost is \$4,552. Yet, until now, those customers were paying the same amount monthly.

The meters have an average life expectancy of 15 years. The Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee forwarded the amendment to the council for approval.

During their meeting earlier this month, committee members said it was time to level the field where paying for

the meters is concerned.

"We've been taken aback on all these giant meters for quite some time, charging the same amount as the residential rate for them," Alderman Frank Studer said.

During that same committee meeting on Oct. 14, the committee reviewed hundreds of past due water billing accounts.

Those accounts represents tens of thousands of dollars combined that individuals and businesses are in arrears to the city for their water billing.

The past due amount to the city in the current billing cycle is \$75,907.

Additionally, there is a total of \$40,336 that is less than 30 days past due; \$48,568 that is 30 to 60 days past due; \$652 that is 60 to 90 days past due; and \$2,944 that is more than 90 days past due.

Several of those customers who are past due are already on a payment plan with the city.

Alderman Dietz asked if it was possible to work with some of those customers further in an effort to get them into compliance. For those who are perpetually late on their bills, they are slapped with a 10% late fee. But, that late fee is added every month that the customer is not up to date.

"It obviously, not that we want to cut people off, but, what are we doing to remedy it?" he asked. "For those frequent flyers, is there any amnesty program we can do for them? Would there be any way if they can avoid the 10% [late fee] if they're current and paying [the promised amount]. Just to make them not pay the 10% late fee."

Dietz said the added late fee might create a bigger burden as folks try to pay down their bills.

The committee did not vote to take any action on that program.

In other news before the committee on Oct. 14:

• Water Superintendent Robert Bland delivered to the committee his monthly water report.

For the month of September, the city lost

37.55% percent of water, which is unaccounted for. Public works has been trying to track down the source of the water loss, which has been as high as 54% this year.

"It's starting to trend down. We have a way to go, but we're getting there," Bland said of the water loss issue.

• The city will research costs for repairing a sinkhole on Wabash Street, one that could be as deep as 17 feet.

• Alderman Dietz said he's been contacted to look into whether a stop sign can be added at the intersection of Ridge and Buchanan

"I've had no less than 15 people ask me for this. If you go down there and you sit there after school, it is an absolute highway... You pass three intersections without a stop sign. In my opinion, it's an issue," he said. "The idea is, it's not a main street. And without stop signs for half a mile right next to the school, it creates in my opinion a pretty big safety issue."

The Wilmington Police Department will look into the issue and will likely conduct a traffic study at the site before bringing a recommendation back to the City Council.

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Yard waste pickup available through Nov. 27

Waste Management will collect yard waste materials for Wilmington residential customers, including tree branches, leaves, grass clippings and brush, until Nov. 27

Yard waste is collected by Waste Management once per week on the same day as the refuse collection. All yard waste items placed out for col-

lection by residents must be at the curb by 6 a.m.

Yard waste materials can be placed in kraft paper bags, which can be purchased at local retail stores. Ninety-six gallon yard waste carts are available for rent from Waste Management by contacting the Customer Service Center at 1-800-796-9696.

Branches and brush must be cut into 4-foot lengths and bundled with string or twine. Each bundle must not exceed 50 pounds.

Unbundled brush will not be collected. Whole trees and limbs greater than 4 inches in diameter and stumps are not included in the weekly pickup.

Please note that sod, whole trees, stumps and dirt are not part of the weekly yard waste program.

The yard refuse program resumes April 1, 2021.

The city of Wilmington discontinued its leaf vacuum service in 2016.

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adhere to mitigations for bars and restaurants, if applicable.

The resurgence mitigations do not affect sports or outdoor activities not otherwise included in the exposure or gathering settings.

IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in regions requiring additional mitigations over a 14-day monitoring period to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigation should remain in place.

If the positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5% over a three day period, the region will return to Phase 4 mitigations under the Restore Illinois Plan.

If the positivity rate averages between 6.5% and 8%, IDPH will continue to monitor the region to determine if additional mitigations are needed.

If the positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8% after 14 days, more stringent mitigations can be applied to further reduce spread of the virus, which could include reducing capacity on organized group recreation, fitness or other activities supported by local contact tracing data and temporary suspension of certain activities.

Per guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), close contacts of positive cases should quarantine for 14 days since the last encounter with the sick individual.

With a resurgence of the virus in the state, health officials remind residents they can help slow the spread by wearing a face covering in public, maintain acceptable social distancing, and frequent hand washing.

In an emotional address to the public on Friday, Oct. 23, IDPH Director Ngozi Ezike said it's sad to see the numbers going up again.

"I've never run a marathon, but I have the utmost regard for those who've been able to train and plan and finish a marathon. But this is a difficult race when you can't actually see the endpoint, and I'm sorry that that's the message I have for you," Ezike said.

"Nevertheless, I'm asking you to fight the fatigue. Fight the urge to give up on social distancing. Fight for your kids to have safe, health opportunity to have in-person learning in school with teachers who were trained to teach them in the classroom," she continued.

"Fight to have safe, healthy environments in which we can work so that businesses can remain open so that our economies can start to thrive again. This does mean wearing your mask."

The IDPH reported Tuesday 4,000 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Illinois, including 46 additional deaths, including two people in Will County, a female in her 70s and a male in his 80s.

The IDPH is reporting a total of 382,985 cases, including 9,568 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois. The age of cases ranges from younger than one to older than 100 years.

The preliminary seven-day statewide positivity for cases as a percent of total test from Oct. 20 through Oct. 26 is 6.4%.

As of Monday, 2,758 people in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 595 patients were in the ICU and 241 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

In the 60481 zip code, which includes Wilmington, Shadow Lakes, Symerton, and surrounding rural areas, the total number of positive cases as of Tuesday is 228 of 5,520 tests performed, a positivity rate of 4.1%.

In the 60408 zip code, which includes Braidwood, the total is 128 out of 2,111 tests performed, a positivity rate of 6%.

Case per zip code data can be found on the IDPH website at dph.illinois.gov.

"With our mask and our clean hands and our physical distancing we can prevent exposure to this deadly virus," Ezike said during a press conference in Peoria on Monday.

DCEO grants available

Local businesses can apply for financial assistance grants through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

Millions of dollars are still available through the Business Interruption Grant (BIG) Program for businesses who have been financially impacted by closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Representatives at DCEO say the agency is prioritizing counties, such as Will, under mitigations for the current round of BIG grants.

The BIG program is open to businesses (for-profit and nonprofit) with \$20 million or less in annual revenue in 2019 and experienced losses due to COVID-19.

Applications are now being taken and can be downloaded at www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/Pages/C19DisadvantagedBusGrants.aspx.

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I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the ELWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for 2020 will be held on November 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Fire Station, located at 309 W. Mississippi, Elwood, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact President Norman Fanning c/o Elwood Fire Protection District, 309 W. Mississippi, Elwood, Illinois, telephone (815) 423-5224.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2019 were \$3,667,244.55.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$4,254,004.00. This represents a 16% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 were \$0.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 are \$0.00. This represents a 0% increase or decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2019 were \$3,667,244.55.

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Nuts and bolts, straw and paper, the mill

Located on the north side of town, just past the railroad bridge, is the site of a former economic hub. Try not to look at it as is now, but rather through the lens of the way back machine. Set it for 1870 at the north end of Water Street.



TIME WAS....
Sandy Vasko

The 1870's saw Wilmington's economic hopes that she had become a canal town. The Kankakee Navigation Company had invested much money in dams and locks, in dredging and banking for the sole purpose of selling the water power thus created to mills and factories. Secondarily shipping by canal boat became the cheapest way to go, certainly cheaper than the railroad.

The first factory to be built after the improvements to the river were completed was the Nut and Bolt factory, erected by Chapman and Jukes in July of 1873. Located on the east

bank of the canal race it was designed to use water power to provide the motivating force for the machinery.

We read in October of 1873, "The motive power, which gives life to the whole concern, is a fine Bartlett cased turbine water wheel, of four feet in diameter and 80 horsepower - yet the amount of water required is scarcely noticeable. In front of the works is an open space of 50 feet, which is being leveled up nicely, and will give ample space for loading on canal boats, drays, etc.

The machinery is new, nicely painted, and in good condition; the gearings run smooth as clockwork, and almost noiselessly. Mr. Chapman, late of Rockford, has the benefit of 12 years' active experience in this busi-

ness, and has apparently turned it to practical account in this enterprise.

His associate, Mr. C. J. Jukes, is already well known in this community as a man of shrewd business capacity and tact. The firm has kept steadily onward with its work, in the face of local and general money panics - has pushed on its labor of local enterprise with that energy which must and will lead to success."

"Although the works are but yet in their infancy, they employ about twenty operatives whose wages in the aggregate amount from \$800 (about \$17,300 today) to \$1,000 (\$21,600) per month, and who turn out about 2,000 pounds, or 10,000 bolts and nuts daily. When in full blast the works will employ a force 25 or 30 operatives. Messrs. Chapman & Jukes are the first to utilize the water power created by the Kankakee Company. Their investment will reach \$30,000 (\$649,000), and that the firm will soon realize a handsome

remuneration for its enterprise, capital and labor, is the hope of every good citizen."

Unfortunately for Chapman and Jukes, Daniels bank failed the same year and the national economy tanked as well. They both lost their shirts. In the spring of 1875 we read, "E. W. Willard having failed in his endeavor to sell the nut and bolt factory as it is, has received an order to transport the machinery, fixtures, stock, etc., to Chicago, and sell to the highest bidder for cash, after properly advertising."

The building stood empty for several months until an enterprising citizen started a new venture. We read in August of 1875, "It appears that Dr. Trott has purchased the "nut and bolt factory" property, and is casting about with a view to establishing a paper mill in that building. The doctor is in correspondence with practical men and it is to be hoped that his efforts will be successful. Now, gentlemen, is an opportunity for organizing a stock company in an enterprise that will pay."

By the spring of 1876 there was rejoicing. "Yes, Wilmington is to have a paper mill, and that within six months. The edict has gone

forth and the papers are signed, sealed and delivered. On yesterday an ambassador of the Advocate learned the following from the best authority: The ponderous machinery of the mill will be brought to this city as soon as navigation opens, and it is thought will be in operation on or about August 1st. It will be located at the nut and bolt factory place, and will manufacture what is known as "straw board," for boxes, etc. As to its requirements, it will consume an average of eight tons of straw, and seven tons of coal, daily."

Is any of the original nut and bolt factory still standing? I doubt it because in 1879 we read, "The startling and rapid tones of the fire bell alarmed many of our citizens on Sunday morning. "The paper mill's afire!" passed from mouth to mouth, and hundreds of feet hurried toward the scene to find the fire fiend in full and undisputed possession of the premises. The ponderous and costly machinery was rapidly becoming a heap of blackened ruins, notwithstanding every effort of the Hook and Ladder Company and scores of willing citizens. The buckets of the company - numbering perhaps 30 or 40 - were about the only ones on

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AN AD FOR the new paper mill in Wilmington from the 1870s.

the ground, so all that the greater part of the crowd could do was to look on idly at the work of destruction. A large amount of manufactured stock was on hand, but to save any part of it or the machinery in the mill was simply out of the question."

The paper mill was rebuilt and added to many times over the years. It was sold and resold, each company producing a slightly different product, but all adding to the economy of Wilmington. Who knows what it yet may become?



File photo

HUNTERS NO LONGER can stand outside the Mazonia-Braidwood Fish & Wildlife office like in this 2014 photo and swap hunting tales before the drawing to determine waterfowl blind locations on Braidwood cooling lake. The daily draw, done 1 1/2 hours before sunrise, was somewhat of a social event among hunters before COVID-19 came along. Now the drawing is done by FM radio transmitter to hunters sitting in their vehicles.

Hunters harvest waterfowl 'one-at-a-time'

BY ERIC FISHER
PUBLISHER

It was a 'one-at-a-time' lesson for waterfowl hunters who showed up Saturday for opening day at the Mazonia-Braidwood Fish & Wildlife Area in Braceville.

The state initiated new procedures for the daily blind drawing for the 2,640-acre cooling lake in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and everything went off as planned.

"Everyone kept their patience and it worked out pretty well," said Todd at the Mazonia office. "We had 20 boats on the lake on Saturday and 18 boats back on Sunday."

In the past the morning draw, done one hour before shooting time, was a gathering of 60 or more hunters who stood elbow-to-elbow sipping coffee while swapping hunting tales. At the designated minute a card would be drawn from a box and if your hunting party was lucky to be first, you stepped up to a board to select one of 25 blind locations.

That routine has changed and hunters are asked to stay in their vehicle with only one person in their party allowed near the office at a time.

When hunters arrive, one member of a party checks in at the window of the main office to tell the names of all hunters in their boat. Office staff write them down on a sign-in/waterfowl harvest card.

The hunting party's card is

then put in a barrel to be drawn for one of the 25 stakes. The hunter that checked in the party is given an FM radio frequency and a lake hunting map and is asked to return to their vehicle.

At the designated draw time, staff now announce names over an FM transmitter. The party's representative returns to the check station and chooses a hunting stake. Hunters are asked to keep track of blinds taken during the draw to help speed up the process.

Hunting party pulls away, goes to stake and records harvest under each respective hunter on the card at the end of the hunt. Hunting party places card in the lock box located outside the main office at the end of each day's hunt.

"One of the changes this year is no one will be allowed to park along Huston Road during the drawing. We're having everyone pull into the parking lot and along Mazonia entrance road to park there," Todd said.

There will be no re-draw for blinds and there will be no standby drawings after the main draw for Braidwood Lake and the Mazonia North and South Units.

Mazonia North and South Unit blinds will follow the same procedure for open blinds available daily.

Todd said like last year some boats who didn't get an early pick opted out altogether for the day. Saturday's harvest

included 101 ducks and six geese. On Sunday, the count was 40 ducks and three geese.

"That will change with the weather. Once a little nasty weather arrives, so will the ducks," Todd said.

In a worst case scenario a staff member at Mazonia tests positive for the coronavirus that would require the office to shut down for two weeks right in the middle of the 60-day season.

The hunting site, like last year, is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

First-come, first-served at Heidecke Lake

No daily blind drawing is taking place this year at Heidecke Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area. Instead, the Grundy County lake in the North Zone is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The first group of hunters to line up for opening day a week earlier arrived at 6:30 p.m. the night before.

Heidecke previously operated on a daily drawing like at Mazonia-Braidwood.

Heidecke hunters now pick up a harvest card at sign-in/sign-out box located near the boat ramp.

These cards are placed on the dashboard of the vehicle while hunting or left at the sign-in box/kiosk.

Upon completion of hunting, hunters must deposit completed harvest cards in the locked sign-out boxes.

Parks

install. I am beyond grateful to have a group like the Community Foundation in Wilmington," he continued.

As a thank you for their efforts, the Wilmington Park District presented the Community Foundation members with a gift at the board meeting Thursday night.

Upon presentation, Board of Commissioners President Randy Hill stood to give them a standing ovation.

"The long-term impact of what the Foundation accomplished is truly remarkable," said the park district's Executive Director Renee Chavez. "With funding being as limited as it is in the district's minuscule budget, having a volunteer base that was able to tackle an approximate \$50,000 project at virtually no cost is tremendous."

"I hope everyone gets a chance to thank this group for all of the hard work they have put in for the community over the last couple of years. From Veteran's Memorial Park to Children's Memorial Park, the impacts of this group's actions will reflect for decades to come," Chavez continued.

In other action from the park board meeting on Oct. 22, the board of commissioners was presented with financial facts of the ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A member of First Midstate, the district's bond council, presented to the board information on what the future of the district's bond options are if it becomes necessary.

Currently, the park district is on year six of a 10-year bond, expected to reach its maturity in 2024.

With the district's debt service being restricted to only \$14,799, its ability to borrow is very limited with-

out bonding long term.

Options explored were restructuring the current bond to either 10 or 16 years, each of which would extend the current bond's maturity date. It would generate the funds needed to recover lost revenue from the COVID-19 shut down.

"From the recent shut downs and the current restrictions put in place, the District has lost approximately \$60,000 in revenue," Chavez said. "We have to start looking at options to recover that revenue. People are returning to recreate, but not at the pace needed. Restructuring our bonds may be our most viable option."

The Board of Commissioners next meeting is Nov. 19.

The board will conduct a workshop on the different bond restructure options and visit other ordinances addressing surplus items.

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Kudos to decorators

WILMINGTON—Just wanted to applaud the person/people who have taken the time to decorate the downtown area for the fall season. Your hard work is much appreciated and does not go unnoticed. Many thanks, Katrina Skoryi

Accomplishing more

WILMINGTON—I have a contractor working on my house and he and I discussed the election. He cannot stand to listen to President Trump and I can agree with that. But as he said, and I agree, Trump has done more for this country in my life and his life and even for minorities. So what you vote for is not the personality. It's the administration and what they do for America. Forget the personality.

Standing room only

WILMINGTON—Remember years ago when you went to the emergency room only to find there was standing room only? That nightmare was the tragic American healthcare system for decades. Obamacare resolved the crowded emergency rooms and many other problems, especially guaranteeing preexisting condition coverage for all health insurance policies. But for 4 years President Trump has been crippling Obamacare with executive orders and now Trump is striking Obamacare down completely using the Supreme Court. What will happen? Will we return to the days when people stood in line for hours to receive charitable healthcare? Will we return to the days when hospitals performed surgeries free of charge because people couldn't pay? Before Obamacare my co-worker needed heart surgery and was forced to find a charity to pay for it. Fortunately she was in her 20s, because charities seldom had enough funding to help older people. It was a healthcare horror into which Trump and Republicans want to drag us downward once again. Irene D.

Devastating for workers

WILMINGTON—We cannot trust Democrat legislators in Springfield to keep their promise about the Fair Tax not affecting 97% of the population. We cannot trust Democrats to send more money to our local schools and cities. Even Lightfoot is making Chicago Public schools pay more of their fair share in her new budget. Many Illinois small business, manufacturers and farmers are suffering because of our poorly run state and the Covid-19. This is worst possible time to vote yes for a massive tax hike. The TV ads and flyers we are receiving in the mailbox are full of lies. The governor and Democrats make promises all the time about not raising fees and taxes. This year Democrats doubled the gas tax, tripled new car title fees, cigarette and alcohol taxes up, drivers license fees went up, and our vehicle plate fees tripled to name a few. By voting no we will avoid a graduated tax that makes it easier to tax low and middle income families. Because it will be very easy to change income brackets with stroke of a pen. A no vote can stop the Democrat State Treasurer from using the graduated income tax as a way of taxing retirement income. The proposed tax rates are merely a starting point. If we vote yes to a graduated-rate income tax, there are compelling reasons to believe that rates may climb higher, and that more taxpayers would be subjected to higher rates by Democrats changing the tax rate and tax brackets, which can include retirement income. By changing the constitution, we repeal critical tax payer protections. Future legislators will be allowed to tax the same dollar of income over and over. The most important thing to know about this "fair tax" is that proposed tax rates are not part of the constitutional amendment. That means future Springfield legislatures can adopt rates and brackets of their choosing. We are not voting on rates! The Illinois legislators vote on rate. We are voting to change the Illinois constitution to strike out the flat tax to be replaced. The current "fair tax" rates is not a tax cut for 97% of taxpayers. At the end of the day, the Illinois Chamber states that it is nearly impossible to raise new tax revenues with a graduated tax without significantly increase taxes on the middle class. A graduated income tax will be devastating for workers and businesses and job creation. We cannot tax our way out of the debt run up in Springfield. JB needs the legislator to eliminated government waste, corruption and fraud first. Then come to taxpayers with their hand out. The governor needs to do his job instead of turning to taxpayers for a bail-out for out of control spending.

Political commercials

WILMINGTON—You can't avoid political ads just now. First, 90% of the commercials are for people not on my ballot. Second, they never identify their party anymore. If on the ballot, own up to your party affiliation. Lastly, constantly bringing up pre-existing medical conditions is overdone. There are plenty of other issues to also discuss.

Party attitude

WILMINGTON—Why is it that people who have Trump signs in front of their homes end up getting vandalized or stolen? But people who have Biden signs don't. Does this have anything to do with how violent the Democrat party is? Where as the Republican party is not interested in damage like ANTIFA and BLM.

Taxpayers have decided

WILMINGTON—Mayor Roy Strong, you put the dam's future for the people to decide and when the majority of the people made their decision to remove the dam on the state's expense you now want a new vote because it's not what you wanted. We, the people, don't care what you or the aldermen say. You should listen to what the people voted for. Also, not everyone should have a say on the future of the dam. The only people who should be able to vote are the people who pay property taxes. If you want the dam to stay then the next time someone drowns then you, the aldermen and the people who want the dam to stay should foot the bill, not the people who don't want their property tax bill raised from being sued again. That dam is not worth another loss of life.

Keep the dam

WILMINGTON—Before any decision gets made concerning the river dam, shouldn't the Corps of Engineers be involved? Has the city or state DNR spoken with the Corps to see how badly the river will drop above the dam? If the Corps of Engineers has been involved we haven't heard or read anything. What about the Godley Water District and its intent to withdraw up to 32 million gallons of water a day near Custer Park? Their tapping of the river as a regional water source will impact the river. We're downstream of that and the river will be down to a trickle. Let's hear what the Corps thinks about that before the dam is removed.

Open to all

LAKEWOOD SHORES—If Wilmington let's the state take out the dam it will ruin the fishing and boating in our area. I know we're not in the city limits but the poll being taken should be opened up to all the public, not just city people. This has been a dry year and right now, even after some rain, you can walk across the river upstream of the dam and not get your knees wet. It will be worse if the dam is removed.

Insist they fund all

WILMINGTON—Why is it the state will pay to remove the dam and not pay if the town says it wants to step ladder the thing? The money saved up to fix the dangerous dams throughout the state was dedicated years ago. So if the city says it wants to keep the dam but terrace it to get rid of the underwash, the part that cause people to drown, then that should be an option paid for by the state. Seems to me our city administrator and mayor should be insisting that the state pay for all the options, not just removal, because the money is there.

Bad plan Joe

WILMINGTON—Biden's tax proposal is not good for families and small businesses. Stanford University economists find Biden's tax hike will kill jobs and over time medium family incomes will drop. Biden's tax hike plan will raise taxes on middle-class families by over \$2,000 each tax year due to repeal of Trumps tax cuts. Repealing Trumps tax reform would cut our child tax credits in half. Millions of low and middle class families will have to pay for Obamacare individual mandate tax. Instead, we will have a lower standard of living, fewer jobs available, and lower wages. Biden's tax hike on businesses will always get passed on to workers and consumers. This is terrible time to raise taxes on anyone, small businesses, farmers, or corporations. Tax hikes on businesses means less money for workers, no hiring and investments. Biden's large tax hike will cause a loss of 4.9 million jobs and shrink the economy by \$2.6 trillion. Trump wants to keep lowering our taxes. Vote "No" to all Democrats running for election that want to raise our taxes. Businesses always pass on taxes on products and services.

COVID deaths

WILMINGTON—According to the CDC only 6% of all Covid deaths were due to Covid alone. On average there were 2.5 other medical conditions present (diabetes, heart disease, etc.). Interpret this as you wish, but it's obviously better to be healthy. If not, perhaps self-quarantine is the safest route. The pandemic will be around for who knows how long, but we can surely learn to adapt to the so called new normal.

Law and order

CUSTER PARK—Who is breaking the law in our country? These days kidnapping plots and civil war plans are all the rage by those practicing mob rule. A man was arrested on October 16 who threatened to kidnap and kill the mayor of Wichita, KS for mandating face masks, and 13 people were arrested on October 8 for plotting to kidnap Michigan Governor Whitmer for restrictions to curb the virus. The strategy of Michigan's Wolverine Watchmen included killing law enforcement to take down the governor in addition to their long-term goal of inciting civil war. Does President Trump discourage this violence? Quite the contrary. He encourages it because Trump doesn't approve of masks or restrictions. Amid chants of "lock her up" at rallies, Trump claimed Governor Whitmer is a 'wannabe dictator'. Wrong. That is Trump's goal. Trump worships Putin, Erdogan and Kim Jong-un, all dictator thugs who rule by murdering their own people. Is this the so-called law and order Trump is bragging about? Gloria W.

Better off now

SHADOW LAKES—Regarding the article titled 'Another insult' in the Sound-off column by Ralph D. Obviously, Ralph you don't know anything about what Trump has done for the military. I use the VA. They have drastically improved compared to when Obama was in office with all the scandals going on. Trump has also increased military pay, he has increased everything the military needs to perform as your favorite president, Obummer depleted the military. He bent down in front of other leaders, bowed to them, which is something no American president has ever done. So wherever you got this information about Trump calling the military scoundrels and losers I would sure like to know because you are misinformed. Dan Hill

Choice is clear

COAL CITY—Time is running out and you have a clear choice. If you're for illegal immigration with open borders, free health care, free college, the great new green deal (no planes, cars, or fossil fuels), for defunding the cops, for riots, looting, lawlessness, chaos, getting rid of religion, you're for the leftist Democratic party headed by the Harris/Biden ticket. But if you're for closed borders with legal immigration, the 2nd amendment, getting rid of Obamacare, energy independence, getting rid of useless regulations, civility, backing the cops and making America Great again, then you're for Trump/Pence and most of the Republicans. Before the Wuhan virus was unleashed on the world, we had the best economy in years, lowest unemployment, new trade laws, NATO paying their fair share, the strengthening of the



military forces and our ties to allies! Plus everything the Democrats charged Trump with the Democrats actually did it. Russian collusion, Clinton paid for made up Russian intelligence against Trump with the Steele dossier which led to over three years of Democrats running around looking for Russian collusion. B. S. As for quid pro quo, Biden bragged about getting a Ukrainian prosecutor fired or they wouldn't get \$1 billions' aid from the U.S., not to mention Hunter Biden got paid millions for a job on the board of a energy company, with no experience whatso ever! So you have a clear choice, vote extreme leftist agenda with the Harris/Biden ticket and other Democrats or more jobs, growing economy, law and order. Vote for Trump & most Republicans. It's that simple! KL

If we all do

WILMINGTON—As I call this into sound-off it has not been quite 24 hours since the governor imposed restrictions on Will, Kankakee, DuPage and Kane counties for having inside activities. To all of you who know me and have read my comments about people wearing masks and have chosen to confront me when you see me out in public, if you think this shutdown makes me happy, far from it. It truly breaks my heart. I just wish that everyone would wear a mask. I know from personal experience when I go to church and I have to go a half hour early to get checked in, I sit there for a half an hour wearing a mask and then sit another 45 minutes to an hour for the service wearing a mask, it's very uncomfortable so someone like me with asthma problems. I would rather go into a business and have something to eat and drink and see people wearing a mask than seeing signs on the door saying "We're closed." It really breaks my heart. I would rather shop here in this wonderful town that has been my home for 19 years than shop anywhere else. It truly scares me and I know it scares other people when there are signs posted wear a mask and people do not wear them, because no one knows where this virus is coming from. It's very scary for people who have loved ones in hospitals and nursing homes. All I'm saying is I'm not trying to be mean and I'm not wishing anybody any harm or ill will. I want to see every single business in Wilmington thriving, making money, employees making money and good tips. People please wear a mask. Thank you and be safe and god bless you, Sherri Michaels.

Proving a point

WILMINGTON—Response to "Let's Move On." I am one of those angry people that believe not supporting the church will prove my point. Thank you so much for writing this sound-off because I thought that my lack of support was going unnoticed, until I read this treasure! #SAVE ST ROSE

Tax cuts work

WILMINGTON—Biden's tax hikes are a threat to all of us that can least afford it. We need to elect Republicans to the House and the Senate to save Trump's Tax Cuts and Job Act that have helped middle class families. Biden and the Democrats want to repeal Trump's tax cuts act. Biden supports trillions of dollars of tax hikes. House Republicans want tax cuts to boosts wages and add jobs by helping businesses through the pandemic. Biden wants to hike taxes on all businesses and repeal Trump's tax cuts. What Biden and the Democrats don't tell you is what tax benefits go away when they hike tax corporations. Repealing the tax act will raise all of our utility bills. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) reduced the amount of federal income tax ComEd paid by \$205 million and those savings are required to be passed onto customers and reduce our monthly bills. Nicor Gas also passed tax reform savings to customers through lower energy bills. The Biden plan increases corporate income tax and we all loose the savings. Businesses are investing and expanding in the U.S. due to tax cuts. Voting for Republican's is a vote to save tax cuts when we need them most.

Respecting the truth

COAL CITY—With all due respect to the truth, what false claims and misinformation is President Trump spreading recently? Trumps says people wearing masks get COVID-19 at a rate of 85%. Wrong. The CDC says masks are our best defense. Trump says our country's performance fighting COVID-19 is good. Wrong. Statistics show we are almost the worst in the world. Trump says Dr. Atlas is a great expert of the world. Wrong. Atlas is a radiologist whose written works are political rather than clinical in nature. Trump claims he is protecting pre-existing conditions. Wrong. His lawsuit will strike it down with no replacement. Trump claimed ignorance of QAnon at the town hall, claimed ignorance of the Proud Boys in September and David Duke in the 2016 election. Wrong. He supports them all. Trump claims President Obama spied on his 2016 campaign. Wrong. Official investigation proved otherwise.

Furthermore, it's downright shameful that Trump blames Gold Star families, the most honorable families in America, for infecting him without proof. Kurt K.

Bad for local jobs

WILMINGTON—Biden is willing to destroy our oil and gas industry for a small group of climate activists. Out of all key debate topics, climate change ranked 11th out of 16 issues polled. Of those polled, 4% said they would vote for a president because of climate change. When asked if they would pay \$2.00 more for electricity for Biden's New Green Deal, they all said no! This poll was conducted in California with plenty of climate change activist. Illinois' oil, gas and nuclear industries are the backbone for good paying jobs in our area. Trades people working in energy construction report that they consider projects in oil and natural gas industries to have better wages, benefits and opportunities than renewables projects. The oil, natural gas and nuclear industries offer projects and facility upgrades with longer durations than those in renewables industries, which means steadier incomes for our neighbors and friends. For those willing to travel to work on natural gas pipelines, contractors hire locally and across the Midwest. Jobs to enable families to have cheaper natural gas prices and good paying wages. They are the same contractors, trades people, and operators that donate their hard earned wages to our churches, schools, sports teams, scholarship funds, golf outings and community projects at baseball fields and parks. A vote for Biden, is a vote to have you and your neighbors' job eliminated. If people vote for Biden, I hope you are willing to be displaced or loose wages when you try to retrain for the renewable energy of solar and wind. How many operators or trades people do you think it takes to keep a wind farm running? The Democrats' efforts to ban fracking, pipelines and nuclear energy is bad for Illinois and bad for America and detrimental to American workers.

Blue vs. Red

SHADOW LAKES— Do the math people, it's very simple. Blue states need big bail outs. Red states do not. Does that ring a bell in anybody's brain? Dan Hill

Times have changed

COAL CITY—When I was little you knew Christmas was right around the corner when you received your Sears Christmas catalog. Going thru that catalog was almost as good as opening presents on Christmas day! Talk about making a list and checking it twice. Sadly those days are over. I think you can still get the catalog, but it's just not the same. Fast forward to early September. My wife goes to Sears store and buys 3 kitchen appliances. She is told delivery will be in late October and they'll call the night before to give estimate of time for delivery. Day before delivery no call, she calls the phone number on receipt at 8:30 pm and is told no delivery tomorrow, it's now going to be late November. No one ever called to tell us there was a delay. Cancelled order & we'll never go there again! What a shame of the decline of a once great store. KL

Doesn't know better

BRAIDWOOD—The Braidwood city administrator and mayor have a puppet on a string. They use this puppet's loud, opinionated and boisterous cheerleader style personality to their advantage in order to disgrace those on the City Council who they do not agree with. Their naive puppet obviously doesn't know any better so they continue to allow their strings to be pulled even after it has been brought to their attention.

One year ago

CUSTER PARK—It's deja vu all over again. Just one year ago, President Trump was trying to throw dirt on Biden which is a tactic used by dictators in backward countries who make their political opponents disappear. It's the usual "lock him up" which Trump supporters mindlessly scream at his rallies despite that it would violate the Constitution. America was once above these dirty deeds because we traditionally taught primitive countries throughout the world the democratic process. No longer. It was justified, therefore, that impeachment charges were filed and one year ago we were in the middle of Trump's impeachment hearings of which I'm terribly proud due to the integrity of the process which indicated that Trump was guilty without reasonable doubt. Yes, Trump is an impeached president who would have been convicted except that spineless Senate Republicans, usually tough on crime, gave him a break. So here we are again. Trump has proven himself unworthy of their mercy because he is now repeating the crime. Gary W.

Newcomer advice

BRAIDWOOD— With all of these sound-offs lately about this supposedly newer resi-

Dessert drinks served up with just the right sweetness

Hey, what's that chocolate Martini drink? You know the one, it's like a Brandy Alexander, only it's green. Or is it pink? This week we will decode the mystery of the "chocolate Martini" as we prepare three of the most popular after dinner drinks in all of mixology.



THE SUNDAY COCKTAIL
Brian Rung

this is your introduction to the family of chocolate Martinis. Let's start with the chocolate. In mixology applications, chocolate flavor notes are introduced to cocktails through crème de cacao, a chocolate liqueur. There are two types of crème de cacao, light and



Optional garnish with grated nutmeg

The Grasshopper is built in a shaker and served in a chilled cocktail (Martini) glass. Combine in shaker:
1 oz. crème de menthe
1 oz. white crème de cacao
1 oz. heavy cream
Shake with ice, strain into chilled cocktail glass

The Pink Squirrel is built in a shaker and served in a chilled cocktail (Martini) glass. Combine in shaker:
1 oz. crème de Noyaux
1 oz. white crème de cacao
1 oz. heavy cream
Shake with ice, strain into chilled cocktail glass
Until next week, enjoy responsibly.

dark. The only difference is the color, both taste the same.

The dark crème de cacao is brown in color and is used in the cream/coffee colored drinks such as the Brandy Alexander. Both the Grasshopper and the Pink Squirrel hold their vibrant colors by using the white crème de cacao, which is actually colorless.

When comparing the flavors of the three, the Brandy Alexander is going to be the richest as its base is a fruit brandy or cognac. The Pink Squirrel will have the full-bodied notes of sweet almond liqueur, while the Grasshopper is essentially mint chocolate chip ice cream in a glass.

These are great recipes to have in your repertoire, especially when the holidays come around. These are easy to make, easy to enjoy, and best of all, the recipes are easy to remember.

All three cocktails use equal 1 oz. parts of all three ingredients, and all three are prepared in a shaker and served in a cocktail glass.

Other than the shaker, no special tools are required. These can be served in any glass, but they present a lovely visual pop when served in classic Martini glasses. Be sure to give any drink with heavy cream a good shake as you are forcing liquids of varying con-

sistency into a single concoction. The end result should be a drink in the glass that is a solid color, with a smooth and creamy texture.

As far as brand names for the crème de cacao, you will typically find both dark and light cacao under the brand names DeKuyper, Drillaud, and Bol's. Bol's is of a higher quality than the others, but also a bit more expensive.

The most widely available crème de Noyaux is from Hiram Walker, followed by Tempus Fugit. You may find a wider selection of Noyaux in the Badger State as the Pink Squirrel remains very popular in Wisconsin.

If the Brandy Alexander is your after-dinner treat, any quality brandy or cognac will get the job done, I have found Christian Brothers and E&J to be the best mixing options for this and other brandy-based cocktails.

If you choose the Grasshopper, you will need a bottle of the bright green crème de menthe. Once again, DeKuyper, Drillaud, and Hiram Walker are going to be the most widely-available. It all comes down to availability, all menthol liqueur tastes the same to me.

One note on the cream content, I find "heavy cream" to be the best suited for this family of drinks. Many recipes call for fresh cream, or simply cream, but I find that products labeled "heavy cream" tend to work best in these decadent dessert classics.

This family of cocktails is all about treating yourself...and not in any way about counting calories.

The Brandy Alexander is built in a shaker and served in a chilled cocktail (Martini) glass.

Combine in shaker:
1 oz. brandy
1 oz. dark crème de cacao
1 oz. heavy cream
Shake with ice, strain into chilled cocktail glass

St. Rose 73rd annual turkey dinner Sunday

The 73rd annual St. Rose turkey dinner will be held on Sunday, Nov. 1.

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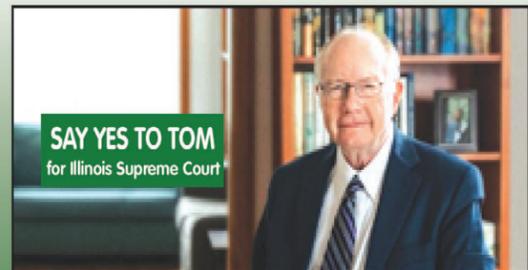
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- 6 p.m., Coal City School Board study session at CCHS
 - 6 p.m., Historical Society monthly membership meeting.
 - 6 p.m., Wilmington Area Historical Society meeting, updates in museum, 114 N. Main St.
 - 7 p.m., Coal City Village Board meeting, Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway.
- Thursday, Oct. 29**
- 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Coal City Food Pantry distribution at Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Road, Coal City
- Friday, Oct. 30**
- 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., or til supplies last. Godley Park District will be having a spaghetti supper. Carry-out only
- Saturday, Oct. 31**
- 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Braidwood Lions Club trick or treat drive-thru at Old Smokey city park. Enter on Third St.
 - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Braidwood Lions Club Halloween hot dog giveaway, Old Smokey park, north side of pavilion.
 - 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Custer Fire Protection District will be hosting a Halloween drive-thru. There will be 3 locations, Custer

- Fire Station 21750, Hwy 113. Deer Ridge Subdivision and Custer Township Hall, 35332 Grant Ave.
- Sunday, Nov. 1**
- 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Annual St. Rose Church turkey dinner held at the school, 626 S. Kankakee St. Dinners will be carry-out and dive-up only.
- Tuesday, Nov. 3**
- 10:30 a.m., Godley Park District, Seniors Alive.
 - 10:30 a.m., Grace Lutheran Church, Wilmington, crafts and conversation open to the public.
- Saturday, Nov. 7**
- 10:00 a.m. Build a Faerie Garden, Godley Park District
 - All day - Cub Scout Pack 466 annual food drive in Coal City. Watch for bag at your front door.
- Sunday, Nov. 8**
- All day - Put out your food for Cub Scout Pack 466 annual food drive in Coal City.
- Monday, Nov. 9**
- 6:15 p.m. Coal City Lions Club Bingo, 680 S. Illinois St.

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dent to town causing all sorts of trouble, it's easy to see why so many people feel the way they do about this person. All a person has to do is watch the videos of the circus council meetings to see what they are all about. If someone moves into a new town, they shouldn't try to force the people already living there to adapt and change to their wants and needs. Just because a newcomer may not like their new town because it does not meet their expectations, doesn't mean that the rest of the town isn't happy with what they have. Coming in like a wrecking ball and demanding change is just going to destroy any chances of those in a community accepting the newcomer. Good luck to this newcomer in repairing their reputation.

Worked his freedom

WILMINGTON— Looking at the sound-off article from Wilmington saying "we can't afford reparations." I'd also like to add: Children that were given into indenture by parents who were unable to feed and clothe them. This happened in this area to my father in 1919. For 10 years he worked to pay for his food and clothing. Finally, at age 21, he was allowed to leave.

Fabricated promises

COAL CITY—Let's all vote for Joe Biden and we can put this country back to what it was before Trump became president. We can have more taxes and employment shipped to foreign countries and a green new deal with all wind and solar power without fossil fuels. We can watch while back door deals are cut once again to enrich the politicians laws as they remove the first and second amendments. We can also watch China being allowed to take control of the USA and bring socialism to everyone so we can become servants to corruption. Vote Democrat and receive nothing but fabricated promises that your life will be good under socialism while the politicians fill their bank accounts and live like monarchs.

Political coverup

WILMINGTON— It was stated on the news that the social media has been blocking certain news stories about corruption and this violates the first amendment. Some of the other news stations have also been violating the law by suppressing the news. According to the laws of the USA there is suppose to be prosecuted and placed behind bars. But don't hold your breath waiting because they will be protected by the democratic party because they have been helping Joe Biden to become president by covering up the criminal activities that have involved the Biden family for years. Different laws for different people. Who said crime does not pay, except if your a politician in congress.

Final debate

BRAIDWOOD—During the final debate a mute button was promised and I wanted to push it so badly. President Trump seemed to go on and on forever as follows: preposterous statement that Trump has been tough on Russia; unfounded claim that Biden is tied to corruption in Ukraine and China; unfounded claim that a vaccine is coming within weeks; false claim that 2 million people were expected to die from COVID-19 in America; false claim that Trump's environmental rollbacks are improving air quality; false claim that Paris Accord would negatively affect national welfare; false claim that Biden wants to ban fracking; false claim that Obama was snubbed by North Korea; false claim that Trump helped black people almost as much as Lincoln; false claim that Biden intends to make windows smaller. On the other hand, there were so many accusations to be made against Trump which I yelled at the TV set, but unfortunately I don't think Trump heard me. Taylor S.

A big waste

Last week we had someone talking about Judge Barrett being a shoo-in. Well of course she is and you have Harry Reid to thank for it. He enacted the simple majority rule, also known as the nuclear option. Those chickens came home to roost three times. Thanks Harry. Barrett didn't have time to answer some direct questions due to the Ginsburg rule. That was another move by the Democrats and one of their brilliant tacticians. Thanks Joe. So far only one chicken home to roost. As far as the time being wasted, I agree. Don't you think the Republicans would have been happy to just vote and get on with other things? No Democrat ever passed up free air time to campaign, whine and attempt to ruin a political opponent. Thus you had four days wasted. M. Holmes

Cash handouts

BRAIDWOOD—What's the latest on free stuff handed out by the tens of billions? President Trump gave \$37+ billion to farmers this year alone which is an unprecedented, record-breaking amount. Is it justified? Is it to correct Trump's colossal tariff blunders? Is it tied to coronavirus relief? Is it meant to buy votes? No matter the reason, it's taxpayer money. No matter the reason, right-wingers are obliged to reconsider their constant drum of complaint about government handouts because their members are now cashing huge bailout checks. These are neither food stamps nor assistance to provide housing. This is outright cash. As the granddaughter of farmers from long ago which used horses rather than tractors, I'm not opposed to helping individual Americans in the agricultural industry. But I am in favor of giving limited amounts to the many non-

farmers in desperate situations. It's time for right-wingers to quit griping about handouts because now cash is being handed to the right wing in spades. Ann S.

What we've become

WILMINGTON—Appreciation to Dan Hill for his service to our country. But that doesn't change President Trump's disdain for our military now and in the past. After many months Trump is still afraid to approach Putin about bounties on our soldiers' heads. Perhaps it's because Trump considers our troops suckers and losers and it's why he threatened to disown Donald Jr. if he enlisted. The military was getting raises throughout Obama's presidency despite Trump's public statement to the contrary which is one of Trump's 21,000 lies. Trump likes heroes who are not captured but I like my presidents who not only show respect to Gold Star families but who don't have secret Chinese bank accounts and who pay their taxes to our country rather than to China. I like presidents who don't try to jail their opponents as they do in blankety-blank countries, as Trump vulgarly calls backward countries. Sadly, we've become one of those backward countries who can't trust their election results. Ralph D.

It's about justice

WILMINGTON—The opinion presented in "A true diplomat" looks at President Trump's America through rose colored glasses. Trump's stock market has been thriving to benefit the wealthy and those lucky to have an investment after President Obama's hard work resulted in the longest period of economic growth and job creation in American history according to Forbes Feb. 17, 2020 edition. My taxes were not lowered by Trump's tax bill because he removed the individual mandate thus increasing my health insurance costs more than the few nickles I got in a tax refund. Across the world, Trump's bombing escalated in Afghanistan to the heaviest levels since 2001 thus increasing civilian deaths, and his shameful backstabbing of the Kurds in Syria are hardly inspirations toward world harmony. The affair with North Korea produced love letters, ICBMs and nuclear weapons to explode on American heads; Trump's enabling of Putin at the expense of democratic allies is nirvana for those seeking despotism. But who wants despotism other than a despot? Trump's recent Mideast peace accord was a positive move except for Palestinian interests who now have fewer Arab friends than ever before thus boding future trouble. Corruption? Yes, Director of National Intelligence Ratcliffe demonstrated corruption with his announcement last week, something almost non-existent in the past due to the system of whistleblowers which Trump dismantled slowly but surely by purges. As honesty gasps for air, integrity is starved to death. But remarkably, the author never mentions injustice and justice is what America is all about.

Fear and threats

SHADOW LAKES—The debates are over. Again you saw from the Left, their famous mantra, "Fear and threats." What did Joe say? "Looks like a cold long winter." Was that fear or a threat? Only last week, Elizabeth Warren stated, "if President Trump is elected again the world as we know it is gone." The left keeps closing this country, over and over. What do they expect, one time we will open things up and its (virus) is gone. They keep playing this over and over like groundhog gay. The results do not change. The Left screamed we need a vaccine. Now that we are on the verge of a vaccine, what does the left say? We are not going to take it if our president says it is ok. Is this more fear? As our president, we have to adapt...do what you have to do to protect yourself. Amazing...no fact-checking at the debate, would love to see the light going off above Joe's head. Margot Lane

A good mix

WILMINGTON—I laugh when Republicans get squeamish about the word socialism. Our country has had socialized retirement, known as Social Security, for generations and people absolutely love it. In fact, a good percentage of the elderly would be homeless without it. What has been the result? Our country hasn't turned communist and none of us have grown an extra toe or gone cross-eyed. Yes, it's a good thing. Another good thing might be socialized medicine because health care should be a right not a privilege. Health insurance provided by your job can disappear overnight. We shall see what happens when Obamacare is struck down and half the population is not covered due to preexisting conditions. There will be nothing left but the crying and the gnashing of teeth and we will truly deserve it. But Biden proposes a mixture of private insurance and public insurance with a public option and that would be a solution right down the middle. Sounds good. Ralph D.

After losing

COAL CITY—To the person who wrote Right and wrong in last week's Sound-off column, I think your argument is a good one where President Trump is concerned because in this argument he is responsible for every death from Covid 19. After he is no longer president he should go to court and be tried for those deaths and hopefully go to prison for them. When he said everybody else should be locked up, he should be locked up.

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Pandemic doesn't stop 'turnip king'



ED MENZ of Wilmington dug up some grand turnips Monday, marking the end of the growing season. Menz, aka the Turnip King of Will County, holds a pair of 6-pounders with a girth of 23 and 21 inches. While he's grown them bigger, the harvest was still good despite dry weather and being in the middle of a pandemic. On July 25th he plants his crop from seed, a traditional date for planting no matter if it's wet or dry. Menz plants only the white globe purple-top variety because they tend to stay mild the bigger they grow.

Illinois Monarch Action plan takes flight

Four state agencies solidified their commitment to protecting monarch butterflies and other pollinators by signing the Illinois Monarch Action Plan last week.

"Though small, pollinators play an extremely important role in our survival here in Illinois and the world," said Natural Resources Director Colleen Callahan. "Today's signing not only moves us as a state from plan to action, but also reaffirms our commitment as public servants to doing our part in ensuring pollinators' survival."

The project brings together public agencies, private organizations and residents of the state to protect habitat used by monarchs by planting more milkweeds, their main food source, along state highways and public properties.

Illinois is tasked with adding 150 million stems of

new milkweed by 2038. It's the state's contribution to a regional effort to add 1.3 billion stems of new milkweed to the central U.S. to support migrating monarchs.

"Monarch butterflies capture the hearts of people across Illinois, from school children to mayors, in cities and across rural areas. The Illinois Monarch Project and this action plan harness this enthusiasm to empower others to take steps to help monarchs and other pollinators," said Iris Caldwell, University of Illinois Chicago and state coordinator for Illinois Monarch Project.

As one of the largest landowners in the state, IDOT is in a unique position to contribute resources to this goal.

"We hold a special commitment at IDOT for the environment and the role pollinators play in the Illinois ecosys-

tem and economy," said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "From mowing schedules and restricting the use of pesticides, to planting only certain species along our roadsides, IDOT has embraced many changes in policies and practices over the years to protect pollinators. This plan only serves to strengthen those efforts going forward."

Prior to the project's beginning in October 2016, efforts to protect pollinators already were in place at state agencies and organizations. Those plans, as well as new initiatives, have been included in the state's action plan to maximize efforts.

Additional information on the Illinois Monarch Project, as well as full text of the plan, can be found at IllinoisMonarchProject.org.

Letter to the editor

Churches must unite and keep doors open

Dear editor,
This message goes out to all Wilmington area and surrounding churches in Braidwood, Diamond, Coal City and others. Please hear me out!

I understand that there is a law of separation of Church and State. I feel we are being discriminated against and it's time to take a stand.

May we all be united in this request regarding the COVID-19 lockdowns. May we stand in unity and refuse to close our doors of our churches.

Honor the mask wearing and 6-foot social distancing, but do not close our church

doors. May we all stand in unity and make a statement. Who do we serve, God or man?

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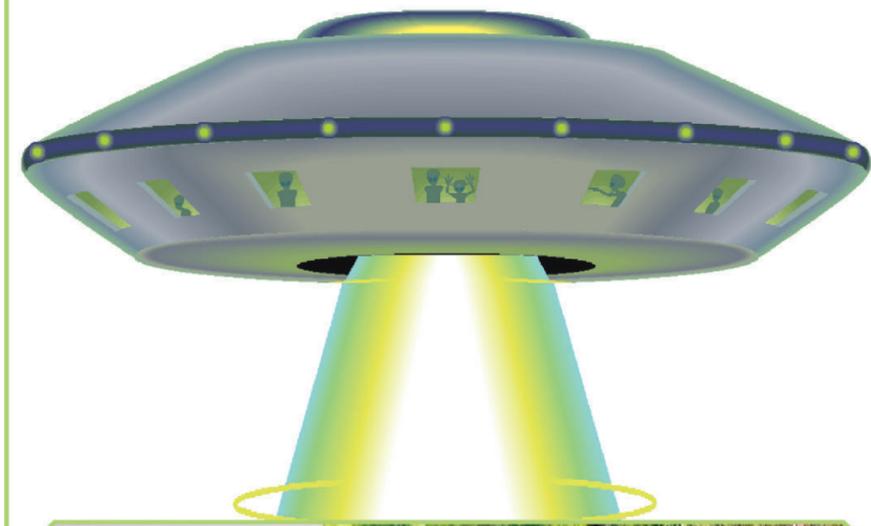


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OBITUARIES

Steven Neese

ESSEX—Steven Clayton Neese, 52, of Essex, formerly of Wilmington, fought valiantly against the devastating implications that cancer left behind and he eventually passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

He was born Jan. 26, 1968 in Joliet. He graduated from Wilmington High School with the class of 1986 and eventually received a degree in nursing from Kankakee Community College. Steve had a passion for the healthcare industry. Beginning from working at the Wilmington Fire Department as a paramedic and fireman, where he was also a certified diver, which he thoroughly enjoyed. He then moved on to work primarily in the mental health field and did so in many institutions. Steve had a fantastic personality, his humor, quick wit and positive spirit is what helped him be the best nurse, husband, dad and son that is possible. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved fishing and camping. He was also an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan, but the teams and activities that his children participated in trumped everything. His children were the light of his life and he made sure they knew he loved them. If you were lucky to have met Steve, you know how not giving up is an option and that there is always good to be found in anything.

Surviving are his parents, William and Ethel



(nee Howard) Neese, of Wilmington; wife, Jessica (nee Barnes) Neese, of Essex, who he married Oct. 14, 2018 in Essex; three children: Madilyn Neese, of Limestone; Corbin and Conrad Neese, both at home; brother, Richard (Kelly) Neese, of Symerton; sister, Marsha (Keith) Barnes, of Newport News, VA; sister-in-law, Diane Neese, of Bradley; numerous nieces and nephews, mother-in-law, Joyce St. George, of Braidwood; his "Nana," Julia Engel, of Braidwood and best-friend, Tim Frost, of Kankakee.

Preceding him in death were his brother, William "Billy" Neese; maternal grandparents, Avia and Golden Howard; paternal grandparents, Rosalie and Herman Neese and father-in-law, John Barnes.

Funeral services were held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home on Wednesday, Oct. 28. Interment followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wilmington.

Memorial donations in his name may be directed to the American Cancer Society or to his children to set up a fund for college.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, log on to www.rwpatterson-funeralhomes.com.

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

Keith Wills

MAZON—Keith Alan Wills, 60, of Mazon, passed away Friday, Oct. 23, 2020 at his home with his family by his side.

Born April 7, 1960 in Morris, Keith Alan was a son of Roy and Catherine (nee Vitale) Wills. He was a member of Assumption Catholic Church in Coal City, and was a 50 year member of the Gleaners. Keith attended school with Trinity Services, and worked at the Trinity Barkery in Wilmington. He took great pride in his work and always made sure that each treat was just right before baking in the oven. Keith enjoyed painting and coloring, and would look forward to Christmas when he could help decorate for the season with Trinity.

He was often the life of the party and loved to dance with any partner he could find or just by himself. Keith especially enjoyed celebrating birthdays and singing along to Happy Birthday. He was a loving and affectionate person who adored his pet collies. Most important to him was his family, especially his nieces and nephews.

Survivors include his sister and two brothers: Donna (Larry) Meyer, Ronald (Jane) Wills and Dennis (Karen) Wills, all of Mazon; nine



nieces and nephews: Jim Meyer, of Chicago; Richard (Tricia) Meyer, of Diamond; William Meyer, of Mazon; Kim (Bradley) Mathis, of Oswego; Janet Wills, of Coal City; Deanne (Scott) Friddle, of Coal City; Craig (April) Wills, of Elgin; Jennifer (Robert) Fisher, of Indianapolis, IN and Ryan Wills, of Mazon; 11 great-nieces and great-nephews, and his long time caretaker, Paula Spurgeon.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents and several aunts and uncles.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020 at Assumption Catholic Church in Coal City. Burial followed at Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Keith's memory to Trinity Services or Joliet Area Community Hospice.

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

Funeral services and arrangements were made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Coal City.

Richard D. Miller

COAL CITY—Richard D. Miller, 66, of Coal City, passed away Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020 at Morris Hospital.

Born Feb. 5, 1954 in Morris, Richard Dean was a son of Henry and Julia (nee Elam) Miller. He was raised and educated in Coal City, and graduated from Coal City High School with the class of 1972. On July 6, 1974, Rick married Judith Ann Hozian at the Channahon United Methodist Church.

He spent his entire career with ExxonMobil, starting right out of high school in 1972, and retired after 40 years of service on April 1, 2012. Richard enjoyed spending his time outdoors hunting and target shooting at the Downers Grove Gun Club. He had a keen interest and woodworking and playing golf, and will be affectionately remembered by those who knew him as "Red."

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Judy Miller, of Coal City; his daughter, Lauren (Bill) Walsh, three grandchildren: Cole, Quinn and Maevie Walsh; one sister and one brother, Lynda (Bill) Scerine and Gary (Kay) Miller; one sister-in-law, Janet Hozian, and one niece, Julie Scerine (Nancy Crawford), as well as numerous nieces and nephews and many cousins.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Beth Ann Miller; his mother-in-law, Rose Ullrich; father-in-law, Frank Hozian; one nephew, Brad McCammon and several



aunts and uncles.

The family will receive friends for a visitation on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020 at Reeves Funeral Home, 75 N. Broadway St., one block north of IL Route 113, in Coal City from 4 to 8 p.m. Face masks requirements and measures of safe social distancing practices will be in order, and the funeral home staff will assist the family not to exceed the safe number set forth for the visitation.

A private funeral service will be held Friday, Oct. 30, 2020 at the Coal City United Methodist Church, with Reverend Bradley Shumaker officiating. Burial will follow at Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

Those wishing to participate in Rick's services are invited to watch the live stream on Friday morning starting at 11 a.m. by logging onto his memorial page.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Rick's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Coal City.

Phyllis Milton

WILMINGTON—Phyllis LaVerne Milton, 91, of Wilmington, and formerly of Chicago, Symerton and Ritchie, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020 at her home.

Born Nov. 23, 1928 in Chicago, Phyllis was the daughter of John and Victoria (Surovic) Kamis. She was raised and educated in Chicago and graduated Class Valedictorian from Jones Commercial High School. On Aug. 27, 1949 Phyllis married Wayne Conrad Milton, and together they made their home and raised their family in the Wilmington area.

Phyllis worked for many years as a time-keeper for the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant. She later assisted several small businesses as a bookkeeper, including her family's farming operation, where she kept highly detailed records which spanned over many years. Phyllis utilized her accounting skills to help serve her community by acting as treasurer for numerous civic organizations, including the Wilmington Garden Club, Wilmington Area Historical Society and the reorganized Catfish Days Committee of which she was a founding member. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Wilmington, where she sang in the choir and participated in the Methodist Women's Circle. Phyllis also served as an election judge for almost 40 years and took pleasure in numerous volunteer activities with the Farm Bureau and Park Board. Throughout the years, she enjoyed many cruises, trips to Europe, and the many extensive trips to Mexico.

When Phyllis was not busy tending to her numerous responsibilities, she took great pleasure in working in the garden or doing crossword puzzles. She had a knack for hand crafts such as crocheting and sewing, and looked forward to any opportunity to travel with her family.



Survivors include her husband of 71 years, Wayne Milton, of Wilmington; four children: Penny (Irvin) Holm, Celeste Milton and Vicky (William) Weidling, all of Wilmington and Heather (Paul) Rogers, of Kankakee; grandchildren: Nathaniel (Karen Patterson) Holm, of Palatine; Megan (Joshua) Corlett, of Wilmington; Dr. Robert (Dr. Morgan Gonder) Weidling, of Fairway, KS and Brooke Rogers, of Ames, IA; three great-grandchildren: Cameron and Emma Corlett and Ingrid Holm; brothers-in law and sisters-in-law: Wendell (Patricia) Milton, of Manteno and Robert (Sandra Milton), of Kankakee.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters-in-law: Vesta Klafta, Fostine Schwark and Susan Milton; five brothers-in-law: Sherman Milton, Dale Milton, Dale Dahm, Wilber Schwark and Leonard Klafta.

A funeral service was held at Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington on Friday, Oct. 23, 2020. Reverend Harriette Cross from the First United Methodist Church of Wilmington officiated.

Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Phyllis' name to the First United Methodist Church, 401 E. Kahler Rd., Wilmington, IL 60481.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book, upload photographs, and share Phyllis' memorial page online through social media by logging onto: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/obituary/Phyllis-Milton

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington

Terri Sola

ORLAND PARK—Sola, Terri L. (Nee Johnson), 66, of Orland Park, passed away Oct. 20, 2020.

Her family was her life. Terri loved shopping for presents for her grandchildren. She was happiest enjoying a meal with her family, laughing, and talking, with her dogs Gigi and Peanut snuggled up nearby.

She was a Devoted mother of Traci (Matt) Fritz, Bob (Mary Therese) Sola, and Kristi (Matt) Dvorak. Dearest grandmother of 12: Luke, Eli, Joe, Isabella, Amelia, Mary, Theo, Ben, William, Henry, Khloe, and Tristan.



Fond Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Loving sister to Steve (Cindy) Johnson, and Scott (Caren) Johnson Beloved partner to Richard Grist. Second mother to many through the years.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father, Arlene and Bob Johnson.

Inurnment will be private. Arrangements were entrusted to the Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center. In lieu of flowers, donations to TLC Animal Shelter, 13016 W. 151st St, Homer Glen, IL 60491, would be appreciated.

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Veterans make up 5.7% of IL population

Illinois adults who have served in the military account for 5.7 percent of the state's population, the sixth lowest percentage among the 50 states, according to an analysis by the website 24/7 Wall St.

Military veterans in Illinois number 559,656, the study based on Census Bureau data found. Among the veterans, 6.6 percent live in poverty, and 690 of them are homeless, according to 24/7 Wall St.

Nationwide, about 20 percent of the 18 million veterans did their service after the 9/11 terrorist acts, while about 33 percent served during the Vietnam era. At the same time, 1.2 million of the veterans live in poverty, and 37,000 of them are homeless, the analysis found.

Many of the states where large percentages of veterans live have major military installations and large shares of active-duty troops, researchers said.

Which states have the largest share of veterans? Alaska ranks first with 12.6% of its population veterans. Second is Virginia (10.3%), followed by Wyoming (10.3%), Montana (10.2%) and Maine (9.7%).

States with the lowest percentage of veterans based on population are New York and New Jersey at 4.4%, followed by California (5.1%), Massachusetts (5.3%) and Utah (5.4%).

David McCorkle

ESSEX—David McCorkle, 50, of Essex, passed away Wednesday morning October 21, 2020 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home.

Born November 4, 1969 in Peoria, David Paul was a son of Edwin "Ray" and Darlene (nee Beaver) McCorkle. He was raised and educated in Reddick and graduated from Reddick High School with the Class of 1987. On April 24, 1990, David married Tina Marie Scott in Kankakee. David was a farmer for a majority of his life and took pleasure in riding his Harley.

Survivors include his father Ray; his wife of 30 years, Tina; four children: Steven McCorkle, Brian McCorkle, and Jonathan McCorkle all of Essex; and Jennifer Kindt of Georgia; one granddaughter, Andi June Kindt; brother Todd McCorkle of Essex; many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews and all of his many friends.



David was preceded in death by his mother, Darlene and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Per David's wishes, cremation rites are being accorded and the family is planning a Celebration of David's Life at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in David's name to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 3 International Drive, Suite 200, Rye Brook, NY 10573 or at <https://donate.lls.org/lls/donate>

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book, upload photographs, and share David's memorial page by logging onto: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/obituary/David-McCorkle

Cremation services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington. (815-476-2181)

Alice I. Ziller

WILMINGTON—Alice I. Ziller, 69, of Wilmington, formerly of Custer Park, passed away Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020 at Silver Cross Hospital.

Born Jan. 30, 1951 in Joliet, Alice Irene was a daughter of Orville and Irene (nee Sharper) Ziller. She was raised and educated in Wilmington and graduated from Wilmington High School with the class of 1970. Alice later completed her Library Technical Assistant certification program at Joliet Junior College, and gained employment with the Wilmington School District where she would work for 46 years until her retirement in 2016. She was active in the community and held several memberships, including the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, and lifetime memberships with the Women of the Moose Chapter 781, VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 5422, and the Job's Daughters Bethel 75. Alice had a gift for quilting and embroidering skills such as candlewicking and red work embroidery. She also enjoyed knitting and crochet, and Scherenschnitte patterns. Alice loved spending time outdoors tending to her garden and watching the hummingbirds.

Survivors include her two brothers and one sister: Helen (Dan Sedlachek) Ziller, of Wilmington; John Ziller, of Bloomington and Henry (Carol) Ziller, of Elizabeth, CO; one sister-in-law, Jan Ziller, of Wilmington; 13 nieces and

nephews, 15 great-nieces and great-nephews, two great-great-nephews, one who was near to her heart, and one great-great-niece, as well as numerous friends and colleagues, including Annette Kavanaugh, Rita Werner and Jo Lane.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Thomas Ziller and one nephew, Edward Irving Kahler.

Per Alice's wishes, she will be donating her body to anatomical study.

The family will receive friends for a visitation on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020 at the First Presbyterian Church, 301 N. Kankakee St. in Wilmington from 1 p.m. until the time of memorial service at 3 p.m.

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

Services and memorial arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington.

Hunters must have reservation to hunt pheasant at Wilmington site

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) announced changes to controlled pheasant hunting for the 2020-21 hunting season. The changes, health and safety protocols implemented in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, will provide greater protection to both the hunting public and site staff during the season. Standby controlled pheasant hunting permits will not be available this hunting season at the Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area in Wilmington. Pheasant hunters will need to acquire a reserved controlled pheasant hunting permit to hunt Des Plaines SF&W and other controlled pheasant hunting sites. Reserved controlled pheasant hunting permits can be acquired through the online reservation system online at <https://dnr2.illinois.gov/controlledhunt/>.

To make acquiring a reserved permit more convenient, hunters will be able to reserve a permit until noon the day before a hunt date. The daily fee for permits acquired online for controlled pheasant hunting is \$30 for resident hunters and \$35 for nonresident hunters. The daily permit fee applies to each individual hunter. Hunters are required to pay for permits acquired online over a secure system using a major credit card. A transaction fee of \$1.00 for a single hunter or 2.25 percent of the permit fee for multiple hunters will be assessed for each permit. Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt Permits are issued at no cost. All but one of the controlled pheasant hunting sites have ample reserved permits available for all days of the controlled hunting season.

Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt permits are also available for all but one controlled pheasant hunting site. Hunters are encouraged to make the necessary planning adjustments now to hunt on the sites on the hunt dates desired. Hunter check station procedures will also change. Hunters are advised to wear an appropriate face covering and maintain appropriate social distance when in the hunter check station area. Hunters should also pay attention to advisory signs with information about check-in procedures. Check-out procedures will be announced during the registration process. Also new this year is only non-toxic shotshells can be used at Des Plaines SF&W. Hunters are reminded that anyone in possession of lead shells will be ticketed.

In need of meals or food?

There are many resources in the area available for those who need assistance with food and meals. Help for Hope, 100 S. Baima St., Coal City is open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 4 to 6 p.m. For more information call 815-518-2000. Assumption Food Pantry is also located at Help for Hope, same hours and address. Braidwood Food Pantry, 112 S. Center Street, Braidwood at Community Care Center is open Tuesdays 8 a.m.-noon and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Information: 630-738-8863. Ignite Christian Church, 1180 W. 1st St. Braidwood has a micro-pantry open 24 hours in front of the church Information: 815-390-5040. Top Fuel Saloon Food Pantry, 275 S. Hickory St., Braidwood is open 1st and 3rd Friday from 4 to 5 p.m.

In the Wilmington area there is Kuzma Care Cottage food pantry 635 S. Main St., Wilmington, which is open Monday -Friday 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., and the second Saturday of each month, 8-11 a.m. Call 815-476-2030 or visit www.kuzmacarecottage.org Coal City Food Pantry at Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., south entrance is open Mondays 9-11 a.m. and Thursdays 1-3 p.m. Information: 815-216-3288. We Care of Grundy County Food Pantry, 530 Bedford Rd., Morris food distribution is Wednesday thru Friday from 1-3:30 by appointment. Information: 815-942-6389. St. Vincent Table hot meals are served on Monday evenings from 5-6 p.m. Locations change every two months. Sept./Oct.-Assumption of

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ISP adds another step to FOID card renewal

BY GREG BISHOP THE CENTER SQUARE

If it's been a while since you've logged on to the Illinois State Police Firearm Owner Identification portal, you'll notice some changes. This, as new hires to process more than 142,000 backlogged applications will take six months to train. A recent update to the ISP website—ISP.Illinois.gov—includes an updated portal for FOID card and Concealed Carry Licenses applicants that requires a verified email address or cell phone to log in. Information about the cost to taxpayers for the updates, and whether it was outsourced, wasn't immediately available. The Illinois State Rifle Association said the additional steps requiring an email address or cell phone could be problematic.

"I feel that this is an additional hardship for those who are technologically challenged or for those who do not have a computer to receive emails or a smartphone to receive text messages," said ISRA Executive Director Richard Pearson. "We feel this will negatively affect hundreds of thousands of Illinois gun owners, Conceal Carry permit holders, Licensed Firearm Dealers, and Conceal Carry Instructors. We have notified our attorneys of this problem." State Rep. Dan Caulkins, R-Decatur, said the update does provide an additional hurdle. "It is in a way, but it's also I think the ISP; they're trying to modernize their system, trying to get it so people can get a response quicker on where their application is," Caulkins said. The latest numbers pro-

vided by state police on Friday reflect numbers reported earlier this month. There are 142,324 pending FOID applications. ISP says there were more FOID applications in the single month of June than from November 2019 to February 2020. "If this trend continues, it is conceivable that Illinois could reach 3 million FOID cardholders," Pearson said of the flood of applications. "That would be the largest single voting block in the state." More people are being hired to help process the applications, ISP said, but training for the job takes a minimum of six months. Caulkins warned the backlog will be compounded by a "tsunami" of FOID renewals that have been pushed back during the pandemic. "It's a mess, it just truly is

a mess and until we do something about the FOID cards it's going to get worse," he said. Under an emergency rule, expired FOID cards are valid for 18 months after the pandemic subsides. "I give the [ISP] director credit for trying hard to correct a problem that predates him but until we actually get to the bottom of this and decide that the FOID card is not necessary, this is going to continue to be a problem," Caulkins said. People already go through background checks when they purchase firearms, Caulkins said, and the FOID is infringing on people's Second Amendment rights. The Illinois State Rifle Association said it is continuing to pursue legal action against the state over the delays. The group encourages anyone who has been stuck in limbo to contact them.

Judge: Municipalities exempt from Election Day 'holiday'

BY PETER HANCOCK CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD – A Sangamon County judge has ruled local units of government are exempt from a law the General Assembly passed this year declaring the Nov. 3 general election as a state holiday and requiring all government offices to be closed that day, unless they are used as polling places or for other election-related services. Lawmakers passed that measure during their special session in May as a way to protect public safety during the election amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, it was intended to allow schools, colleges and universities to be used as polling places without exposing students to members of the public who might be carrying the virus. The Illinois Municipal League, a nonprofit advocacy group that represents local governments, filed suit in July seeking a declaratory judgment stating that the law did not apply to its members. The case was filed on behalf of village of Bolingbrook, in Will and DuPage counties, and Southern View, in Sangamon County, against the Illinois State Board of Elections. The plaintiffs challenged a portion of the law that reads, "All government offices, with the exception of election authorities, shall be closed unless authorized to be used as a location for election day services or as a polling place." If that applied to local governments, the plaintiffs argued, it would have forced many of them to pay tens, or even hundreds of thousands of dollars for holiday pay and related expenses for law enforcement officers, firefighters, other first responders and other staff who would be required to work on that day. In a six-page opinion released, Circuit Judge Raylene Grischow ruled that if the law were applied to local governments, it would amount to an impermissible unfunded mandate. "Where the Legislature fails to make necessary appropriations allowing reimbursement of expenses, local governments are not required to implement such mandates," Grischow wrote.

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Braceville Gardner Cemetery clean up

The Braceville Gardner Cemetery is announcing their fall clean up. All grave decorations must be removed by Nov. 10 or they will be discarded. Also, during the year all wilted, faded and broken grave decorations will be removed. Garbage will be placed in containers next to the maintenance building. Do not replace decorations until the clean up is completed. Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated by the cemetery board and manager.

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Hunters warned to avoid baiting violations in fields damaged by fire

Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Conservation Police are alerting waterfowl hunters to avoid state and federal baiting violations by not hunting from fields damaged by recent field fires in Illinois. Due to the extremely dry weather conditions in recent weeks, numerous field fires have occurred throughout the state, damaging crops and resulting in large amounts of grain being left exposed on the ground. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service baiting regulations state: The presence of seed or grain in an agricultural area rules out waterfowl hunting unless the seed or grain is scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting,

normal agricultural harvesting, normal agricultural post-harvest manipulation, or normal soil stabilization practice. Though inadvertent, since the recent field fires are not considered a normal agricultural practice, the fires have created areas that will be considered baited for the 2020-21 Illinois waterfowl hunting seasons until all grain left on the ground has been removed. Hunting in or near these areas is prohibited by state and federal law. Hunters with questions regarding waterfowl hunting and baiting can contact their local IDNR Conservation Police Officer. A directory with CPO contact information can be found on the IDNR website.

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Harvest time



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A FARMER HARVESTS corn near Wilmington Sunday thanks to favorable weather conditions. Statewide the corn harvest as of Monday was 80 percent complete, slightly ahead of the 5-year average of 76 percent, according to the USDA's Illinois Ag report. There were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the week. Soybean harvest was 90 percent complete, compared to the 5-year average of 80 percent. Winter wheat planted was at 89 percent, compared to the 5-year average of 73 percent. Statewide, the average temperature was 49.7 degrees, 2.4 degrees below normal. Precipitation averaged 1.75 inches, 1.07 inches above normal. Area farmers will have to deal with rain showers Thursday but could be back in the field on Saturday when it turns sunny and temperatures climb to 60 degrees.

Morris Hospital launches concussion management program

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers is striving to improve the outcomes for individuals diagnosed with concussions through its new Concussion Management Program.

Called "Getting Your Brain Back On Track," the comprehensive and evidence-based concussion management program utilizes emergency or immediate care, neurology and rehabilitation services to enhance concussion diagnosis, evaluation and treatment.

"There's an urgent need for someone with a concussion to be seen by a certified provider within a few days of the injury," says Dr. Isaac Mezo, a neurologist with Morris Hospital Neurology Specialists, adding that Morris Hospital has noticed an increase in concussions in the community specifically due to sports-related and head injuries. "Yet, we've found it's often weeks or months after a concussion occurs that patients are receiving post-concussion treatment."

"These numbers are very troubling to us, and that is what this program is looking to change," adds Dr. Mezo. "Our goal is to streamline the process for concussion diagnosis and treatment, so that people can get back to work, school or play as fast as possible without any long-lasting injury."

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury caused by a bump, blow or jolt to the head that causes movement in the brain. This sudden movement in the head can cause chemical changes in the brain and sometimes stretch or damage brain cells, causing neurological symptoms. Common symptoms of a concussion include headache, dizziness, nausea, sensitivity to light, concentration or memory problems, confusion, vomiting, vision problems or feeling sluggish, hazy or groggy. Concussions range in severity from minor injuries that heal with rest to serious conditions that can have long-term effects on daily life.

When a head injury occurs and symptoms last more than a few minutes, patients are strongly encouraged to visit an emergency department or immediate care

center so a provider can rule out a serious injury. Patients who are diagnosed with concussion at Morris Hospital's walk-in care locations will be referred for a priority care assessment and neurological exam within 48 hours with an ImPACT certified provider who is specially trained in post-concussion diagnosis, evaluation and treatment.

ImPACT, which stands for Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing, is a computerized test that provides data to evaluate a patient's post-injury condition and aids in tracking recovery. Morris Hospital's ImPACT certified providers include Dr. Isaac Mezo and Dr. Samuel Quaynor, neurologists; Dr. Jaynee Pendergast, family medicine; and Stefanie Henline, neurology nurse practitioner.

Depending on symptoms, providers may refer patients for physical therapy or speech therapy with an ImPACT certified therapist who will oversee the active rehabilitation for patients who are recovering from a concussion. Morris Hospital has four ImPACT certified physical therapists who work at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital.

"Physical therapy focuses on vestibular exercises for balance problems, neck pain, headache and dizziness," Dr. Mezo says. "Or, cognitive therapy with a speech therapist may be recommended for individuals who are having difficulty concentrating or finding difficulty with memory."

Initially, the concussion management program will be supported with funding from the Morris Hospital Foundation. Morris Hospital will also be striving to raise awareness in the community about concussion warning signs and treatment.

"If anyone has any kind of head injury, it's better to be safe than sorry," says Dr. Mezo. "Anyone who suffers a blow to the head should need just a couple of seconds to a couple of minutes for symptoms to go away. If any symptoms last more than an hour after a head injury, it's critical to get checked out."

What happens if you die without a will?

Dear Savvy Senior, What happens to a person's possessions if they die without a will? I'm almost 60 years old and have never gotten around to making one, but the coronavirus crisis has made it a priority.
Will-less Willie



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Dear Willie, The coronavirus crisis has lit a fire under many Americans when it comes to getting their affairs in order. Currently, fewer than half of American adults have prepared a will or living trust.

If you die without a will, the state you reside in will determine what happens to your assets. Every state has intestacy laws in place that parcel out property and assets to a deceased person's closest living relatives when there's no will or trust in place. But these laws vary from state-to-state.

Here is a general breakdown of what can happen to a person's assets, depending on whom they leave behind.

Married with children: When a married person with children dies without a will, all property, investments and financial accounts that are "jointly owned" automatically

goes to the surviving co-owner without going through probate, which is the legal process that distributes a deceased person's assets.

But for all other separately owned property or individual financial accounts, the laws of most states award one-third to one-half to the surviving spouse, while the rest goes to the children.

Married with no children or grandchildren: Some states award the entire estate to the surviving spouse, or everything up to a certain amount (for example the first \$100,000). But many other states award only one-third to one-half of the decedent's separately owned assets to the surviving spouse, with the remainder generally going to the deceased person's parents, or if the parents are dead, to brothers and sisters.

Jointly owned property, investments, financial accounts, or community property automatically goes to the surviving co-owner.

Single with children: All state laws provide that the entire estate goes to the children, in equal shares. If an

adult child of the decedent has died, then that child's children (the decedent's grandchildren) split their parent's share.

Single with no children or grandchildren: In this situation, most state laws favor the deceased person's parents. If both parents are deceased, many states divide the property among the brothers and sisters, or if they are not living, their children (your nieces and nephews). If there are none of them, it goes to the next of kin, and if there is no living family, the state takes it.

Make a Will

To ensure your assets go to those you want to receive them, you need to create a will or trust. If you have a simple estate and an uncomplicated family situation, there are do-it-yourself resources that can help you create all these documents for very little money.

Some top-rated options include the Quicken WillMaker & Trust 2020 downloadable software (available at nolo.com) that costs \$90 and works with Windows and Macs

and is valid in every state except Louisiana; LegalZoom (legalzoom.com), which offers basic wills for \$89 or \$99 if you'd like assistance from an independent attorney; and Trust & Will (trustandwill.com) which charges \$89 for a basic will.

If, however, you want or need assistance or if you have a complicated financial situation, blended family or have considerable assets, you should hire an attorney. An experienced attorney can make sure you cover all your bases, which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after you're gone.

Costs will vary depending on where you live, but you can expect to pay anywhere between \$200 and \$1,000 for a will.

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Deadline Wednesday, Oct. 28

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Attitudes have changed since Pritzker's previous COVID restrictions

As of Oct. 21, hospital admissions for patients with COVID-like illnesses had increased 75 percent in two weeks within the Illinois Department of Public Health's "Region 8," which includes DuPage and Kane counties.

As of Oct. 23, only 25 percent of hospital beds in Region 8 were open, down from a third earlier that week. The state's hospitalization "red zone" is 20 percent availability. At that point, regions are automatically put into state mitigation.

Remember "flatten the curve"? Well, the state's 7-day average case positivity rate rose 54 percent in the two-week period ending Oct. 22. And Region 8's 7-day average test positivity rate increased 64 percent during the 10 days prior to that date.

The trend certainly does not appear to be our friend. And who knows what the situation is by the time you read this?

Even so, Rep. Deanne Mazzochi (R-Elmhurst) complained during a House Republican campaign press conference last week about the state mitigation measures which will soon be imposed on her home county of DuPage, claiming that "we do not have the same type of crisis scenario that we did back in March."

Scientists knew very little about the virus in March, so people didn't know quite what to do. Also, the governor has said over and over that he has zero plans to impose another sweeping stay



CAPITOL FACTS

Rich Miller

at home order, which shut down a gigantic swath of an already mostly self-shuttered economy beginning in March.

The new mitigations apply mainly to bars and restaurants, closing indoor service and limiting hours. There is really no comparison between these mitigations and what was imposed in March. Remember when you couldn't get a haircut, or visit the doctor for a routine checkup, have a cavity filled or hang out with a friend? This is most definitely not that.

Rep. Mazzochi went on to declare that the governor is "perfectly happy to wreck what's going on in DuPage."

Um, even if his secret identity really is a cartoon super villain, JB Pritzker carried DuPage County in 2018. Presumably, he'd like to win it again. Joyfully wrecking DuPage would serve what purpose? Mazzochi may be spending too much time on social media.

But her reaction is an indication of the influential forces that are being targeted here. Influential restaurant and bar owners don't appear to be willing to take this lying down. Several have made a big public show of remaining open to indoor service in defiance of the new prohibitions.

Opponents of the new mitigations say that bars and restaurants and other venues shouldn't be singled out when the "real" problem is in nursing homes. But these venues are more

interconnected than you might think.

"Recent data released by Johns Hopkins University and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services shows that weekly cases in nursing homes rose nationwide in late September as the disease became more widespread in 38 states and the country entered its third coronavirus spike," the Washington Post has reported.

In other words, if you want to protect Grandma (and a whole lot of other folks), you gotta control community spread. Nursing homes aren't isolated bubbles. Workers, contractors, vendors, visitors, etc. come and go all the time. Whatever is in the community has a good chance of getting into those facilities and then can spread like wildfire.

DuPage County's own contact tracing shows the second most outbreaks between September 29 and October 13 were connected to restaurants. The most? Long-term care and assisted living centers. That's just one of several reasons why the state is focusing on restaurants.

Some folks, including the Illinois Restaurant Association, are referencing some DuPage stats that go back to March to claim that restaurants aren't a real problem. Except, restaurants and taverns were closed for months last spring. Of course they weren't a source. Countless restaurants and

bars are centers of their communities and many of their proprietors are widely respected. Not to mention that the hospitality industry is an incredibly large and important segment of the state's economy.

There is no doubt that some very good, hardworking people are about to face financial ruin, owners and employees alike. And a lot of those owners have relationships with their legislators, mayors and other powerful types.

Point being, the governor is facing a different sort of challenge than last spring. We were mostly in it together back then. But now the virus is forcing the state to single out an organized, motivated and influential constituency and those folks are bound to gain significant traction, especially if heavily populated suburban Cook and Chicago are put into mitigation.

Rich Miller also publishes Capitol Fax, a daily political newsletter, and CapitolFax.com.

Pandemic slashes gambling revenue in Illinois

BY ZETA CROSS
THE CENTER SQUARE

The COVID-19 pandemic has slashed state tax revenues from legalized gambling.

Revenues are down more than \$200 million – or 13.4% – for fiscal 2020.

"We are nowhere close to where we were a year ago," said Eric Noggle, a senior state analyst.

Noggle is one of the authors of a new report by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, or CoGFA, that announced the fiscal year's findings that ended on June 30.

Noggle said the COVID-19

shutdown of casinos and video gaming parlors from March 16 through June 30 cut off gambling revenues altogether for three and a half months.

When Illinois lifted the shutdown on July 1, revenues stayed down – even with casinos, race tracks and video parlors operating again. Because of the pandemic, people were reluctant to go out like they used to do, Noggle said.

The Illinois Lottery is the largest source of Illinois gambling revenues. The pandemic has depressed lottery ticket sales by \$172.5 million.

Early estimates indicate that in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, lottery ticket sales in Illinois were down by 5.8%.

Because people are driving less and working from home, they are less likely to come across as many lottery ticket vendors as they would have in a typical year, Noggle said.

Fewer trips to the convenience store and the supermarket result in lower lottery ticket sales, Noggle said.

"Lack of access means fewer tickets sold," Noggle said.

The Illinois Legislature took note of the early signs of a slowdown in legalized gambling revenues and made some changes to increase tax revenues. Restrictions on video games were eased. Video parlors are allowed to have six terminals – up from a maximum of five. Truck stops

were also permitted to bring in more video game terminals. Depending on the location, truck stops can now have a maximum of 10 video game terminals – an increase of five.

Video gambling has taken over a larger share of the Illinois gambling market. There are more than 36,000 video gambling terminals operating in Illinois – the equivalent of 30 casinos, the report said. In response, the Illinois Legislature has increased the tax rate levied on video game terminals.

"This year, the tax rate was 30%. For fiscal year 2021, the tax rate is 34%," Noggle said.

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WHS seniors of the week

BY BRIDGET KNOWLES
WHS STUDENT REPORTER

Each week the Free Press Advocate features seniors from the Class of 2021. Wilmington seniors this week include Jacob Plese, Stephanie Lambert, and Justin Esposito.

Jacob Plese

What do you plan to pursue upon graduation? After graduation I plan to go to college and pursue a business degree.

Do you have a hobby you're good at? Volleyball

What is one thing most people don't know about you? Most people don't know I'm a huge NFL fan.

What is one skill you wish you had but don't? I wish I was a good artist because I can't draw at all.

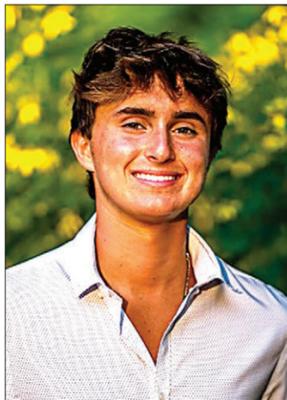
What is your favorite thing to eat? Buffalo wings with ranch

I want to give a shout out to (favorite staff member)... the guidance secretary, love you Mom.

Famous person (dead or alive) you would like to meet and why? I would love to meet Obama because he seems like a really chill guy.

If you could create a class, what would it be? I would create a cooking class because that would be so fun.

Funniest memory from high school? Watching the teachers and students get hypnotized during homecoming week my junior year



JACOB PLESE

What advice would you give to underclassmen? High school goes by very fast so enjoy every second of it.

Stephanie Lambert

What do you plan to pursue upon graduation? An acting career

Do you have a hobby you're good at? Music

What is one thing most people don't know about you? My birthday is January 6th.

What is one skill you wish you had but don't? To be a very organized person. I am very messy.

What is your favorite thing to eat? Chicken alfredo

I want to give a shout out to (favorite staff member)... Martha, the janitor that used to work here, she is amazing.

Famous person (dead or alive) you would like to meet and why? I would love to meet



STEPHANIE LAMBERT

Chris Farley, he was an amazing actor.

If you could create a class, what would it be? A class that teaches you to play the guitar.

Funniest memory from high school? Spitting coffee on Scott Homerding because something funny was said.

What advice would you give to underclassmen? If you feel like doing something, do it. If it ends up being the wrong thing than learn from it.

Justin Esposito

What do you plan to pursue upon graduation? Cyber security

Do you have a hobby you're good at? Computers

What is one thing most people don't know about you? When I was 13 I built my first computer and I just built my second one last year.

During the home quaran-



JUSTIN ESPOSITO

tine I did a lot of... Gaming and long nights.

What is your favorite thing to eat? Pizza

I want to give a shout out to (favorite staff member)... Mr. Ivanoff for being an amazing soccer coach for the four years I have been here.

Famous person (dead or alive) you would like to meet and why? Skrillex because growing up I would listen to his music all the time.

If you could create a class what would it be? Video editing class for Sony Vegas or Adobe Premium

Funniest memory from high school?

What advice would you give to underclassmen? Don't wait until the last second to do your work. Try to get ahead of the game and it will make the year a lot easier for you.

No school on election day

BY BRIDGET KNOWLES
WHS STUDENT REPORTER

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, students in Wilmington schools will not be attending school because of election day.

Many students will stay home, maybe watch movies or take a nap, but a few students will be able to vote for the first time.

Among the seniors who have turned 18 and is registered to vote is Logan Casey.

"I am very excited to vote, it's fun to be able to do something that I am only now able to do," he commented.

Even though most stu-

dents are under the age of 18, there are others looking forward to the day they'll get to vote.

WHS junior Riann Palmer, is one of those students.

"I can see why the state decided to take the day off, some seniors can vote and should be allowed the chance to do so," she commented.

Many students are excited for a day off, and eager to do their civil duty.

"I love that Election Day is off, because it allows you to be able to get involved in the government and do your part as a citizen," Casey said.

Free school lunch program extended through end of the school year

STAFF REPORT

In early September, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a waiver had been created allowing schools across the country to offer free meals to students through the end of the calendar year.

Now, that program will extend further.

Earlier this month, the USDA extended the waiver through the end of the 2020-2021 school year, June 30, 2021, to allow schools to continue providing meals at no cost to all children.

"Children can't focus on learning if they are hungry. And, despite the unprecedented circumstances, Americans can count on USDA's child nutrition programs and our hard working partners in communities across America to ensure our nation's school children get the food they need to grow and thrive," said Brian Lipps, USDA deputy under secretary for food, nutrition and consumer services.

"As our nation recovers and reopens, we want to ensure that children continue to receive the nutritious breakfasts and lunches they count on during the school year wherever they are, and however they are learning," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. "We are grateful for the heroic efforts by our school food service professionals who are consistently serving healthy meals to kids during these trying times, and we know they need maximum flexibility right now."

USDA previously extended child nutrition waivers through December 2020 based upon available funding at the time.

The new flexibilities extended until the end of the

current school year will allow schools and other local program operators to continue to leverage the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) to provide no cost meals to all children, available at more than 90,000 sites across the country.

The extension of the program allows SFSP and SSO meals to be served in all areas and at no cost, permits meals to be served outside of the typically required group settings and meal times, waives meal pattern requirements, as necessary, and allows parents and guardians to pick-up meals for their children.

The program flexibilities allow schools and local program operators to operate a meal service model that best meets their community's unique needs, while keeping kids and staff safe.

Additional flexibilities are being granted on a state-by-state basis, as required by law, to facilitate a wide range of meal service options and accommodate other operational needs.

Early in the pandemic, USDA adapted its summer feeding site finder to ensure parents and children would be able to easily locate sites that were providing meal service. With this new announcement, the Meals for Kids interactive site finder will continue to collect data, voluntarily provided by USDA's state agency partners, about operating sites including location, meal service times, and additional information.

While the program is now in place, students in Wilmington School District 209-U will not have access to food programs through the end of this week. The school district has temporarily halted its food service due to COVID positive test results of staff members.

Library offers virtual food programs

Family dinners are always a big part of the upcoming holidays and the Wilmington Public Library wants to give you a head start by offering two virtual food programs.

The first online program is with local foodie Eric Roge who will be preparing a recipe for Steak Pie from Amelia Simmons' American Cookery cookbook. The program called Cooking Fireside with Eric is the first of his series, "Recipes from the Past." You can be able to find this video on the library's YouTube channel.

In November, don't miss the opportunity to access Leslie Goddard's program "Betty Crocker and Her Cookbook That Changed How America Cooks." Goddard earned a Ph.D. from Northwestern and has lectured in dozens of states for more than 15 years on various entertaining and interesting aspects of history.

This fun illustrated program focuses on the history of Betty Crocker and how the icon has prevailed since 1950 and will get you in the mood for some nostalgic recipes.

This virtual lecture is offered for a limited time from Nov. 9 to Nov. 23 through a private YouTube link. Check the library's Facebook page near the release date of Nov. 9 to find out how to access this limited time program.

Call the library's adult services department at (815)476-2834 with questions.

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Attorney Lynch files Mathena estate claim

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
RUSSEL J. MATHENA, Deceased; No. 20 P 780

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Russel J. Mathena. Letters of Office were issued to Luana K. Mathena whose address is 112 Inwood Drive, Joliet, Illinois 60435 as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Jennifer M. Lynch of June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 14 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60431, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 28th day of April, 2021 if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: October 28, 2020.
Anthony L. Smith, Independent Executor.
Jeffrey L. Fisher, Attorney at Law, Attorney No.: 06184265, 207 South Water Street, Wilmington, IL 60481. (815) 476-7635. Email: jeff@fisherberardilaw.com
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M and M Consulting files as new business

PUBLIC NOTICE

Assumed Name
Publication Notice
Certificate 33634 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Will County on October 19, 2020 wherein the business firm of M and M Consulting, located at 244 Karen Circle, Bolingbrook, IL 60440 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address, is as follows:
Owner Name: Quincy Lee Mccoy
Owner Address: 244 Karen Circle, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Joliet, Illinois this 19th day of October, 2020.

Lauren Staley Ferry
Will County Clerk
Published in the Free Press Advocate on Wednesday, Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, 2020.

Florence and Wesley Union Drainage Dist. #1 to meet

PUBLIC NOTICE

Florence and Wesley Union Drainage District #1 will hold their annual meeting to conduct business at 18725 W. Donohue Rd., Wilmington, IL 60481 at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

Commissioners
John Meyer
Sue Donohue Whiteside
Bill Phelan

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Attorney Fisher files Campus estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, WILL
COUNTY, ILLINOIS -
IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of Phyllis J. Campus, Deceased. Case No.: 20 P 631.

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Phyllis J. Campus of Wilmington, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 28, 2020 to Charles M. Campus as Independent Executor.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Will County Court House, 14 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication date of this Notice, which is on or before April 14, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of this notice from the personal representative is required by Sec. 18.3 of the Probate Act of 1995, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated: October 14, 2020.
Charles M. Campus, Independent Executor
Andrew Costa, Attorney at Law, Fisher Berardi Law Attorney No.: 6317890, 14919 Founders Crossing, Homer Glen, IL 60491. (708) 942-8030
Email: andrew@fisherberardilaw.com
Published in the Free Press Advocate on October 14, 21 and 28, 2020.

Attorney Fisher files Garstka estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of Norbert V. Garstka, Deceased. Case No. 20 P 716.

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Norbert V. Garstka of Wilmington, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 13, 2020 to Debra S. Miller as Independent Executor.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Will County Court House, 14 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication date of this Notice, which is on or before April 21, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of this notice from the personal representative is required by Sec. 18.3 of the Probate Act of 1995, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated: October 21, 2020.
Debra S. Miller, Independent Executor.
Jeffrey L. Fisher, Attorney at Law, Attorney No.: 06184265, 207 South Water Street, Wilmington, IL 60481. (815) 476-7635. Email: jeff@fisherberardilaw.com
Published in the Free Press Advocate on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 28, and Nov. 4, 2020.

Attorney Fisher files Rowe estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of Michelle A. Rowe, Deceased. Case No. 20 P 731.

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Michelle A. Rowe of Shorewood, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 13, 2020 to Raymond D. Rowe as Independent Executor.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Will County Court House, 14 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication date of this Notice, which is on or before April 21, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of this notice from the personal representative is required by Sec. 18.3 of the Probate Act of 1995, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated: October 21, 2020.
Raymond D. Rowe, Independent Executor.
Jeffrey L. Fisher, Attorney at Law, Attorney No.: 06184265, 207 South Water Street, Wilmington, IL 60481. (815) 476-7635. Email: jeff@fisherberardilaw.com
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Attorney Fisher files Smith estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of Ida L. Smith, Deceased. Case No. 20 P 737.

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Ida L. Smith of Wilmington, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 21, 2020 to Anthony W. Smith as Independent Executor.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Will County Court House, 14 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication date of this Notice, which is on or before April 28, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of this notice from the personal representative is required by Sec. 18.3 of the Probate Act of 1995, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated: October 28, 2020.
Anthony L. Smith, Independent Executor.
Jeffrey L. Fisher, Attorney at Law, Attorney No.: 06184265, 207 South Water Street, Wilmington, IL 60481. (815) 476-7635. Email: jeff@fisherberardilaw.com
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Attorney Adler gives notice of Heck Estate

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WILL
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JOHN R. HECK, DECEASED NO. 20P715
PUBLICATION NOTICE AND NOTICE
OF CLAIMS

Notice is given to creditors of the death of John R. Heck. Letters of Office were issued on September 22, 2020 to Betty Marlene Akins, as Independent Executor. The attorney for the Independent Representative is DANIEL J. ADLER, 1616 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

Notice is given to John R. Heck's, heirs or legatees who are named in a petition filed in this proceeding to probate a will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition, that an Order was entered by the Court on September 22, 2020, admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in 6-21 of the Probate Act. You also have the right under 8-1 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the representative or with the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 14 West Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432 or with the representative, or both, on or before the 28th day of April, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred unless otherwise permitted by law. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney of record within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
ADLER LAW FIRM, P.C.
DANIEL J. ADLER #03123945
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Attorney Korst files Agazzi estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WILL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS-
PROBATE DIVISION
THE ESTATE OF FREDA JEAN AGAZZI,
DECEASED.

No. 20 P 492 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to creditors of the death of Freda Jean Agazzi of Joliet, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 16, 2020 to Mary T. Jostes, 1451 Root Street, Crest Hill, Illinois, 60403 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael J. Korst, Michael J. Korst, P.C., 2720 Caton Farm Road, Joliet, Illinois, 60435.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (75 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Will County Court House, 14 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 14, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act (75 ILCS 5/18-3), the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Mary T. Jostes, independent Executor.
Michael J. Korst, Michael J. Korst, P.C., 2720 Caton Farm Road, Joliet, Illinois, 60435. 815-609-8080
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Attorney Fisher files Hovi estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, WILL
COUNTY, ILLINOIS -
IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of Marie Agnes Hovi, Deceased. Case No.: 20 P 420.

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Marie Agnes Hovi of Mokena, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 1, 2020 to Marie Ann Hovi as Independent Executor.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Will County Court House, 14 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication date of this Notice, which is on or before April 14, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of this notice from the personal representative is required by Sec. 18.3 of the Probate Act of 1995, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated: October 14, 2020.
Marie Ann Hovi, Independent Executor
Mark M. Berardi, Attorney at Law, Fisher Berardi Law Attorney No.: 6317890, 14919 Founders Crossing, Homer Glen, IL 60491. (708) 942-8030
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Businesses earn Wilmington Chamber First Dollar Awards



RIVERFRONT LANES at 402 S. Water St. Wilmington, is under new ownership resulting in the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce issuing a First Dollar Award to David Simpson (right). Chamber ambassador Cylee Fuller of ServPro recently presented Simpson with a first dollar of pure profit and a thank you for keeping the Wilmington bowling alley open.



A **FIRST DOLLAR AWARD** was recently presented to Gaby's Candy and Gourmet Popcorn which recently opened at 120 Bridge St., Wilmington. Owner Joshua Taylor (left) accepts the award, representing a first dollar of pure profit, from chamber ambassador Cylee Fuller of ServPro. Taylor said the shop features popcorn, candy, lemon shake-ups, bounce houses and more. Gaby's Candy said future plans include popcorn bars, birthdays and more to come.

Water bill incentive program extended in Wilmington

Spend at local bars and restaurants, earn a water bill rebate

STAFF REPORT

The city of Wilmington will extend its second water bill incentive program, aimed at encouraging residents to drink and eat local in exchange for a one-time rebate on their monthly water bill.

The program will provide a \$50 rebate on residential

water bills for those who spend at least \$250 at local bars and restaurants. When the program was rolled out in earlier this month, the discount would only apply to those who spent at bars and restaurants during the month of October.

However, members of the City Council opted to extend the program through November, after resurgence mitigations were put into place in Region 7 — Will and Grundy counties — late last week.

Those mitigations have shuttered indoor service at bars and restaurants for at least the next two weeks.

The Illinois Department of

Public Health (IDPH) and Gov. JB Pritzker announced the measures, now in place for the second time in Region 7, after the region hit a three day positivity average for COVID-19 above 8%.

The mitigations will stay in place until the rolling three day average positivity rate falls to 6.5% or below.

The incentive program is an effort to boost local businesses and help them generate additional revenue to help offset losses from state mandated efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19.

City leaders said 52 residents participated in the first incentive program.

Purchases must be made at "any local eatery and/or drinkery within the city limits," according to the city's newsletter. Purchases must be made between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30, 2020.

Residents can apply via email at utilitybilling@wilmington-il.com, by mail, or by dropping off an application at City Hall, 1165 S. Water St. in Wilmington.

Sales tax revenues strong for Wilmington

BY MARNEY SIMON EDITOR

The novel coronavirus pandemic has affected everyone's bottom line.

But in Wilmington, the budget is so far on track for the city to make it through tough times, not unscathed, but at least better than anticipated.

Finance director Matt Hoffman gave a brief rundown of the state of the city's finances to the Finance Committee during their regular meeting on Oct. 20.

"It's going well," Hoffman said of the budget.

"The latest sales tax figures, we had a jump, an increase over last year. The months previous to that, it's been a slight decline, from 2% to 7%, about that, but it's not 40% like we thought. Local use is up over last year, way up actually, up 35%."

The numbers presented for the month of September actually represent revenues received in the month of June.

Hoffman said that month, as some businesses reopened from the first shutdown, folks appeared to be showing their support.

State sales tax revenue in September was \$98,750, bringing the year's total to \$411,196, nearly 70% of the budgeted revenues for state sales tax.

Local use tax reported in September was \$21,514. The annual budget for local use taxes is \$190,000.

Other revenues for the month of September include \$11,079 in video gaming taxes, \$39,653 in permit fees, \$19,140 in inspection fees, and \$43,973 in state income tax.

The funds are all deposited into the general fund, the main operating fund for the city.

The general fund's total revenues in September were \$402,485. The year to date revenues are \$1.9 million, representing just under half of the city's \$4.1 million general fund revenue budget.

Wilkerson earns Chamber trophy



Chamber photo

ALWAYS COURTEOUS describes the work ethic of Anna Wilkerson (left) who was presented with the Wilmington Chamber's employee of the month trophy by Chamber Ambassador Cindy Ross of The Crafter's Gallery. Wilkerson works two jobs—secretary at Nelson's Furniture and at Country Financial - T.J. Hansen—which resulted in a public nomination that said, "she has an amazing work ethic, is conscientious, helpful and always pleasant. 'I like the interaction with the people of the town and the people I work with,' Wilkerson said. 'I enjoy the challenge of keeping the office running smoothly.'"

Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

Employee of the Month Nomination form

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and Industry sponsors an Employee of the Month award each month. The public is invited to make nominations of an employee in a local business who is courteous, attentive, sincere and makes it a pleasure to patronize that business.

Send nominations to Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Committee, c/o Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 724, Wilmington, IL, 60481.

I wish to nominate this individual for Employee of the Month:

Name: _____

Employed at: _____

Comments: _____

Your name (optional): _____

Country agent supports police with donation



COUNTRY INSURANCE AGENT T.J. Hansen (left) recently presented police commissioner Loren Burkey with a check for \$750 in the Wilmington office. The donation was made by Hansen and Country Financial Insurance for police safety equipment. "The city and especially the Wilmington Police Department is very grateful to have small business support from T.J. Hansen," Burkey said.



City of Wilmington

HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE

The City of Wilmington will be conducting hydrant flushing throughout the City on:

October 26 - October 30 between 7:30 am to 3 pm

November 2 - November 6 between 7:30 am to 3 pm

November 9 - November 13 between 7:30 am to 3 pm

This may create rust-colored water in the system. If you have rust-colored water, run your **COLD WATER TAPS ONLY** until the water runs clear. (Suggested taps: bathtub or laundry tub).

PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR HOT WATER until you have clean running water again.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have any questions, please contact the Water Treatment Plant at 1-815-476-6732.



Vercelli, Russell help pick a Wildcat baseball dream team

BY SHAWN LONG
STAFF WRITER

Ever wondered who would be picked to make up a Wilmington High School baseball dream team?

We asked two former Wilmington coaches, Les Russell and Lodi Vercelli, to help put together a dream team of past Wildcats since both were players and contributing coaches to the program.

Vercelli played baseball and football and it influenced him to pay it back to younger athletes by participating as a coach.

"I've always enjoyed sports and to be honest with you, my best sport was not football," said Vercelli. "My best sport was baseball. I had an opportunity when I got a full-ride scholarship to Northwestern and I had a bunch of tryouts with pro teams for baseball but my parents didn't want me to have anything to do with it. They wanted me to play football."

He also coached his sons Jake, Tony and Vince.

"Really and truly, baseball has always been one of my first loves. My oldest, Jake, went to Joliet Catholic but Tony and Vince I got to coach them all the way through high school. I'm thankful I was given the opportunity to be with my boys through those years and it helped too that we had a special group of kids that went to state three years in a row. Tony and Tanner (Roark) were so good, so talented in every sport they play, so I just stuck with that thing through high school."

This week, the Free Press Advocate puts together a Wilmington baseball dream team we feel couldn't be beat.

Pitchers

In 1952, Russell was an ace pitcher on a Wildcat team that went 22-5 under coach Jack Kinder. He would be an ideal starter on the dream team.

"Dad was the star pitcher on that team," said Les' daughter Ramona Russell. "They were really good."

The 1952 Wildcats included: Don Bach behind the plate, Bob Thornton at first, Jim Hermes at third, Mike Biley in the outfield, Fred Butcher in the mound with Russell, Lee Harvey in the outfield, Jim Sanetzka in outfield, Glenn Cochran at shortstop, Charles Pittsman at second and Chuck Gerrot at second.

Russell continued to pitch in college for the Redbirds at Illinois State University. From 1953-1956, the Redbirds went 59-44 with a winning percentage of .573, due in part to Russell who would go on to pitch for the St. Louis Cardinals farm team for a couple years

before entering the Army.

After the army, baseball came calling again. This time not in the form of a pitching spot but in the form of a position scouting for a big league ballclub.

"The Chicago White Sox wanted dad to come back and be a scout but my mom had gotten sick so he chose to take care of her instead."

In 1985, he and Larry Wallen ended up forming the Joliet Jaguars, a program that attracted eventual Major League players Steve Parris and Mark Carlson.

Another player he mentored was Tanner Roark, who was instrumental in Wilmington's three state trophies with 43 wins, holding a 1.84 ERA, fanning 351 batters. He obviously would be on this dream team. Roark was drafted by the Texas Rangers on June 6, 2008. He has played eight full seasons in majors with Washington, Cincinnati, Oakland and Toronto.

Curt Shepard and Ray Decker were mentioned as the third and fourth starters, who helped their team win a regional in the 1973 season. Shepard had a 4-0 record with a 0.90 ERA.

"They graduated with me in 1974," added Lodi. "They would be good for that class. The thing that was significant my junior year was we won a regional. Back then in the day like it was in football, it was only one class. You take a look at what you've got today. Football is so watered down (8 classes) to what it was in the old days."

Lee Allott was a pitcher and played shortstop on that same team. Lodi notes Allott would be a great fifth day guy in the rotation.

Jerry Wilburn and Mike Olson anchored a pitching staff in 1966 that went on to win the Kankakee Valley Conference while also winning a district title. They would be the first guys out of the bullpen.

Shane Longest was another pitcher Lodi mentioned. He would be a spot started if needed or another guy out of the bullpen.

Shane was 8-1 with a 2.55 ERA during his senior season, fanning 77 batters in 77 innings pitched.

Shane went on to play football instead of baseball trying out as a kicker for the Chicago Bears.

Chris Alberico, who was phenomenal during his final year as one of the top pitchers on the 2004-05 championship team. He led the 'Cats with a 1.21 ERA, going 8-0. Alberico would a solid pick.

Ty Anderson, who pitched for the Wildcats from 2009-11, is mentioned in the leading ERAs (3.24) and leading strike-



WILMINGTON'S KYLE DAVIS was selected to be a first basemen on the all-time Wilmington baseball dream team.

out players (69) is slotted as the closer on the depth chart.

Shortstop

Keith VanDuyne would be a shortstop prospect, as would Dillon Roark who pitched and was confident with his glove. Dillon, on that all state team, hit 377 with six home runs and 51 RBIs. Dillon was one of four teammates to play baseball at a Division I school.

T. Roark and T. Vercelli went to play Big Ten baseball right out of high school. Dillon Roark got a Division I scholarship to Eastern Illinois University while Kyle Davis also got a DI scholarship to play at Western Illinois University.

"When you think about a Wilmington baseball team who had four D1 players on their team, Wilmington has only had four D1 athletes in the last 50 years in all sports. There's me and Damien, Donny Keeley for football and Mike Pollak for baseball. Brady Wilkins had a D1 scholarship to Mizzou for football out of high school. That team had four. That is outstanding and it really just says to how good the athletes on the state championship teams were."

Cort Scheel and Richard Heintz earn honorable mention on the dream team.

Scheel could do everything for the Wildcats. He was one of the five leaders in batting average one season where he hit .505 in 2010 when the Wildcats won a regional title with a 23-10 record.

Heintz was a good all around fielder who hit the ball well. He has the 13th best batting average for the Wildcats. He hit .456 in 2009 during the 'Cats' 25-5 season.

Catcher

Tony Vercelli is the starting catcher on the dream team.

"Tony and Tanner were first team all-state three times," added Lodi. "I've never seen that done. Dillon ended up first team all-state as a senior and Davis because he was the same age as Tanner and Tony, he only got two picks per sectional so the poor guy didn't get it."

Tony hit .491 with 26 home runs and a team-best 146 RBIs, collecting a team-leading 174 hits.

Bob Rink is named as a backup catcher on the dream team after leading a team that went 8-4-1 in 1960.

Al Childrey, who was a key player on the 1975 team that went 9-6 winning a regional title, was also selected as a catcher on the dream team.

"The significance of that season was we won a regional. That was big for us because back then it went district then regional."

Nick Dziuban, who was a backup catcher as a sophomore on the 2004-05 championship team, would be an honorable mention pick.

First base

Lodi, who played first and pitched during his junior and senior seasons, earns the first spot at first base on the dream team.

At one point in time, he, Toby Roark and Greg Hindahl were leading the area in hitting during the 1974 season.

Lodi had a .583 batting average while Hindahl was hitting .458 and Roark .444. Mike Zimmer, who coaches the Minnesota Vikings was hitting .383 through 60 at-bats in the season.

Kyle Davis follows Vercelli. He was another big part of the state championship teams during the early 2000s.

Davis hit .458 over those three seasons with 17 home runs and 122 RBIs, collecting 144 hits.

Colin Webb, who played with the Wildcats from 2008-10, is an honorable mention on the team. He hit 32 home runs as a Wildcat starter, including 13 during his sophomore season.

Third base

At third base, Toby Roark was an infielder on the 1974 team that went 11-6. He will be slotted as the first third basemen.

Adam Kruchten was the third basemen during their championship run. He was one of the best hitters on the Wildcat's championship team and he was hitting in the nine spot.

During those three offensive outbursts, Adam hit .318 from the bottom of the order and added some pop too, belting 18 home runs with 70 RBIs, collecting 96 hits.

Outfielders

Out in the outfield for the Wildcats are Mike Pollak,

Hindhahl and Robbie Murphy as the top three choices.

The first outfielder mentioned was Mike Pollak, who played for the Wildcats during the 1960s.

"He was exceptional," said Vercelli. "He was a running back in football and Mike actually walked on at Arizona State and then came back to play for University of Illinois and played for three years."

Hindhahl, who was an outfielder on the 1974 team, is the next selection for outfield on the dream team.

"Greg Hindahl, it was kind of an interesting period," said Lodi. "That's when we went down for spring training. He was a year behind me. He was a defensive end for us on our football team. He started as a junior on our basketball team. He was a three-sport athlete. His dad ended up moving away

after his junior year so he never played here as a senior. The kid was a quality athlete.

Murphy, Nick Hansen and Eric Dillon were a big part of the championship teams as Murphy hit .318 with seven long balls, 21 doubles, collecting 87 RBIs on 102 hits.

Hansen followed with a scorching hot batting average of .376 with a home run and 15 doubles.

Dillon, who played right field during the 'Cats three-year run, hit .320 with nine home runs and 87 RBIs, collecting 94 hits.

Also mentioned out in the outfield were Jackie Neelas and Gary Robertson, who were also on the 1975 regional championship team.

Jake Van Duyne is an honorable mention pick in center-field.



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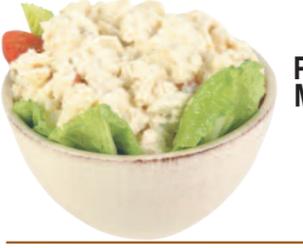
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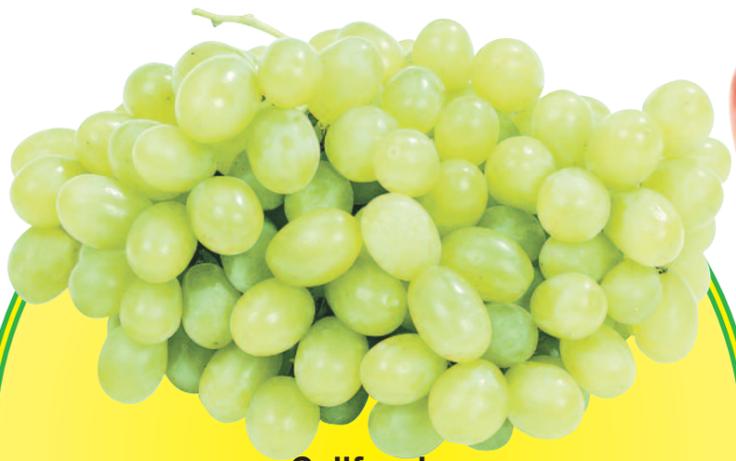
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