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# Jesse White announces closure of driver services facilities from Nov. 17- Dec. 7 due to worsening COVID-19 pandemic

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is announcing Driver Services facilities statewide will be closed to the public for in person transactions effective Tuesday, Nov. 17 and will re-open on Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic. White is encouraging the public to take advantage of online services.

In addition, White announced that

expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards will be extended until June 1, 2021. This June 1, 2021 extension also includes those who have February, March, April and May 2021 expiration dates. As a result, expired driver's licenses and ID cards will remain valid until June 1, 2021. CDL (Commercial Driver License) holders and commercial permit holders are ex-

cluded from this extension due to federal requirements.

"After careful consideration, we have decided to close all Driver Services facilities until Dec. 7, 2020, due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic," said White. "The health and safety of employees and the public remains paramount and face-to-face transactions potentially increase the further spread of the virus. We have extended expiration dates to assist people during this difficult time. I am also encouraging customers to consider using online services which are available for many office transactions."

As White noted, many transactions with the Secretary of State's office may be conducted online at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com), some of which include:

- \* Renewing a license plate sticker;
- \* Renewing a valid driver's license for qualifying drivers;
- \* Renewing a valid ID card for those age 22-64 (seniors 65 and older have free, non-expiring IDs);
- \* Obtaining a driver record abstract;
- \* Filing Business Services documents, such as incorporations and annual reports; and
- \* Customers with issues involving administrative hearings may contact [adminhearings@ilsos.gov](mailto:adminhearings@ilsos.gov).

Those who are eligible for online driver's license renewal will receive a letter from the Secretary of State's office with a PIN necessary for online renewal. Those whose driver's licenses or ID cards expired between Feb. 1, 2020 and Jan. 31, 2021, who qualify for online renewal should receive their PIN letter in December 2020 or January 2021. Those whose driver's licenses or ID cards expire after Feb. 1, 2021, will receive their PIN letter approximately 90 days before their expiration date



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## Rockton to host limited Christmas Walk events

### Friday, Dec. 4 Lighted Displays at Settlers Park

Thanks to local businesses and organizations for stepping up and helping create local holiday cheer by decorating displays at Settlers Park. Walk the path to see festive lighted creations! The displays will remain lit evenings through Jan. 6.

Settlers Park, 150 E. Hawick St. 5 p.m.

### Ugly Christmas Sweater Pub Crawl - Postponed until next year

The easiest pub crawl you'll ever participate in... will be back again next year. Please still enjoy some delicious food from Rockton eateries – just wear your tacky Christmas sweater when picking it up?

### Rockton, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5

Rockton Lions Pancake Breakfast \$5 Adults, \$3 Children 12 years and under – All you can eat pancake, sausage & juice hosted by the Rockton Lions.

American Center (Legion), 221 W. Main St. 7 to 11 a.m.

### Holiday gift wrapping fundraiser

Free gift wrapping with a donation to Wimpy's Fund.

Downtown Rockton location TBD, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Photos with Santa. (Free!)

This year, Santa will be at the Settlers Park gazebo. Groups must stay socially distant while waiting in line and continue down the one-way path after pictures. Kids will be able to speak with Santa from a distance and take a quick picture with Santa.

Settlers Park, 150 E. Hawick St. Noon to 4 p.m.

### Horse drawn carriage rides

The tradition continues. Horse drawn carriages will be at the Christmas walk in the afternoon. You can board your free ride at Sanctuary Spa on E. Hawick Street. Groups must social distance while waiting in line and use sanitizer before and after rides.

Settlers Park Noon to 4 p.m.

### Letters to Santa

Sponsored by Edward Jones Financial Advisors Brenda Brugger. Come write a letter or drop one off to be delivered to Santa at Brenda's office.

### Edward Jones – Brenda Brugger, 167 Hawick St., Noon to 4 p.m.

### Lighting of the Park - Postponed until next year

This traditional event is postponed until next year, but please still come and enjoy the lighted decorations at Village Green Park, Village Green Park, 100 E. Chapel St.

### Lighted Christmas Parade - Postponed until next year

Join us next year for the return of the Lighted Parade down Main Street. This year, take a stroll along the walking paths at Settlers Park for lighted holiday displays created by local businesses and organizations.

### Downtown Rockton

Rockton Lions Wimpy's Fund Auction

Join the Rockton Lions Club in their biggest Wimpy's Fund fundraiser all year. All proceeds go to purchasing Christmas dinners and presents for area families in need. Online this year – link coming.

### Sunday, Dec. 6 Hot Cocoa Crawl

NEW! Hot Cocoa Crawl- Pick up your commemorative mug and fixings to enjoy several hot cocoa flavors at home this year. Family-friendly. \$12/mug. Mugs must be purchased in advance by Tuesday, Nov. 24. Purchase Hot Cocoa Crawl Tickets Here

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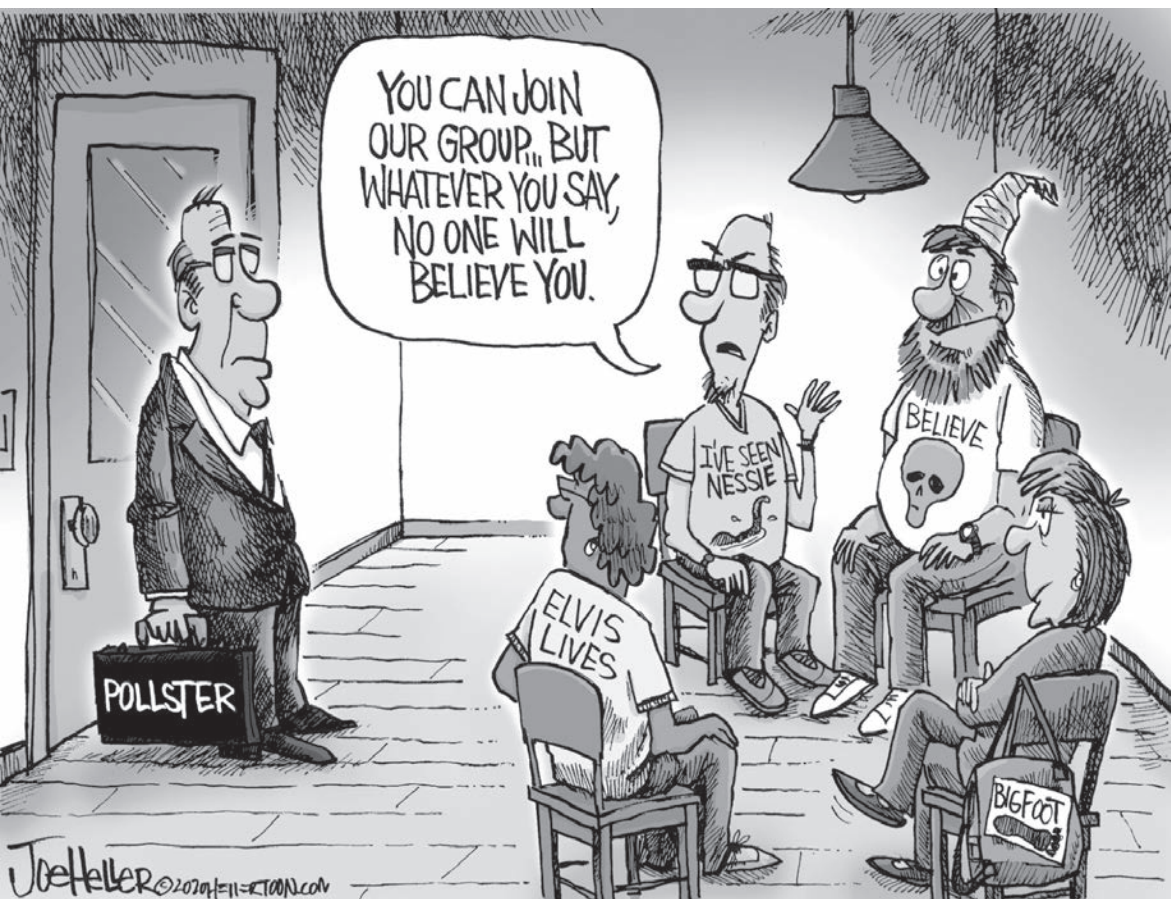
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BIDDING OPENS: Friday, Nov. 27 at 8 a.m.

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### Need more reasons? Here you go.

1. To help all businesses, especially our local ones – the quickest path to an open economy is to control the virus.
2. Because the virus can travel 20 feet through the air and hang there for while...not even counting sneezes.
3. To be a role model. People notice. So do our children.
4. To show essential workers – which includes everyone who can't work from home – that we appreciate them.
5. Because testing alone, without masks, won't stop the spread.
6. To help protect ourselves from people who aren't good at social distancing.
7. Because masks worked in previous pandemics.
8. Because we could have COVID-19 and not know it – we can be contagious for up to 72 hours before symptoms.
9. To get back to normal things like school, church, and social events--we can do MORE, not less, with masks.
10. Because we are not out of the woods yet.

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# GAME ON!

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Level: Advanced

## SUDOKU Fun by the Numbers

**Like puzzles?** Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test! **Here's How It Works:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to candy and sweets. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 5 = S)

**A. 5 25 15 8 11 12**

Clue: Very sweet

**B. 2 16 5 5 16 11 23**

Clue: After-dinner meal

**C. 18 8 14 2 12**

Clue: Sweet food

**D. 13 8 5 23 11 12**

Clue: Doughy dessert

Answers: A. sugary B. dessert C. candy D. pastry

## HAND HYGIENE WORD SEARCH

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- NAILS
- SANITIZER
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- SINK
- SOAPY
- SOILED
- SURFACES
- TOUCHING
- VIRUS
- WATER

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

### CLUES ACROSS

- Crow species
- Partner to flow
- Male offspring
- Sedate
- Orange beverage
- Pair of small hand drums
- 12th month of Jewish civil year
- Former Pirates star Jason
- Computer company
- Made angry
- Beverage container
- Charlize Theron film "\_\_\_ Flux"
- Localities
- Consume
- Don't know when yet
- Bed style
- Make a low, continuous sound
- Wrath
- Pollinates flowers
- Association
- Prejudice
- Unhealthy
- Hasidic religious leader
- Distinctive philosophy
- Short-term memory
- In a good way
- Emperors of Ethiopia
- Imaginary line
- Of barium
- One's sense of self-esteem
- Man who behaves dishonorably
- Monetary unit

### CLUES DOWN

- Rear of (nautical)
- He minds the net
- Ring-shaped objects
- When you hope to get there

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- Young children
- Beloved hobbit
- Pigpen
- Wish harm upon
- Quick-eyed (Scottish)
- Scrooge's phrase "\_\_\_ Humbug"
- One more
- A ballplayer who only hits
- Once vital TV part
- Sixth month of Jewish civil year
- Advantage
- Type of tree
- Luke's mentor \_\_\_-Wan
- Life stories
- Vase
- Tiny
- Package (abbr.)
- A photog's tool
- Wood
- One of the six noble gases (abbr.)
- Pueblo people of New Mexico
- Wild goats
- A way to comply
- Horatio \_\_\_, British admiral
- Actress Leslie
- Sir \_\_\_ Newton
- Pouch
- Have already done

### Answers

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