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## A LOOK BACK AT 2020



Protesters outside the Bank of Springfield Center in the capital's downtown call for Illinois to reopen sooner than the timeline provided in Gov. JB Pritzker's Restore Illinois plan. Members of the state House met inside the arena for the first of a four-day special session May 20. Capitol News Illinois photo by Ben Orner.

## 2020: The Year in Review

Tumultuous, yes? But 2020 was also a memorable year in Illinois

By **CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS**

For The Weekly Post

SPRINGFIELD – It was a year like no other, and one most Americans would just as soon forget, but 2020 is sure to last in the history books as one of the most tumultuous in modern history.

It was a year when face masks and hand sanitizer became ubiquitous items of everyday life and when major sporting events that many Americans use to mark the passage of time were canceled or delayed.

It was also a year marked by racial and social unrest following the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and other Black Americans at the hands of police.



And it was a year of economic catastrophe that brought about some of the highest unemployment rates the nation has seen.

For Illinois, the year seemed to begin on a hopeful note. The state was running a budget surplus for the first time in many years. By February, unemployment had fallen to an all-time low.

But things were about to

change amid a backdrop of pandemic and government corruption scandals that rocked the foundation of power of the nation's longest-serving state legislative leader.

### COVID-19 pandemic

On Jan. 24, a Chicago woman who had just returned home from Wuhan, China, where the COVID-19 pandemic originated, tested positive for the disease. A few days later, her husband tested positive as well, marking the first known instance of person-to-person spread in the U.S.

On March 9, Gov. JB Pritzker declared a statewide disaster and quickly began invoking his emergency powers with a series of ex-

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## Wind farm planned

Turbines to stretch from Trivoli to Fairview

By **BILL KNIGHT**

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Starting late this year or early in 2022, construction is scheduled to start on a \$210-million wind-energy network generating enough electricity for 50,000 homes and millions of dollars in tax funds for local governments.

"We're in a 'Go' position," said Curtis Render, a land agent for the NextEra Energy Resources project who appeared before the Farmington City Council on Monday.

Stretching from Trivoli Township in Peoria County through Farmington, Fairview and Joshua Townships in Fulton County, the network of more than 60 wind turbines will spread across 70,000 acres, said Render. He said developers



Curtis Render speaks at Monday's Farmington City Council meeting. Photo by Bill Knight.

expect to begin operations in 2023, when Ameren will buy the network's electricity.

Unlike other, older wind farms, such as NextEra's operation northwest of Bloomington, the turbines won't be clustered. Instead, the 300-foot towers will be spaced al-

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## State legislators to meet for first time since May

By **PETER HANCOCK**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois lawmakers will return to the capital city on Friday for a "lame duck" session that is expected to focus on the state's COVID-19 response, a nearly \$4 billion budget deficit and a host of social issues being advanced by the Legislative Black Caucus.

House Speaker Michael Madigan's office notified that chamber's members of the plans in an email sent Wednesday, Dec. 30. Senate

President Don Harmon has not officially announced his plans, but his spokesman said in an email over the weekend that senators have been advised to hold the dates open in the event lawmakers are called back into session.

Lawmakers haven't met since late May when they held an abbreviated special session to pass a budget and a few other items that were considered essential. The regular fall veto session,

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# WIND FARM: Towers built 1,400 feet apart

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most a quarter of a mile apart, Render said.

“There’ll be about 1,400 feet between them, even though Fulton County required 1,000 feet,” he said.

The company has been monitoring area wind flows for more than three years, he said, and such studies are anticipated to finish soon to get the dozens of required permits.

An estimated \$30 million in new property taxes could result from the improvements. Also, NextEra predicts hiring 150 construction workers and 10 full-time employees operating the system, and paying landowners \$40 million over 30 years.

“We anticipate January and February will see a tremendous amount of people signing up,” Render said.

NextEra Energy Resources, LLC is a subsidiary of NextEra Energy, Inc., the world’s largest generator of renewable energy from wind and solar

systems. Based in Florida, it operates 9,700 wind turbines in 119 wind projects in 19 states and Canada, including one outside DeKalb.

The corporation plans to have a public meeting soon, Render said.

After Render’s comments, aldermen affirmed steps discussed at a Building & Grounds Committee meeting earlier, when another option for a different City Hall was presented from Peoria businessman Darren Wright, formerly of Farmington. Wright proposes building a two-story complex on the vacant lot on East Fort Street where a fire destroyed four businesses in 2015.

The Council has decided renovating the existing City complex is too expensive but disagreed on whether to build a new facility or to remodel an existing structure. Mayor Kent Kowal is planning to solicit new estimates for Wright’s proposal from N. Zobrist Construction and D. Joseph

Construction, both of whom said a new building could run more than \$1.7 million.

Kowal also will determine an asking price for the Fort Street lot, and return to Farmington Township officials, who last year declined to participate in a shared arrangement for their building on Vernon Street.

In other news:

- City Administrator Rollen Wright’s Tax Increment Financing report showed the TIF fund paid off the sidewalk project with a \$8,032.68 payment to the Bank of Farmington, leaving a balance of \$823,916.94.
- Wright said incumbents Kowal, Clerk Nancy Reed and Ward 1 Alderman Nathan Fleming have filed nomination papers for the April election, and newcomers David Black and Jeni Crusen have filed to run to represent Ward 3.

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ENE 9 mph	N 8 mph	NNW 9 mph	NW 4 mph	W 6 mph	W 8 mph	WSW 7 mph

**LEGISLATORS: Deficit a top topic**

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which had been scheduled for late November and early December, was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The budget that lawmakers passed during that special session with only Democratic votes was about \$5 billion out of balance. But it was passed on the assumption that Congress would soon pass a stimulus package that would include aid to struggling state and local governments and that voters in November would approve a constitutional amendment to allow the state to levy a graduated income tax. Neither of those two things happened.

In November, Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker announced plans to borrow \$2 billion from the Federal Reserve’s Municipal Liquidity Facility to cover revenue losses the state has suffered since the start of the pandemic. That was in addition to the \$1.2 billion the state borrowed to make up for revenue losses at the end of the last fiscal year.

In addition, in December he ordered more than \$700 million in spending cuts from executive branch agencies. But that still leaves the state more than \$1 billion short of what it needs to balance the current year’s budget.

Republicans, who have been clamoring for months for lawmakers to return to session, said during a virtual news conference Monday that they believe Democrats want to use the lame duck session to push through a tax increase to fill the budget hole.

Pritzker has said he would consider closing business tax “loopholes” in order to raise additional revenue, but more recently he has said that he wants to focus on spending cuts. Madigan, meanwhile, said in December that he was prepared to push for an increase in the state’s flat income tax rate, should Pritzker propose one. But Pritzker has given no indication that he plans to make such a proposal.

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## GUEST VOICES



## Of Ersh, COVID stats & girthy hunters

Rambling through central Illinois, tired of seeing the inside of my house so much, and in such detail.

A few decades ago, I came to Peoria to write outdoor columns for the Journal Star. One of the first to greet me was Jack Ehresman, the former columnist. He was gracious and helpful, invited me into his home in Hanna City and introduced me to the right people to make the transition seamless. Over my next 13 years at the paper, I heard and enjoyed plenty of good "Ersh stories." We've been swapping those tales since Jack died on Dec. 30 at age 87. His son, Doug, said Jack was laughing and joking right up until his death. He was truly an icon in the outdoors industry. In addition to JS work, he wrote for every major magazine under various pen names. But as prolific and skilled as he was, the thing that sticks with me about Jack was how much he loved his family. In retirement, he took such obvious joy in his kids and grandkids that it was inspiring. That alone is a great legacy for a great guy.



Jeff LAMPE

Someone asked what "criteria" will determine when Illinois moves out of the current Tier 3 mitigations. My answer: "When Gov. Pritzker says it's OK." No, the questioner wanted stats, which is a dangerous way to approach anything. Going strictly by statistics, you might call this recent incarnation of Bears QB Mitchell Trubisky a "franchise quarterback." Besides, stats say we should already be back into Tier 2 (when we can eat in restaurants, legally). Hospitalization rates have fallen for six weeks. More than 20 percent of ICU beds are open statewide and ICU bed usage had dropped for five weeks. Positivity rates vary by region, but statewide the 8.6 percent rate is below the supposed 12-percent threshold. So why are we still in Tier 3? The governor wanted to wait until after the holidays to head off a possible spike. So reams of paper and hours of calculations spent on devising supposed scientific standards really just come down to Gov. Pritzker's office making a judgment call.

Last week's column listed some of my coping mechanisms to make life bearable in the age of COVID. But I forgot to ask for your suggestions. What have you done to survive? How have you stayed sane? Why ask? After the past two weeks, I need new ideas. ... One failed coping attempt was watching "Mountain

Monsters" on the Travel Channel. At first, seeing actors who are girthier than me was intriguing. If those fat boys can get a show, there's hope for me! But for all its yucks and chuckles, the show is so fake I can't even trick myself into believing **Trapper, Huck and Buck**. How can these bumbler's roar into the night woods in a side-by-side, scream and yell, flash lights all over and then regularly run into wild critters nobody else sees? Sorry, I'd rather pull a job out of the Honey-Do jar than watch another episode. See how desperate things are?

Another COVID cure is cleaning my garages - an undertaking usually saved as an excuse to avoid other work, or family gatherings. During my recent cleaning, I've uncovered some precious items that don't fit into our long-term plans. Before we hire **Bubba Dump**, I'm offering you fine readers a chance to take home free treasures. Need 5 pounds of wax? A document scanner? A heavy duty stapler? A fishing depth finder? Old computers? Office doo-dads? A desk? We've got that and more, so come on in. Two caveats: 1. There's no guarantee anything works. 2. My wife is not allowed to give away anything. She might try to part with truly valuable treasures.

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**GUEST VOICES**

# Tales of the water-tank goldfish

We've kept goldfish in our stock tank since the night of Stan Foglesong's 50th birthday. Let's just say that was well over a decade ago. The Foglesong clan, friends, and neighbors gathered to celebrate with a cookout on a lovely autumn evening.

I don't remember any of the other gifts, but Stan's sister Teresa gave him 50 baby goldfish. She had them in one of those bluish five-gallon jugs that you invert onto a water dispenser. Stan's reaction to receiving an entire ready-made school of goldfish was not, shall we say, enthusiastic.



**Jeanne HARLAND**

AJ looked at me and said matter-of-factly, "Those are going to end up at our house."

We were neither alarmed nor surprised, therefore, when we heard the familiar roar of Stan's pickup truck a few hours later. It headed straight to the gate into the cattle lot where the stock tank sits. I stuck my head out the door in time to hear the gate being unchained. The truck lights shone on the big old water tank, a holdover from the days of hogs raised in the field. It held 500 gallons of water. There would be plenty of room for the 50 tiny fish.

I heard familiar voices and laughter in the now crisp fall night. Brett was helping his dad relocate his birthday fish. I imagined the glug, glug, glug of five gallons of fish and water emptying into the tank. Soon the truck left, and we were the proud owners of 50 second-hand goldfish.

Actually, this was not the first time Foglesong fish had ended up in our stock tank. When Brett was in maybe junior high he needed to rehome some that had outgrown his aquarium.

We had those fish for several years until one night the power went off and the tank got low. We had placed a gate in the tank so that at weaning time the calves wouldn't jump into the tank trying to get to their moms on the other side. When

the water level dropped to eight inches or so there was still plenty for the fish, but unfortunately one or more opportunistic raccoons climbed down the gate, caught and ate all seven of Brett's fish.

We hadn't been fishless for long the night the birthday fish arrived. Goldfish do a good job of keeping an outdoor water tank clean and free of algae. However, since we rely solely on energy-free waterers for the winter, the fish have to live in a much smaller 100-gallon tank in our basement for most of December, January, and February. We try to wait as long as possible to move them indoors. This year we almost waited too long.

The average life span of a goldfish is 10-15 years. The original 50th birthday cohort fits neatly into that age bracket. Over the years we have given many fish to young neighbors and friends, and some didn't make it to the average age. On the other hand, when conditions were right the fish had babies of their own.

Overall, we have maintained a somewhat manageable number. And goldfish grow to fill the space available, so we have ... plenty. This year we had to replace the old stock tank when even Flex Seal couldn't stop the leaks. Now, instead of the rectangular tank with hog drinkers along one side where the fish could hide in the heat of the day, we have a sleek and shiny new round tank that holds 700 hundred gallons of water. A couple dozen or more cows can drink at once and the fish can swim laps endlessly.

Still, mindful of never putting all your fish in one tank, AJ decided to put 10 of the smaller ones in the bulls' water tank in the little house pasture.

It had snapped cold that first week of December and there had been ice on the tank in the mornings, but fish management is not paramount here, so the fish remained in the bull tank.

Monday is laundry day so I was transferring clothes from the washer to the dryer when I looked out the window. The bulls' water tank was lying on its side! I grabbed the scrub bucket and blasted some water into it. I dashed out the door

and across the yard, quickly let myself through the gate, and approached the tank. It was a chilling sight. There were the 10 orange and white fish strewn about the empty tank amid shards of ice. None were flopping around or even breathing.

Not knowing what else to do, I began to pick up cold fish and plop them unceremoniously into the bucket. There were some bubbles around the edge and it smelled faintly of Spic 'n' Span.

Having gathered all the deceased fish I sighed sadly and made my way back to the laundry. One of the bulls – I think it was Kyle – ambled over to the water tank in hopes I had filled it back up with water. I'm sure the bulls had become disgruntled when the water got too low for them to reach easily and knocked the tank over in a fit of pique, or they just couldn't fit their heads into the tank and accidentally knocked it over trying. Either way, the fish were dead.

Back in the house I set the bucket down and peered at the lifeless fish. I had once resuscitated a fish by zooming it through the water, so I figured I would try that. What did I have to lose, after all? I gripped one of the orange ones, but before I could commence the zooming it flipped its tail. More bubbles appeared. The fish squirmed out of my grasp and awkwardly swam across the bucket. It wasn't dead!

One by one all 10 fish miraculously came back to life. AJ came in from chores to find me folding socks with a bucket of somewhat sluggish but alive fish at my feet. Misinterpreting the situation, he glared at me and the fish. "I was going to bring them in tomorrow," he declared.

I calmly explained what had happened. "I thought they were dead! The tank was tipped over! There was ice on top of them! The water was gone! I thought they were dead!"

His gaze shifted to the overturned water tank out in the house pasture, now surrounded by three thirsty bulls. "Oh." He went out to set the tank back upright and began running water into it. Against my wishes he carried the bucket of res-

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# GOLDFISH: Fish survived and even had babies

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urrected fish out and returned them to the Tank of Death.

Within a couple days he had the tank in the basement filled and brought in all the fish, including several teeny, tiny babies. He talks to them every morning as he gets ready to head out to chore and they flop happily on the surface as he feeds them.

It's not always convenient to have a 100-gallon stock tank full of fish in the basement, but we get a kick out of watching them. In just a couple months they will get to go back to the big outdoor tanks and swim laps under the bright spring sun. We'll all be happy for that.

### Chilly Day Beef Chili

This super-simple hearty chili will warm you up!

#### Ingredients:

- 1 boneless beef chuck roast, cut into 1/2-inch pieces (about 2-1/2

- pounds)
- 2 cans (15-1/2 ounces each) black beans, rinsed, drained
- 1 can (15-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes (chili or zest-style)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 teaspoons chile powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup prepared thick-and-chunky salsa

#### Toppings:

- Shredded cheddar cheese, diced red onion, diced green onion, diced avocado and dairy sour cream (optional)

#### Cooking:

1. Combine boneless beef chuck roast and all other ingredients except salsa and toppings in 4-1/2 to 5-1/2-quart slow cooker; mix well. Cover and cook on HIGH 5-1/2 to 6 hours or on LOW 8 to 9 hours or until beef is tender. (No stirring is

necessary during cooking.)

2. Just before serving, stir in salsa; cook 2-3 minutes or until heated through. Serve with toppings, as desired.

#### Alternate Cooking Method:

This recipe can be made in a 6-quart electric pressure cooker. Place boneless beef chuck roast and all other ingredients except salsa and toppings plus 1/2 cup water in pressure cooker.

Close and lock pressure cooker lid. Use beef, stew or high-pressure setting on pressure cooker; program 22 minutes on pressure cooker timer.

Use quick-release feature to release pressure; carefully remove lid. Add salsa and stir together. Serve with toppings, as desired.

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

## PUBLIC RECORD

*NOTE: Charges are merely an accusation. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Journal Star seeking restaurant violations

PEORIA – The Journal Star has been rebuffed after filing a Freedom of Information Act request seeking: 1. names of restaurants and bars submitted by citizens through the Health Department's complaint process, 2.

whether they have received citations or been referred to State's Attorney Jodi Hoos for enforcement.

### Police reports

- YATES CITY – Taryn R. Johnson, 30, of Yates City was charged on Dec. 30 for unlawful possession of methamphetamine.
- FARMINGTON – Ashanty N. Zolicoffer, 18, was charged on Jan. 1 with domestic battery.

• FARMINGTON – Farmington Police Chief Chris Darsham reported that his department in December had 91 traffic stops and 49 traffic citations or ordinance violations, handled 2 crashes, dealt with 1 property crime and 4 crimes against people, and made 4 arrests.

### Marriage license

- Whitney Dawn Monical and Dylan Alex Cantu, both of Elmwood.



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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, PLAINTIFF vs. LESLIE B. HARLAND; THE GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS

NO. 19-CH-00477  
Judge Mark A. Brown  
Address: 1208 West Willow Lane Peoria, IL 61614

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 26, 2020, I, Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois, will on February 10, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 PM at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Rm B-20, Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

COMMON ADDRESS: 1208 West Willow Lane, Peoria, IL 61614  
P.I.N.: 14-29-203-008

The real estate is improved with a

single family residence.

THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$97,577.05

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and 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.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be auto-

matically forfeited to the State without further notice.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 19 7555.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC PLAINTIFF vs. Samuel A. Gorham; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 20-CH-00167

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PIN 14-33-258-014  
Improved with Single Family Home

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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall

have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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BRIEFS

Sen. Chuck Weaver formalizes retirement

SPRINGFIELD – State Sen. Chuck Weaver (R-Peoria) has formalized his resignation, which took effect Jan. 3.

Weaver served in the Illinois Senate since 2015, representing the 37th District of Illinois, which includes 10 central Illinois counties that are north and then east and west of Peoria.

Weaver donated his legislative salary to local charities, including his work with "Leaders Change Illinois," which launches new projects aimed at improving our community.

Through that program, he and his wife have served as project mentors and have funded 110 grants for \$1,000 each to new community lead-

ers who are launching new ideas to impact local communities.

Weaver will be succeeded by Senator-elect Win Stoller, whom he supported after announcing his intention to retire from the State Senate.

Dean's List

These local college students made the Dean's List for the fall semester:

- Mark Burnham of Brimfield, a sophomore at Greenville University.
• Seth Burnham of Brimfield, a junior at Greenville University.

USDA announces CRP signups now underway

Agricultural producers and private landowners interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) can sign up for the popular program until

Feb. 12. The competitive program, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes.

CRP general signup is held annually and is competitiv. General signup includes increased opportunities for wildlife habitat enrollment through the State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative.

New cropland offered in the program must have been planted for four out of six crop years from 2012 to 2017. Additionally, producers with land already enrolled but expiring on Sept. 30 can re-enroll this year. The acreage offered by producers and landowners is evaluated competitively; accepted offers start Oct. 1.

Pritzker: No COVID rollback yet

By SARAH MANSUR

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The statewide COVID-19 positivity rate ticked down slightly on Tuesday to 8.5 percent, marking nearly a month that the rate has stayed below 10 percent.

As of Tuesday, only four of the state's 11 mitigation regions had not met the criteria Gov. JB Pritzker's administration provided to return to Tier 2 mitigations, from Tier 3.

But Jordan Abudayyeh, the governor's spokesperson, said in an email Monday that the administration is "in a pause in mitigation moves to see what impact holiday gatherings have on the data."

The entire state came under the more restrictive Tier 3 public health measures on Nov. 30 in an effort to slow the number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

Abudayyeh also criticized the Sangamon County Health Department for issuing new mitigation orders allowing for bars and restaurants to provide indoor service at 25 percent capacity.

"As the governor has said, the public health experts need to closely monitor the data after the holidays to gauge the spread of the virus. Once the experts agree that we have averted another surge, then regions will be able to move back to lower tiers in the mitigation plan," she said in an emailed statement.

Real Estate transactions from Fulton, Knox & Peoria Counties

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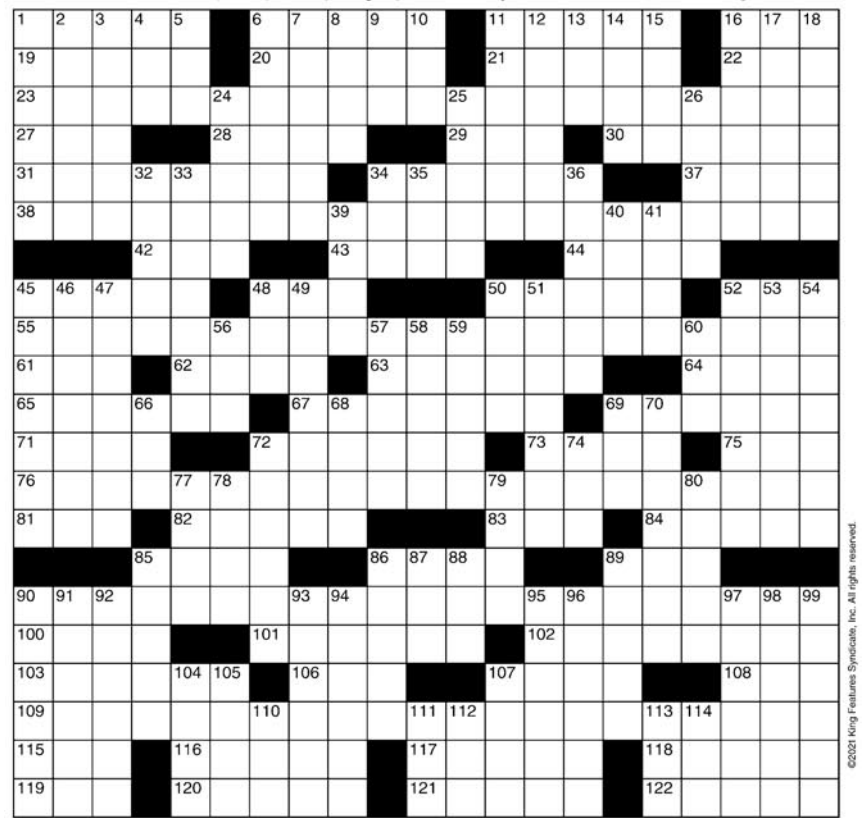
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# 2020: Madigan's future in doubt

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 executive orders including closure of K-12 schools to in-person learning and a statewide stay-at-home order that brought much of the state's economy to a grinding halt.

By year's end, COVID-19 had claimed the lives of more than 16,000 Illinoisans as the rapid distribution of a pair of vaccines marked new hope that the "beginning of the end" of the pandemic was near.

### Madigan scandal

After more than three decades as one of the most powerful men in the state, Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan faced an uncertain political future as 2020 neared its end.

His future as speaker and Democratic Party of Illinois chairman was first put in doubt on July 17 when officials at utility giant Commonwealth Edison admitted in court to a years-long bribery scheme in which they sought to buy favor with Madigan – the

latest in a series of bombshell investigatory revelations that have centered on Democratic state politicians since 2019.

The case sparked an internal House investigation in which Republicans sought to oust him from office, but that effort was thwarted when Democrats on the investigating committee – all Madigan loyalists – voted against recommending a disciplinary charge.

Madigan himself has not been charged criminally and has denied any wrongdoing. But at least 19 members of the House Democratic caucus have said they will not vote to re-elect him as speaker, leaving him well short of the 60 votes needed to win another term. No one else has yet emerged as a viable contender for the office, however.

### Leadership change

While there is uncertainty about whether Madigan will serve as speaker

next year, a leadership change would make House Republican Leader Jim Durkin the General Assembly's most tenured leader.

Durkin, who hails from Western Springs, has been House minority leader since 2013.

While 2020 began with a leadership change on the Democratic side in the Senate, it ended with a change in Republican leadership in that chamber.

After former Senate President John Cullerton announced plans to retire in 2019 after 11 years, Sens. Kimberly Lightford, from Maywood, and Don Harmon, from Oak Park, emerged as top contenders to fill the remainder of Cullerton's two-year term. Ultimately, Harmon secured majority support from the Democratic caucus and was elected on Jan. 19 following several hours of behind-the-scenes negotiations. Harmon's fellow Democrats indicated they would back him for another two-year term.

Senate Minority Leader Bill Brady, from Bloomington, announced in early November his plans to step down from Republican leadership in the Senate after three years, and members of the caucus chose Sen. Dan McConchie, from Hawthorn Woods, as

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his replacement.

**Looking ahead**

Despite the pandemic, Illinois voters went to the polls in record numbers in 2020, opting for Democrat Joseph Biden over incumbent Donald Trump by a 58-41 percent margin. Nearly 6.1 million ballots were cast in November – the largest number recorded in Illinois – after lawmakers passed a measure greatly expanding access to mail balloting for the 2020 general election.

Democrats lost one seat in the state House to hold a 73-45 supermajority but gained a seat in the state Senate to hold a 41-18 supermajority.

Republicans scored big wins by defeating Gov. JB Pritzker's proposed constitutional amendment to allow a graduated income tax and by ousting Supreme Court Justice Thomas Kilbride, setting up a GOP effort to take a one-seat majority on the high court in 2022.

Legislatively in 2021, Pritzker and the General Assembly are facing a \$3.9 billion revenue shortfall, due largely to the financial impact of COVID-19 and the failure of the graduated income tax, and they are bracing for difficult choices to cut spending, raise revenue or some combination of both.

Pritzker proposed \$700 million in spending cuts as a "first step." His administration also announced plans to borrow \$2 billion through a federal program to cover revenue losses and unforeseen COVID-19 expenses, but other difficult budget decisions loom.

The state's two main storylines of 2020 – scandal and pandemic – have also contributed to the derailing of a potential massive overhaul of the state's energy landscape. The Clean

Energy Jobs Act and other energy reforms could be near the top of the agenda when lawmakers return for a 2021 session as well.

**Black Caucus agenda**

Initiatives of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus will also be at the top of the state government agenda in 2021. The agenda, aimed at ending systemic racism in Illinois, comes amid the backdrop of massive protests against police brutality and racial inequality, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic that disproportionately infected and killed Black and Latino Americans.

The agenda is split among four pillars of policy: criminal justice reform, violence and police accountability; education and workforce development; economic access, equity and opportunity; and health care and human services.

The effort is partially in response to prolonged social unrest following the May 25 death of George Floyd. That unrest led Gov. Pritzker to deploy the Illinois National Guard to Chicago on May 31.

Meanwhile, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx drew national attention for dropping charges for minor and non-violent offenses for hundreds of protestors, and

President Trump engaged in high-profile disputes of rhetoric with Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Gov. Pritzker over the deployment of federal authorities to Illinois to clamp down on protests.

**Marijuana licensing**

In 2019, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act legalized the sale and use of recreational marijuana in Illinois, and in legalization's first year, sales were expected to reach \$1 billion, yielding more than \$100 million in state and local tax revenue.

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Despite the promise that 75 new licenses would be awarded to social equity applicants in an effort to diversify the industry, the pandemic and a number of lawsuits delayed the process. The state won a lawsuit in November that could allow the program to move forward in 2021.

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**Arthur L. Frisby**

PRINCEVILLE – Arthur Lee Frisby, 89, of Princeville, passed away at 1 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, at UnityPoint Health Methodist in Peoria.

Arthur was born April 19, 1931, in Peoria, the son of Eva Frisby. He was later raised by his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert King. Art married Dolores L. Woertz on June 12, 1960, in Kewanee, Ill.

Arthur was preceded in death by his mother and his foster parents. Surviving are his wife, Dolores of Princeville; half-brother, Guy Bolander; niece, Perrie Bolander; and a nephew, Kenneth Bolander.

Art was a welder and fabricator at Komatsu for 32 years, retiring in 1991. He also farmed and served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

Art had a compassionate heart and enjoyed taking in unwanted dogs and making them part of his family. In younger years, he and Dolores would hitch up the camper and exchange the cold northern winters for the warmer climate of Texas. In more recent years, he enjoyed watching NASCAR and old western movies.

A graveside service and burial was to be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church cemetery. Jim Plattner officiated. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to PAWS, TAPS, or the ARK.

Condolences may be left for Art's family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).



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**John F. Pettit**

ELMWOOD – John F. Pettit, II, 70, of Elmwood, passed away at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, at Unity Point Methodist Hospital, in Peoria, surrounded by his wife and daughters.

John was born on Feb. 23, 1950, in Galesburg, to John F. and Dorothy (Tinkham) Pettit. He married Gerri Barton on Jan. 26, 1973, in Galesburg. She survives.

John is also survived by two children, Tami (Guillermo) Romo of Fortson, Ga., and Meika Claerhout of Elmwood; two brothers, George and Greg Pettit; one sister, Carolyn McLain; and 10 grandchildren: Connor Romo, Lexi Claerhout, Scott Claerhout, Ellie Claerhout, Guillermo Romo, Angela Romo, Liam Pettit, Lucas Romo, Maggie Pettit and Zander Pettit.

John is preceded in death by his parents; two children, Kimi Pettit and SFC (Ret) John F. Pettit, III; and one sister, Dottie Pettit.

John served in the Air Force and was a Vietnam veteran. He also served in the Air National Guard for 27 years retiring at the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. Most recently, John worked at Cabatco in Peoria.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private memorial service will be held with immediate family only at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. Burial with military rites will follow at Elmwood Township Cemetery at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021. All are welcome to attend at the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kimi and SFC (Ret) John Pettit Memorial Scholarship maintained by Elmwood Educational Foundation.

To leave online condolences or to view John's memorial service,



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please visit [www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com](http://www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com).

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

**Marcia L. Reed Little**

OTTAWA – Marcia Lou Reed Little, 90, of Ottawa, Ill., walked into the arms of her Lord and Savior on the morning of Nov. 11, 2020, while at home surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

A visitation was held at Gladfelter-Roetker funeral home on Nov. 21 with a funeral service immediately following the visitation. Pastor Charles Richardson officiated. Burial was at Ottawa Avenue Cemetery.

Marcia was born March 8, 1930, in London Mills, Ill., daughter of Cyril and Bertha (Alpaugh) Reed. She married the love of her life, Robert J. Little on Dec. 26, 1954, in Farmington, Ill. He preceded her in death on Aug. 7, 2019.

She is survived by three children, Jody L. Riebe, Lisa (Frank) Gray, and Mark (Rona) Little; siblings,

Warner (Jane) Reed, Rudy (Mary) Reed, Greta Gay Kumlander, and Alicia Rose (Robert) Aden; five grandchildren, Claire A. Riebe, Ian R. Riebe, Collin R. Gray, Michael (Anna) Gray, and Angela Martin, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by six brothers and three sisters.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education from Western Illinois University in 1952 and was a member of Pi Kappa sorority. She taught at the high school level for several years and later went on to be an Area Sales Manager for World Book Encyclopedia. She also spent many years as the secretary for First Presbyterian Church in Ottawa.

Marcia Lou was a long time member of the Marseilles First Baptist Church where she participated on



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In ancient times cats were worshiped as gods; they have not forgotten this. — Terry Pratchett

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## OBITUARIES

several church committees and served in numerous capacities. More recently she attended First Christian Church in Morris.

She also enjoyed traveling, playing board games, especially Scrabble, solving crossword puzzles, reading, cooking and entertaining her family and friends. Her family was her main focus. Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Feed My Starving Children (740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg IL 60173) or online via FMSC.org.

To share a memory or condolence, please visit [www.gladfelder-roetker.com](http://www.gladfelder-roetker.com) or Gladfelder-Roetker Funeral Home on Facebook.

### Lee E. Zink

**YATES CITY** – Lee E. Zink, 101, the oldest living citizen of Yates City, passed away at 1:57 a.m., on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, at Graham Hospital in Canton. He was born June 12, 1919, in rural Hartford, Kan., to Omer Robert and Minnie Eunice Zink. Lee married Shirley Ann Carey on March 2, 1947, in Canton, Ill., and preceded him in death on March 11, 2001.

Lee was also preceded in death by his great-granddaughter, Kinsley Marie Tomlinson; his parents; Omer Robert Zink; stepdad, Ira Clarence; Minnie Eunice

(Colglazier)(Zink) Bybee; grandparents, James Sherman and Emmaline Melissa (Cline) Zink; Albert Luther and Mary Elizabeth (Walliser) Colglazier; and numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Lee is survived by his daughters, Karen (Dave) Richards and Norma (Larry) Bowhay; granddaughters, Christie McMearty (Danny Terpstra); Lindsey Bowhay (Ron Gill); Stephanie Bowhay (John Tomlinson); great-grandchildren, Angus and Ainsley Terpstra; Faith and Emma Greathouse; Brayden Stevens and



Zink

Karsyn Tomlinson.

Lee's dad, Omer, passed away on Lee's second birthday. He and his mom then moved to Pueblo, Colo. This is where Lee attended kindergarten. It was while they lived here his mom met Ira "Slim" Bybee. They gathered their things and moved to Illinois. Eunice and "Slim" were married, and they all settled on a farm southeast of Farmington, known as the Concord Community. Lee attended the Concord Country Grade School all eight years. Four years later, he graduated from Farmington High School and a member of the Class of 1937.

Following graduation, Lee worked at IH in Canton and on the farm. In 1941, he went into the military and did basic training at Fort Bragg, N.C.; from there, to the 2nd Armored Division Company "B" 14th Field Artillery Battalion, nicknamed "Hell on Wheels." Lee was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., when Pearl Harbor was hit. So, began WWII.

During the years, Lee, as part of "Hell on Wheels", was in Theatre I, the European, and Theatre II, the Mediterranean, the African and Middle Eastern Theatre. Battles and campaigns during this time: Algeria-French Moroccan, Sicilian, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes and the Rhineland.

"Our battalion was in the second wave at Normandy. When we got there, Normandy was already a bloodbath. There were bodies and body parts all over. Some of the guys barely got on the beach; others didn't even make it that far."

"The Hedgerows was another tremendous situation; the enemy was hidden within."

"We were preparing for an attack to break through at Saint-Lo, France, when a terrible thing happened. Our air support dropped their bombs short and devastated our own troops," quotes from Lee's memories. "Some want to know the ins and outs of the whole thing. I've already lived through it once. War is destruc-

tive and devastating. This is why most don't talk about it, especially to any great extent, if at all."

T-5 Zink was presented with the Bronze Star.

A while after he and Shirley were married, Lee got the job as parts manager for John Deere Implement in Yates City. And in doing so, they moved from Canton to Elmwood, and lived there until Dec. 15, 1955. This was the day Lee, Shirley, and Karen moved into their home in Yates City. That was a close call. Baby Norma expected at Christmas, arrived four days later.

Lee broke from John Deere in 1966, and joined Sweeney D-X Gas and Oil Distributorship. Along with delivering gas and oil, Lee also drove a school bus for YCSD. In between, he was a fireman for the Yates City Fire Department. As the years progressed, companies merged, bought, and sold. Sweeney D-X eventually became D-X, Smith Oil took over, then SUNOCO. Lee and Shirley proudly owned and operated Zink Oil Company, and sold SUNOCO products until retirement in 1991.

Lee was a lifetime member of American Legion Post #638, lifetime member of VFW Post #4724, Past Post Commander from 1968 to 1969, and a lifetime member of Masonic Lodge #363.

Lee was a member of the Yates City Faith United Presbyterian Church.

There will be no visitation. A private graveside service with military honors will be held at Elmwood Township Cemetery. Pastor David Pyell will officiate.

Memorial donations may be made to SAMS Rescue, the Elba-Salem Fire Department, or to a worthwhile cause of your choosing.

To leave online condolences or to view Lee's service video, please visit [www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com](http://www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com). Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

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Divine Service: 10 am</p> <p><b>Brimfield E-Free Church</b> Pastor Donald Blasing 11724 Maher Road Brimfield, IL 61517 (309) 446-3571 <a href="http://brimfieldefree.org">brimfieldefree.org</a> Worship: 10:30 am Sunday School: 9:30 am</p>	<p>AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm, ages 3-12</p> <p><b>Brimfield United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Roland Millington 135 S. Galena St., Brimfield (309) 573-1833 Sun. Worship: 9 am Sun. School: 9 am Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm</p> <p><b>Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ</b> Pastor Stephen Barch 105 W. Clay Street, Brimfield (309) 446-3811 <a href="http://brimfieldunionchurch.org">brimfieldunionchurch.org</a> Sunday Worship: 9 am Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm • First Sunday each month is Communion Sunday (gluten-free communion offered) • Youth group meets 2nd Sunday each month, 12:30-2 p.m.</p> <p><b>DAHINDA Dahinda United Methodist Church</b> Reverend Teri Shane 1739 Victoria St., P.O. Box 14 Dahinda, IL 61428 Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Fellowship &amp; Coffee: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:40-11:30 Church: (309) 639-2768 Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389 Email: <a href="mailto:williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com">williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>DOUGLAS Douglas United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Kristine McMillan 484 3rd St. Yates City, IL 61572 (NOTE: Church is in Douglas) Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. (Maquon worship: 10:30 a.m.) <i>Facebook Live is 10:30 at Maquon UM Church page</i></p> <p><b>EDWARDS Bethany Baptist Church</b> 7422 N. Heinz Ln., Edwards (309) 692-1755 <a href="http://bethanycentral.org">bethanycentral.org</a> Sun. Worship 8:30 &amp; 10 am</p> <p><b>St. Mary's Catholic Church</b> Father Joseph Dondanville 9910 W. Knox St., Edwards (309) 691-2030 <a href="http://stmaryskickapoo.org">stmaryskickapoo.org</a> Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm Sat. Mass: 4 pm Sun. Masses: 7 &amp; 11:00 am Mon. Mass: 5:30 pm Daily Masses: Wed-Fri. 8 am</p> <p><b>ELMWOOD Crossroads Assembly of God</b> Pastor Tim Cavallo 615 E. Ash St., Elmwood (309) 830-4259 <a href="http://crossroadselmwood.org">crossroadselmwood.org</a> Wed. Worship: 7 pm Sun. Worship: 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>Elmwood Baptist Church</b> Pastor Bill Cole 701 W. Dearborn St., Elmwood (309) 742-7631, 642-3278 Sunday School: 9:30 am Sun Worship: 10:30 am, 1:15 pm Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 pm</p> <p><b>First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood</b> Reverend Marla B. Bauler 201 W. Evergreen, Elmwood (309) 742-2631 <a href="http://firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org">firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org</a> Sun. Worship: 10:30 am Sun. School: 9:30 am</p> <p><b>St. Patrick's Catholic Church</b> Father Joseph Dondanville 802 W. Main St., Elmwood (309) 742-4921 Sat. Mass: 5:30 pm Sun. Mass: 9 am Tues. Mass: 8 am Tues. Confession: After mass</p> <p><b>United Methodist Church of Elmwood</b> Pastor David Pyell 821 W. Main St., Elmwood (309) 742-7221 <a href="http://elmwoodumc.org">elmwoodumc.org</a> Sun. Worship: 9 am, 10:30 am Youth Sun. School: 9 am Adult Sun. School: 8 am</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON Farmington Bible Church</b> Pastor Tony Severine</p>	<p>497 N. Elmwood Rd. Farmington (309) 245-9870 Sunday School: 9:30 Worship Service: 10:30</p> <p><b>First Presbyterian Church of Farmington</b> Reverend Andy Sonneborn 83 N. Cone Street, Farmington (309) 245-2914 <a href="http://firstpresfarmington.com">firstpresfarmington.com</a> Sunday School: 9:15 am Worship: 10:30 am Fellowship: 11:30 am</p> <p><b>New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God</b> Pastor Tom Wright 1102 N. Illinois Route 78 Farmington (309) 231-8076 Sun. Worship: 10 am Wed. Worship: 7 pm</p> <p><b>PRINCEVILLE Princeville United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Zach Waldis 420 E. Woertz, Princeville (309) 385-4487 <a href="mailto:princevilleumc@mediacombb.net">princevilleumc@mediacombb.net</a> Sun. Worship: 9 am Sunday School: 10:15 am</p> <p><b>St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church</b> Monsignor James Kruse 119 Saint Mary St., Princeville (309) 385-2578 Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm Sat. Mass: 4 pm Sun. Mass: 8 and 9 am Mon.-Sat Daily Mass: 8 am</p> <p><b>WILLIAMSFIELD St. James Catholic Church</b> Father John Verrier Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N Williamsfield (309) 446-3275 <a href="http://stjameswilliamsfield.org">stjameswilliamsfield.org</a> Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 am Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 am in the summer)</p> <p><b>Williamsfield United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Teresa Shane 430 N. Chicago Ave. Williamsfield (309) 639-2389 Sun. School: 9:30 am Hospitality (coffee &amp; finger foods): 10:30 am Sun. Worship: 11 am</p> <p><b>YATES CITY Faith United Presbyterian Church</b> Reverend Marla B. Bauler 107 W. Bishop St., Yates City (309) 358-1170 Worship: 9 am Sun. School: 10:15 am Thurs. Choir: 7 pm</p>
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## OBITUARIES

### Alfredo A. Alcocer

PEORIA – Dr. Alfredo A. Alcocer, 94, of Peoria died on Dec. 18, 2020, at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Dr. Alcocer was born on Sept. 11, 1926, in Peru, South America, the son of Manuel Max and Esther Bolaños (Yañez) Alcocer.

He married Carla Jean Forsberg on June 2, 1956, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Surviving are his wife, Jean Alcocer of Peoria; his children, Paul Alcocer (Susan) of Safety Harbor, Fla., Fred Alcocer (Michelle) of Farmington, Carmen Gibbons (James) of Edmond, Okla., and Chris Alcocer of Safety Harbor, Fla.; and nine grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held later in 2021.

Condolences can be left online at [www.weberhurdfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhurdfuneralhome.com).

### Margaret Buffington

DOUGLAS – Margaret “Maggie” Buffington of Westmont, formerly of Peoria and a native of Douglas, died on Dec. 25, 2020.

She was born Jan. 16, 1925, in Douglas to William and Gladys Willett. She lived in Douglas, Yates City and Peoria before moving to Westmont. Surviving are Wm Buffington Jr. (Lorene Faye), Charles (Laurie), Linda (Thomas) and nine grandchildren.

### Ilene M. Buskirk

GALESBURG – Ilene M. Buskirk, 95, of Galesburg, died on Dec. 22, 2020, in Heartland Health Care Center. She was born March 4, 1925, in Galesburg, the daughter of Henry and Anna M. (Witt) Kell. She married Waverly C. Naslund on July 15, 1944. He preceded her in death. She later married Robert L. Buskirk on May 19, 1978, in Gilson. He also preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son, Larry (Janet) Naslund; a son-in-law, James (Mary Ann) Folger; a very special granddaughter and best friend, Cathie (Jim) Gibbs; other grandchildren, Doug (Tracie) Folger, Darrin Naslund, Kevin Naslund, and Scott Naslund; many great grandchildren; and a great-great granddaughter.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Kathleen Folger; a grandson in infancy, Tony; and siblings, Henry “Spud” Kell, Imogene Howell, Dorothy Larson, William “Murph” Kell, and Benny Kell.

Condolences can be left online at [www.h-p-w.com](http://www.h-p-w.com).

### Melinda K. Duncan

PRINCEVILLE – Malinda K. Duncan, 77, of Peoria, formerly of Princeville, died Dec. 28, 2020, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

She was born on Sept. 9, 1943, in Peoria, to Guy and Betty (Summers)

Womack. She married John Duncan on October 30, 1967; he survives.

Also surviving are five children, Cheryl (Harry) Joyce of Princeville, Rick (Cindy) Duncan of Princeville, Tony Sager of Peoria, Scott (Lori) Duncan of Chillicothe, and Scott (Zina) Sager of Magnolia; two sisters, Sally (Don) Clewell of Peoria, and Gwen (Terry) Senders of Peoria; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Malinda’s family will host a gathering in her memory at a later date.

### Ronald L. Hale

ELMWOOD – Ronald Lee “Ronnie” Hale, 85, formerly of Oquawka and a native of Elmwood, died on Dec. 15, 2020, in Oak Lane Nursing and Rehab in Stronghurst.

He was born Feb. 25, 1935, in Elmwood, the son of Dewey and Naomi (Hall) Hale. He married Margaret Roe on Sept. 2, 1955, in Abingdon. He later married Irene Montgomery on Nov. 5, 1983, in Galesburg.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Irene; three sons, Randell (Cindy) Hale of Alexis, Rodney Hale of Cameron, and Dwayne (Susan) Hale of Horseshoe Bend, Ark.; a step son, James Montgomery of East Galesburg; three grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Cremation will be accorded. A family memorial service will be planned for a later date.

### Mary Woodson-Johnson

GALESBURG – Sister Mary Laine Woodson-Johnson, 74, of Galesburg, died Dec. 28, 2020, at OSF St. Francis Hospital, Peoria.

Sister Mary was born on Jan. 10, 1946. She married Gary Johnson on Oct. 25, 1986.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Johnson; son, Cedric (and Marie) Woodson of Clinton, Iowa; sister, Willa (and Brad) Guidi of Princeville and two grandchildren.

Condolences can be left online at [www.h-p-w.com](http://www.h-p-w.com).

### Harley E. Jones

BRIMFIELD – Harley E. Jones, Jr., 91, of Brimfield, died Dec. 27, 2020 at UnityPoint Health-Methodist in Peoria.

Harley was born on July 14, 1929 in Elmwood, the son of Harley and Clara Louise (Keyser) Jones, Sr. They preceded him in death along with two sisters and a brother. He married Norma June (Porter) on July 18, 1951 in Brimfield. She also preceded him in death on July 27, 2015.

Surviving are his two daughters, Ruth Marie (David) Jones-Partrick of Port Washington, Wisc., and Linda Lou Raineri of Peoria; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Harley was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War.

A service to honor Harley will be held at a later date. Burial will be at the Brimfield Cemetery.

Condolences can be left online at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Sylvia Juraco

FARMINGTON – Sylvia Juraco, 85, of Canton, mother of a Farmington woman, died on Dec. 29, 2020, at Courtyard Estates in Farmington.

She was born on June 15, 1935, in Galesburg, to Joseph A. Sr. and Virginia L. (Urbanc) Sepich.

Sylvia married Matthew James Juraco on Nov. 19, 1955. He preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 1987.

She is survived by eight children, including Martha (Chuck) Davis of Farmington, Margaret Juraco of Joliet, Charles Juraco of Canton, Catherine (Tim) Bartlett of Mt. Pleasant Wisconsin, Edward (Payette) Juraco of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Marianne (Tom) Neidermann of Batavia, Virginia (Richard) Price of Melbourne, Fla. and Caroline Juraco of Canton; one brother; two sister in laws; 10 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held Jan. 2.

Condolences can be left online at [www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com](http://www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com).

### RosaLee Overcash

FARMINGTON – RosaLee Overcash, 91, of Canton, mother of a Farmington man, died Dec. 24, 2020, at Graham Hospital in Canton.

She was born on Nov. 10, 1929, in Liverpool Township to Ross and Bertha (Jump) Harris. RosaLee married George W. Overcash in Fairview on June 6, 1948. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by six children; Terry (John) Lowe of Farmington, Larry (Susan) Overcash of East Peoria, Gloria (John) Davis of Canton, Brenda (John) Baylor of Cuba, Laura (Richard) Sharpshair of Canton and Karla Hulvey of Canton; 24 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

A family funeral service will be held at Foster Cemetery in rural Fairview.

Condolences can be left online at [www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com](http://www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com).

### W. Scott Rogers

FARMINGTON – W. Scott Rogers of East Peoria, father of a Farmington woman, died on Dec. 17, 2020.

Scott is survived by his wife, Donna R. Rogers (née Abbott); and his daughters, Susan (Scott) Smith of Farmington and Jacqueline (Andy) Sible of Seattle, Wash; three grandsons; two sisters; and one brother.

He was born Jan. 29, 1939, in Peoria.

Condolences can be left online at [www.thewiltonmortuary.com](http://www.thewiltonmortuary.com).

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### ◆◆◆ IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, PLAINTIFF  
vs.  
LESLIE B. HARLAND; THE GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS  
NO. 19-CH-00477  
Judge Mark A. Brown  
Address: 1208 West Willow Lane

Peoria, IL 61614

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 26, 2020, I, Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois, will on February 10, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 PM at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Rm B-20, Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the follow-

ing described real estate:

LOT TWENTY (20) IN WILLOW LANE, A SUBDIVISION OF THE MIDDLE TEN (10) ACRES OF THE WEST THIRTY (30) ACRES OF THE NORTH HALF (N1/2) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-NINE (29), TOWNSHIP NINE NORTH (T9N), RANGE EIGHT EAST (R8E) OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COMMON ADDRESS: 1208 West Willow Lane, Peoria, IL 61614  
P.I.N.: 14-29-203-008

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$97,577.05

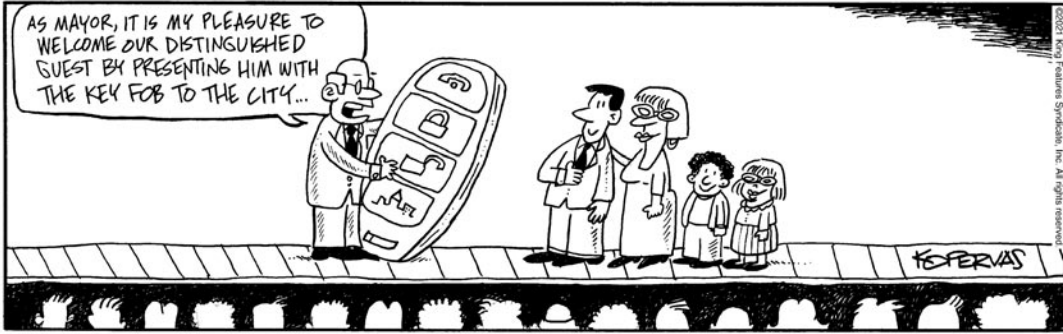
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation

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The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: The poem "O Captain! My Captain!" was written after the death of which president?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the weight of a U.S. quarter?
3. MOVIES: What was the name of the skyscraper in the drama "Die Hard"?
4. TELEVISION: What city was the setting for the sitcom "Mork and Mindy"?
5. SCIENCE: What is the study of knowledge, reality and existence called?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are male blue crabs called?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest point in Japan?
8. FOOD & DRINK: The acai berry is native to which continent?
9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the "Winnie-the-Pooh" book series for children?
10. MEASUREMENTS: What is an angstrom?

Answers

- 1. Abraham Lincoln
2. 0.2 ounces
3. Nakatomi Plaza
4. Boulder, Colorado
5. Philosophy
6. Jimmies
7. Mount Fuji
8. South America
9. A.A. Milne
10. One ten-billionth of a meter, used to measure very small distances

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 10

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

NJ WJXNDJL LNHDC XWLC
SDOD SQOCGNRDI WC UQIC;
LGDP GWYD JQL VQOUQLLDJ
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VIDEOS ON DEMAND

- 1. Wonder Woman 1984 (PG-13)
2. News of the World (PG-13)
3. The Croods: A New Age (PG)
4. Monster Hunter (PG-13)
5. Promising Young Woman (R)
6. Fatale (R)
7. Pinocchio (PG-13)
8. Elf (PG)
9. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG-13)
10. The War with Granpa (PG)

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 19 7555.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC PLAINTIFF

Vs. Samuel A. Gorham; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 20-CH-00167

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/28/2020, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on February 17, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse

324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

THE NORTH 84 FEET OF LOT 9 IN BLOCK 4 OF MCCLURE PLACE, A SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 14-33-258-014 Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 220 E Virginia Ave Peoria, IL 61603

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special

NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, PEORIA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of JOAN K. MCNEELEY, Deceased No. 20 P 00423

Notice is given to creditors of the death of JOAN K. MCNEELEY on December 21, 2020. Letters of Office were issued by the Court to JACQUELINE L. GILLES, 18623 W. Troxell Road, Princeville, Illinois, and FREDERICK ELLIS MCNEELEY, 620 E. Main Street, Princeville, Illinois, as Co-Executors, whose attorney of record is KERRY R. CORDIS, Attorney at Law, 129 N. Walnut Avenue, P. O. Box 445, Princeville, Illinois 61559.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 1st day of July, 2021 or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. 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 the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: December 31, 2020.

JACQUELINE L. GILLES and FREDERICK ELLIS MCNEELEY, Co-Executors of the Estate of JOAN K. MCNEELEY, Deceased

Kerry R. Cordis The Cordis Law Office, LLC Attorney for Co-Executors 129 N. Walnut Avenue P. O. Box 445 Princeville, IL 61559 309/385-4616 Published 12/31/20, 1/7/21, 1/14/21

BY: /s/ Kerry R. Cordis Attorney for Estate

taxes levied against said real estate and 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.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a

common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which

CLAIM NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, PEORIA COUNTY

In Re ESTATE OF SUE E. GILBERT, Deceased. No. 20-P-00429

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of SUE E. GILBERT, on December 13, 2020. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to FREDERICK R. GILBERT, of 19226 West Laura Road, Laura, Illinois 61451, and RAYLENE S. DIPPPEL, of 19224 North Princeville-Jubilee Road, Princeville, Illinois 61559, as Executors, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representatives or both on or before the 16th day of July, 2021 or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. 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 the claimant to the representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies. DATED this 30th day of December, 2020.

FREDERICK R. GILBERT and RAYLENE S. DIPPPEL, Executors of the Estate of SUE E. GILBERT, Deceased.

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## Pages From The Past

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**5 Years Ago**  
 Elmwood CUSD 322 unveiled the new 1.7 million dollar addition to the Junior High School, featuring six new classrooms, a computer lab, a "virtual high school" room, new restrooms and several new storage rooms and closets.  
 Princeville girls basketball coach John Gross earned his 700th career victory as a head coach.  
 The Brimfield boys basketball team moved up to the No. 2 ranking in Class 1A.

**40 Years Ago**  
 A starter set of 25 silver bells was dedicated at the United Methodist Church of Williamsfield by Rev. Jack Talmage.

**50 Years Ago**  
 David Korth of Elmwood and 13 other farmers have been named to receive Ford Motor company's 1971 Ford Farm Efficiency Awards.  
 A group of 56 area middle school students spent the week at the Journal Star Plant in Peoria following a two-week study of the newspaper industry.

Dr. Robert Whitney opened a veterinary clinic in Peoria.

**70 Years Ago**  
 The McGuire Shoe Repair Shop in Elmwood has the newest thing in a stapling machine which makes it possible for your shoes to be repaired while you wait.  
 Skating on the Spoon River was especially popular this week, as large groups of people were spotted up and down the river.

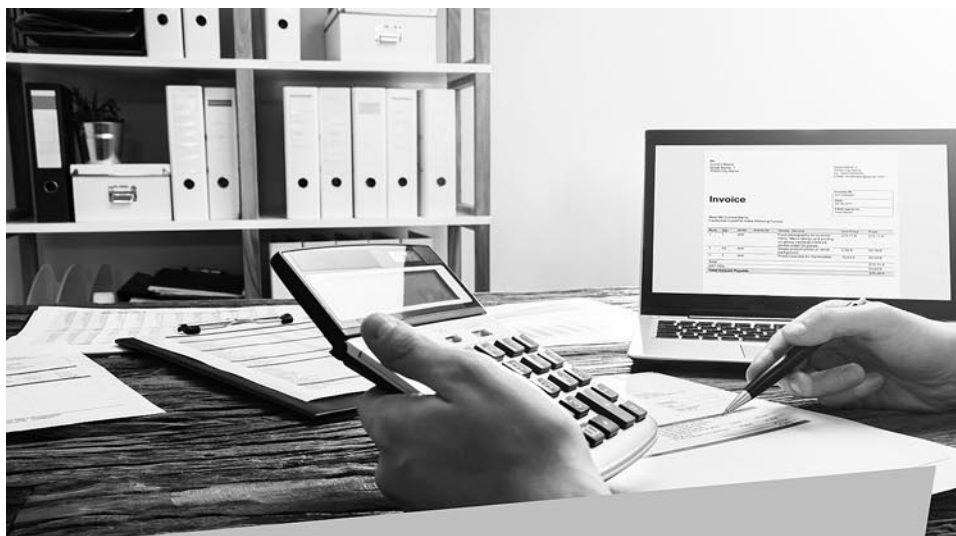
**90 Years Ago**  
 A new bridge spanning the Spoon River at Trenton Hill was completed.  
 A 12-pound red fox was shot near Laura.  
 A 395-acre farm near Williamsfield sold at an average price of \$20 per acre.  
 The merger of Hedding College in Abingdon and Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington was official. Hedding carried to Wesleyan an endowment fund of \$152,000.  
 The Illinois River was at its lowest stage, 8.6 feet, since July of 1811. Old sandbars and landmarks

familiar only to the oldest navigators appeared during the summer and fall.

**105 Years Ago**  
 Illinois led all other states in the amount contributed to support the government in way of internal revenue taxes.

**115 Years Ago**  
 The Elmwood Coal Company now has over 100 men on its payroll.  
 A total of 21 new members were added to the Elmwood Fire Department, bumping the number of members on the fire department to 60 members.

**120 Years Ago**  
 The railroad strike ended and Laura Station now has an agent both day and night. Plenty of cars shipping grain passed through and everything was back to running smoothly.  
 Wallick Brothers of Williamsfield is offering bargain prices. Eight bars of Santa Claus soap for 25 cents, a gallon of syrup for 25 cents and men's shoes for \$1.



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## Beware of COVID vaccine scams

CHICAGO – Attorney General Kwame Raoul is urging residents throughout Illinois to be on alert for scams related to the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine.

As the general public begins to receive doses of the vaccines manufactured by Pfizer and Moderna, Raoul's office is cautioning people to be alert for scams and theft of personally-identifiable information.

"People should be wary of anyone who offers the vaccine or promises priority access to the vaccine or a COVID-19 cure in exchange for money," Raoul said.

"Currently, there is a limited amount of vaccine in Illinois and in the U.S.," said Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Because of the limited amount of vaccine, we want people to be aware of potential scammers who may ask you to pay out of pocket to get the vaccine, who offer to give you early access to the vaccine, or offer to ship you vaccine for payment."

The vaccine's distribution is being overseen by Illinois public health officials, and it is currently available in limited quantities. Residents will be able to receive the vaccine only through a designated health clinic. No one can pay to put their names on a distribution list or purchase early access to the vaccine.

Consumers should also be aware that Medicare or Medicaid will not call seniors or residents to proactively offer the COVID-19 vaccine.

Here are some tips to avoid scams:

- Do not buy any kind of COVID-19 vaccine or treatment on the internet or from an online pharmacy. You should not have to pay any amount of money out of pocket in order to receive the vaccine. Everyone eventually will be able to receive the vaccine.
- Ignore online, phone, and text offers for the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Report solicitations from telemarketers, text messages and social media platforms, as well as door-to-door visits. You can file a consumer complaint with the Illinois Attorney General's office.
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**Appointments may be made by contacting the SEAPCO office 309-697-0880 ext. 3**

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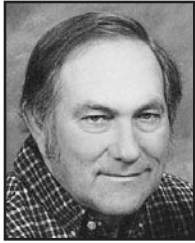
# Grandpa and whitetails

When I was a kid, my Mom, Dad and I shared one dwelling with three rooms for us and two other rooms for my Grandpa and Grandma.

I often went to watch Grandpa shave. He used fresh lather and a straight razor. When he was finished, I would say, "Tell me about the old days."

I always liked the one where he tricked his brother, Ernie, into digging out a groundhog that was really a skunk.

One of Grandpa's favorite memories as a boy was when he came face-to-face with a buck deer. The whitetail deer was nearly extinct around the turn of that century. Grandpa was born in 1880 and passed in 1963.



**T-Bone FARQUER**

When his folks butchered beef or pork they would hang it high in the trees to keep the wolves from getting at the meat. Grandpa said that with the smell of fresh blood the wolves would howl all night.

I was probably five when Grandpa gave me my first hunting and tracking lesson. A fresh coat of snow covered the ground that morning. We crossed the road alongside our house and headed for the bayou.

He found a track and said, "You know what that is boy?"

I shrugged my shoulders. "That's a rabbit track son and on the other end of it is supper," he said.

We hunted about 10 minutes and he shot two rabbits and we went back to the house. There were probably 30 rabbits where we were that morning, but I thought Grandpa was the best tracker ever.

One day in 1956, my Dad and I spotted two yearling deer in an alfalfa field. He

stopped and we watched them for a long time. Dad was born in 1911 and it was the first deer he had ever seen.

Gene Parrish and I started deer hunting in 1963. I did not get one that year, but I have been successful every year since. Deer were not plentiful and it would be 1971 before I shot my first buck.

In the early 1960s, rabbits were abundant (no coyotes). Dad and I would go rabbit hunting every Thanksgiving morning. We would usually have our limit of 10 rabbits before Mom had put the turkey in the oven. Quail were also thick back then.

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My Grandfather has this dog named Wolf. Old Wolf did not look like much, but he was smart. Grandpa said if he went to the woods with a .22 rifle, Wolf would tree squirrels. If he took his "long tom" shotgun, Wolf would chase rabbits.

So one day, Grandpa tried to trick him and took a fishin' pole. Wolf disappeared for a while and Grandpa said he finally found him behind the coal house. Wolf had found a can and was digging fishing worms.

I am not sure about Grandpa's story about "Wolf," but the people of his generation were astonishing. Think of it. Some of that generation saw the first horseless carriage and also witnessed man walking on the moon.

*Terry "T-Bone" Farquer is a Williamsfield-based hunter and writer.*



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