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Election provides intrigue

By Jeff Lampe

Maybe by the time this paper arrives in your mailbox, we will know the President of the United States. But that race was still to close to call on Election Night and even into Wednesday afternoon.

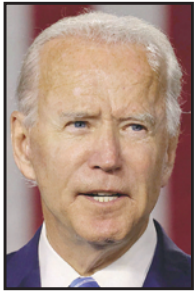
The race between President Donald Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden was to be decided by several key swing states with votes still to be tallied.

But there were clear results in some other races and issues in an election that saw record early turnout in Illinois and nationally, as well as the highest voting percentages on record since the early 1900s.

Among the noteworthy Illinois votes was rejection of a proposed constitutional amendment that would have changed Illinois from a flat income tax to a



Kilbride



Biden



Trump

graduated tax, effective Jan. 1, 2021.

With 96.7 percent of precincts reporting, results showed 55 percent of Illinoisans had voted against the amendment and just 45 percent were in favor – well short of the support needed for the measure to pass, even with outstanding mail ballots still to be counted.

“It is clear that Illinoisans do not trust this legislature and this administration to spend more of their precious tax dollars without restraint,” said Illinois Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Todd Maisch.

By Monday, more than 3.5 million voters had already cast early ballots across Illinois and turnout Tuesday was strong locally and across the state. Stark County reported 72.8 percent turnout, Henry County was at 73.15 percent and Knox County saw 69.4 percent of voters cast a ballot.

Another hotly debated

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Stark County students learn life lessons from local veterans

My Cousin's Military Experience

By Mackenzie Mummert

Brendan Nicholas Mummert's rank is E6ITL and his branch of service is the U.S. Navy. He did not serve in any war and his brief job description is Information Technician.

He was born in Princeton and he enjoyed playing sports and helping family with chores. He was 19 years old when he joined. When he got to the Navy he was feeling excited about helping, but scared something was going to happen to him. He received his basic training on May 20, and July 15-18. The rules were very strict, but they were very easy and his

LaDon Workman's 8th grade English classes at Stark County Junior High were honored to conduct interviews with local veterans to record the oral history that only they can supply. Students learned many things and recorded their thoughts in their own words. The Prairie News is proud to share this second installment of stories.

hours were 24/7. During his free time, he loved spending time with his family. His uniform that was most impressive is the full dress white and on his uniform they had ribbons on the right and the metals on the left. He traveled by ship and he never heard the enemy. He thought that his most frightening experience was in Hawaii

or walking on the ship, and the most interesting experience was the culture of Vietnam. All of his commanding officers were great people; they really cared and were very aware of helping or showing someone what to do.

Thank you, Brendan, so much for serving in the Army. You're my cousin and I like to see that you

are doing something you love.

A desire to defend our country

By Jason Knowles

A veteran named Timothy Mark Olson was born in Kewanee on July 20, 1956. He went to many schools in Kewanee, such as Franklin, Belle Alexander, Wethersfield, Central Junior High, and Kewanee High School, and to college at Black Hawk East.

When Timothy was young, he grew up with his aunt because his parents passed away when he was young. Timothy enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing football, and baseball. He was ranked as E4 in the Army and he did not serve in a war.

When Timothy turned 18 years of age, he enlisted in the Army: he wanted to defend our country, and jump out of planes, jets, helicopters, etc. He was trained for explosives, weapons, and the infantry because being in the airborne infantry is difficult and physical to do. He was very excited but not afraid of coming into the Army. Tim requested to be a Ranger because it sounded exciting.

The food they gave him was sometimes good and bad. The hours were very long and strict. It was very rainy at Fort Lewis, Wash., where he was stationed. When Timothy was available and had free time, he went sight-seeing and to the gym.

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VETERANS: 'God made a beach and forgot the water'

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Timothy's commanding officers were good guys but very strict. He was very impressed with the RPG and the AK-47 and the most impressive allied weapon he saw was the 20mm M61 Vulcan, which delivered 6,000 rounds per minute. The place he was impressed with is Alaska. He liked it so much he wants to move there.

Timothy enjoyed being in the Army. He is my mom's dad, and I call him "Papa Olson." He has six grandchildren: Jason, Jillian, Elle, Esther, and twin sisters Eleanor, and Emilia. Papa Olson is married to Dianna (Munoz) Olson. Every time my grandpa sees us he says, "there are my little angels."

Thanks for defending the country, Grandpa!

Veteran Interview

By Emily Hurst

Gary Hurst, Senior Master Sergeant E-8, worked for the Air National Guard which is a Reserve Component of the Air Force. He was in the military during the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and Afghanistan War. Although he had several jobs in the military, his final

occupation was budget analyst.

He was born in Macomb on Sept. 15, 1949. His dad was a farmer and his mother was a housewife. He was an only child. He attended Plymouth CC#319, then went to Western University through his junior year of college.

In his youth he liked to build plastic models: cars and airplanes. When he was 20, he enlisted in the Army National Guard. The draft motivated him to enlist, as he was trying to finish college. He had never seriously thought of enlisting, but since the Vietnam War was going on then, he decided to enlist and felt excited and apprehensive about joining.

He received his basic training at Fort Bragg, NC. He made friends that he talked with while he was stationed at Fort Bragg; but once he left there, he lost track of them. In November of 1971, he transferred to the Air National Guard, in Peoria.

Military life was very controlled and very disciplined. "The training non-commissioned officers told you what to do and when to do it, and you were expected to follow them." His hours were 24/7. "You just didn't know what

the next thing to happen was."

The weather where he was stationed was hot and dry. "God made a beach and forgot the water 'cause it was sandy and it was dry." He never got anywhere near the enemy or the war zones because his job was laundry and paperwork. While some of his commanding officers were good, some were "aloof." There were also a few commanding officers that got to know each person personally. He did have contact with civilians during the Vietnam War, but if he was in his uniform, some people weren't very nice.

While Gary was in the service, he married his college sweetheart, Jeanne (Beecher) Hurst and together had two kids: Chris Hurst and Jeff Hurst. He now has four grandchildren: three granddaughters, one grandson. He retired from his last job as a Medicare specialist at OSF about four years ago. A couple of his hobbies include working old tractors and working around the house. He said that if he could go back and change anything, "It would have to be going back and finishing college while I had the chance."

Thank you for your service, Gary.

ELECTION: Judge race a 'message' to Madigan

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race saw Justice Thomas Kilbride become the first sitting Illinois Supreme Court justice fail to earn retention. With 97.7 percent of votes counted, Kilbride had 56.4 percent yes votes – short of the 60 percent he needed to retain his seat.

Stark County saw 66.7 percent "No" votes on Kilbride and Henry County was running at 43.66 percent "No" votes.

"This unprecedented outcome sends an unmistakable message that Illinoisans want an independent judiciary with no ties to Mike Madigan," said Jim Nowlan of Toulon, who was chairman of the group Citizens for Judicial Fairness. "We call on the Supreme Court to listen to the people as they consider

a potential interim replacement to serve until 2022."

The Supreme Court will appoint a replacement until a 2022 special election.

The race to keep or remove an Illinois Supreme Court justice on the bench has become the most expensive retention election in the high court's history.

Kilbride's retention campaign and the anti-retention effort trying to remove him have spent millions, and the race could also top the record of \$9.3 million spent on a competitive, non-retention election in 2004.

The marquee race between Trump and Biden was decided early in Illinois. With 89 percent of the vote counted, the Associated Press called Biden the winner in Illinois with 55.1

percent of the vote to 43 percent for Trump.

Those statewide results were in stark contrast to the local vote for president. In Stark County, 69.42 percent of voters favored Trump and just 28.25 percent backed Biden.

Henry County saw 59.17 percent Trump voters compared to 37.84 for Biden.

Knox County went for Trump 62.9-35.02.

In other races, Democratic incumbent Cheri Bustos faced a battle for Congressional Representative from the 17th District. With 99.9 percent reporting, Bustos had 51.7 percent of the vote compared to 48.3 for Republican Esther Joy King. King carried Henry County with 57.85 percent.

For Congressional Representative from the 16th District, Republican Adam Kinzinger carried Stark County (77.55 percent) and the election, with 65.2 percent.

For Congressional Representative from the 18th District, Republican Darin LaHood won easily with 70.5 percent vs. 29.5 percent for Democratic challenger George Petrilli.

A race called just 15 minutes after polls closed was the reelection of Demo-

cratic Sen. Dick Durbin, who ran against Republican Mark Curran. With 73.3 percent of the votes counted, Durbin had 52.3 percent to 40.9 for Curran, 1.9 percent for Libertarian Danny Malouf and 3.9 percent for Willie Wilson.

Curran carried both Henry (56.29 percent) and Stark counties (66.93 percent).

Stark County had no other contested elections, though they did mirror the votes to retain three other judges: 10th Circuit Judges Stephen Kouri and James Mack and 3rd Judicial District Judge of the Appellate Court Mary McDade.

Henry County voters favored two winners in State House races. Republican Tony McCombie got 63.6 percent of votes in Henry County and 61.6 overall vs. Democrat challenger Joan Padilla to win in House District 71. And Republican Dan Swanson garnered 71.38 percent of the Henry County vote and 71.1 percent overall to win over Christopher Demink in House District 74.

Henry County voters also helped retain several judges: McDade and three in the 14th Judicial District, Linnea Thompson, Terence Patton and Walter Braud.

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10-24-20 – Hunter A. Lee - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
10-27-20 – Cassandra K. Manuell - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
10-30-20 – Santana N. Garcia - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
10-30-20 – Riley H. Down - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
10-30-20 – Brandon A. Macklin - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

10-31-20 – Felony - Kristen L. Colvin - Aggravated battery of a peace officer, 3 counts of aggravated battery and resisting a peace officer.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

10-28-20 – A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Route 78 near the intersection of 1150 N. The driver involved was Dennis A. Barnes, 50, of Williamsville. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.
10-28-20 – A two-vehicle accident occurred on Route 17 near 800E. Driver Debbie L. Edwards, 66, of Wyoming, was traveling west when her front left wheel came off of her vehicle. The wheel crossed over into the west bound lane and struck an oncoming vehicle being driven by Jannifer C. Powelson,, 52, of Princeton. No injuries were reported but over \$1,500 in damages were estimated on Powelson's vehicle.
10-30-20 – A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 17 at the intersection of 900E. Driver Eugene P. Bravn, 78, of Wyoming, was traveling south upon approach to a curve when it ran off the right side of the road and came to rest in the ditch. No injuries were reported.
10-27-20 – Eddie S. Creater, 48, Bloomington, was cited for driving 60 mph in a 45 zone, and for driving without insurance.
10-29-20 – Brian L. Dunn, 38, Rock Falls, was arrested for speeding 66 mph in a 55 zone, driving without insurance, driving while his license was revoked, and illegal transportation of adult use cannabis in a vehicle. Also charged in the same



traffic stop was Reyna S. Guzman, 43, of Peoria, who was charged with possession of methamphetamine, and illegal transportation of adult use cannabis. Both Dunn and Guzman were later released with notices to appear.
10-30-20 – A Bradford resident reported the discovery of a theft from his property on 1600N. The incident remains under investigation.
10-31-20 – Two women and three juveniles were arrested following a disturbance reported at 12:34 a.m. at the Spoon River Bowl business in downtown Wyoming. Kristen L. Colvin, 25, Toulon, and Kimberlee J. Strong, 37, of Wyoming, were both taken into custody and charged with aggravated battery. Colvin was also charged with criminal damage to property and resisting a peace officer. The three minors were girls ages 13, 15, and 16-years-old whom have all been charged with battery. Strong and the minors were all later released with notices to appear.
Colvin initially remained in custody at the Stark County Jail. She appeared in court on Nov. 1, and was formally charged with four counts of aggravated battery and one count of resisting a peace officer. Her bond was set at \$5,000 with 10 percent to apply. She later posted the \$500 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.
The incident remains under investigation through the Wyoming Police Department and the Stark County Sheriif's Office.
10-31-20 – Phillip D. Adams, 20, Toulon, was arrested for obstructing justice. He was released with a notice to appear.


Galva Report
10-26-20 – Officer dispatched to the 00 block of SW 45th Street for a harassment complaint.
10-27-20 – Officer dispatched to the 400 block of NW 9th Street for a barking dog complaint.
10-27-20 – Officer was notified of a traffic complaint of an unlicensed driver enroute

to Galva. The suspect or vehicle were not located.
10-27-20 – Officer assisted the Henry County Sheriff's Office with a suicidal subject complaint in Nekoma.
10-27-20 – While patrolling, an officer located a street sign that had fallen off of a sign post near the 00 block of SE 2nd Street.
10-28-20 – Officer dispatched to the Galva-Atkinson blacktop just north of town for a motorist assist involving a school bus. Officer responded and didn't locate a bus needing assistance.
10-28-20 – Officer responded to a 911 call that plotted on East Division Street. It turned out to be a cardiac arrest. Life saving actions were attempted, but were unsuccessful. The Henry County coroner was notified.
10-28-20 – Officer assisted the Illinois DCFS with a child welfare check in the 100 block of SE 3rd Street.
10-28-20 – Officer dispatched to the 900 block of SE 2nd Street to remove an unwanted customer.
10-29-20 – While patrolling, an officer located several bags containing tools that appeared to be hidden in some bushes on NW 1st Ave. Officer contacted the property owner who didn't know anything about them. The items were taken to the Galva police department for safekeeping.
10-29-20 – Officer dispatched to the 00 block of SW 4th Street for a harassment complaint. This complaint was unfounded.
10-29-20 – Officer dispatched to 200 block of S. Exchange St. to remove an unwanted customer.
10-30-20 – Officer dispatched to the Exchange Street railroad crossing for a crossing arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted for repairs.
10-30-20 – Officer dispatched to the 00 block of SW 4th Street for a battery complaint.
10-30-20 – Officer dispatched to the 1200 block of SE 2nd Street for a reckless driving complaint. Officer was not able to locate.
10-31-20 – Officer dispatched to 500 block of SE 1st Ave. for a stolen vehicle complaint. It was determined to be a civil issue.
10-31-20 – Officer dispatched to the 00 block of SW 4th Street for a loud music complaint.
10-31-20 – Officer, along with officers from Henry

County, Illinois State Police, Black Hawk College, Woodhull and Geneseo, were dispatched to a large fight involving a firearm in the 300 block of Front Street. The suspects were located, but a firearm was not located.
10-31-20 – Officer dispatched to a railroad crossing arm malfunction at the SW 6th Ave. crossing. BNSF was contacted for repairs.
11-1-20 – Officer dispatched to the 500 block of NW 3rd Ave. after someone attempted to gain entry through the back door. The area was checked but nobody was located.
11-1-20 – Officer, along with the Henry County Sheriff's Office, were dispatched to a residence on SE 1st Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.
11-1-20 – Officer dispatched to the 300 block of SE 6th Ave. for a 911 hang up call. It was determined to be a child playing with a phone.
11-1-20 – Officer dispatched to the 600 block of NW 1st Ave. for a domestic disturbance. As the result, Jamar Whiteside Banks, 25, Galva, was arrested for domestic battery and taken to the Henry County Jail.
10-30-20 – Mark Kates, 28, Kewanee, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd Street.

Divorces
10-30-20 – Sean M. Kuberski, Castleton, and Jamie L. Woodlief, Peoria.

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10-29-20 – Cathleen S and Robert M. Breese to Cole J. and Ryan M. Breese and Marque M. Johnston - Original Town of Wyoming - Pt block 2 Lots 17 & 18 - 711 N. Galena Ave., Wyoming. Consideration = \$0.00.
10-29-20 – Cathleen S. and Robert M. Breese to Ryan M. Breese and Drake M. Johnston - Original Town of Wyoming - Pt block 7 Lot 1 - 102 S. Sixth Street, Wyoming. - Consideration = \$0.00.



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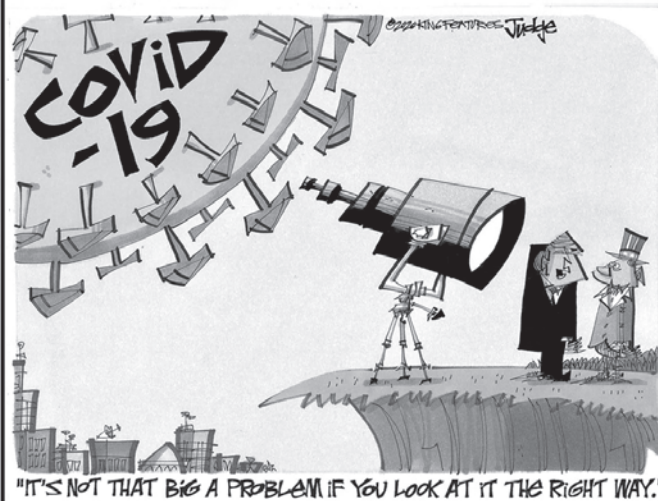
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Life is good again down on the farm

Harvest is complete; half the corn stalks are baled; and dawn comes at the proper time once again. Life is good here on the farm. After the impossibly wet fall last year, it has been sheer joy to anticipate a string of full days of combining this year.

The increased efficiency of being able to use storage, dryers, equipment, and manpower to full capacity is in itself a huge benefit. Add to that the improved attitude that comes from feeling productive. We have much for which to be thankful.

AJ and I share work with neighbors Rick and Joyce Rumbold during harvest. On a typical day Joyce runs the combine; I haul grain in; and Rick drives the semi, manages logistics, keeps the grain dryer going, and does the million things that keep everything running smoothly. AJ goes for parts, runs errands, and serves as a shuttle service to get us all in the right place at the right time with the right equipment. We make a pretty good team. Rick and Joyce do most of

the work, and AJ and I just sort of fill in the gaps.

Between the two families there are only a handful of fields that are rectangular. Both of us farm along Walnut Creek, so we have extremely scenic, but seldom geometric fields. Still, it is hard to get tired of watching deer graze unconcerned along the margins of the cornfields or seeing a wily coyote make a dash for the timber line when he gets flushed out of his corner of the cornfield by the combine. One day while I was unloading corn I watched a pair of eagles circling their way slowly, gracefully from one field to the next.

Because we live on AJ's family farm, we often think about how much agriculture has changed, even just within his 78 years of living here. His father Gerald picked corn by hand. He was apparently quite good at it. Still, it was slow, hard work. He would pull the ear from the stalk, use the husking peg to remove the husk, then toss it into the wagon being pulled by a team of horses. The wagon would hold about 75 bushels of ear corn. Once it was full, the team pulled it to the corn crib where it was shoveled into one side or the other.

The crib could hold 2,000 bushels of ear corn. At 75 bushels to the acre, that was adequate storage. Later, it was fed as ear corn to the hogs, or

shoveled back out into a small corn sheller. Once the ears were shelled, the corn was shoveled into a wagon and then into the granary in the barn. There was a small slide on each granary, so that a bucket could be placed below the slot, the slide raised, and a bucket filled to carry to the milk cows.

Gerald eventually purchased a two-row corn picker powered by his 1942 International H tractor. That tractor is at this moment hooked onto one of the augers at Rick's bins across the field. The biggest corn picker ever to be used here was a four-row New Idea. When Earl Curry worked for us, he and I picked corn for several years. Earl ran the picker and I hauled in and unloaded the corn into the elevator. We both unplugged the picker. It seems we did that a lot.

It is hard to comprehend just how much agriculture has changed. The barns and out buildings that make up our barnyard today had begun to be assembled in 1837. How could anyone then have foreseen combines or auger carts nearly as large as the cabin that served as the family home for 17 years?

It does make for some interesting configurations when we fill the Harvestores both here and at the Other Place. To add to the challenge

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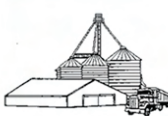
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HARLAND: Try spicy beef in squash

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of equipment placement in cramped quarters, both barnyards are criss-crossed by electric wires.

We finished our last field at the Other Place last night. Rick had the last semi we were taking to town loaded and had about 40 minutes before the elevator closed for the day. He parked the truck beyond the barnyard because once he got the auger set it wouldn't fit through there. Nothing would. He put the auger up to the Harvestore first. I climbed up to center the spout. Then he had to park the catch wagon so that it emptied into the hopper of the auger, yet allowed for the Massey and auger cart to maneuver up to it. And then there was that overhead wire.

Rick knew I was less than comfortable deploying the auger of the cart anywhere near that electric wire, so he was working hard at getting the catch wagon as far as possible from it. After a couple placements, he wasn't quite satisfied.

"Hey," he said. "How much hay is in that barn?" I told him there wasn't much in there.

"Let's open the door." I could see what he was going to do, so I quickly loosened the turnbuckles on either side of the door and hauled it open. He pulled the truck well into the nearly empty barn and then was able to get the wagon just where he wanted it.

"I think you'll be all right there if you put the auger out before you pull up." I had hoped for something more reassuring than "I think you'll be all right," when referring to the proximity of a power line that still bisected the wagon diagonally, but I did successfully unload without electrocuting myself.

Rick and Joyce still have a few acres to pick, but that should be done in a day. Then harvest will be complete in this little neck of the woods. It went fast this year, which is to say it went well. That is most welcome in a time when much else is not going well at all.

Beef Picadillo-Stuffed Acorn Squash

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- Ingredients:**
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 - 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
 - 1/3 cup raisins
 - 1 acorn squash, quartered, cooked

- 1 tablespoon slivered almonds (optional)
- Cooking:**
1. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add Ground Beef and onion; cook 8 to 10 minutes, breaking beef into 3/4-inch crumbles and stirring occasionally. Remove from skillet with slotted spoon; pour off drippings. Return beef mixture to skillet.
 2. Sprinkle seasoning mix and cinnamon over beef; mix well. Stir in tomato sauce and raisins; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve over squash. Garnish with almonds, if desired.

Mexican Seasoning Mix: Combine 1/3 cup chili powder, 1 tablespoon salt, 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin and 3/4 teaspoon garlic powder. Store in airtight container. Shake before using to blend.

JEANNE Harland is a cow-calf producer in Knox County where she and her husband, AJ, also raise corn, soybeans, oats and turnips.

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ACROSS

1 Rigs out

7 Beer holder

10 IRS worker

13 Not passive

19 India's largest city

20 Made embarrassed

22 Jumped ship

23 Affixing, as gift wrap

24 Marionette doing some undercover police work?

26 Billy of "The Phantom"

28 London botanic gardens site

29 Fine distinction

30 YouTube upload on how to cook clams and rice?

36 Use a beam on in surgery

37 "La Cage — Folles"

38 Of Peruvian peaks

39 Pickle option

41 Buddha statue, e.g.

45 Elated

47 Lodgings for wayfarers

48 Schnozz or Motor ender

49 MGM Grand, e.g.

51 "Scarface" inspirer

54 Discoloration on the biceps or triceps?

56 Meshwork

57 Razor cut

59 Closet rackful

60 Journal

61 Fashion designer Anna

62 Ionizable gas

63 Vast period

64 It may zoom

65 Simply being declared?

70 Gradually stop nursing

72 Back rub response

73 Paper unit

74 TV camera movement

75 CIO partner

76 "Make — what you will"

78 Hobbyists' buys

79 When to call it a night

83 Deluge's waters

86 Successfully mimics

87 Struck lightly

88 Chapel vow

89 Go by boat

91 Convent residents

92 Eyelid affliction

93 Make slanted

94 Italian public square

97 Scrabble 10-pointer

98 Staff symbol

101 One of the Little Rascals goes on a rant?

104 Many a charger for an e-device

108 Feed on

109 Peaceful

110 Beef cut that brings misfortune?

114 Marked with bands

118 Hand out cards to

119 Object of fear

120 Is beaming

121 Former British prime minister Clement

122 Detroit-to-Miami dir.

123 "Send help!"

124 Like the letter R in this puzzle's entire solution

DOWN

1 Triage pro

2 In the function of

3 Ball caller

4 Spanish island known for its nightlife

5 Country west of Colombia

6 Record one's arrival

7 Fez, for one

8 — Dhabi

9 Spill catchers

10 Berated

11 Kitty cat, e.g.

12 Hoo-has

13 Addis —, Ethiopia

14 Puts in a role

15 Golf ball brand

16 Tennis great Nastase

17 A/C opening

18 Uptight

21 Hotfooted it

25 Of no value

27 Last section

30 "Cosmos" host Carl

31 Veil fabric

32 Dead-on

33 Trait carrier

34 U-Haul unit

35 Adds lube to

40 Sugar in milk

42 Gave a ring

43 Leek relative

44 Years (for)

46 Nissan, once

49 Middle grade

50 Biblical beast

52 12-time papal name

53 Tending to the situation

54 Relatively small oinker, for short

55 Dryer debris

57 "Steve Jobs" star Rogen

58 Whole bunch

62 Really tidy type

63 Roe, e.g.

64 Pre-Easter

65 Shoddy car

66 Earth personified as a goddess

67 Rebel Turner

68 Mimics

69 Wee bits

70 Floats in the air

71 D sharp sound-alike

76 Lyric verse

77 "Skip ahead" abbr. on a music player

78 Result of education

79 Novelist Honoré de —

80 Tokyo-based truck maker

81 French artist Édouard

82 Letters with curves

84 Audition not closed to anyone

85 Brain product

86 Cabaret singer Édith

89 Jacuzzi's and whirlpools

90 Feel poorly

93 — -confidence

95 Gabor who lived to be 99

96 Confidence

99 "Little Men" actor Jack

100 Loin cut

102 FDR's Scottie

103 Some hotels and old cars

104 Fed. food safety org.

105 Dele undoer

106 Really tired

107 Flows back

111 Its cap. is Vienna

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MSW Projects seeking donations for meals

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The SENIOR SAVER Program is a campaign to help offset the financial



Prairie News photos/Angie Stange

Volunteers in Bradford who packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are, Back row (left to right): Scott Stange, Ron Scott, Colby Stotler and Andrea Scott. Front row (l to r): Eli Parish, Damien Wentz, Jack Mormon, Tracy Parish and Elizabeth Bryner, Donald Barks, Connor Scott and Tom Ashby.

impact of COVID-19. You may help save a senior meal for a day by donating \$4, for a week by donating \$20, or for a month by donating \$100.

Mail donations to: MSW Projects of Henry, Attn: SENIOR SAVER Program, P.O. Box 140, Henry, IL 61537.

Bradford Boy Scouts aid Christmas group

BRADFORD – Boy Scout Troop 1851 packed 100 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child in one hour on Nov. 2 at Boyd's Grove Methodist Church.

National Collection Week for the event is Nov. 16-23. Shoeboxes are being collected at several locations in Bradford:

Leet United Methodist Church, Bradford First Baptist Church and Bradford Public Library. Those sites also have pre-printed boxes and instructions.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a global, non-denominational, humanitarian relief organization. Over the past 27 years, the effort has collected and distributed more than 170 million shoeboxes throughout 160 countries to provide tangible expressions of love to children.

Boxes can also be "built" online for \$25 at samaritanspurse.org, Build a Shoebox Online. Linda Ashby has extra boxes and reminds people they can use shoeboxes out of their closets.

– Angie Stange

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LaFayette holding caucus for village offices Dec. 7

By John A. Ballentine

LaFAYETTE – The Village of LaFayette has scheduled Monday, Dec. 7, as its date to conduct a caucus for nominations of candidates for village offices. Any resident who is of legal age and is willing to hold office must attend the caucus and be nominated at that time for office.

The offices up for the village election are village president currently held by Donald “Greg” Bartley, village clerk currently held by Robin Bartley, and three trustee positions currently held by Larry Townsend, Bethany Peterson, and Christopher Smith.

The water booster pump for the village’s pump house needs to be replacing and contractor Dean Rosebecke is having a difficult time trying to find a replacement pump. According to President Bartley, the pumps for the village’s water system were replaced many years ago and have been rebuilt at least

once in the past. Rosebecke said that a company will hopefully be able to build one, “or something,” to replace the current booster pump.

If a pump that matches the existing plumbing cannot be rebuilt or constructed, then the plumbing for that pump will have to be replaced, as well, which would be expensive.

Also, the motor on the aerator for the water system needs repairs. Rosebecke said “anything above the tank has to come down – the motor is inside of the aerator.” Those repairs could prove costly, too. First, an electrician will check the pump house circuitry to the unit to determine if that is the problem with the motor running for a minute, then shutting off. Normally, it would run for a longer period of time to sufficiently aerate the water.

Approved was the sole bid for \$900 by LaFayette’s Ryan Peterson’s tree service to remove two ash trees on

village property at the intersection of Mulberry and Madison Streets.

Additionally, Clarence Wagher and Chris Smith were approved to drive the snow plow this year for the snow season. Wagher will be primary driver with Smith as his backup.

The trustees discussed this fiscal year’s appropriations, which is the estimate of expenditures to conduct village business. The trustees approved leaving the current appropriations “as is” without any changes in the estimated cost amounts.

Finally, an update on the snow plow building was given. Trustee Chris Smith has contacted American Steel concerning the construction of the snow plow building for the snow plow storage. It was assumed that Smith will give a report to the board concerning this topic at the next village meeting. Smith was absent from Monday’s meeting.



Prairie News photo/Becki Hoffert

Bradford Elementary school students wore red in support of Red Ribbon Week.

Bradford students raise \$400

BRADFORD – Red Ribbon Week 2020 is in the books as well as the Student Council/NJHS fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, and both were a great success.

Each day, a member of Student Council/NJHS started the school day with a pledge inspired by the Red Ribbon theme, “Be Happy-Be Brave-Be Drugs, Alcohol, and Bully Free.”

Classes with highest percentage of participation on “Wear Red Day” were 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. The 4th and 5th tied with 100 percent and the 6th grade had 76 percent. All were awarded a certificate and treat.

The groups had an

emergency meeting to make sure all 700 orders for “Boo Pops” were filled. After sales of pops and glow sticks, as well as donations, Bradford students will send a check for \$400 to the American Cancer Society.

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Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district, may contact Secretary, William S. Foglesong, 420 N. Franklin Street, Toulon, IL 61483, (309) 369-1067.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2019 were \$246,960.89. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$277,600.00. This represents a 12.41% 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 over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2019 were \$246,960.89.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$277,600.00. This represents a 12.41% increase over the previous year.

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FANS, MIXERS, ETC.: There will be numerous antique fans of various brands and types (GE, Emerson, Hunter, WH and others, various sizes and covers)—A variety of electric old stand mixers of different ages, styles brands and models will also be offered as Bill had a lg. collection of those also (some stainless, most have attachments, juicers and bowls, some jade bowls)—many old Sunbeam Mixmasters—very old Hamilton Beach cast iron grinder/mixer—some sm. measuring cup hand and electric mixers—retro electric and hand grinders—Champion model G tiny elect. mixer in orig. box—toasters—elect. flour sifters, irons, curling irons, massagers and other ant. elect. appliances. See pictures online and FACEBOOK.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY - TOULON ILLINOIS

FirstBank Plaintiff, vs.

Gene S. Davis, AKA Gene Davis,

AKA Gene Scott Davis; Natasha

McGillivray Defendants.

Case No. 2019CH9

327 East Main Street, Bradford, IL 61421

Judge Michael P. McCuskey

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 4, 2020, Jim Dison will on December 10, 2020, at the hour of 10:00AM at the Stark County Sheriff's Office, Stark County Courthouse, 130 West Main Street, Toulon, IL 61483, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 327 East Main Street, Bradford, IL 61421 Parcel Number(s): 02-25-102-005 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will

NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 19-041596.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, TOULON, ILLINOIS

BANKUNITED N.A.

PLAINTIFF,

-vs-

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A/K/A CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL

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A/K/A ALICIA DEMETREON A/K/A

ALICIA JOAN DEMETREON;

DEFENDANTS

NO. 20 CH 3

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OBITUARIES

Mildred Maxine Robb
WYOMING – Mildred Maxine Robb, 94, of Wyoming, died Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020, at Seminary Manor in Galesburg of the COVID-19 virus. She had been a resident of Courtyard Estates in Galva since 2015, until a broken wrist took her to Galesburg for rehabilitation.
Maxine was born Jan. 23, 1926, at Novelty, Mo., to Archie W. and Ora Fulmer Borron. She married William D. Robb on Jan. 10, 1945. They celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary in 2014. He preceded her in death on Nov. 2, 2014.



Robb

Her parents and two brothers – Van and Kenneth Borron – also preceded her in death along with a sister, Regina Jones.
Surviving are two sons and a daughter: Gary of Wyoming, Dean (and Jenny) of Birmingham, Ala., and Becky (and Bud) McKirgan of LaFayette. Also surviving are 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews along with one sister-in-law, Bonnette Roberts of Blue Springs, Mo.

Robb was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wyoming where she had served many years as a Sunday School teacher, a member of the Board of Deacons and Memorial Chairman. She was a Past Worthy Matron of Wyoming Eastern Star and a longtime volunteer with the Stark County Food Pantry. She was a teacher in country schools and kindergarten at Wyoming.

Her graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 6, 2020, at Wyoming Cemetery. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wyoming. Condolences may be left for Mildred’s family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

David J. Shearer
WYOMING – David J. Shearer of Taft, Tenn. passed on from this life on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020, at the age of 80. A graveside service was held Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, at 1 p.m. at Kirkland Cemetery.
Mr. Shearer was born in Kewanee, Illinois to the late Clifford Shearer and Betty Seifert Shearer. His schooling started in a one room school house near Henry, Ill.



Shearer

The family moved to Wyoming Ill., where David finished grade school and high school, graduating in 1958. He was a United States Army Veteran and a graduate of the University of Phoenix, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He found a deep interest in computers and went on to teach Computer Science at Blackhawk Junior College in Moline, Ill. David was an entrepreneur and loved to explore new ideas, much like his father. One of those adventures involved setting up a computer network for a city in Poland, during which time he met his second wife Irene Wryzinsky. He also enjoyed his weekly hikes, playing ping pong, reading and doing things to help others.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Betty Shearer of Taft, Tenn., and her son Christopher Stevens (Lesia) of Taft, Tenn.; daughter, Dawn Tibbals (Tim) of Knoxville, Tenn., son Russell Shearer (Tina) of Peoria, Ill. and their mother Deanna Morsing of Peoria; sisters, Dorothy Mariman of Bluffton, S.C. and Karen Arnold of Bloomington, Ill.; as well as seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Helen R. Sheets
PRINCEVILLE – Helen Roberta Sheets (Kiker), 91, of Princeville, Ill., passed away peacefully at the Toulon Health Care and Rehabilitation Center at 10 a.m. on Oct. 31, 2020.
Helen was born on March 19, 1929, in Pensacola, Fla. to Winston R. Kiker U.S.N. (ret.) and Marian

Edith Kiker (Martin) U.S.N. (ret.). She was the youngest of three daughters. Mary Wolfe, the oldest, predeceased. Ruby Picl (Richard) of Peoria, Ill. (Frank, William, Mary and Margaret) survive. She loved her sisters, nieces and nephews very much.



Sheets

Helen married Lucius “Casey” B. Sheets of Wyoming, Ill. The couple had one son, John Thomas Sheets (Tammy) of Havana, Ill. She is survived by four grandchildren: Katherine Gorham (Matt) of Edwards, Kelly Zimmerman (Will) of Avon, Patrick Sheets of Peoria, and Michael Sheets of Princeville.

Helen had six great grandchildren who survive: Easton, Brady, Sawyer, Maggie, Nellie, and Brecken.

As a child, Helen moved frequently. In addition to Pensacola, the family lived in San Diego, Calif., Norfolk, Virg., and Washington D.C.

In 1946, she moved to Peoria to attend Bradley Polytechnical, now Bradley University. She graduated from Bradley in 1951 with a B.A. in Education, maintaining a 4.0 GPA and working part-time throughout her college career.

A teacher by profession, Helen taught 1st grade at the Wyoming Grade School of Wyoming, Ill. for 30 years retiring in 1989. She loved her beagle, Max, was a devout Republican and enjoyed reading and writing poetry. More than anything else, she loved her family and friends. She constantly touted the virtues of hard work and education – and when people fell short of her expectations, she did not hesitate to let them know about it! She will be missed.

Please know that in death, as in life, Helen continues to teach. Per her request, she made an anatomical gift of her body to science. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements.

The family wished to acknowledge and thank the Toulon health Care and Rehabilitation Center for all of their hard work and kindness.



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SECOND WARD: American Legion, 45 Wallace St, to nominate a candidate for one four-year term as City Alderman.

THIRD WARD: Council Chambers of the City Administration Building, 311 NW 4th Ave, to nominate a candidate for one four-year term as City Alderman and a 2-year Unexpired Term as City Alderman.



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FOR ANSWERS
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TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is the largest in surface area?
- LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel's working title was "Tomorrow Is Another Day"?
- MEASUREMENTS: What does an anemometer measure?
- TELEVISION: Which 1980s sitcom featured the characters Mrs. Garrett, Tootie and Jo?
- ENTERTAINERS: Which singer was born with the name Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta?
- ADVERTISING: Who is the mascot of the snack brand Cheetos?
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- MOVIES: What was the name of the 1993 movie in which actor Tom Hanks plays a lawyer with HIV?
- U.S. STATES: What is the official state bird of Minnesota?
- ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has the largest moon?

Answers

- Lake Superior
- "Gone With the Wind"
- Wind speed and pressure
- "The Facts of Life"
- Lady Gaga
- Chester Cheetah
- 1.2 to 1.5 gallons
- "Philadelphia"
- Common loon
- Jupiter, with the moon Ganymede

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNA BELLE UPDYKE, Deceased, No. 2020P15.
WILL NOTICE AND CLAIM NOTICE—INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of ANNA BELLE UPDYKE. Letters of office were issued on July 31, 2020, to SANDRA K. BROWNING, 300 E. Smith Street, Wyoming, Illinois 61491, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael E. Evans, 101 West Williams Street, P.O. Box 186, Wyoming, IL 61491.

Notice is given to all interested parties who are heirs or legatees in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the court on July 31, 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 section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois 61483, or with the representative, or both, on or before (a) April 22, 2020, or 6 months from the first date of publication, whichever date is later, or (b) if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by the provisions of Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, as amended, then the date stated in that notice, whichever date is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date or dates is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative AND to the Attorneys within 10 days after it

has been filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under § 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk of the court. You may obtain a copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration from the clerk of the court at the above address or from the attorneys at the address below.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2020.

MICHAEL E. EVANS
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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF)
) No. 2020-P-

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VICKI L. REWERTS,)
Deceased)
NOTICE OF CLAIM DAY

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Vicki L. Rewerts
On October 23, 2020, Letters of Office were issued to Jacob Rewerts, 15129 State Route 17, Wyoming, IL 61491, and Christopher Rewerts, 2229 State Route 89, Washburn, IL 61570, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Anne C. Rennick, 120 E. Williams, P.O. Box 90, Wyoming, IL 61491.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, IL 61483, or with the Representative, or both, on or before (a) April 30, 2021, or (b) if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Representative is required by the provisions of Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before the aforementioned date(s) 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.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. You may obtain a copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration from the clerk of court at the above address.

Dated: October 26, 2020
/s/ Anne C. Rennick

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Dyken closes strong for Stark Co.

By Jeff Lampe

SENECA – Stark County senior Alyssa Dyken closed out her Lady Rebels cross country career in style last Saturday at the Class 1A Seneca Sectional.

Running on a difficult, hilly course in the wind, Dyken placed 12th in the first heat in a time of 21:30. Her overall finish would have advanced Dyken to the state meet as an individual, if COVID-19 had not caused the cancellation of that event.

“She’s the first runner Stark County has had qualify for state as an individual,” Rebels Coach Bob Rennick Jr. said, noting that his 2018 girls runners reached state as a team. “That’s a heck of an accomplishment.”

Rennick said Dyken’s strong season started early, when she competed well with Annawan-Wethersfield runners.

“From there, it was like let’s challenge ourselves and let’s see what’s in the tank. And she just got better and better from there,” Rennick said, calling a win at

Princeville another “turning point” in the year for Dyken.

Overall, the Stark County girls placed 9th out of 14 teams after running second in the regionals.

Heat 2 saw Ashley Orrick (40th, 22:14) finish 17th and Lena Becker (42nd, 22:22) finish 19th. In the third heat for the girls were Paige Rewerts (73rd, 23:33) and Trinity Shimmin (76th, 23:38) who finished 13th and 15th respectively.

The fourth and final girls heat featured McKenzie Stahl (108th, 26:27) and Riley Menssen (110th, 28:58).

Five of Saturday’s runners were seniors: Becker, Shimmin, Dyken, Menssen and Stahl.

“We put in a great effort on a really tough course,” Rennick said. “There was a point in the season where sectionals wasn’t realistic for us with the injuries and setbacks we had. Getting out of regionals was even questionable. So for them to do what they did, I’m really proud of these girls.”

Boards to decide basketball’s fate

By Jeff Lampe

The future of Illinois high school and junior high school basketball remains up in the air.

Last week, the Illinois Department of Public Health changed its classification of basketball to a high-risk sport from its previous designation of medium-risk. And Gov. JB Pritzker has said that basketball can’t be played until spring.

That jeopardizes the Illinois High School Association’s scheduled start dates of Nov. 16 for practices and Nov. 30 for games. But the IHSA’s board of directors said last week it will not heed the latest IDPH changes and, aside from a few additional restrictions, will leave the decision of whether or not to compete up to local schools.

That has sent local superintendents, principals and athletic directors scrambling. Concerns center on liability, since many insurance companies have informed

schools they would not be covered if they move forward and play.

“Our insurance company has informed us our policy does not cover liability associated with communicable disease. They implied other school districts are in the same boat,” said Williamsfield Superintendent Tim Farquer, noting representatives from the Williamsfield and ROWVA school boards were meeting this week.

At Stark County, Superintendent Brett Elliott informed staff in an email that a basketball decision would be made Nov. 16 by the Stark County School Board.

A Nov. 2 poll by the Illinois Athletic Directors Association of 372 athletic directors from across Illinois showed 9 percent were planning to play basketball, 29 percent were not and 62 percent were unsure.

In the mean time, most schools are requiring that any practices do not involve contact and that players must wear masks.

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