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## Restaurants, bars gain support, despite mitigation efforts

BY MARNEY SIMON  
EDITOR

While the entire state of Illinois is currently under resurgence mitigations due to the spread of the novel coronavirus, not everyone is adhering to the regulations put in place by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

The mitigations, in part, ban indoor service at bars and restaurants.

But, when those measures went into effect in Will County on Oct. 23, businesses across the county made the decision to keep their doors open.

Nelly's on Route 66 and the attached Route 66 Old School Brewing in Wilmington are two of sev-

eral area businesses that made the decision to stay open to indoor service during the resurgence mitigations.

"We have employees that depend on their paychecks and outdoor seating with the Midwest weather is not an option," the restaurant explained on social media. "Wilmington has supported us and for over 10 years we have donated and supported Wilmington. Moving backwards again is not an option."

Similar posts were scattered among social media of bars and restaurants throughout all of Will County.

Wilmington Mayor Roy Strong has noted throughout the pandemic that local law enforcement will not be

deployed to enforce any mitigations or mask rules.

The reason that these businesses remain open is simple — it all comes down to economics.

The online business review platform Yelp issued its local economic impact report this fall, showing that restaurants and retail continue to struggle during the pandemic, and total closures nationwide have started to increase.

In Illinois, the number of businesses marked as permanently closed on Yelp that were open on March 1 was 3,800, while an additional 2,100 were marked as temporarily closed.

Nationwide, of more than 163,000 businesses that had closed

since the start of the pandemic, and in the wake of increasing COVID-19 cases and restrictions implemented in many states, 60% of those closed businesses reported not reopening, with 97,966 reporting that they were now permanently closed.

While professional services such as doctors, real estate, legal services, architects and accountants have seen very few closures, the restaurant industry was among the most impacted.

Bars and nightlife businesses have endured an especially high closure rate, with an increasing percentage of closures being permanent. Nationwide, more than half of bars and nightlife businesses have report-

ed that they are permanently closed, according to the Yelp report.

And, with the lack of a second federal stimulus and unemployment benefits lapsing, for some businesses, the only route to survival is to stay open.

Locals are generally in support of businesses who opt to let customers in for service.

When asked in a non-scientific poll on the Free Press Advocate's social media pages, the majority of respondents said they plan to continue visiting those businesses despite the resurgence mitigations in place.

"We all need to continue to sup-

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Photo by Marney Simon

A VOTER ENTERS Wilmington City Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 3, during the 2020 General Election. The polls were open until 7 p.m. with a steady stream of voters filtering in throughout the day. In Illinois, more than 3.5 million ballots were cast in advance of Tuesday, via early and mail-in voting.

## An election for the record books

STAFF REPORT

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

As of mid-day Monday, the Illinois State Board of Elections [ISBE] reported more than 3.5 million ballots had been cast in the general election, far more than in any previous Illinois election. The

advanced votes include over 1.75 million mail-in ballots as well as more than 1.78 million votes at early polling places and nearly 47,000 grace period votes.

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

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

year is Nov. 17.

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

According to ISBE data, 37.6% of Grundy County's registered voters had cast a ballot as of Monday morning. The

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## COVID-19 sidelines third grade class

STAFF REPORT

Students in one third grade classroom inside Wilmington School District 209-U are remote learning this week and next week, after a classroom case of the novel coronavirus forced the district to enact a quarantine among students.

Superintendent Dr. Matt Swick notified parents and families that two students had tested positive for COVID-19 in Mrs. Noffsinger's third grade class at Stevens Intermediate School.

After completing contact tracing, Swick said that more than half the students in that classroom were deemed to be close contacts of those two students.

Close contact is identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as "someone who was within six feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes. The CDC in the last few weeks updated that definition, clarifying that the 15 minute rule is cumulative minutes, not necessarily consecutive minutes.

"As a result of this infor-

mation, we have decided to use an abundance of caution and will be adjusting for only this one classroom to full remote learning for the days ahead, with this particular group of students learning from home during the next two weeks," Swick wrote.

The change does not affect any other students or classrooms at SIS or within the district.

Mrs. Noffsinger's class will return to regular in-person learning at SIS on Monday, Nov. 16.

"We have already communicated directly with the parents of students within this class," Swick continued. "Mrs. Noffsinger will also be in communication with the parents of her students... to provide information about the remote learning schedule and expectations for the next two weeks."

Since District 209-U returned to face-to-face instruction in August, there have been a total of 10 students and five staff members diagnosed with COVID-19.

Swick once again thanked

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## Council finalizes local tobacco ordinance

BY MARNEY SIMON  
EDITOR

The city of Wilmington has cleaned up the books, amending the local tobacco ordinance to agree with state law already in effect.

The city's ordinance and licensing committee approved language, then passed by ordinance by the full council, that amends the city code on tobacco use, sales, and possession.

The state's tobacco law, known as Tobacco 21, went into effect on July 1, 2019, and raised the age to purchase tobacco and nicotine products statewide from 18 to 21.

"The ordinance was never updated when the state

changed the law from 18 to 21. Ours was not updated, so, this is just the update to bring it up to the standard with the state statute," Police Chief Phil Arnold told the committee.

The changes mirror the state law, with additional definitions for alternative nicotine products, electronic cigarettes, and changes to the definition of "tobacco product."

The purpose on both the state and local level is to carve out those important definitions that cover all products

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## Local schools report high graduation rates

Some information missing, but local schools still meet standards

STAFF REPORT

The Illinois State Board of Education released the 2020

Illinois Report Card, providing snapshots and academic information for public school districts across the state.

The COVID-19 pandemic made much of the student data from the 2019-20 school year either unavailable or unable to support year-to-year comparisons.

Some of the data may have been affected by the suspension of in-person instruction in March 2020, effectively

ending all face-to-face learning across the state and making each district end the year in some form of virtual or distance learning.

Items in the report affected include:

- Assessments — Illinois received a federal waiver and did not administer state assessments that are normally required by the federal government in math, English language arts, and science; there-

fore, 2020 assessment data is not available.

- Attendance — Illinois schools had to shift to remote learning in the spring without standardized methods of recording remote attendance; therefore, 2019-20 student and teacher attendance data cannot be compared to prior years.

- Culture and climate sur-

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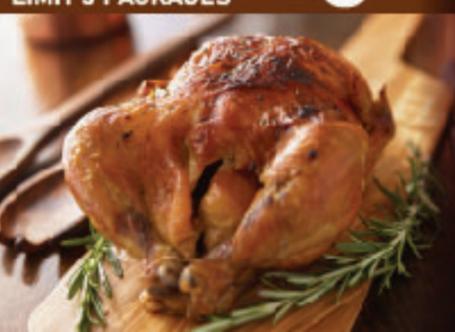
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# Bars

port these businesses and men and women that work there," wrote one respondent.

"Absolutely. They are looking out for their employees and being safe about protecting their customers," added another.

Some folks did take a different view. "I will support the restaurants that have closed because they need the money more than the selfish ones who have refused to follow the mandate," one response wrote. "Our Covid numbers are increasing daily."

Still others said they planned to visit those bars and restaurants that have opted to stay open to indoor service, but would balance that decision by choosing only take out.

"I too am supporting as much as I can with take out and limiting my trips to the store," one commenter wrote. "I need to keep myself and family as healthy as possible but I want to support the business as much as I can so they can stay open."

There was some good news for the third quarter of 2020. According to the Yelp Economic Average report, new restaurants and food business openings and reopenings are on the rise nationwide.

Per the report, restaurants and food businesses have seen a significant number of brand-new business openings amid the increased challenges of the pandemic. These openings and reopenings have been sustained by focusing on health and safety, as well as new approaches to serve their customers, including moving their services and patrons outdoors. Consumers have also been spending more time outside, reflected in an increase in interest for outdoor

related service providers and leisure activities, as well as outdoor dining.

Compared to Q3 2019, Yelp observed an increase in brand new openings in Q3 2020, nationally, for open air food services including farmers markets, food trucks, pop-up restaurants, and seafood markets.

The rate of new restaurant and food business openings vary by state.

In Illinois, there have been 1,162 new restaurants and food businesses opened since March 1, ranking the state as 33rd most resilient.

In comparison, neighboring Wisconsin has seen 498 new restaurants and food businesses, Indiana 543, Iowa 252, Missouri 586, and Kentucky 357.

Resilience is marked by new openings in Q3 relative to Q2.

The resurgence mitigations are set to be reevaluated for Will and Kankakee counties on Friday, Nov. 6.

# Vote

advanced vote total was at 13,725—6,634 mail-in ballots, 6,901 early votes and 190 grace period votes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Grundy County, the early and mail-in votes were added in at the close of the night once all of the county's 40 precincts had reported in to the county courthouse. The unofficial votes can be obtained at [www.grundy-co.org](http://www.grundy-co.org).

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

*Peter Hancock of Capitol News Illinois contributed to this report.*

## IcedT by T files as new business

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Assumed Name Publication Notice**

Certificate 33640 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Will County on Oct. 21, 2020 wherein the business firm of ICEDT BY T, (fashion apparel & accessories) located at 3408 E. Cumberland Ln., Crete, IL 60417 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: Triniti Gilliam  
Owner Address: 3408 E. Cumberland Ln., Crete, IL 60417

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Joliet, Illinois this 21st day of October, 2020.

Kwau A. Kuntu Jr.  
Notary Public  
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### 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](mailto: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 Attorney for John R. Heck Estate 1616 W. Jefferson Street Joliet, Illinois 60435 (815) 744-5300 email: [dadanadlerlaw@comcast.net](mailto:dadanadlerlaw@comcast.net)

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# Tobacco

that utilize nicotine that are tobacco free — such as electronic cigarettes — as well as tobacco itself.

The amendment also strikes the phrase "tobacco products" and replaces it with "smoking materials," which

account for all tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and electronic cigarettes.

Per the local ordinance, it is unlawful to sell, offer for sale, give away, or deliver smoking materials within 100 feet of a school, child care facility, or any other building used for education or recreational programs for persons under the age of 18.

The committee had a brief discussion on possibly changing the charge for the annual licensing fee.

That fee has been \$50 since 1996.

"We're right in there with

Braidwood, Peotone, Diamond and Coal City," said co-chair Frank Studer.

The fee is a once yearly payment made by all retail outlets that sell tobacco or alternative nicotine products.

Proceeds from those fees go into the city's general fund. But, committee members opted not to recommend any change to that charge.

Peotone, Braidwood, Diamond, Lockport, Coal City, Monee and Elwood all also charge \$50 for that annual license fee.

The amendment was approved by the full City Council on Oct. 20.

### Attorney Boggs files Buhle estate notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSE BUHLE, DECEASED, 2020-P-516

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Notice is given to creditors of the death of ROSE BUHLE. Letters of Office were issued on October 16, 2020, to Eric Buhle as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is JANINE M. BOGGS at BOGGS & FILLENWARTH, LTD., 211 E. Jefferson St., Suite A, Morris, IL 60450.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk at 14 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, Illinois 60432 or 3200 W. McDonough, Joliet, Illinois 60431 with the representative, or both, on or before May 4, 2021, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 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 claimant to the representative and to the representative's attorney with ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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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 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 by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Jennifer M. Lynch For the Estate of Russel J. Mathena, Deceased

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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](mailto:jeff@fisherberardilaw.com)

## 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  
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### Attorney Lynch files Stepanovic estate claim

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIKA STEPANOVIC, Deceased; No. 20 P 826

**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Marika Stepanovic. Letters of Office were issued to Goran Kijajic, whose address is 16422 W. 146th Place, Lockport, Illinois, 60441 as Independent Administrator, 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 4th day of May, 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 by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Jennifer M. Lynch For the Estate of Marika Stepanovic, Deceased

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### 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](mailto:jeff@fisherberardilaw.com)

# Custer Fire planning for Toys for Tots

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### Attorney Lynch files Mahalick estate claim

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BERNARD J. MAHALICK, DECEASED; NO. 20 P 827

**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Bernard J. Mahalick. Letters of Office were issued to Jane E. Mahalick-Wilson whose address is 1292 County Road 3000 East, El Paso, Illinois, 61738 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 4th day of May, 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 by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Jennifer M. Lynch For the Estate of Bernard J. Mahalick, Deceased

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# Class

ent and teacher conferences are scheduled to take place Nov. 11 and 12.

During the day on Nov. 11, the district will celebrate Veterans Day, and will release students early that day.

Conferences will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 11, and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Nov. 12. All conferences will be held virtually.

There is no school on Friday Nov. 13. Thanksgiving break is scheduled this year for Nov. 25 though Nov. 27.

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The Saint Rose Turkey Dinner Committee



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# November 1920, was the war really over?

November of 1920, like 2020, was a presidential election month. Republican Warren Harding defeated Democrat James Cox of Ohio by a landslide.

Harding won all the northern states, while Cox took the traditional southern states. And like today, voting rights was a hot topic. Our story today may be more graphic than you care to read, but I assure you these events did take place. Let's begin with the first week of the month.

An ad for the movie theater at the Exchange building, on the north-east corner of Water and Baltimore, now the park was eye catching. Katherine McDonald was featured in the movie Notorious Miss Lislo.

She would go on to be the first women producer in Hollywood. And although the ad spelled her name wrong, Mary Miles Minter was also featured in Jenny Be Good. She would later be implicated in a murder which also involved Fatty Arbuckle.

The Commercial National Bank, previously located on Jackson Street was in the news that week, "The Commercial National Bank is now located in its new, modern home corner of Water and Jackson Streets.

The new building is one of the finest banking houses in the county and Wilmington citizens all feel proud of this beautiful new banking house. The interior of the building, as yet, has not been completed but as soon as finished the



TIME WAS...  
Sandy Vasko

Advocate will give an extensive write up on same." The building now houses the Corner Tap.

And the high school sport page told us of an unfortunate outcome, "The Wilmington High School basketball team journeyed to Coal City Friday last to play a return game with the High School team of that city and received an unmerciful drubbing of 47 to 3."

Women had only recently won the right to vote, but that didn't mean they did. The Advocate from the day after the national election told this story. "Savannah, Georgia - Nov. 4 - Negro women were refused ballots at the voting places in Savannah Tuesday. Many negro women have registered here since the suffrage amendment became effective, but the election judges ruled that they were not entitled to vote because of a state law which requires registration six months before an election. No white women presented themselves at the polls."

The following week the Advocate printed news from Orlando, Fla., also about the right to vote. "Five negroes have been burned to death and another hung to a tree as a result of a fight which started at the polls at Ocoee near Orlando, Tuesday night after election officials had refused to permit Mose Norman, a negro, to vote on the ground that he had failed to pay his poll tax."

"Two white men were shot and killed and several others, including a former police chief, were wounded in the fight

which preceded the wholesale lynching. The negroes burned, met death in houses in which they had congregated for refuge, and which were fired. The sixth negro killed was taken from a jail early in the day by a mob."

No such problems were happening back in Wilmington. What was happening was an impromptu celebration of the end of the War to End All Wars. "Just two years yesterday, Nov. 11th, the Kaiser abdicated and the armistice was signed, ending the world war.

Thursday morning was the second anniversary of the armistice signing, and the American Legion soldier boys and business men with a noisy mad-up band, marched to the school house where the several hundred teachers, blowing horns and carrying flags, joined and marched around the business part of the city. Geo. Jardine, by the firing of his cannon, started the celebration."

Then came the blowing of the paper mill whistle and the ringing of the fire bell. The balance of the day was proclaimed a holiday for the school. The business houses and many residences were decorated with the Stars and Stripes. The doings ended with a grand ball in the Opera House by the American Legion which was largely attended."

The third week of the month and new movies at the Exchange Theater, starring Marshall Neilan, Alice Brady, Babe Ruth and Za Zu Pitts, who lived long enough to start in the TV show Bewitched.

So, what can we say about the world 100 years ago? I think we can safely say, that while Wilmingtonians were celebrating the end of a war, there were still plenty of battles to be fought.



A POSTER OF Babe Ruth's movie that was showed in November of 1920.

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## Schools

veyl — Illinois received a federal waiver and did not complete the administration of the culture and climate survey that is normally required by the federal government; therefore, 2019-20 culture and climate survey data is not available.

• Graduation rates — Executive Order 2020-31 amended state graduation

requirements for students expecting to graduate in spring 2020; therefore, 2020 graduation rates cannot be compared to prior years.

• Ninth-graders on track — ISBE strongly encouraged Illinois schools to amend normal grading policies in spring 2020; therefore, 2020 ninth-graders on track metrics cannot be compared to prior years.

• Summative designations — Illinois received a federal waiver and did not issue

new annual summative designations. Each school received the same summative designation in 2020 as in 2019.

That said, local school districts still saw positive marks on the report card.

With summative designations remaining the same, in Wilmington, Wilmington High School and Wilmington Middle School were both marked as commendable. Bruning Elementary and Stevens Intermediate School were both listed as exemplary. In Braidwood, Reed-Custer High School and Reed-Custer Middle School are both listed as commendable schools, while Reed-Custer Elementary School earned the designation of exemplary.

Exemplary schools are those schools performing in the top 10% of schools statewide with no underperforming student groups. Commendable schools are those schools with no underperforming student groups, a graduation rate greater than 67%, and whose performance is not in the top 10% of schools statewide.

The four-year graduation rate at Wilmington High School in 2020 was 95%, compared to the statewide average of 88%. At Reed-Custer High School in Braidwood, the four year graduation rate in 2020 was 92%.

Chronic absenteeism, which tracks the students who miss 10% or more of school days without a valid excuse, was 6% in the Wilmington School District 209-U, and 7% at Reed-Custer School District 255. The state average is 11%, however, accurate reporting of chronic absenteeism was possibly affected due to distance learning.

The report showed that the Reed-Custer School District spends an average of \$18,451 per student, while the Wilmington School District spends an average of \$13,145 per student.

Meanwhile, other data on the report show continued growth and higher-than-ever participation in college and career preparation courses. More than 8,000 additional high school students took career and technical education, dual credit, Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate courses in the 2019-20 school year, compared to the prior year. The Class of 2020 also

took over 14,500 more AP Exams during high school than the Class of 2019 and achieved a 70% pass rate — two percentage points higher than the Class of 2019.

Governor JB Pritzker's fiscal year 2020 and 2021 budgets included funding for fee waivers to reduce the cost of AP Exams for low-income students. ISBE's state plan for career and technical education will drive further increases in access to college and career preparation courses for historically underrepresented students.

The 2020 Illinois Report Card also shows a stronger and more diverse teacher workforce. Illinois added more than 2,000 teachers to its workforce, maintained teacher retention at 86%, and school districts on average also raised teacher pay by approximately \$1,000.

The 2020 Illinois Report Card also includes Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) data for the first time. Teachers use the KIDS tool to observe and document students' developmental readiness in the first 40 days of kindergarten.

The Illinois Report Card can be viewed online at [www.IllinoisReportCard.com](http://www.IllinoisReportCard.com).

Wilmington Planning & Zoning Commission to hold hearing for large scale industrial district

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing  
Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Wilmington, IL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on November 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Wilmington at the City Hall located at 1165 S. Water Street, Wilmington, IL., for the purpose of receiving and considering testimony and public comments on the request of petitioner, Adar RPL, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, to have its property rezoned to the Large Scale Planned Industrial District if the property is annexed into the City of Wilmington, which property is described as follows:

BEING PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20 AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, OF TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST, 52.93 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, 160.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 55.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 2154.71 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 678.35 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 102.25 FEET TO A POINT OF NON-TANGENT CURVATURE; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY, ALONG A CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 540.69 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 526.37 FEET, A CHORD BEARING NORTH 58 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 505.83 FEET TO A POINT OF NON-TANGENCY; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1869.46 FEET; THENCE NORTH 43 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 99.04 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1125.13 FEET TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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All persons interested in attending are invited to do so and will be given an opportunity to be heard. Pursuant to executive order 2020-07 signed by Governor Pritzker and guidance provided by legal counsel, the City of Wilmington may conduct all or portions of this meeting by use of telephonic or electronic means without a physical quorum present in the boardroom. Public access to this meeting is available as follows:

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## Attention voters

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

## Enforce due date

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

## All at a loss

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

## Families still struggling

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

## Slow down please

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

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

## Cheap gas

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

## Late treaters

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

## Not another 4 years

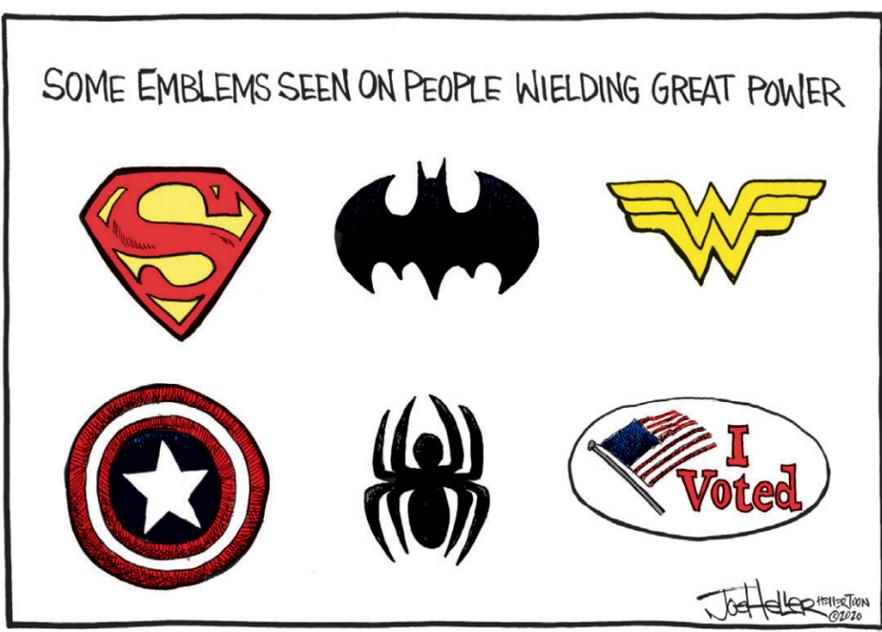
BRAIDWOOD—Today is Oct. 28. By the time this comes out in the paper we will probably have a good idea of who is going to be the president for the next four years. In today's paper I was surprised to see all the sound-offs stating that Trump has done so much for this country but nobody said what it is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

## Blue states

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

## River bone dry

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



## Up to the experts

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

## Privileged

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

## Think about it

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

## Not for America

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

## Front line heroes

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

## Business as usual

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

## Won't tolerate it

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

## Mob behavior

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

## Went so well

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

## Kids having fun

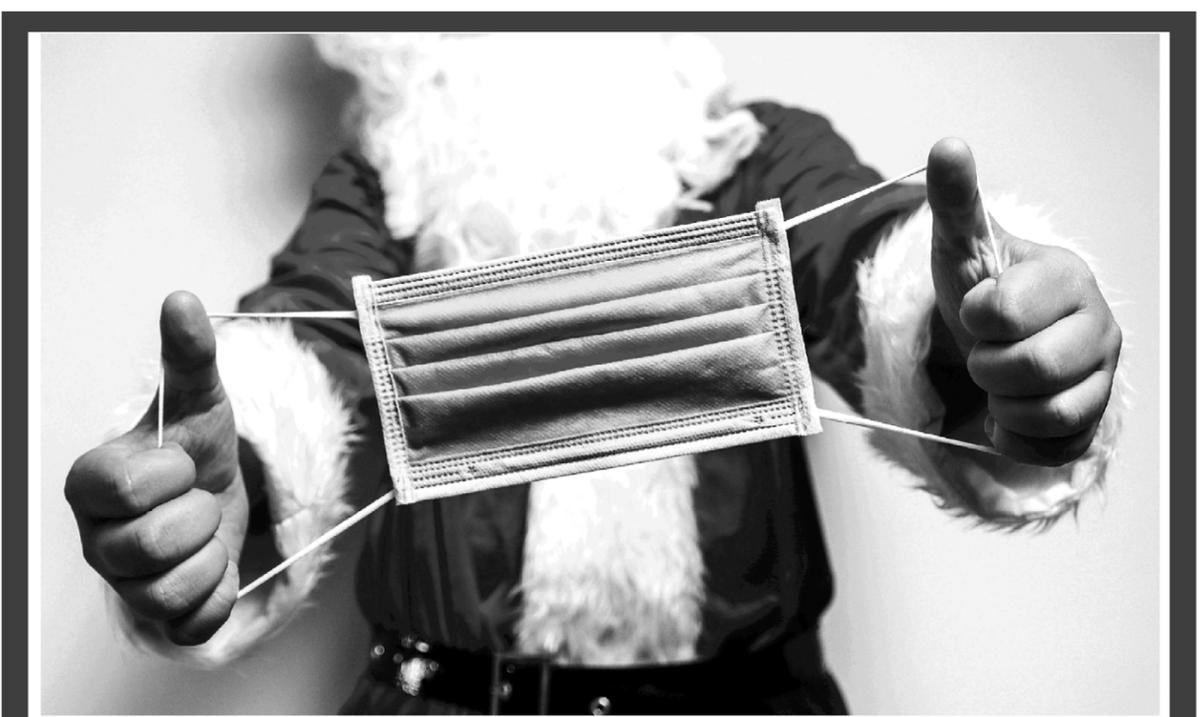
DIAMOND—It was so nice to see all the children out trick or treating on Halloween. I must say I was very impressed with how polite the kids were and the fact that most of the kids were all escorted by parents.

## Can't understand

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

## Showing disrespect

WILMINGTON—I'm sick of the Republicans showing disrespect to the Democratic party because that is what it's called regardless of what the morons say.



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# Smooth as Sinatra

“Stopping advertising to save money is like stopping your watch to save time.”  
—Henry Ford

There were many members of the iconic Rat Pack, but only one Chairman of the Board. That's right, there was only one Frank Sinatra and there will never be another.



**THE SUNDAY COCKTAIL**  
Brian Rung

He is known as much for his off-stage antics as he is for his velvety smooth on-stage crooning. He sold over 150 million records, but only drank from one bottle of whiskey: Jack Daniel's.

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

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

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

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

After the endorsement

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

This week we are going to taste

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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For Morris Hospital's latest visitor restrictions and guidelines, go to [morrishospital.org/covid19](http://morrishospital.org/covid19).

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# Midewin virtual celebration on Veterans Day

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

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

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



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

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

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

[www.BrushwoodCenter.org/VeteransPhotoReception.html](http://www.BrushwoodCenter.org/VeteransPhotoReception.html). U.S. Military Veterans and their families are welcome to participate in At Ease programs. For more information, email: [info@brushwoodcenter.org](mailto:info@brushwoodcenter.org).

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## Forest Preserve's calendar dog needs loving home

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

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



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

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

Lollipop's story illustrates the plight of shelter animals. The humane society took the pup in three months ago after she was rescued by a group working to save animals from euthanasia, which would have been Lollipop's fate without intervention. "Her fur was patchy and her skin was rough," Ernst said. "She was scared and very shy. We soon found out she tested positive for heartworm disease, Lyme disease and ehrlichiosis, a bacterial infection, on top of having many intestinal parasites."

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

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

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

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

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

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

company of other dogs." Ernst is hoping to get Lollipop into a new home as soon as possible so she can bond with a family of her own. "She's just a genuine, overall great dog," Ernst said. "Our goal here is to get her out of the stress of being in a shelter and into a home where she can properly recover." Many of the dogs that visit the Forest Preserve's dog parks were once shelter dogs themselves, said Laura Kiran, the Forest Preserve's director of marketing and communica-

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# GOP pushes back on Pritzker's mitigation efforts

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

BY PETER HANCOCK  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

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

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

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

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

By Oct. 31, eight of the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brady called on Senate

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

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

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



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# Pritzker calls for more federal aid

Illinois has spent half of its \$3.5 billion CARES Act funding

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That's because the state of

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

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

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## John Bollino

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Cremation rites will be accorded following services.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, log on to [www.rwpatterson-funeralhomes.com](http://www.rwpatterson-funeralhomes.com)

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

## Jacqueline Marks

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

## Yvonne P. Kilpatrick

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

The online guestbook and obituary are available at [www.connerfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.connerfamilyfuneralhome.com).

## Tammy Cardwell

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Remember our veterans by sponsoring a wreath

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

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

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

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

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

### Grave specific sponsorship

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

Veteran’s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Section and grave marker (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be there to place the wreath yourself: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### Non-specific grave sponsorship

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## Catapult a pumpkin

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

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

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# How seniors can save on prescription eyeglasses

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



**SAVVY SENIOR**  
 Jim Miller

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

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

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

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

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

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

Purchasing eyeglasses from discount retailers is another way to save.

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

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

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

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

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

Send your senior questions to: *Savvy Senior*, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](https://www.SavvySenior.org).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To learn about the online offerings, visit [bit.ly/forest-fieldtrips](https://bit.ly/forest-fieldtrips).



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

# Oakwood Cemetery fall clean-up

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

# Veterans Day Tribute will be virtual

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

# Infant Safe Sleep Awareness

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

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

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

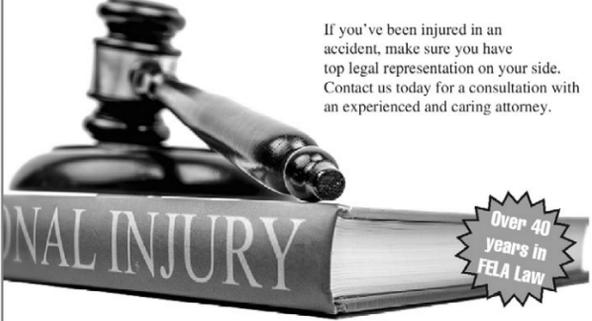
"Infant safe sleep deaths are preventable; and although it is encouraging to see the number of infant deaths due to unsafe sleep decrease from one year ago, parents and caregivers must remain vigilant and put their infant to sleep Alone, on his or her Back, in a safe Crib - every time," said Illinois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

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

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

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

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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 collection by residents must be at the curb by 6 a.m.,

# CCHS to sponsor blood drive

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

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

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

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# Not everybody is talking about climate change

Dear EarthTalk: How can it be that climate change-the major planetary issue of our time and a primary issue for Democrats-isn't even on the agenda for Republicans in the upcoming elections?-- Will Harris, Bridgeport, CT



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

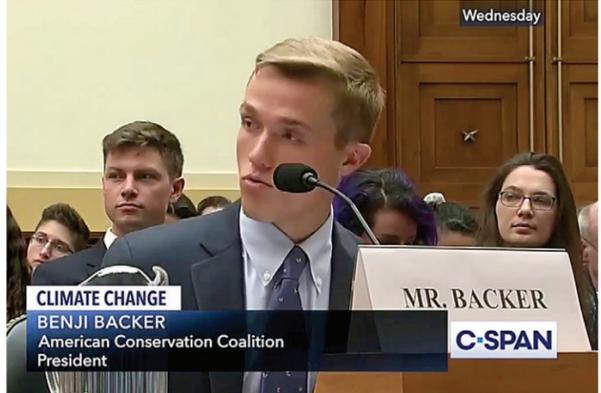
And during the 2020 Republican National Convention, climate was not mentioned once, apart from Trump's bragging about leaving the Paris Climate Agreement.

Climate and environmental issues were once a bipartisan concern. As early as 1900, Republicans and Democrats in Congress were passing bills on environmental issues together. One of these bills, for example, was the Endangered Species Act which was passed

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Standby deer hunters won't be allowed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- CLUES DOWN**
- More (Spanish)
  - A subdivision of a play
  - Japanese title
  - More jittery
  - Fabric
  - Luke's mentor -Wan
  - Cleaving tool
  - Ancient city of Egypt
  - 36 inches
  - Farewell
  - Second to last
  - Improved by critical editing
  - Defensive weapon (abbr.)
  - Fancy attire
  - Farrow, actress
  - Completely opposed
  - Supervises flying
  - Pouch
  - True firs
  - Mistake
  - Computing platform (abbr.)
  - Snakelike fish
  - Greatly horrify
  - Despicable person
  - Tell on
  - Ballplayer's tool
  - Central Brazilian town
  - Court game
  - Land
  - "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
  - Retract a statement
  - Data executive
  - Capital of Yemen
  - Portable computer screen material
  - Electronic data processing
  - "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
  - Resinous substance
  - Rural delivery

# Circle jam set for Nov. 14 in Godley

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

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

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

There will be no December jam. For more information call Randy Kiefling at 815-237-8139.

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**CRYPTO FUN**

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to aviation.

**NPSALE**

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Answer: Planes

*Guess Who?*

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Answer: Sally Field

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# Either way outcome will be 'horrible'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**CAPITOL FACTS**  
Rich Miller

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Or let it all burn, and Pritzker is not going to do that.

So, "horrible" seems the only do-able choice. And, make no mistake, without help from DC, it will truly get horrible for a lot of very good people.

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

## Illinois gas prices drop at an accelerated rate

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

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

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

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

GasBuddy.

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

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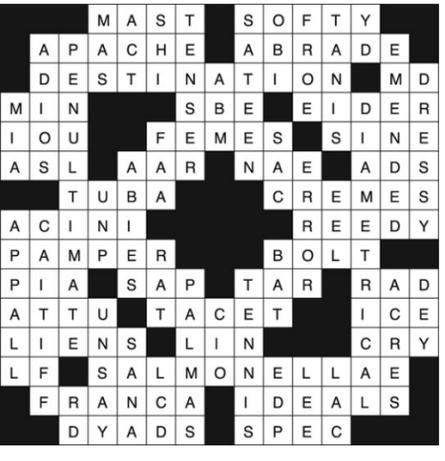
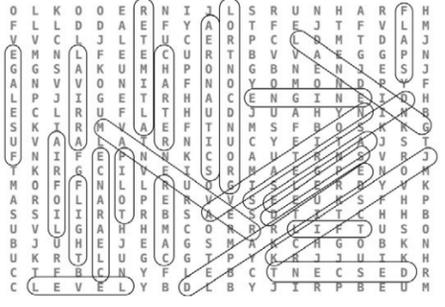
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# WHS seniors of the week

BY BRIDGET KNOWLES  
WHS STUDENT REPORTER

Each week the Free Press Advocate features two or three seniors from the Class of 2021. Wilmington seniors this week include Emma Romano and Emily Quigley.

## Emma Romano

*What do you plan to pursue upon graduation?* I plan to go to college and major in music business.

*Do you have a hobby you're good at?* I really love singing and acting

*What is one thing most people don't know about you?* I've been doing theatre since I was about four years old.

*What is one skill you wish you had but don't?* I really wish I could dance, it would be helpful in so many ways.

*What is your favorite thing to eat?* Steak and seafood

*I want to give a shout out to (favorite staff member)...*

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

Billie Eilish. I think it's really cool that she's our age and she's so successful and she loves what she does. Also, her music is really good.

*If you could create a class, what would it be?* It would be a class called OOPS I forgot! The entire class would be based around a bunch of things that they forgot to teach us in high school that we need. Like writing checks and doing bills or learning how to cook, and learning how to take care of a child, essentially a lifeskills class.

*Funniest memory from high school?* I would have to say all of the backstage nonsense that happens during the shows is probably the funniest thing! Mostly because the audience will never know, but you will always remember.

*What advice would you give to underclassmen?* I would probably just tell the under classman that, yeah, it gets tough, but it's worth it in the long run.

## Emily Quigley

*What do you plan to pursue upon graduation?* Acting



EMMA ROMANO

and modeling

*Do you have a hobby you're good at?* Dance

*What is one thing most people don't know about you?* I am a farmer

*What is one skill you wish you had but don't?* Being sporty

*What is your favorite thing to eat?* Breaded mozzarella sticks

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EMILY QUIGLEY

Mrs. Mosier

*Famous person (dead or alive) you would like to meet and why?* Freddie Mercury, he seems pretty fun to be around.

*If you could create a class, what would it be?* Nap time

*Funniest memory from high school?* Seeing a car on fire in the middle of class

*What advice would you give to underclassmen?* Don't cause random fights

## 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.

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# Resurgence mitigations take effect statewide

Region 2, which includes Grundy, last region to enter Tier 1

## STAFF REPORT

Beginning today (Wednesday), each region in the state of Illinois is now under enhanced resurgence mitigation protocols, due to the increasing positivity rates for the novel coronavirus.

Those mitigations went into effect at 12:01 a.m. today in Region 2, which includes Grundy County, after the region experienced three days of positivity rates above 8%.

The positivity rate for COVID-19 also continues on an upward trend in Region 7, which includes Will and Kankakee counties.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) reports the regional data with a three day lag period. The latest numbers show the seven day rolling average positivity rate for Region 7 for Oct. 29, Oct. 30 and Oct. 31 as 11.4%, 12.4%, and 12.6%, respectively.

In just Will County, those numbers are 12%, 12.8%, and 13% for Oct. 29, Oct. 30, and Oct. 31, respectively.

Region 7 remains under Tier 1 resurgence mitigations. Per those mitigations, indoor

service at bars and restaurants has been suspended, and meetings and gatherings are limited to 25% of venue capacity.

A region enters Tier 1 of resurgence mitigations when the positivity averages greater than or equal to 8% for three consecutive days, or if a region experiences a sustained increase in the positivity rate — identified as 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 ormed/surgical beds under 20%).

Tier 1 resurgence mitigations include the following:

- All bars and restaurants must close at 11 p.m. and may reopen no earlier than 6 a.m. the following day.
- No indoor service at bars and restaurants.
- Tables should outdoors and should be placed 6 feet apart.
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting.
- No dancing or standing indoors.
- Meetings and gatherings are limited to the lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors.
- No party buses.
- Gaming and Casinos close at 11 p.m., are limited to

25% capacity, and must follow mitigations for bars and restaurants, if applicable.

If the positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5% percent over a 3-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.

If that happens, Tier 2 mitigations would include the same rules for bars, restaurants, casinos, gaming and party buses as Tier 1, plus the following:

- Meetings, social events and gathering are limited to 10 guests in both indoor and outdoor settings.
- Organized group recreational activities, including sports, but excluding fitness centers, will be limited to the lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors.
- Groups are limited to 10 or fewer people.

In addition, IDPH recommends the following actions be taken during Tier 2:

- Display prominent masking and distancing signage.
- Discourage non-essential travel to other states and international locations.
- Discourage groups greater than 4 individuals in ages 12 to 17 from congregating outside of school.
- Promote work from home when possible.

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.

Again, if the positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5% over a 3-day period, the region will return to Phase 4 mitigations under the Restore Illinois Plan

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If the positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8% after 14 days, more stringent mitigations may be applied to further reduce spread of the virus, entering Tier 3.

Case positivity and test positivity rate are both relevant and offer insight into the big-

ger COVID-19 picture. Case positivity helps us understand whether changes in the number of confirmed cases is due to more testing or due to more infections. Whereas, test positivity accounts for repeated testing and helps us understand how the virus is spreading in the population over time.

The IDPH on Tuesday reported 6,516 new confirmed cases of coronavirus disease in Illinois and 68 additional deaths, including two in Will County - a female in her 50s, and a female over the age of 100.

As of Tuesday afternoon, IDPH is reporting a total of 430,018 cases, including 9,878 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois. The age of cases ranges from younger than one to older than 100 years.

Between Monday and Tuesday, laboratories have reported 82,435 specimens for a total 7,958,856.

As of Monday night, 3,594 people in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 755 patients were in the ICU and 326 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

The preliminary seven-day statewide positivity for cases as a percent of total test from Oct. 27 through Nov. 2 is 8.2%. This is the number that IDPH has been consistently reporting in its daily releases and is calculated using total cases over total tests.

Similar to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, IDPH has been using test positivity for regional mitigation metrics on its website since mid-July. Test positivity is calculated using the number of COVID-19 positive tests over total tests.

On Oct. 29, IDPH began reporting the statewide test positivity in its daily releases.

The preliminary seven-day statewide test positivity from Oct. 27 through Nov. 2 is 9.9%.

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All data are provisional and will change. In order to rapidly report COVID-19 information to the public, data are being reported in real-time. Information is constantly being entered into an electronic system and the number of cases and deaths can change as additional information is gathered.

For health questions about COVID-19, call the hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov).

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR THE MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for 2020 will be held on November 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the District Fire Station located at 100 Park Rd., Manhattan, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact President William Moncrief c/o Manhattan Fire Protection District, 100 Park Road, Manhattan, Illinois, telephone (815) 478-3197.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2019 were \$3,499,028.78.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$3,779,000.00. This represents an 8% 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 \$3,499,028.78.

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR THE WILMINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the WILMINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for 2020 will be held on November 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Fire Station, located at 501 N. Main Street, Wilmington, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact President John G. Cairns, Sr. c/o Wilmington Fire Protection District, 501 N. Main Street, Wilmington, Illinois, telephone (815) 476-6675.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2019 were \$2,746,826.13.

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# WILDCAT SPORTS

## Wildcat basketball players, coaches support IHSA's decision

BY SHAWN LONG  
SPORTS WRITER

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

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

WHS athletic director Brian Goff was thankful the IHSA made its own decision but knows it's not over yet.

"I was glad to see the IHSA stand up for us," said Goff. "It was good to see them show a little fight. It did a lot for our morale."

Goff says student athletes who typically would be playing football, volleyball and soccer right now are wandering around like the last days of summer without anything to do. It's been discouraging to watch.

"These kids are so involved and sports comes year-round for them. So at some point they're looking forward to it so I think not having that has been hard on a lot of them. It's taken a toll on their mental well being. Watching kids walk the halls, it's just different...they're down."

Trey Shaw, a runningback and point guard for the Wildcats, said it's been a frustrating senior year.

"Everything has been pretty rough," explained Shaw. "With sports, it can normally take your mind off of all the bad things that's happening in the world. But right now, it's like a punch in the face to see sports playing at high schools in other states but just not here."

With the football season bumped to spring, basketball practice arrived offering some sense of regularity, but then the governor's effort to make it high risk but a damper on things.

"Just this week, basketball practice was full contact and scrimmages," commented Shaw. "And it all changed to high risk so now we only do drills that work on your skills alone."

Wilmington boys basketball coach Bill Karavites said so far 2020 has been unpredictable.

"It's been a roller coaster year," said Karavites. "I just wish there was more direction as far as what is exactly going to happen. I think coaches, players and sports fans are simply frustrated, and they just wish there were more clear cut answers."

IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson said the IHSA wasn't budging and they're going to play basketball with

the guidance of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

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

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

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

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

Basketball seasons can begin on Nov. 30 ending on Feb. 13.

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

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

There can only be 50 people in the gym for games,

meaning players, coaches, timers, paid/volunteer game officials and media make up the 50 people.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Competitive cheerleading**

The competitive cheer season will be able to start on Nov. 30 with the season running through Feb. 13 like basketball. The only difference is

they will have a state series.

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

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

Just like basketball, masks must be worn by everybody.

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

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

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

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

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

Competition times should be spaced out.

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

## Skole's dream team highlights best of the Lady 'Cats

BY SHAWN LONG  
STAFF WRITER

Ever wonder who would be the best candidates to make up a WHS softball dream team?

There's none better to ask than present Wilmington coach Jack Skole who has the longest history at the helm. Over 20 years of coaching, Skole has nurtured many of Wilmington's best players.

Skole selected pitchers Miranda Southall and Katie Kucharski as to prospects.

"Miranda was able to keep us in so many tight games," said Skole. "That attitude that you need from a pitcher...she wanted to put the team on her shoulders and carry them. On a team where we didn't have a lot of offense, we won a lot of games with her arm on the mound just keeping us in there."

He was grateful to have coached Kucharski, who was 19-2 with a 2.69 ERA during her senior season, too. She is well deserving of the number two spot in the rotation especially when she led the team on the mound in 2018 to a 24-4 season, good for the best mark in Lady 'Cat history.

"She won more games in a year than anybody," he commented. "I wish we would've been able to get another season out of her and her sister last spring. Katie was really a third basemen that filled in for us pitching and develop some pitches and kind of kept hitters off balance. That was something that led to a record winning season for us so it's hard not to have her in there."

Paula Tupper, who graduated in 2013, would be Skole's third arm in the rotation.

In Skole's opinion, he thinks his top three pitchers could go head-to-head with any top three to give their team a good chance to win.

Denise Studer would be slotted fourth. Skole remembers her no-quit attitude and a 13-inning game she pitched during the 2006 season.

"Denise was part of our first regional championship," added Skole. "As a freshman, we were playing Newark and she pitched every inning. I think it went into like the 13th inning and just outstanding for us back then."

Amy Thael, Tiffany Tutor and Ashley Strong are also deserving in the rotation, Skole said.

"Amy Thael was our center fielder and then learned how to pitch for us. She kind of took over. We had a pitcher that kind of quit in the beginning of the year and left us high and dry for pitchers. Tiffany Tutor was one of those pitchers we won a conference championship with. They're all right there in that same boat."

### First base

Skole, with a 279-234 winning record, said Kelli Moore and Gina Vercelli would trade off at first base.

"Those are the two that really come to mind," he commented. "Kelli Moore is probably the only person I can remember in high school or college, who hit two home runs off of Kirsten Verdun but Kelli had great hands at first base. She could scoop a ball better than anybody."

"Gina was very agile. She was this girl that would just come up to the plate and she could hit the ball, and you get her at first and she's out there making plays."

Jenny Quigley, who was a good hitter and led the 'Cats with the glove in the early 2000's, would be another option at first.

"She was my first All-Conference player," he added. "She was a good first baseman. She was probably a .350 hitter at the time which was good for us. She's on the wall for All-State. Her twin Carrie played third and she had the best hands in the world at third. I used to call her 'Pick'. Nothing ever got by that girl."

Jenny Kucharski was honorable mention at first base.

### Second base

Skole's likes Kiley Southall, who could do it all, at second.

"It was great having her for the four years I had her but she could've played any position I put her at. Not pitcher but she would've probably learned how. I could put her anywhere. She was the same thing...she knew the game. She was very instinctive. She was a phenomenal hitter. She was smart at the plate. She was a kid that would do whatever she had to do and do it right. You could put the team on her shoulders."



WILMINGTON PITCHER Katie Kucharski was chosen to be a pitcher on the Lady Wildcat softball dream team.

Skole remembers when Kiley gunned down a runner to beat Beecher for the first time.

"The first year we beat Beecher, there was a girl at third...their leadoff kid and the ball gets hit to Kiley at second and without hesitating, right away to home and got her out. Right away, I remember, Kevin Hayhurst looking up like...'Did she just make that play?' We ended up beating them."

Vicki Gustafson would be backup to Southall. She had a very good glove.

"Vicki probably would've started at shortstop. She had the arm but the way I have our defenses set up...you really need a person who can cover...have to cover second base at times on steals when we shifted and have to get over to first on a bunt...you got a kid running down the line right at your face, you've got to be able to catch that ball. Vicki had all that. She had all those tools where she knew the game. Defensively, she was a very good defensive second basemen."

### Third base

Kaylee Shell would be a perfect fit. "She was one of the conference players for me," added Skole. "She was an All-State player."

Jessoni Plese would be another. The two Lady 'Cats were confident and quick.

"I want to say Jessoni had one game where she had 10 assists on bunts. They just kept trying to get it by her and bunting it down the line and both her and Kaylee were so quick at third. They could play off the line and make a diving stop down the line. If somebody tried to lay down a bunt, playing back, they got to that ball and threw a bullet to first to get the out. Both were good hitters speed-wise. They were very agile third basemen. I would put them before anybody else. They were really something else."

Carrie Falasca was mentioned as a designated player but she would've been top at the position had she not injured her shoulder.

"She had a Megan Flatt type arm. Carrie hurt her shoulder and she never got it back. She moved to first for us...played an incredible first for us. You can almost put her in with that Jenny Quigley mold and then she caught for us...she was that utility player for us. An All-Conference player. She could hit the ball, incredible

strength. If she didn't have that arm injury, she would've been the number one kid at that spot or anywhere I put her. All these kids were that mold as they would go anywhere you asked them to."

### Shortstop

Skole would love having Erin Murphy as his shortstop.

"She didn't have the strongest arm...but she made every play," continued Skole. "She charged every ball, ran through every ball...she caught everything. You'd look at her and you'd be like 'there's no way this girl is playing short'. She made every play. She could see who was running and she'd beat out the runner. It was kind of like watching a major league baseball player and they just throw it and they get them by a step each time. That was Erin. If it was a bad throw from the catcher on the steal, that girl was not getting to third. Erin made sure of it."

Anna Strong is another shortstop candidate. She came from a different sport where she excelled and was great at softball as well.

"She was a great hitter and she was a track girl. She ended coming out. Thank God for us. To have that athletic ability to not play the sport for so long and then being able to come back and play at a high level. That's impressive."

### Catcher

In a loaded position behind the plate, Megan Flatt was a standout.

"She was beyond her years playing back then," he explained. "There's a reason I still think she holds the home run record in junior college. I just remember Dan Stecken, it was his first year coaching Seneca and he had a girl at third...he was asking me about this catcher and I'm like yeah, 'she's pretty good'. He was telling his player to be careful with her. If the ball gets by just get a decent lead and Megan threw her out before she even turned to go back to third."

Skole said they'd bait runners into thinking Megan couldn't throw at the beginning of games.

"We would have her lightly throw in warm-ups to teams that didn't know us," he continued. "And then they'd tried to steal if they got a girl on and Megan would just have them dead in their tracks. It was kind of comical the arm she

had. It was just stupid strong. Having that in a time where we needed to keep runs at a minimum...if you put her in any decade we ever played...she would be the number one catcher for anybody."

He listed Kaitlin Nolan, Regina Hedges and Kiley Sowa solid catchers too.

"They were great defensive catchers. Kaitlin just knew the game so well...knew where to make the calls...made the right defensive calls on bunts. She was a presence behind the plate. She was kind of a wall back there. Kiley knew her pitchers well, was a good hitter and she developed into a strong defensive player."

Regina Hedges was powerful and a very strong arm. On top of that all, she was a leader that help the program have more of a competitive attitude.

"She was my first catcher that I had that was All-Conference. They were all very good defensive catchers. I remember we were in that sectional game and she had a home run and just coming around third she said, 'I told you I'd get one today'. She was a leader among that group. Regina helped that group reach the next level. Her, Erica Deninger, Gina Vercelli...those kids were athletes that wanted to be part of a winning program and that change the landscape of the program."

Deninger is also a good candidate behind the plate.

"She was probably one of most athletic kids back there. When you've got your catchers beating out your fast corners for bunts, she would be jumping up in the air and making catches. She was very athletic to say the least."

### Outfielders

Lexi Southall, a four-time All-State player, would be in the outfield.

"She would probably be our number one outfielder."

Liz Alberico and Krista Gruca were next to be listed, and they were the same type of player that would always get to the ball.

"Lizzie was all of 5' and you would think she was a six-footer by the way she hit the ball. She had a great arm, athletic, speedy, extremely speedy. There's kids you think of in the outfield. When a ball gets hit, you know it's an out. Krista Gruca and Lizzie Alberico were in that same mold. Out in left field, you knew they were getting the ball. It didn't matter where it was and they weren't going to let the sun or the wind get in the way...they made the play. They were too good not to."

Ashley Adermann, who was a second basemen before converting to outfield, would be there too.

"She went to KKC, won a national title playing outfield for them. She was deceptively fast. She was one of those kids playing in the outfield, you ask yourself, 'Is she really running that fast?' She really was. She was another kid who just made plays."

Kristina Antle was selected for her straight line speed all over the diamond.

"She was the fastest kid I've ever had from home to home and first to home. She just got faster. When she hit that gear, she was just amazing. Right field is a very difficult field to play. You don't have one true hit coming out there. It's all over the place and Kristina would play very steady. She never got rattled. Only when we gave her a rake to rake the field. Other than that, she was incredible."

Bella Egizio, who graduated last year, would also find playing time in the outfield. She had one year of All-State under her belt. Skole thinks she would've had a second if she had another year to work with.

"Some of those plays that were routine for some of those kids, that's a difficult spot to be for your first year out there. Bella was same category speed-wise. Ball gets hit in the gap and she's standing under it but I think if you had one more year with her, she would've been a two-year all-state outfielder."

Stephanie Stefancic also is an honorable mention in the outfield.

"She was my leadoff hitter. She would be my pinch runner. You'd like to have her on the bench sitting there and then have Carrie's bat sitting there on the bench. Stephanie did a tremendous job for me at leadoff hitter and in the outfield."



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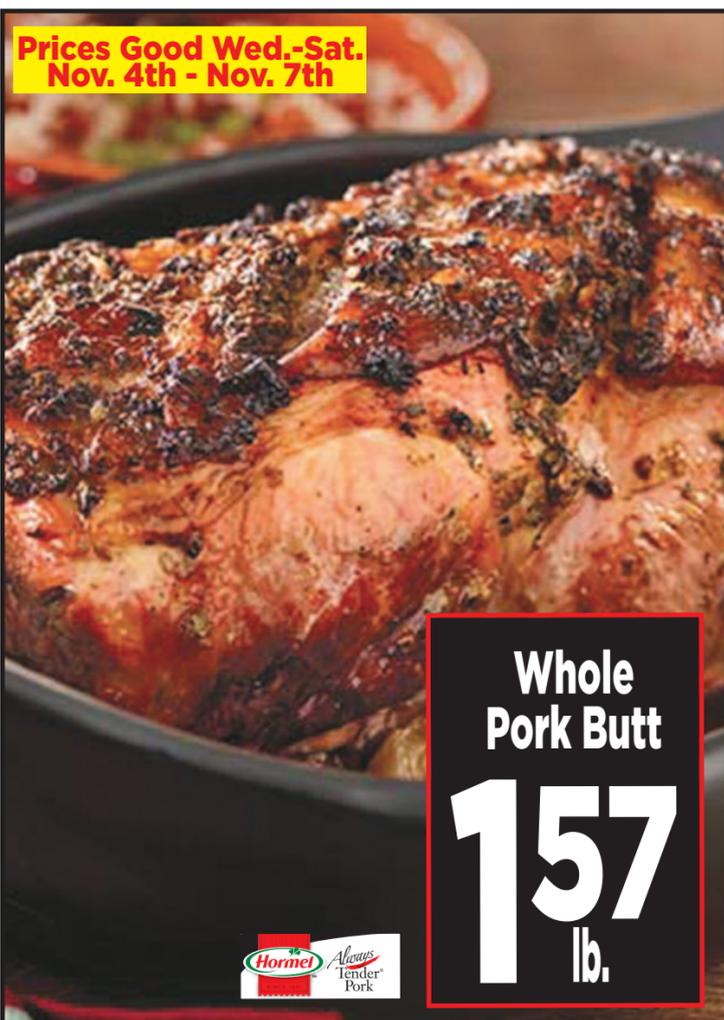
**4 DAY  
Meat Sale!**

<b>W</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>S</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

**Nov. 4th, Nov. 5th, Nov. 6th  
& Nov. 7th, 2020**

**At All Stores • While Supplies Last • No Rain Checks •  
No Exceptions**

**Prices Good Wed.-Sat.  
Nov. 4th - Nov. 7th**



**Whole  
Pork Butt**

**1.57**  
lb.



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Nov. 4th - Nov. 7th**



**80% Lean  
Ground Beef**

**2.97**  
lb.

**Family Pack**

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**Sugardale  
Bacon**

**3.99**  
lb.

**Family Pack**

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Nov. 4th - Nov. 7th**



**Tyson  
Chicken  
Drumsticks  
or Thighs**

**99¢**  
lb.

**Jumbo Pack**

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# 4 Day Meat Sale!

**W T F S**  
**4 5 6 7**

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**Boneless  
Whole Beef  
New York Strip**  
**6.99**  
lb.

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**Boneless  
Whole Beef  
Ribeye**  
**9.99**  
lb.

Prices Good Wed.-Sat.  
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**Pork Burger  
Patties or  
Sausage Patties**  
**2.69**  
lb.

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**Whole Frozen  
Turkey Breast**  
**1.29**  
lb.

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Nov. 4th - Nov. 7th



**10 lb. box  
Chuck Wagon  
Corn Dogs**  
**\$10**

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**In Our Deli  
Honey or Smoked  
Kretschmar  
Off the Bone Ham**  
**5.99**  
lb.

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**HOLIDAY SEEDLESS**  
FRESH CHAMPAGNE GRAPES

**Red Seedless Holiday Grapes**

**249**  
lb.



**Beefsteak Tomatoes**

**249**  
lb.



**California Navel Oranges**

**99¢**  
each



**3 lb. bag Yellow Onions**

**199**



**14 oz. bag Dole Classic Coleslaw**

**2/\$3**



**MICHIGAN APPLES**

**3 lb. bag Red or Golden Delicious, McIntosh, Jonathan or Gala Michigan Apples**

**299**



**6-8 oz. bag Sugar Snap or Snow Green Giant Fresh Peas**

**2/\$5**

**8 oz. pkg. Whole or Sliced Green Giant Baby Bella Mushrooms**

**199**



**PICK of the WEEK**

**Ripe Avocados**

**88¢**  
each



**Organic**

**Organic Navel Oranges**

**99¢**  
each

**Beverages**

**Mix or Match** **Save When You Buy 3!**



**6-1/2 ltr. btl. Pepsi Products** **3/\$9**  
or \$4.29 each

**6-1/2 ltr. btl. Coke Products** **3/\$9**  
or \$4.29 each



**8-12 oz. cans Bubly**

**2/\$5**



**64 oz. Pure Leaf Tea** **2/\$5**

**Gallon Lipton Tea** **2/\$5**



**2 ltr. btl. A&W or Sunkist Products** **\$1**

**6-7.5 oz. cans Coke Products** **2/\$6**

**Next Door at**

**WEE-SIP LIQUORS**



**12-12 oz. btl. Regular or Light Budweiser, Miller Lite or Coors Light**

**899**



**1800 or Patron Tequila**

**\$2 OFF** 750 ml. btl.



**Sailor Jerry or Bacardi Rum**

**\$1 OFF** 750 ml. btl.

**\$2 OFF** 1.75 ltr. btl.



**Seagram's Coolers**

**\$1 OFF** 4 Pack



**Sobieski or Ketel One Vodka**

**\$1 OFF** 750 ml. btl.

**\$2 OFF** 1.75 ltr. btl.



**Gallo or Livingston Cellars Wine**

**\$1 OFF** 750 ml. btl.

**\$2 OFF** 1.5 ltr. btl.



**Jim Beam or Wild Turkey Bourbon**

**\$1 OFF** 750 ml. btl.

**\$2 OFF** 1.75 ltr. btl.

**LiL Vegas**

**6 Machines**

**Private Room**

**Try Your Luck!**