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# Schools look to metrics to determine learning models

The following information was released by McHenry County on Thursday, Oct. 22.

McHenry County is experiencing a rapid increase in cases suggesting “substantial” community transmission of COVID-19.

The school metrics used to better inform superintendents about when to transition between virtual, hybrid and in-person learning models are indicating that schools should consider returning to virtual learning. The school metrics are only used to advise student learning models and is not intended to determine school personnel policies.

Under the plan developed by McHenry County Department of Health and participating superintendents, school metrics used to assist school officials indicate a transition to the next learning model once all four metrics meet their respective evaluation criteria (which can be found in the interim guidance from MCDH).

In addition to using the school metrics, local school district leadership consider other factors, including infrastructure, staffing and requirements laid out in Part 3 – Transition Joint Guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) when deciding transitions between learning models.

Currently, three of the four metrics used to make a transition determination indicate a return to a previous learning model.

“Our data are showing a rapid increase in cases compared to previous weeks,” said Ryan Sachs, epidemiologist for the McHenry County Department of Health. “Sharp increases like we’re seeing are an early indicator of increased community spread.”

On Oct. 8, the seven-day rolling average daily incidence rate, or new case rate, in McHenry County exceeded 14 cases per 100,000 population. Since then, the rate has risen sharply to over 25 cases per 100,000 population. The metric is considered to have met the criteria for the previous learning model when it has met the threshold for at least 7 of the last 10 days.

Under the McHenry County School Metrics plan, school learning model recommendations are based on the seven-day rolling average daily incidence rate as follows:

- Substantial community transmission = >14 cases per 100,000 population = Virtual learning model

- Moderate community transmission = ≥7 and ≤14 cases per 100,000 population = Hybrid learning model

- Minimal community transmission = <7 cases per 100,000 population = In-person learning model

Testing positivity has also exceeded the 8 percent threshold for hybrid learning. MCDH previously calculated the statistic using methodology originally used by IDPH. Due to changes in the state’s methodology that resulted in differences in reported numbers, MCDH opted to use the State’s number to avoid further confusion.

The IDPH uses its own data, not those calculated by the local health departments, when assessing its target metrics and requiring mitigation. As a result of this change, McHenry County exceeded the positivity rate beginning the week of Oct. 13.

The weekly count of new cases increase metric also shows an increase for all cases and has met the criteria for the previous learning model. MCDH reported 207 cases for the week of Sept. 27, followed by an increase to 313 cases during the week of Oct. 4.

Many of the surrounding counties and the state as a whole are seeing a surge in cases. With the current trends, MCDH expects to see a slower decline to a return to metrics that meet the targets.

“Public health experts have advised us on the direction our region is heading,” said Dan Johnson, superintendent for Johnsburg School District 12. “Communicating with our districts’ families and staff as community spread increases is critical to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our school family. We will continue to keep our families updated as we learn more about this rapidly changing situation.”

“The schools are environments in which extensive mitigation measures have been put in place to keep staff and students safe. When the students and staff leave school and go into their communities or neighborhoods, such mitigation measures may not be so comprehensive,” said Susan Karas, director of Public Health Nursing for the McHenry County Department of Health. “Everyone needs to wear

the mask, watch your distance and wash your hands, but the other side to limiting community spread is cooperating with case investigators and contact tracers by answering the call from 312-777-1999 – COVID CONTACT.

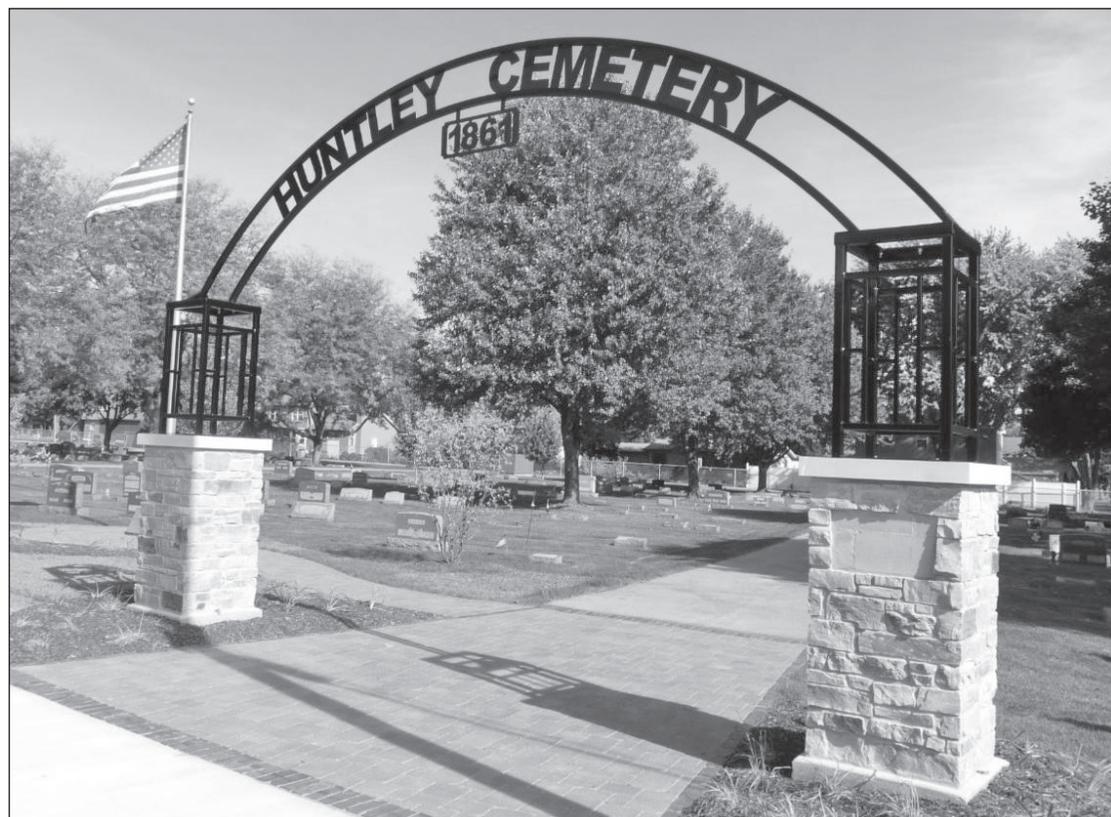
“We owe it to those closest to us and to the community at large to participate in case investigations so the health department can alert close con-

tacts of their exposure, and reduce the likelihood of inadvertently infecting others.”

The McHenry County School Metrics Dashboard is updated daily Monday through Friday between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and includes charts for the seven-day rolling average daily incidence rate, test positivity and COVID-19-Like Illnesses (CLI). A graph also

containing the weekly count of new cases increase is updated Fridays between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and includes data from the previous week.

Visit MCDH’s COVID-19 website for updates, testing information and other resources. General questions regarding McHenry County School metrics can be sent via email to health@mchenrycountyil.gov.



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## Cemetery cleanup

Cleanup and seasonal maintenance will take place beginning Monday, Nov. 2, in the Huntley Cemetery. Please remove all gravesite decorations from your loved ones gravesite area prior to Nov. 1. Decorations that remain in place after Nov. 1 will be removed by the village. Shepherd hooks may remain by the headstone if used for a winter decoration. Decorations on and around gravesites have become excessive and many are in violation of the Village of Huntley Code of Ordinances regarding cemetery and columbarium rules. These rules may be found on the village website. Decorations may be replaced following the spring cleanup; however, decorations placed on or around the gravesite must conform to the Code of Ordinances or they will be removed. Spring cleanup will take place the first week of April 2021. Thank you for your assistance in clearing the Huntley Cemetery in preparation for the winter cleanup. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rita McMahon, village clerk, at rcmahon@huntley.il.us or 847-515-5261.

## Huntley happenings

- Oct. 31: Halloween: Trick or Treat Hours 3-8 p.m. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) are providing guidance to allow for safe Halloween celebrations: [www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/halloween-guidance](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/halloween-guidance); and [www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/halloween-guidance](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/halloween-guidance).

- Honoring Our Veterans: Veteran’s Day Collection Event and Ceremony Sunday, Nov. 8, Huntley Veteran’s Memorial. Collection event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Veteran’s Day Ceremony at 10 a.m.

Join us in honoring our veterans by helping to stock the shelves at New Horizons (a transitional living program for homeless veterans). Follow the links at [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us) for a list of items to donate.

- Indoor Farmers Market begins Nov. 14: Please join us on the second Saturday of each month from November through May to continue getting the freshest veggies, local honey, meats, delicious homemade items and more. We’re located inside (and some outside) the Legion Hall (11712 Coral St.) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Face masks must be worn and social distancing followed.

Volunteers of University of Illinois Extension’s Master Gardener program were recognized at a virtual awards ceremony Oct. 2. The annual awards ceremony recognizes the work of the 2,700 volunteers who provide horticulture-related assistance to their communities.

“The 2020 awards ceremony looked a little different than previous years,” said Candice Hart, master gardener state specialist. “Recognizing volunteers who go above and beyond is an important part of our program and it was more important than ever to make it happen this year.”

Master gardeners are adults of all ages who love gardening and volunteer with Illinois Extension offices in

their county to provide educational horticulture information. In 2019, 2,719 master gardeners donated 189,392 hours answering questions, leading programs and volunteering at community garden projects.

Local Illinois Extension staff also presented winners with certificates, pins and plaques, and lawn signs were delivered to their homes. Some staff even organized watch parties and local parades as a special tribute to award winners.

“Our volunteers contribute so much to their communities by helping others learn to grow and we appreciate their hard work and dedication today and every day,” Hart said. Awards were given in three cat-

egories: Outstanding State Master Gardener, Sustained Excellence, and Teamwork.

In 2020, 29 volunteers received the Outstanding State Award. This award honors volunteers with an exemplary breadth and depth of involvement in the program. Only 1 percent to 2 percent of active master gardeners are recognized annually.

The Sustained Excellence Award recognized 11 previous Outstanding State Award winners in 2020 for their continued dedication to the program for developing in their master gardener career with new responsibilities and initiatives.

See HONORED, Page 7

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE**

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed 2020 property tax levy increase for Illinois Community College District #523 will be held on November 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Kishwaukee College.  
  
Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact  
Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President or  
Jill Hansen, Chief Financial Officer,  
Kishwaukee College, Malta, Illinois, 60150,  
815-825-2086, extension 9334 or 9517.
- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2019 were \$11,086,825. The proposed corporate and special purposes property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$11,934,648. This represents a 7.6% increase from the previous year.
- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 were \$4,420,406. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public commission leases for 2020 are \$4,503,586. This represents a 1.9% increase from the previous year.
- IV. The total property taxes extended for 2019 were \$15,507,231. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$16,438,234. This represents a 6.0% increase from the previous year.

Kathleen Spears

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# Additional COVID-19 resurgence mitigations take effect in Region 1

Region 1 Advances to Tier 2 Mitigations as region reports 11.9 percent rolling positivity rate; state surpasses 7 million tests, now averaging 70,000 tests per day.

Gov. Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) are announcing additional COVID-19 mitigation efforts that will be implemented in Region 1, Northwestern Illinois, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25. After mitigation efforts initially took effect in Region 1 on Oct. 3, the positivity rate has remained the highest in the state, with the region reporting an 11.9 percent rolling positivity rate on Thursday, Oct. 22.

Region 1 has been under Tier 1 of the state's resurgence mitigation

plan since Oct. 3, after seeing a seven-day rolling average test positivity rate of eight percent or above for three consecutive days. Beginning Oct. 25, Northwestern Illinois will face additional mitigations, such as a tighter gathering cap of 10 individuals rather than 25 and new table caps of six rather than 10 when eating out. Region 1 includes Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago counties.

"We've said all along that if things don't start to turn around after two weeks in Tier 1, we can add more stringent measures to help usher in the progress we need to see to get things more open again," said Governor JB Pritzker. "That is now the case

in Region 1, which has seen its positivity rise by nearly two points since Oct. 14 alone. Region 1, bordering Wisconsin and Iowa, carries the additional responsibility of navigating a situation where the massive surge of cases in our neighboring states will continue to have a spillover effect. There is no easy fix. So as colder weather comes upon us - and brings flu season along with it - it's imperative that we take extra caution and extra care. Because at the end of the day, this is bigger than you. This is about all of us, and the communities we call home. We have to take care of each other."

"We know that people and communities need to work together to lower viral spread and reduce the number of new cases being diagnosed," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike.

See MITIGATIONS, Page 4

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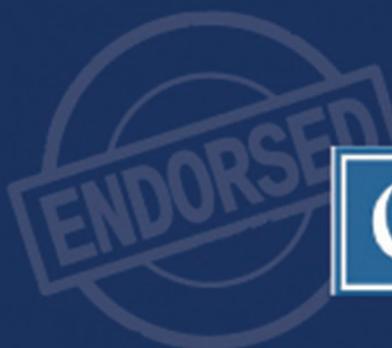
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(From left to right) Matt Scharz and David Bareham of Enbridge, Sen. Dave Syverson, Rep. Joe Sosnowski, Dan Zaccard, and Sheriff Dave Ernest with the donated truck.

# Enbridge donates truck to Boone County Sheriff's Dept.

By Anne Eickstadt  
EDITOR

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. the Boone County Sheriff's Office received a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado truck, complete with box and lift, from local energy transportation company Enbridge. The vehicle donation will be assigned to the Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and will replace the agency's 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe.

One of the primary uses of this vehicle is pulling the MABAS rescue/recovery boats, which are used throughout the region for emergency search and rescue purposes. The vehicle will also be used by law enforcement personnel during major snow events.

"We will put the sonar unit in the

front box," said Fire District #2 Firefighter Rodney Kampfranz, EMA Water Rescue team leader. "We have already measured it. We will carry the mustang suits in the larger box."

"We realize that when an emergency strikes," said Emily Cutka, Senior Community Engagement adviser at Enbridge, "You need to be ready. We're here to celebrate the work that Dan Zaccard and the Boone County EMA is doing."

"This partnership started when Matt Schwarz [of Enbridge] and I discussed the need for a new vehicle," said Dan Zaccard, Boone County EMA director. Now we can retire the 1999 vehicle we've been using."

"We're very excited to receive this four-wheel-drive Chevy from En-

bridge," said Sheriff Dave Ernest. "It will replace the two-wheel-drive truck we have and will be used to pull the EMA rescue boats in Boone County and around the area."

"This is huge for the community. We'll be able to reach areas we couldn't get to. Our volunteers go all over with the EMA search and rescue team. We'd be lost without our volunteers."

"A couple months ago we reached out to Enbridge and told them what our needs were. They came up with a vehicle. We are very blessed to have this. It is awesome to have a company like Enbridge in Boone County. They take care of the Belvidere Police Department and the Boone County Sheriff's Department. They are very good

partners to have."

Enbridge Area Manager David Bareham said, "I cover the Indiana and Illinois area for Enbridge and I can give away two vehicles this year. This is one of them."

Sen. Dave Syverson and Rep. Joe Sosnowski attended the donation event and gave their sincere thanks to Enbridge for supporting Boone County EMA and law enforcement. "Enbridge has always been there when we needed a partner."

## About Enbridge

Enbridge Inc. is North America's premier energy infrastructure company with strategic business platforms that include an extensive network of crude oil, liquids and natural gas pipelines, regulated natural gas distri-

bution utilities and renewable power generation.

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Enbridge also has interests in more than 2,500 MW of net renewable generating capacity in North America and Europe. The Company has ranked on the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations index for the past decade. Information about Enbridge Pipelines can be found at [www.enbridge.com](http://www.enbridge.com).

# Return to in-person education crucial for students, families

At the Oct. 19 Board of Education meeting for Belvidere District No. 100, board members Karla Maville, Holly Houk and Allison Reid-Niemiec all voted against a measure to begin in-person instruction for elementary students and special education students.

When North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200 was presented with a similar opportunity to begin phased in-person learning at its board of education meeting on Sept. 22, board members Joe Haverly, Mary Maxey, Lisa Leden and Ed Mulholland voted against the measure. These board members voted "no" even after hearing impassioned pleas from district parents indicating that their students are suffering in a remote learning platform.

Further, at the Oct. 6 North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200 Board of Education meeting, Mary Maxey continued to vote against a modified Phase 1 re-entry plan which

allowed 5th through 8th IEP students to return to in-person learning on an A/B schedule, Pre-K A/B cohorts by week, and half day kindergarten four days per week to return to school on Oct. 19.

Following the release of this information, Village President Owen Costanza issued the following statement:

"As Village President for the Village of Poplar Grove, I continue to be disheartened by the slow progression of Belvidere School District 100 and North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200 in returning our students to an in-person learning model. Nearly every day, I am hearing concerns from Village residents regarding the long-term detrimental effects and the stress that the current model is having on students and their families.

"It is patently unacceptable that many of our neighboring communities were able to prepare for a safe in-person or partial in-person learning envi-

ronment for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year and yet our Districts continue to struggle with even entering Phase 1 of an in-person re-entry plan. We pay the same taxes, we have the same jobs, we have the same concerns as neighboring communities and yet our Boards of Education have failed to provide a safe, viable plan to return our students to in-person instruction.

"Rockford Public School District No. 205 currently offers all parents a choice between in-person learning and remote learning for elementary, middle, and high school students and offers an A/B day schedule for in-person learning at the middle and high school. As a result of this model, the Winnebago County Health Dept. has not reported any significant issues at Rockford Public School District No. 205 due to their opening, offering further support that the sky will not fall if we allow students to return to in-person learning.

"Contrary to the opinions expressed by the Boone County Public Health Dept. there is no scientific proof that, with appropriate precautions and preventative measures, our students cannot return to at least a partial in-person learning platform. Credible evidence simply does not exist which would suggest that schools are significant sources of spreading COVID-19. Our students and community members deserve to be afforded the same rights and privileges as their peers in neighboring school

districts.

"As Village President, I will continue to support and push for a safe and effective re-entry plan for our students to return to in-person learning. I applaud Belvidere 100 Board members Heather Sell-Wick, Jorge Herrera, and Robert Torbert and District 200 board members Brian Haselhorst, Tom Kinser and Carl Rudy for their continued support of returning to an in-person learning platform and for putting our students, families, and communities first."

# Syverson issues statement on additional mitigations for Region 1

On Oct. 22, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health announced additional mitigations for Region 1. State Sen. Dave Syverson (R-Rockford) issued the following statement criticizing their actions:

"The overreaching restrictions IDPH placed on Region 1 weeks ago targeted restaurants and bars, and the end result was it did nothing to decrease the positivity rates in the area. In fact, while business owners lost revenue and employees' jobs were put

at risk due to the new restrictions, positivity rates actually went up.

IDPH's own data shows that restaurants and bars are not the major problem. However, they are most easily controlled. Meanwhile, huge companies, like Amazon who have had thousands of cases, have no actions being taken against their operations. Restaurants and bars have gone out of their way to make their businesses safe for their patrons. If a business owner is not following the rules, then the health department should deal with that spe-

cific facility instead of punishing all restaurants in northern Illinois.

I appreciate the governor's desire to keep Illinois residents safe, but I believe he's getting bad advice from people who are addressing this issue with theories rather than common sense and science. The state needs to rethink its mitigation plan to focus on protecting those at risk and holding those who are violating the rules accountable. In the meantime, the rest of the region shouldn't be pulled backwards."

## Death notices

- Oct. 13**  
Gerald Brockman, 69; Thomas Bauer, 64
- Oct. 15**  
Deborah Landmeier, 68; Wendy Jo Tilicke, 63
- Oct. 16**  
Mary Brady, 90; Marjorie Marcus, 87
- Oct. 18**  
Jeffrey Bowman, 58; Deborah Marcus, 59; Frances Cohen, 73
- Oct. 20**  
Barbara Schultz, 86
- Oct. 21**  
Lawrence Jennings, 72; Steven Bushor, 68
- Oct. 22**  
Kevin Knox, 61; Brenda Allgood, 55
- Oct. 23**  
Julie Brunner, 63
- Oct. 24**  
Jo Ann Aufmann, 71
- Oct. 25**  
Jo Ann Bergen, 93; Donald Karr, 86

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## Obituary

### LEATRICE J. JUNKER

Mrs. Leatrice Junker, born Oct. 20, 1927, daughter of Stanley and Lillian Brown, passed away Sept. 27, 2020 in Port Washington, Wis., at the age of 92 years.

Leatrice married Marvin Junker and they spent most of their lives together in Belvidere, then Poplar Grove. He preceded her in death in

2002. She later moved to Wisconsin to be closer to family.

Mrs. Junker enjoyed music and dancing. She spent many years working at Ace Hardware in Belvidere where she developed lifelong friendships.

She is survived by son Bruce and daughter-in-law Jeanne who reside in Newburg, Wis. She is preceded in

death by husband Marvin and daughter Barbara Junker.

Leatrice was laid to rest beside her husband and daughter in Belvidere Cemetery following a private service.

The Eernisse Funeral Home of Port Washington, Wis. assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [www.eernissefuneralhome.com](http://www.eernissefuneralhome.com).

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Richard E. Deming, 1058 Rock Rose Ct., Belvidere, IL 61008  
Jean Walter, 9347 Steeplebush, Belvidere, IL 61008  
Kay Wadsworth, 9142 Meadowsweet Dr., Belvidere, IL 61008

SIGNED:  
*RICHARD E. DEMING*  
Dated 10/7/2020  
*JEAN M. WALTER*  
Dated 10/7/2020  
*KAY M. WADSWORTH*  
Dated 10/7/2020

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 7th day of October, A.D. 2020.  
*JULIE A. STAPLER*  
COUNTY CLERK  
By *SHERRY L. BLAUERT*  
DEPUTY  
KELLI RAWHOOF  
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 17TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF BOONE

In the Matter of  
the Estate of  
RUTH M. ANDERSON,  
deceased.

Case No. 20-P-59  
CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of RUTH M. ANDERSON, of 17078 Route 76, Boone County, Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065, on August 4, 2020. Letters of Office were issued on August 31, 2020, to DANIEL ANDERSON of 7981 Rockton Road, Village of Roscoe, Illinois 61073 as independent executor, whose attorney is DEBORAH S. LOOS, P.C., by Deborah S. Loos, 130 South State Street, Suite 210, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 5/28-4 of the Probate Act 755 ILCS 5/28-4 (1992), an interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, at 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 15, 2021, which date is not less than six (6) months from the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or

before that date is barred.

Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: October 8, 2020  
DANIEL ANDERSON  
Independent Executor  
DEBORAH S. LOOS, P.C.  
Deborah S. Loos, #6206092  
Attorney at Law  
130 South State Street;  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 17TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO

In the Matter of  
the Estate of  
GEORGIA L. MCLAIN,  
Deceased.

Case No. 20 P 318  
NOTICE OF PROBATE  
AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of GEORGIA L. MCLAIN. Letters of Office were issued on September 3, 2020, to TIMOTHY L. MCLAIN, 2315 S. 5th St., Rockford, Illinois, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is THERESA L. CAMPBELL, 728 N. Main Street, Rockford, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before March 3, 2021, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the office of the Winnebago County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division at the Winnebago County Courthouse, 500 West State Street, Rockford, Illinois, or with the estate legal executor or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office - Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate's legal representative and to his/her attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: 10/08/2020  
/s/TIMOTHY L. MCLAIN,  
Administrator  
Theresa L. Campbell  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE SEVENTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE

LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
JACKIE M. JONES et al  
Defendant

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## • Mitigations

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"I urge people in Region 1 to look at their activities and what they can do to reduce spread. Consider postponing having people over to your home for a celebration, make sure you are distancing from other people, and wear your mask anytime you're around others."

For Region 1, additional mitigation measures taking effect Oct. 25 include the following:

**Bars and Restaurants**

- Reduce party size from 10 to six individuals

**Meetings, Social Events and Gatherings**

- Maximum indoor/outdoor gathering size of 10 individuals
- Applicable to professional, religious, cultural and social group gatherings
- Not applicable to students participating in-person classroom learning
- This does not reduce the overall facility capacity dictated by general business guidance, such as office, retail, etc.
- Not applicable to sports.

**Indoor recreation**

- Maintain lesser of 25 people/25 percent of capacity
- No groups more than 10 individuals
- Does not apply to fitness

These mitigations do not apply to schools or polling places.

In response to the rising test positivity rate across the state, the administration continues to strengthen its nation-leading testing operation. Illinois is now averaging over 70,000 tests per day and today the administration reported surpassing seven million total tests. Testing is readily available throughout the state, as it remains a critical step to reduce the spread of the virus, given that a positive test result begins the contact tracing process to prevent further spread in Illinois' communities. To find the nearest testing center, please visit [DPH.Illinois.gov/Testing](http://DPH.Illinois.gov/Testing).

In the coming days, IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in Region 1 to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigation should remain in place.

IDPH has been working closely with local health departments in Region 1 to provide education to the public and offer information to businesses and organizations on safe ways to reopen. The administration has also provided guidance to retail stores, restaurants, offices, and businesses, as well as guidelines for outdoor events, sports, and recreation. The significance of face coverings, social distancing, and hand washing have been continuously emphasized by the administration throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Monday, Oct. 19, the administration announced Tier 1 COVID-19 resurgence mitigations will be implemented in Region 5, in Southern Illinois, beginning Oct. 22. On Tuesday, the administration announced Tier 1 resurgence mitigations will be implemented in Region 7 (Will and Kankakee counties) and Region 8 (Kane and DuPage counties), beginning Oct. 23. These regions are seeing a seven-day rolling positivity rate of eight percent or above for three consecutive days, which exceeds the threshold set for establishing mitigation measures under the state's Restore Illinois Plan. Currently, four of the 11 public health regions have now triggered the state's failsafe state-action metric.

# BNHS broadcasts iconic show 'The War of the Worlds'

By Anne Eickstadt  
EDITOR

Belvidere North High School Theater, pandemically deprived of its usual in-person audience, will be performing Orson Welles' "The War of the Worlds." First broadcast in 1938, "The War of the Worlds" caused hysterical panic as people listened to a "news" broadcast describing aliens overrunning Earth.

This is how it came to be:  
"By the end of October 1938, Welles's Mercury Theatre on the Air had been on CBS for 17 weeks. A

low-budget program without a sponsor, the series had built a small but loyal following with fresh adaptations of literary classics. But for the week of Halloween, Welles wanted something very different from the Mercury's earlier offerings.

"I had conceived the idea of doing a radio broadcast in such a manner that a crisis would actually seem to be happening," Orson Welles said, "and would be broadcast in such a dramatized form as to appear to be a real event taking place at that time, rather than a mere radio play." Various works of science fic-

tion were discussed before they settled on H.G. Wells' 1898 novel, "The War of the Worlds." (*Smithsonian Magazine*, May 6, 2015)

No one involved in adapting the book into a radio broadcast thought it believable in any way and they were positive that the Mercury Theatre would be laughed off the air. The scriptwriter found the story "dull and dated."

"Just between us, it's lousy," one actor said, "the broadcast would probably bore you to death." And the rehearsal "was an unmitigated disaster."

To improve it, the sound effects crew

scrambled to find "realistic" effects and Orson Welles made last minute script changes to make it sound more like a news broadcast, both of which added to the believability of the show.

They never once thought their performance would cause widespread hysteria. It was only a radio Halloween play after all. But the broadcast is still remembered to this day.

This Halloween, in 2020, BNHS Performing Arts is celebrating the season with a unique, live-streamed performance of this iconic broadcast. Tickets are only \$5 and \$10 for families

(with 48 hour playback available).

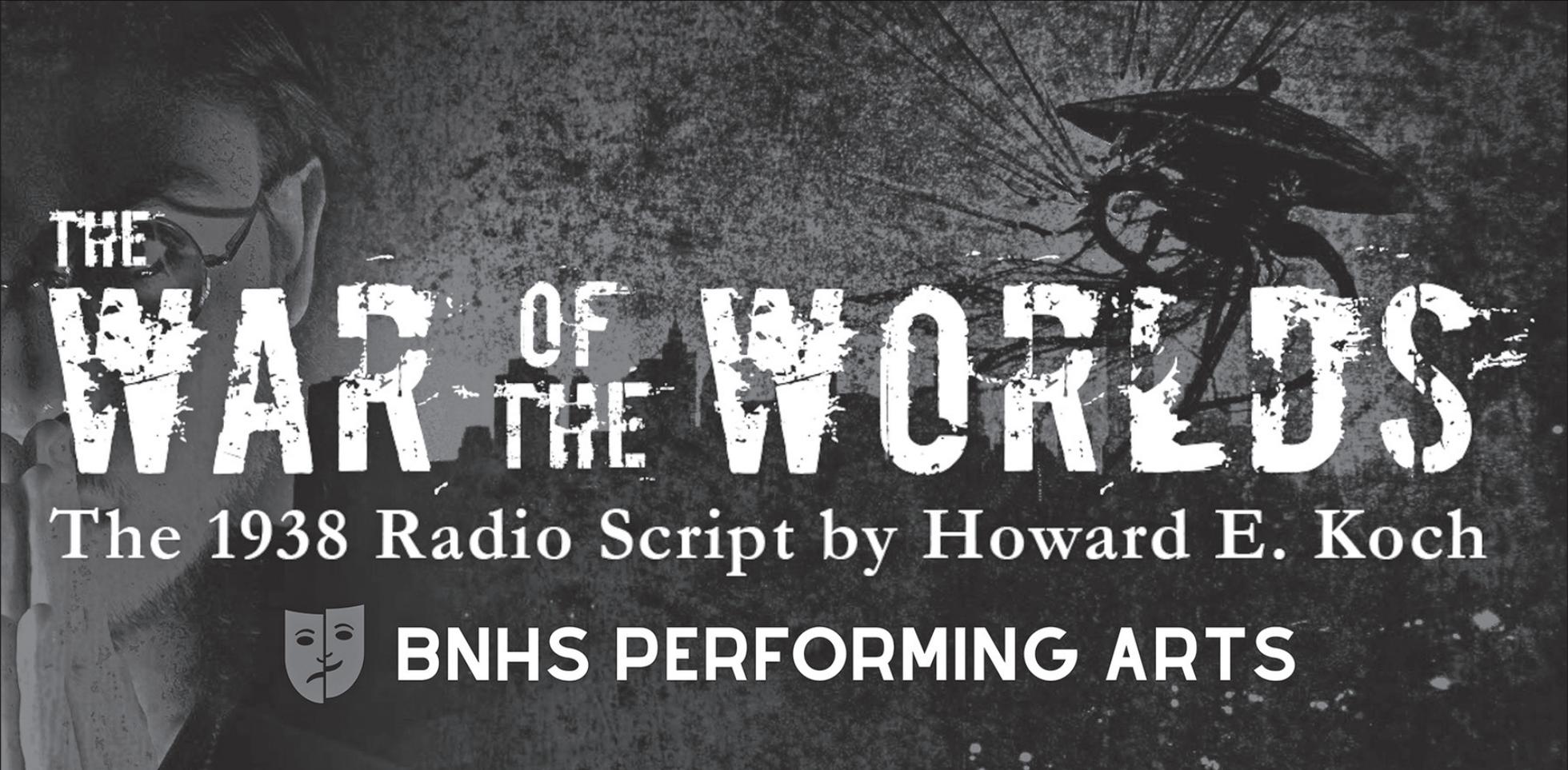
For tickets on Friday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m. visit: [bit.ly/WoWOct30](https://bit.ly/WoWOct30).

For tickets on Saturday, Oct. 31, 7 p.m. visit: [bit.ly/WoWOct31](https://bit.ly/WoWOct31).

Purchasing tickets is a little different than usual.

"The licensing companies have not made it easy for us," said Mr. Zimmerman, "since we have to provide the broadcast through the website BroadwayOnDemand."

Just a reminder – there is not a real invasion occurring, so snuggle in, stay calm, and enjoy the performance.



## U.S. Representative Cheri Bustos earns Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR endorsement



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"Congresswoman Bustos undertook multiple efforts in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress to fight for Illinois agriculture. Most notably, Congresswoman Bustos was instrumental in arranging a private, in-person meeting between IFB President Rich Guebert and U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. **This meeting was an invaluable experience which helped move the needle forward on the eventual passing of the United States Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA).**"

"At the request of Illinois Farm Bureau, Representative Bustos signed onto multiple letters ranging in topics such as, USDA's performance on the 2019 crop report, request for Section 319 funding for a multi-county nutrient loss reduction strategy project in the Mississippi North priority watershed, request to delay the payment deadline for crop insurance premiums and critiques of the U.S. EPA's misuse of Small Refinery Exemptions."



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# Gun owners frustrated with FOID application backlog

## Despite rule extending expiration dates, many still can't buy guns, ammunition

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Despite a temporary rule that extends the expiration dates for Firearm Owners Identification cards and concealed carry permits, many Illinois gun owners are still finding it difficult to buy weapons and ammunition.

That was one of the issues that came up Oct. 14 during a meeting of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, a legislative body that oversees the state's regulatory processes.

"The problem that that a lot of my constituents are having is firearms dealers and businesses are not accepting the FOID cards that are expired, even though they know ... that the state of Illinois has said, hey, they're still good beyond the expiration date," state Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, said during the hearing.

Schimpf was speaking to officials from the Illinois State Police, which recently renewed an emergency rule first adopted in April that extends

the expiration date of FOID cards and concealed carry permits by 12 months, as long as the permit holder submits a renewal application. On Sept. 3, the agency extended that rule to 18 months.

ISP, which issues firearm permits, had been struggling with a backlog of applications since long before the pandemic began. But the problem multiplied after the pandemic hit and again later amid the civil unrest that erupted following the May 25 death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police.

According to data that ISP provided in an email, 147,862 FOID card applications were received during the first four months of the disaster declaration, March through June. That was more than double the number received in the prior four-month period.

From July through September, ISP said it received 135,798 applications for new or renewed FOID cards.

There are currently more than 142,000 FOID card applications

pending and more than 26,000 applications pending for concealed carry licenses.

Richard Pearson, executive director of the Illinois State Rifle Association, said in an interview that he receives complaints from gun owners who are frustrated about the delays on a daily basis.

"One guy has been waiting for three years and no explanation of why he hasn't gotten it or anything. So, yeah, we're actually forwarding those all to our attorney," he said.

Under state law, FOID cards are supposed to be issued or denied within 30 days of an application, but the backlog has caused most applicants to wait for several months. Pearson said there are currently 12 lawsuits pending in various courts arguing the delays amount to a violation of individuals' constitutional right to bear arms.

According to the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, Illinois is one of only three states, alongside Massachusetts and New

York, that require a license to buy and possess a firearm. Ten states require a permit to purchase at least some types of firearms, but not all of them require a license to continue owning one.

Pearson confirmed that despite the emergency rule extending the expiration dates, many gun dealers still will not sell firearms to anyone who does not have a current, valid FOID card.

"I know that they're worried about liability," he said. "And so, (the rule) might say that they're OK, but the law says you can't do it, and the executive order overrides the law. It is a big quagmire. Plus the fact that these people can't buy ammunition in Illinois. And so, they have to go on online and buy it, and to get it online, you have to supply the provider of that ammunition, the seller of that ammunition, with a valid FOID card and they don't have a valid FOID card."

Pearson said that has been especially frustrating for hunters because

deer and waterfowl hunting seasons are coming soon.

"And deer slugs in some places are in short supply," he said. "So, you know, you're supposed to have a valid FOID card while you're out hunting. But of course, the executive order overrides that, so they're not doing anything about it."

ISP general counsel Yvette Loizon said during the Oct. 14 hearing that the agency has heard directly from firearms dealers about the issue.

"It's an issue that we are cognizant of, and we are looking into ideas in different ways where we could help alleviate some of those problems," she said.

An ISP spokesperson said in an email that the agency has been in the process of hiring more analysts to process applications since early this year.

"The hiring process is ongoing and includes a minimum six-month training program to ensure applications are accurately and efficiently processed," the spokesperson said.

# How to stop living paycheck to paycheck

By Anthony O'Neal  
RAMSEY SOLUTIONS

I know how hard it is to succeed financially when you're barely getting by and living paycheck to paycheck. I've been there. The truth is, there will always be factors that are out of your control. But it is possible to take control of your finances and change your life - even if it seems like the odds are stacked against you.

Here are four ways to break the cycle of living paycheck to paycheck so you can start winning with money:

### Shift your mindset

Good money habits start in your mind. Right now, you're probably in survival mode. But I want you to go from surviving to thriving. Make the decision that you won't be a victim to your circumstances, and that you'll do whatever it takes to handle money the right way. Start having a winning mindset.

### Increase your income

I don't know all the details of your current situation. But I do know if money is tight, and you're already doing everything you can to live on less than you make, you

need to earn more money. That's just the simple, basic truth. This could mean applying for a higher-paying job, or picking up a side hustle or part-time job on weekends or at night. I understand it can be really hard to take on more work, but I promise your sacrifice will pay off.

### Get out of debt (and stay out)

If you have any debt right now, you need to know that debt is stopping you from breaking free of the paycheck-to-paycheck life and reaching your financial goals. Just think about what you could do with

the money you normally spend on those monthly payments. That's why I want you to get out of debt as fast as possible, and never look back.

First, save up a \$1,000 starter emergency fund so you can have a buffer while you're paying off debt. You can do this by going through all your stuff and figuring out what you can sell, working some overtime, or finding ways to cut back on expenses until you have \$1,000 stashed in a separate bank account. Then, it's time to attack your debt using the debt snowball.

Do this by listing out all your debts from smallest to largest (no matter what their interest rates are). Tackle the smallest debt first with the extra money you're bringing in until it's completely paid off. Then, take the money that used to go toward that debt and roll it into paying off the next largest debt. Rinse and repeat until all your debt is gone.

### Build a fully funded emergency fund

After you're completely debt-

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# Conservation district programs

## After School Adventures: Coral Woods

Wednesday, Nov. 4 from 4-5:30 p.m. at Coral Woods Conservation Area, 7400 Somerset, Marengo. Need a break from the screen time? Time to get outside, stretch your legs, and explore. Join McHenry County Conservation District's education team staff for a hike, outdoor games and activities. Activities may include crafts, experiments or other interactive fun. Games may include scavenger hunts or environmental tag. Dress for the weather and come prepared to be outside. Fee: County resident \$5/NR \$7. Just for kids ages 5-12 Registration required.

## Inspired by Nature: Cozy Fall Crafts - Beeswax Candles and Autumn Leaf Coasters

Saturday, Nov. 7, from 1-3 p.m. at Lost Valley Visitor Center in Glacial Park, Route 31 and Harts Road, Ringwood. Step into the cozy fall spirit with an afternoon of autumn-inspired crafts. Take a short hike through a prairie and woodland to find artistic inspi-

ration in the changing season. Back indoors participants will learn how to make a rolled beeswax candle and autumn leaf coasters for your favorite warm beverages. Materials provided. Fee: R \$10/NR \$15. Just for adults, ages 14 years and older. Registration required.

## Movie Watch Party: "Green Fire"

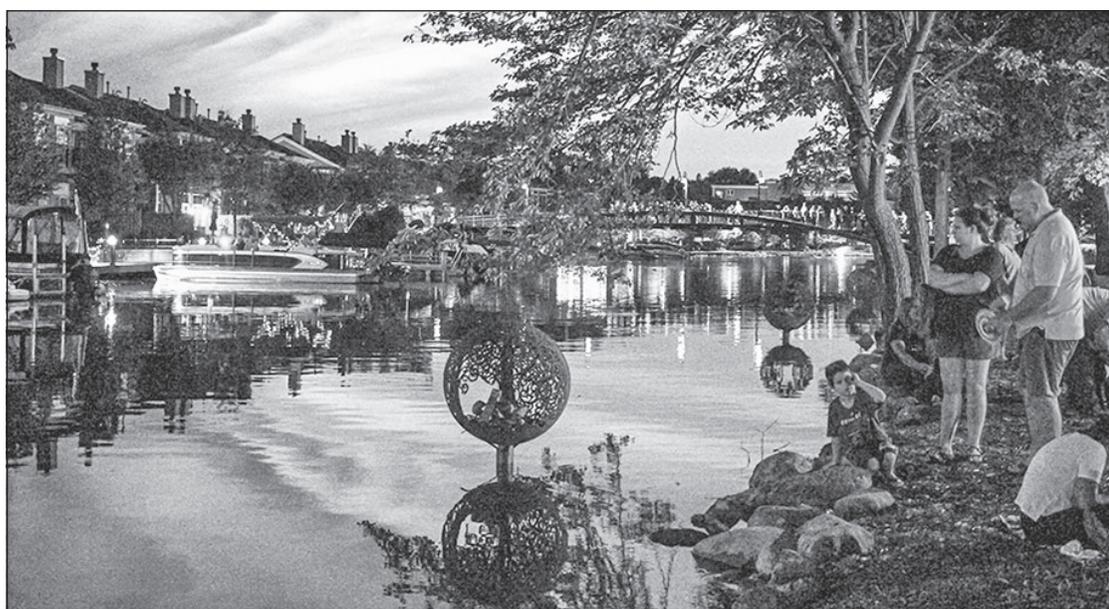
Saturday, Nov. 7, from 7-9 p.m. at Prairieview Education Center, 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake. Movie night. This is the first full-length documentary on the life and work of conservationist Aldo Leopold. The film examines Leopold's idea of a land ethic and its relevance to a population facing 21st century ecological challenges. The film describes the formation and evolution of Leopold's idea, exploring how it changed one man and later permeated all areas of conservation.

The film challenges viewers to contemplate their own relationship with the natural world. Enjoy light snacks and beverages while watching the film, then stick around to participate

in a short discussion. Fee: R \$3/NR \$5. Just for adults, ages 14 years and older. Registration required.

Visit the District's website at [www.MCCDistrict.org](http://www.MCCDistrict.org) to view all program and event offerings or sign up to receive the seasonal magazine Landscapes. Register online, by phone

(free programs only) at 815- 479-5779, or by mail-in to Prairieview Education Center, 2112 Behan Road in Crystal Lake.



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## Riverwalk stroll

Take a stroll Oct. 31, from 6-9 p.m. along the McHenry Riverwalk, 1202 Riverside Drive, for the lighting of the fire globes at dusk/sunset. This event is weather permitting—it will be canceled for high winds, rain or snow. All are welcome to stroll along the McHenry Riverwalk to enjoy the Fire Globes. COVID19 social distancing guidelines should be followed for your own safety. Wear a mask whenever you are not able to maintain social distances with people not in your immediate group. Free admission. No parking restrictions at Miller Point. Visit McHenry on Facebook.

# McHenry County Sheriff's report

The following arrests in McHenry County were re-ported by the McHenry County Sheriff's Department. Suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## Oct. 13

Cornelius A. Ames, 30, Elgin, was cited for four counts of domestic battery/other prior;

Devon M. Cole, 24, Hebron, was cited for criminal trespass to residence/person present, domestic battery/bodily harm, two counts of battery/cause bodily harm and domestic battery/physical contact;

## Oct. 14

Darrick E. Lorenzen, 64, Johnsburg, was cited for retail theft/disp merch <\$300 and theft labor/services/property;

Karissa R. Montanez, 28, Garden Prairie, was cited for aggravated DUI license suspended or revoked;

## Oct. 15

Christopher K. Huber, 28, Spring Grove, was cited for aggravated DUI/3+ DUI, aggravated DUI/bodily harm, aggravated DUI license suspended or revoked and aggravated reckless driving bodily harm;

Raymond C. Holmgren, 39, Schaumburg, was cited for retail theft/disp merch >\$300 and theft <\$300 pre-conv.;

## Oct. 16

Alexander C. Metschke, 53, Woodstock, was cited for retail theft/disp merch <\$300;

Dakota M. Lininger, 25, Lake Geneva, was cited for driving revoked/suspended license, DUI 4-9;

Donald F. Burnett, 44, Antioch, was cited for 2 counts of violating an order of protection;

Ashley E. Ellis, 33, Spring Valley, was cited for nonconsensual dissm of sex image;

# 4-H events

- Wednesday, Nov. 4 - Ambassadors
- Saturday, Nov. 7 - Junior Leadership conference
- Tuesday, Nov. 10 - "Your Thoughts Matter" SPIN Club begins
- Thursday, Nov. 12 - Virtual 4-H Officer Training via Zoom
- Thursday, Nov. 12 - Effective &

Engaging Meetings - Virtual Volunteer Training

Event schedule: all activity/event guidelines may be subject to change at any time pending reevaluation by the University or Extension.

Visit [extension.illinois.edu/lm/4-h-mchenry-county](http://extension.illinois.edu/lm/4-h-mchenry-county) for more information.

# Honored

(Continued from front page)

The Teamwork Award recognized nine Master Gardener projects that have been impactful, innovative, and replicable statewide. The projects awarded in 2020 included working with youth on a junior master gardener camp, creating welcome gardens at educational display garden sites, and mentoring newly trained volunteers.

Among the Teamwork Award recipients was Nunda Garden in McHenry County: Roxanne Banet, Peggy Haugh and Sue Scheckel, all from Crystal Lake.

The awards ceremony was fol-

lowed by a guest speaker presentation on "The Pollinator-pocalypse" by May Berenbaum, Illinois professor and head of the entomology department.

Anyone interested in learning more about the master gardener program may reach out using the Become a Master Gardener page at [extension.illinois.edu/mg](http://extension.illinois.edu/mg) or emailing Candice Hart at [mille116@illinois.edu](mailto:mille116@illinois.edu).

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# Letters to the editor

## Treasurer endorses Wiltse for county board

David Wiltse has my personal endorsement for Boone County Board in District 1. I know him as a hard-working, highly ethical man with a heart for public service. His life-long career in municipal law and local government speaks for itself and makes him uniquely qualified to serve in county government.

David Wiltse has an impressive, 40-year resume that includes 10 years as a Special Assistant Attorney General and nine years as City Attorney for Des Plaines. He has worked for the Illinois legislature and served on a school board and two fire district boards.

Whether you vote early or on Nov. 3, I would sincerely appreciate your help in electing David Wiltse to our County Board in the upcoming election. We need his experience and his conservative, common-sense approach.

*Curt Newport,  
Boone County Treasurer*

## State Rep. Keicher urges bipartisan relief

We are all concerned about the health and safety of our citizens by limiting, then stopping the spread of COVID-19. Combating the pandemic and protecting our economy to the fullest extent possible should not be mutually exclusive goals. I am concerned that the livelihood of thousands of Illinoisans is being lost amidst the vitriolic partisan rhetoric and gridlock both in Washington, DC and within our state.

I am writing today to urge your engagement and advocacy on a

federal package of support for Illinois' small business community, specifically the "mom and pop" restaurants that call our cities and towns home. Uniquely our small restaurants and banquet centers are being mitigated out of existence. Action is needed soon if there is any hope for them to survive.

Like you, I have heard from employees, owners, and patrons of these establishments fearful of permanent closure. The resulting devastation in our towns and cities will be a long-lived hollowing of our most cherished local restaurants and taverns. This week it was reported that 5,000 establishments have closed, and 120,000 fellow Illinoisans are out of work in our service industry. The Illinois Restaurant Association estimates that 40 percent of restaurants will permanently close; and those will generally be the small and family-owned ones and not the corporate chains.

As we now approach the winter months and a resurgence in COVID-19 positive cases, restaurants and taverns are restricted from indoor dining. These restrictions do not generally impact the viability of national chain establishments but the local mom and pop locations.

In Illinois, as you may be aware, the General Assembly has been largely sidelined during COVID-19; not meeting to address the critical support needed in our state except for a four-day emergency session in late May. Instead we have been operating since mid-March on a succession of executive emergency orders issued by the Governor that

are questionable due to a lack of clarity in the authorizing statute.

The people's elected representatives in the state legislature are being denied the opportunity to vote on policies to protect public health, shore up our economy, and provide relief to families who desperately need it. Unlike those of us in the General Assembly, you, our federal representatives in Congress are not constrained by the Governor of Illinois. You have the ability to provide relief from the federal level.

My district, like many others, features great downtowns where some of families' most significant celebrations and evenings are spent. As we think about our downtowns, we tend to focus on the small restaurants or taverns we enjoy visiting with friends and family. These are the places where local traditions endure. These are the institutions that support our sports leagues, schools' fundraisers and employ our friends and neighbors. We urgently need to help them survive this pandemic.

My request is simple. Please work aggressively to achieve a bipartisan relief package specifically for local restaurants and taverns. These businesses support tens of thousands of employees dependent on tip income; and many have leveraged life savings in an effort to preserve their dream of restaurant ownership. Other businesses are hurting and need attention as well. However, small businesses in the restaurant industry face a much bleaker future and more significant impact on the places we call home.

I look forward to hearing your efforts in this regard.

*Sincerely,  
Jeff Keicher  
State Representative, 70th District*

## Wiltse a man of 'common sense'

My name is David Wiltse and I appreciate this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I am a Republican candidate for one of the two seats on the Boone County Board from the First District.

I have been practicing law for 40 years having been licensed in 1980 after graduating from John Marshall Law School in Chicago. During my practice I was in two different law firms, then was a sole practitioner before I was appointed to the city attorney's job in Des Plaines where I served from 1993 to 2012 until I retired from that position. When I retired, the Illinois House passed a Resolution honoring me for my lifetime work in law and local government.

During my private practice I represented various government entities, including three municipalities, a township, a park district and as an associate in a law firm representing county sheriffs throughout Northern Illinois. I also served 10 years as a special assistant attorney general for the Illinois

Department of Revenue from 1985 to 1987 and as a special assistant attorney general to the Illinois Department of Lottery from 1987 to 1995. I still practice law, semi-retired, with an office in my home in Candlewick Lake in Poplar Grove.

In addition to my law practice, which focused on local units of government, I served as treasurer then consultant to the treasurer on the Wheeling Township Rural Fire Protection District from 1975 to 1997. In 1983, I was elected to the District 214 Board of Education, which at that time was the state's largest high school district with eight high schools and over 14,000 students.

My first election to the school board in 1983 was a wild one as there were 22 candidates for five seats on the Board due to the controversial closing of Arlington High School. I received 11,005 votes in that race. I was re-elected in 1987 and again in 1991 and served on that board as member, vice president and president. In 1991, Illinois State Board of Education honored me with its highest award of "Excellence in Education" for "Outstanding Contributions to Illinois Education".

During all of these 40 years I have learned how government works, especially with regards to setting property tax levies, establishing budgets, and working to provide reasonable solutions to government issues while being conscious of the property tax burden on taxpayers.

My wife Joyce and I retired to Boone County and we really love it here! I would like to bring this lifetime of service in government and law to the Boone County Board and help provide government services as a county board member while being mindful of tax dollars and spending.

Since moving to Boone County in early 2016, I have been elected Republican Precinct committeeman, elected to the Candlewick Association board, and have been appointed to the North Boone Fire District 3 Board as a trustee.

I consider myself to be a conservative and also a person of common sense who realistically evaluates problems before suggesting solutions. I would like to ask for your vote and would be honored to serve you as Boone County Board member from the First District. Thank you.

*David R. Wiltse  
Poplar Grove*

## Riley 'looks forward to serving'

My name is Rodney Riley and I am your Republican Candidate for Boone County Board District #3. I have lived in Boone County for 31 years, my wife Josie and I have raised our family here. Josie is the Village Clerk in Union, Ill., and this month we celebrated our 26th wedding anniversary. Our oldest son, Kyle, is a 2006 graduate of Belvidere High School and joined the United States Air Force in

August of 2007. He is now serving as a Technical Sergeant and working toward his next promotion to Master Sergeant. He and his wife Danielle have been married for 10 years and have three children – Evelyn, age 9, Olivia, age 4, and Lucas, age 3. They are all currently living in Dayton, Ohio at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Hannah is a senior at Augustana College majoring in Pre Med and Neuroscience and minoring in biochemistry and violin performance, it's an exciting time as she is actively applying for med school. Jack is a senior at Belvidere High School and plays hockey for the Belvidere Fury.

I grew up in Central Illinois on the family farm. My father always held a full time job and managed to operate a farming operation along with raising purebred Landrace swine. Growing up, I traveled from county fair to county fair showing prize-winning pigs. Every year I looked forward to showing at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, hoping to bring home the winning trophy. My mother and father were both loyal 4-H leaders for many years and instilled true farming principles in me as I grew older. Not owning the land that we farmed, I soon realized it would be difficult for me to continue farming and when I went to college I started a different path in law enforcement and public service.

I obtained my Associate in Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice. I served as a police officer in Marengo for 30 years; 17 years as Sergeant and the last five years as a K-9 handler. K-9 Shadow and I retired in 2017. I am currently working for the McHenry County Sheriff's Department as a Court Security Officer.

My qualifications for serving on the county board consist of my knowledge and experience working with county and municipal government organizations. While working full time at Marengo Police Dept. I also served part time on the Union Police Department as Deputy Chief for 17 years. I was in charge of the day-to-day operations of the department and managed the department's budget and also planned, researched, and obtained several grants for equipment.

Since filing my petition to run for county board in December of 2019, I have been attending Committee of the Whole and regular board meetings. I have studied the workings of the current county board members and hope to take some of their experience and apply it with my own understanding of public government bodies and provide Boone County with quality understanding of the problems we face now and in the future.

Please vote for me, Rodney Riley, Republican Candidate for Boone County Board District #3. I look forward to serving you as your county board member.

*Rodney Riley*

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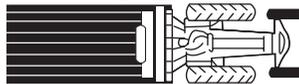
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## Kopp disclosure

## Scratching the surface of rejuvenating faith

By Dr. Robert Kopp  
CONTRIBUTOR

A son's friend with fainting faith wrote to him, "Does your dad know of any books that would help me with struggling faith? I am just struggling to believe... I want something..."

When life's challenges, disappointments, and sorrows along with the meanness, madness, misery and miscreance of life in the modern world start piling up, it's not uncommon for faith to faint.

Surely, the best method to rejuvenate faith is the one that works for you; so the encouragement below, in no particular order, is a smorgasbord of options for anyone counseling someone with fainting faith or anyone, as my son's friend confessed, struggling to believe.

**Testimony** – What has a personal relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior done for you? Recall to rejuvenate. The only gospel that some people will ever hear or see is the gospel according to you. The best testimonies follow an outline like this: "Before I knew Jesus as Lord and Savior, I was... Jesus became a part of my life when... Now that Jesus is a part of my life, I am... If I could leave you with one thing, it would be..."

1 Peter 5:6-11 – Read the following sentences aloud and say your name when a \_\_\_ appears: "If \_\_\_ will humble her/himself under the mighty hand of God, in His good time, He will lift \_\_\_ up. Let Him have all \_\_\_'s worries and cares, for He is always thinking about \_\_\_ and

watching everything that concerns \_\_\_. Trust the Lord; and remember that other Christians all around the world are going through these sufferings too. After \_\_\_ has suffered a little while, our God, who is full of kindness through Christ will give \_\_\_ His eternal glory. He personally will come and pick \_\_\_ up, and set \_\_\_ firmly in place, and make \_\_\_ stronger than ever. To Him be all power over all things, forever and ever. Amen!"

**Invitation Prayer** – For the first time or again, pray, "Lord, I invite you into my heart as Lord and Savior. I am sorry for how I have hurt You and hurt others which is the same as hurting You. I need Your love, mercy, and forgiveness. I welcome You into my heart. I thank You for being in my heart now and forever. I ask You to help me to be Yours from now on in all things at all times in all places with all people for Christ's sake; as I pray in His name. Amen!"

**Bible** – Read it! It is God's personal love letter to you/us/everyone. Find one that you like to read. There are many translations; and the best one is the one that works for you. Start with John and Psalms. Then let the Holy Spirit direct you and enlighten you and rejuvenate you.

Read the Red Letters – Find a Bible with the words of Jesus in red and read them over and over and over until you feel Him in your heart and can say with Paul, "It is no longer I who live; but it is Jesus living in/through/for me!"

**Worship** – God inhabits the praises

of His people. God honors those who honor Him.

Those are promises from God in the Bible for you/us/everyone. The message, music, and entire liturgy may stink in the service; but God still works supernatural miracles of strong, calm sanity along with happiness and wholeness and joy and safety and eternal security in/through/for people who show up to worship Him. It/He happens most often in worship.

**Holy Communion** – Often, Jesus did not say, "Do this in remembrance of Me quarterly... or monthly... or when it's convenient."

What happens during the sacrament? Dr. Macleod always

answered, "We get Christ better!" Read the previous paragraph on worship again. Worship services that are faithful to Jesus by the book always include the sacrament.

**Fellowship and Mission** – Garbage in, Garbage out. Hang out with Christians. Our Lord expects us to love the hell out of those who do not know Him; but never to become like them. Show everyone love and mercy; but never become like people whose beliefs and behaviors insult His holiness and hurt others. Serve. You will get closer to Jesus by serving others for Jesus; for He said, "As you do it to/for them, you do it to/for Me!"

Back to the Book – Stop wasting

so much time reading books about the Bible. Read the Bible. Spend more time reading the book from God than books about the book from God.

There are only so many hours in every day for reading. Why spend more time in secondary sources when God's primary source is available to you?

As a struggling ballplayer, I asked my coach, "How can I get better?"

He said, "Practice! Practice!"

Get it?

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## Liberty under fire

## The deplatformed 2020 presidential candidates

By Dr. Harold Pease, Ph.D.  
CONTRIBUTOR

We are coming to the end of an election year where the "hunger games," having gone on every four years for well over a century since William McKinley, are finalizing. The "game" part of the process is how it is done by the mega rich through their super packs and media outlets causing the people to believe that they actually choose their president. This, at least until 2016 when America rejected their anointed candidates.

For years I told my students that the quickest way to understand our political system is to watch the movie "The Hunger Games." The strategy is to herd all voters into their two camps called Republicans and Democrats excluding all other political parties, where there exist few real differences on foreign policy and where the super rich have agreement. Since they own all major media outlets, information for or against those they allowed elevated is managed.

The few astute enough to figure this out and learn of other choices are easily brought back into the fold by the siren call that they are throwing away their vote if going outside the "ordained" two parties. Those disaffiliated with both establishment political parties, about 40 percent, called independents, are returned to the fold at election time still forced to choose from the existing approved candidates. And thus only candidate names change every four years.

I suppose that as a political scientist by profession, this is more easily understood to me. I write the Federal Elections Commission every Fall of every election year to find out who is running for president, which I have done since the early 1990's. Never has the list of serious candidates for president been less than 200 and never has the list of serious political parties, most offering a presidential candidate, been less than 20.

So who are the excluded (deplatformed) candidates on the ballot in 2020. "As of Sept. 21, 2020, 1202 candidates have filed with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to run for president" (/ballotpedia.org/List\_of\_registered\_2020\_

presidential\_candidates. This site lists candidate names and party affiliation).

The Federal Elections Commission requires that anyone running for president that spends or collects \$5,000 or more on his/her candidacy for president file with them. Obviously the number of presidential candidates and political parties has escalated far beyond that in the past. I went through the list and found forty political parties, doubling the number of political parties previously.

We used to assess the seriousness of a candidate by the \$5,000 expenditure and how many states allowed his/her candidacy in their state. States decide who qualifies for their ballots and who do not. Since the Federal Election Commission has not yet published by state this information, as is common in past elections, it is difficult to know this number, but we can assume, as in past presidential elections, that it exceeds 20 political parties most offering a presidential candidate.

The Federal Election Commission has six commissioners but it requires four votes to accomplish anything thus many important votes end tied at 3-3. The president can only appoint three from his own political party so, in the most partisan time in American History since 1861, Democrat members have resigned and since Aug. 31, 2019 the FEC has not had a quorum to function (Wikipedia, the Federal Election Commission).

So what other political parties offer choices for president on the ballot this year, absent the FEC state list and given the traditional non-coverage by the establishment media? They follow: The two strongest are the Libertarian Party with (Jo Jorgensen) and Green Party, with Howie Hawkins. Others that commonly provide a presidential candidate include: American Independent Party, Independent American Party, Constitution Party, Reform Party, Socialist Party, Peace and Freedom Party, and the Socialist Workers Party. For most of the last century the Communist Party U.S.A nominated Gus Hall but that stopped when they concluded that more gains were coming through the Democratic Party

than they could achieve under their party label.

The Libertarian Party has offered a presidential candidate and convention in every election for decades and normally is on the ballot in every state of the union, but is never invited to the "big debates." The same could be said of the Green Party and a few others. Certainly they feel excluded. One may argue, "but they do not have enough voter strength to warrant inclusion," but in fact, they do not have sufficient voter strength because the establishment media does not cover them. Liberty Under Fire argues for debate inclusion for any candidate on the ballot of forty or more states.

In political science we learn that the first election is the medias. They vote first by their collective exclusion of those not registered as Democrat or Republican. The people get to choose from those the media have not excluded. The wisest, most experienced, most gifted, and most honest person in America could not be president of the United States unless he/she were a Democrat or Republican.

Media corporate owners have required media collusion and, as we have said in other columns, they are overwhelmingly also globalist and Council on Foreign Relations members. In 2016 Trump survived this media filter by running as a Republican, and vaulted over the establishment by funding his own primary campaign enabling him to say things as he saw them and win over the majority of Americans who have also felt something amiss in Washington DC. That is why they hate him. He threatens their continued power.

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free, the next step is to build a fully funded emergency fund with the money that used to go toward all your debt. This fund should have enough money to cover three to six months of expenses (housing, food, etc.). That way, an emergency becomes more of an inconvenience than a big disaster. You can rest easy knowing you're prepared for the future.

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# Tips for a happy Halloween

By Ann Marie Cain, FBCM  
WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU

Halloween is just around the corner. While my little goblins are preparing for the upcoming trick-or-treat season, I would like to take a moment to share some Halloween safety tips:

- When choosing a costume, stay away from long trailing fabric. All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eyeholes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume. Fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags.
- Dried flowers, corn stocks, and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- Use a battery-operated candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-a-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways, and yards.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- Tell children to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the

flames out.)  
Additional tips from the National Safety Council (NSC) ([www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/autumn/halloween](http://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/autumn/halloween)):

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds. If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time when children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

### COVID-19 safety tips from the Illinois Department of Health

- ([www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/halloween-guidance](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/halloween-guidance))
- As an alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating, anyone who would like to distribute treats should leave individually wrapped candy or treats on a table, on their front walkways, sidewalks, or any outdoor space that allows for at least six feet of social distance from the door. The individually wrapped candy should be spread out so each piece is not touching another. Anyone distributing candy or treats should wash their hands

properly for at least 20 seconds before placing the candy on the table and when replenishing.

- All individuals participating in trick-or-treating, including those passing out candy should maintain social distance of least six feet and wear proper face coverings. A costume mask, such as those worn for Halloween, is not a substitute for a face covering. If face coverings are worn under costume masks, please ensure this does not create breathing problems, and if so, discard the costume mask.
- Only household members should trick-or-treat together, and they should maintain six-foot social distance from other trick-or-treaters at all times. Mixed household trick-or-treaters are discouraged.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer should be carried and used frequently.
- Candy collected during trick-or-treating should not be consumed until after hand washing. As always, a parent/guardian should check all candy to make sure it is wrapped and should discard unwrapped candy.
- And, of course, practice good dental hygiene as well.
- Outdoor areas are preferred for trick-or-treating. Enclosed indoor areas, like apartment buildings, present greater risk of transmission. Open doors and windows, as appropriate, to promote increased ventilation.

### Too big to go trick or treating? Never Fear!

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