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Newspaper office relocates

The Scoop Today and Shopper's Guide office has moved to a new location at South Rantoul and West Main streets in Lena. As of Nov. 20, the office is located in Suite B of this building at 240 W. Main St. People are welcome to stop by and see the new office as well as place ads and community announcements, pay on accounts and more. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays. Call 815-369-4112 for more information.

Young chefs share ideas for cooking turkey

Look out, Betty Crocker and Rachael Ray, the junior kindergarten students at Le-Win Elementary School have some new ideas about Thanksgiving cooking.

We hope you enjoy these instructions on "how to cook a turkey."

Kyran

First, we put frosting on the turkey. Next, put sprinkles on top of the frosting. Then, add some spicy salt. Cook at 10 degrees for 5 hours. Serve with sprinkles.

Samantha

First, Go to turkey shop, buy a turkey, make sure it's dead. Next, Pour grease on turkey. Put pickles, tomatoes and cheese in turkey. Put stuff around it so it doesn't escape. Then, put in bottom of stove till it smells good.

Cook at 200 degrees for 5 hours. Serve with pumpkin pie and whipped cream.

Meghan

First, Go to Louie's farm and catch a turkey. Take gloves so it doesn't bite you and take your dad for help. Next, make sure the turkey is clean. Then, put hot sauce, melted cheese on turkey, put in pan in oven. Let daddy help with gloves. Cook at hot degrees for 4 hours. Serve with pumpkin pie/whipped cream and jello.

William

First, get it from the store. Next, open it and then put some salt (on it). Then, put stuffing in the turkey. Cook at 350 degrees for 10 hours. Serve with William.

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Stockton highlights family holiday fun

The holiday season will swing into full gear this weekend in Stockton.

On Friday, Nov. 27, several downtown businesses will offer Living Windows displays for viewing from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Live actors will add to the spectacle of holiday windows dressed in themes including "It's a Wonderful Life" and "The Nutcracker," said Terry McGovern, a downtown business owner.

"It's a nice outdoor event. You can socially distance," said McGovern, who owns several businesses. "You can do this as a family and it's free."

In addition, Christmas music will be playing in the background, Stella's Café & Catering will offer a pop-up dinner and Citizens Bank will be serving hot chocolate.

Christmas Walk

The Christmas Walk is set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28. While strolling among the local businesses, people also can enjoy the decorations and vote for their favorites in the new town decorating contest.

Maps and voting cards for the contest may be picked up and returned at Main Street Parties & Events, 113 S. Main St. Winners will be announced on the Stockton Chamber of Commerce Facebook page after the event.

"Have fun. Dress up if you would like, wear your mask (maybe a festive Christmas-inspired one), respect social distancing and get into the Christmas spirit this year,"



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Living Windows displays will be featured at several Stockton businesses from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27.

chamber officials suggested in a news release. "We could all use the extra cheer."

Those who attend are encouraged to snap a photo at participat-

ing businesses, share it and tag the business and the Stockton chamber to be eligible for a prize drawing.

For full details, go online to facebook.com/stocktonchamber.



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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

As I write this, we have one last warm day. The wind is still whipping things around, but it brought warm air. Thanksgiving is coming, and I know that many celebrations will be different this year. This week's recipes can be used for the holiday or used as leftovers. Enjoy cooking for whomever you will be with during this unique Thanksgiving 2020.

Lake Charles Dip

Italian Salad Dressing (dry) gives this dip its wonderful flavor. It is easy to prepare, so enjoy this savory dip as an appetizer for the holidays.

- 1 C. sour cream
- 2 T. mayonnaise
- 1 T. Italian salad dressing mix
- ½ C. thinly chopped avocado
- 1 t. lemon juice
- 1/3 C. finely chopped seeded tomato

In a small bowl, combine the sour cream, mayo and dressing mix. Toss avocado in lemon juice; stir into sour cream mixture. Stir in tomato. Refrigerate at least one hour. Serve with vegetables and crispy crackers.

Hot Spinach Salad

When I was a kid with an undeveloped palate, my mother tried to get me to eat spinach. It was always cooked and looked like dead seaweed. I went to my friend, Virginia Dyra's home for a Kentucky Derby Party. I was introduced to entirely different spinach. If you have been reading my column for a very long time, you know that Virginia was a frequent contributor to my column in the early days. She was a wonderful cook. She introduced me to hot spinach salad. I have been a convert to spinach in a salad ever since. I also have come to like spinach in dips and casseroles. I still hold the line on plain cooked spinach as a vegetable side! Try this great salad for

a lighter side instead of a Jell-O salad or a plain green salad.

- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. garlic powder
- ½ t. dried basil
- ¼ t. paprika
- 2/3 C. olive oil divided
- 4 C. bread cubes
- 4 strips bacon, diced
- ¾ C. thinly sliced red onion
- ¼ C. cider vinegar
- 3 T. honey
- 1 t. Dijon mustard
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- 8 oz. fresh spinach
- 5 hard boiled eggs, quartered (optional)

Combine salt, garlic powder, basil and paprika in a small bowl. Heat 1/3 C. oil in a nonstick skillet over medium high heat. Add bread; sauté until golden, about five minutes, stirring often. Toss croutons with seasonings while still warm.

Cook bacon in a nonstick skillet until crisp; transfer to a paper-towel lined plate. Drain all but 1 T. of drippings from skillet, then return skillet to medium-high heat.

Sauté onion in drippings until crisp-tender, about two minutes. Stir in vinegar, honey, and Dijon; season with salt and pepper. Simmer dressing until slightly reduced, about one minute. Off heat, whisk remaining 1/3 C. oil. Toss spinach, bacon, croutons and eggs with dressing.

Apple and Sausage Dressing

An old-fashioned way to make dressing was to include apples; this dressing uses both apples and nuts. If you don't want to use green onions, use a yellow sweet onion instead. Enjoy this different side with your turkey or use it as side with roasts and chicken.

- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) ground mild pork sausage
- 5 T. unsalted butter
- 2½ C. chopped green onions, white parts only
- 2 C. chopped celery
- 2 Fuji apples, cored and diced
- ½ C. chopped pecans
- 2 T. finely chopped fresh sage or 2 t. dried sage
- ¼ t. pepper
- 10 C. bread cubes (it is good to use 5 C. regular bread cubes and 5 C. cornbread cubes)

3 C. chicken broth
2 eggs, lightly beaten
Preheat the oven to 350. Spray an 11-by-8 baking dish with cooking spray. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium high heat. Add sausage and cook until browned and crumbly. Remove sausage using a slotted spoon, reserving drippings in skillet. Melt butter with drippings in skillet over medium heat. Add onions and celery; cook, stirring occasionally until tender, about 10 minutes. Stir in apples, pecans, sage and pepper; cook until apples are tender, about five minutes.

In a large bowl, stir together sausage-apple mixture, bread, broth, and eggs until well combined. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Bake until golden brown and firm to the touch, about 45 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

TLC (Thanksgiving Leftover Casserole)

Turkey, stuffing and vegetables come together into a casserole that can be made out of leftovers. You could make it and put it in the freezer for a quick dinner meal.

- 4 C. seasoned stuffing cubes
- 4 C. cubed cooked turkey
- 2 celery ribs, finely chopped
- 1 C. frozen peas
- 1 C. fresh or frozen cranberries
- ½ C. chopped sweet onion
- ¼ C. flour
- 4 eggs
- 3 C. 2% milk
- 1 can (8 ½ oz.) cream style corn
- ½ t. salt
- ½ t. pepper
- 2 T. butter
- 1/3 C. chopped pecans

Preheat the oven to 350. Layer first six ingredients in a greased 9-by-13 baking dish. Whisk flour, eggs and milk in a separate bowl until smooth. Add corn, salt and pepper; mix well. Pour over top and let stand 15 minutes. Dot with butter and sprinkle with pecans.

Cover and bake 35 minutes. Uncover and bake 30 to 35 minutes more or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

Turkey Tarragon Noodle Soup

Leftover turkey makes this soup a cold night warm up. You can cook the turkey carcass and make stock or use prepared chicken or turkey stock.

- 6 C. broth (chicken or turkey)
- 2 medium carrots, thinly sliced
- 1 celery rib, thinly sliced
- 2 T. lemon juice
- 1 bay leaf

- ½ t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper
- 3 C. uncooked egg noodles
- 3 C. coarsely chopped cooked turkey
- 2 t. dried tarragon

In a large pot, combine the first seven ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until vegetables are tender, eight to 10 minutes. Return to a boil, add noodles. Cook until noodles are tender, five to six minutes longer. Stir in turkey and tarragon. Heat the mixture through. Discard bay leaf. Serve with crusty bread.

Cranberry Swirl Bundt Cake

This cake is beautiful on a cake stand, and it tastes pretty darn good too.

- 1½ C. butter, softened
- 1 C. sour cream
- 3 C. sugar
- 1 T. orange zest
- 1½ t. vanilla, divided
- 5 large room-temperature eggs
- 1 egg yolk
- ¾ C. flour
- 1 t. apple pie spice
- ½ t. baking soda
- 1/5 t. salt
- ½ C. Whole Berry Cranberry Sauce (recipe below)
- ¼ C. powdered sugar
- 6 T. heavy whipping cream

Preheat oven to 325. In a large bowl, beat butter and sour cream with a mixer at medium speed until combined. Gradually add sugar, beating until fluffy, three to four minutes, stopping to scrape sides of the bowl. Add zest and 1 t. vanilla, beating until combined. Add eggs and egg yolk, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

In another bowl, whisk together flour, pie spice, baking soda and salt. Add flour mixture to butter mixture, beating at low speed just until combined. In a medium bowl, stir together 2 C. batter and ½ C. Whole Berry Cranberry Sauce until combined.

Spray a 12- to 15-cup Bundt pan with baking spray with flour. Spread 3 C. plain batter into prepared pan. Top with cranberry batter. Spread remaining plain batter on top. Run a knife through the batters to swirl slightly. Gently tap pan on counter three to four times to release air bubbles. Bake until a wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean, about 1 hour and 15 minutes, covering with foil halfway through baking to prevent excessive browning. Let cool in pan for 15 minutes. Invert cake onto a wire rack and cool completely. Place cake on cake stand or

large serving plate.
In a small bowl, whisk together powdered sugar, cream and ½ t. vanilla until smooth. Drizzle onto cooled cake. Store cake in an airtight container for up to three days.

Whole Berry Cranberry Sauce

Kitchen Hint: Serve leftover sauce with pork chops, on turkey sandwiches or as a topping for ice cream.

- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) fresh or frozen cranberries
- ¾ C. plus 2 T. firmly packed brown sugar
- ½ C. fresh orange juice
- ¼ C. water
- ½ t. minced fresh ginger
- ¼ t. vanilla

In a medium saucepan, bring cranberries, brown sugar, orange juice, ¼ C. water and ginger to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until berries burst and sauce is thickened, 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla and let cool completely. Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to five days.

Final Thoughts

Last week was a difficult week. My friend, Bob Lyvers, passed away. Bob and his wife, Lynn, have been my good friends for over 40 years. After my father died, Bob was my go-to guy with house questions and car questions. He helped me move three times (that surely was a labor of love) and did everything with a smile on his face.

They lived by the school and loved watching all the action with kids coming and going. He also loved the Fall Festival, from the parade to taking care of the garbage uptown. He will be missed by his family, our community and me.

We are also dealing with a different Thanksgiving this year. My nephew who lives in Hawaii always loved Thanksgiving best of all the holidays. He loved to eat the good things his grandmothers made and loved being with family. We will have a slightly different Thanksgiving this year in a lot of houses. It is suggested that we stick to our immediate family, or if they aren't around, the people in our "pod" group.

If we don't have COVID or are recovered from it, we have a lot to be thankful for.

We do have some great news to share with you. The Shopper's Guide and The Scoop have moved to new digs. I have lost my neighbor, and I will miss them; however, it will be really nice for the staff and customers. They are now at 240 W. Main St., Suite B. For those of you who don't use addresses, it is right behind West Point Insurance. There is really nice parking and easy access. Jessica has been getting everything organized and can be reached at the same number, 815-369-4112.

If you have found any holiday recipes you think we would like, contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 240 W. Main St., Lena, IL 61048 or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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Thank you for all the phone calls, visits, donations to the memorials, flowers, food, help, and the many prayers that were given to all of us when Richard was ill and since his passing. With the help of family members and Hospice, we were able to keep him at home with his family, where he wanted to be. We are blessed to have a community of caring family and friends. Thank you!

The Richard Ferguson Family

ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

NAOMI 'NONI' McCOOL

Naomi "Noni" McCool passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 17, after a vibrant and meaningful 98 years. She was born to Walter and Anna (Mattheis) Lang on Feb. 17, 1922. She graduated from Freeport High School in 1940 and went on to complete a two-year business course at Brown's College of Commerce. Over the years she was a proud employee at Foster Implement and later in advertising at the Galena Gazette. She married Van Dyke McCool in Rock Grove, Illinois, on Aug. 15, 1947.

Noni was an extremely active member of her community in Warren, Illinois, and enjoyed her time with the Women's Club, historical society, Community House Board, Village Board, Fair Board and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, just to name a few. For 20 years, she took great pride in opening her home to others as Noni's Bed & Breakfast.

She was a seamstress for years. She loved sports, especially watching her family and grandchildren throughout the years. She was such a proud and active grandmother — always present at countless games and



who showed her strength and perseverance time and time again.

She is survived by her son, John (Anne) McCool of Warren; daughter-in-law Mary McCool of Glenview; five grandchildren, Molly (Dave) Jones, Katie (Ryan) Nichols, Betsy Wallace, Ryan McCool, and Meghan (Alec) Gatzoliis; six great-grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Nancy Tilkemeier.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dyke; beloved sons, Tom and James; and brother-in-law, Robert Tilkemeier.

A private family ceremony will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com

PATRICIA 'PATTI' M. BATIE

Patricia "Patti" M. Batie, 72, of Orangeville, Illinois, passed away Nov. 17, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital. She was born Nov. 1, 1948, in Chicago to James C. Sr. and Eula Mae Marrable. Patti married Richard A. Zellweger on Feb. 14, 2006, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Freeport. She was employed at Highland Community College as a secretary. Patti really loved people. She took great pride in raising Rick and other family members that included her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Any time there was a need for help, Patti was there. Patti also enjoyed cooking.

She is survived by her husband, Rick, of Orangeville; daughter, Beverly Batie, of Austin, Texas; seven



sisters; and grandchildren, Mikey Zellweger, Ian Zellweger, Jack Zellweger, Dane Zellweger, Jesse Richart and Amanda Richart.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, James C. Marrable Jr. and Joel Spencer Marrable; and son, Lonzo Batie Jr. Private family services were held Nov. 24, 2020, at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. A memorial has been established in Patti's memory.

FAITH K. BROOKMAN

Faith K. Brookman, 78, of Lena, Illinois, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, at home surrounded by her family. She was born Oct. 16, 1942, to Elmer and Aleatha (Diesselmeier) Klaas. Faith graduated from Lena High School. She married Rodney Brookman on June 30, 1963, at Salem United Church of Christ in Lena. Faith was a current member of the Salem UCC and a past member of Grace Valley Church. She enjoyed sewing, farming, baking, raising her family, going on car rides that stopped for ice cream and spending time with her grandchildren.

Faith is survived by her four children, Todd Brookman of Pearl City, Christina (Tom) Parkinson of Freeport, Louise (Scott) Lameyer of Lena and Johnathan (Krissy) Brookman of Lena; 11 grandchildren, Brandy Brookman, Hailey (Cameron) Reuter, Katelin Parkinson, Timothy Lameyer, Parker Brookman, Zach Parkinson, Andrew Lameyer, Brooke Parkinson, Rodney Brookman, Lexi Brookman and Sami



Brookman; six great-grandchildren, Abigail, Ashton, Mason, Luke, Leonardo and Sophia; one sister, Helaine (Clyde) Price of San Antonio, Texas; many nephews, nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rodney, on May 25, 1997; parents; and three sisters, Mona (Merlin) Fernstaedt, Diane (Jesse) McIlvanie and Zondra (Jim) Bailey.

A visitation was held Nov. 21, 2020, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena. A private family funeral was held Nov. 22.

Interment will be at the Grace Valley Church Cemetery, German Valley, Illinois.

A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

RALPH HASTINGS

Ralph Hastings, age 63, of Cuba City, Wisconsin, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, at home in Cuba City. A visitation and celebration of life service was held Nov. 21, 2020, at Law-Jones Funeral Home. Inurnment is in Savanna Township Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to share in Ralph's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.



Ralph was born May 6, 1957, in Savanna, Illinois, the son of Clifford and Hazel (Fulrath) Hastings. He attended Scales Mound and Joliet schools. Ralph worked at Dubuque Packing House, Farmland Packing, Addoco Pallet Co., Eagle Window & Door and also worked as a security guard at the Dubuque Greyhound Park & Casino. He liked to work!

Ralph enjoyed going to tractor pulls, Fourth of July in Schullsburg and watching the hot-air balloons as they gave rides to tourists. He loved the outdoors, especially sitting and watching the birds, squirrels and raccoons near his home. Most of them were well-fed.

Ralph is survived by his son, Clifford Hastings, of Dubuque; his daughter, Anna Hastings, of Dubuque; two grandsons, John Abrams Jr. and Carter Logan; three step-children, Stacey Stowers of Dubuque, Jeremy Hammill of Florida and Suzanne Hammill of Dubuque; three step-grandchildren, Alex, Scotty and Ezrahyynn; a sister, Shirley (James) Hoyer of Stockton; two brothers, David Hastings of Dubuque and Willard (Christy) Hastings of Warren; and two sisters-in-law, Cathy Hastings and Shirley Hastings, both of Schullsburg, Wisconsin.

Ralph was preceded in death by both parents; two brothers, Duane and Clayton; a sister-in-law, Margaret "Maggie"; a nephew, Dean Hastings; and a great-nephew, Daniel.



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JOSEPH W. HAMMER

Joseph W. Hammer Sr., 60, of Shannan, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020. He was born March 29, 1960, in Oak Park, Illinois, to William and Marilyn (Lanphier) Hammer. He graduated from Glenbard East High School in Lombard, Illinois, in 1978.

He spent most of his life working and running the family business, Process Screw Products. He loved traveling and spending time with family, summers at the river on his houseboat and midnight runs to McDonald's with the kids and grandkids. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and shooting. He loved coaching his children in baseball and softball for 20 years and volunteering and helping out in the community. He was an active and very grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous with over 41 years of sobriety, only achieved by sharing his story and helping numerous others, valuing all of the friendships he made along the way.

He is survived by his wife, Mary "Kristi" Rieger, of nearly 40 years, married on December 6, 1980. They had five sons and three daughters, Joseph W. Jr. (Teresa), Leslie (Tim) Wenzel, Mitchell (Charity), Jami, BilliJo (Kenny) Myers, Walker, Wyatt,



and Jack; nine grandchildren, Kaylee, Abbey and Brayden Hammer; Mitchell Jr., Mathew, Michael and Madison Hammer and Kalen and Karson Myers; 13 foster grandchildren; and 11 siblings, Bill (Christine) Hammer, Gayle (Mike) Hall, Marlene (Brett) Monigold, Mary (Ken) Royal, Michelle (Dan) McSweeney, Nancy (Dave) Skerik, Annie (Jeff) Shulfer, Brenda (Chris) Szczypta, Erin (Jeff) Ameiss, Patricia Kinunen and Susan Photopolos.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, William and Marilyn; brother, Jeff (Denise); Uncle Bill Lanphier; nephew, Tommy Dapkus; niece, Sarah and baby Oliver Johnson; and son-in-law, Oswald Bracero Jr.

Visitation was held on Sunday, Nov. 22, at Hermann Funeral Home in Pearl City, with the funeral following. Private burial was at Prairie Dell Presbyterian Cemetery on Nov. 23.

Condolences may be shared at hermannfuneralhome.com.

DORIS GOODRICH

Doris Goodrich, 83, of Freeport, Illinois, died Nov. 11, 2020, at Rock River Health Care in Rockford, Illinois. Doris was born April 9, 1937, to Norval Clyde and Bessie M. (Kloeping) Goodrich.

Doris graduated from Elizabeth High School and worked many years before retiring from Micro Switch in Freeport.

Doris is survived by a sister, Joyce (Bill) Clarkson of Thomson, Illinois, and brother, Marlo Goodrich of Savan-

na, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Winonna W. Reed.

Arrangements have been made with the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton, Illinois. Due to COVID-19, there will be no public services. A private burial will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton.

Condolences may be shared online at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

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In my opinion

Illinois small businesses need your support

It's easy to forget, but small business optimism was historically strong heading into 2020.

COVID-19, of course, changed things. Social distancing meant retailers and restaurants had to change how they did business. Some had little choice but to close temporarily, and some of those businesses will never reopen.

That's why we need to shop local on Small Business Saturday and throughout the holiday season.

Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, was created 10 years ago in response to another crisis, the Great Recession. The goal was to get people to bypass the national chains on the first weekend of the shopping season and support locally owned stores and restaurants.

And it worked. Last year, Americans spent a record \$19.6 billion on Small Business Saturday, according to a survey from American Express and my association, the National Federation of Independent Business.

We need to try to keep the momentum going.

Small business owners are doing everything they can to get through this, but it won't be easy. NFIB surveyed its members nationwide last month and found that 19 percent of them think they'll have to close in seven months to a year unless the local economy improves; 15 percent said three to six months, while 3 percent warned they might be able to last only a month or two.

And when we asked how long they thought their businesses could survive under current economic conditions, 19% said seven months to a year, while 15% said three to



By **MARK GRANT**
National Federation
of Independent
Business

six months and 3% said they might have to close in a month or two.

We can't afford to let that happen.

Small business is the heart and soul of Illinois' economy, accounting for 99.6 percent of all businesses in the state and a net increase of 20,410 jobs statewide in 2019, according to the Small Business Administration.

We need small businesses, and small businesses need us.

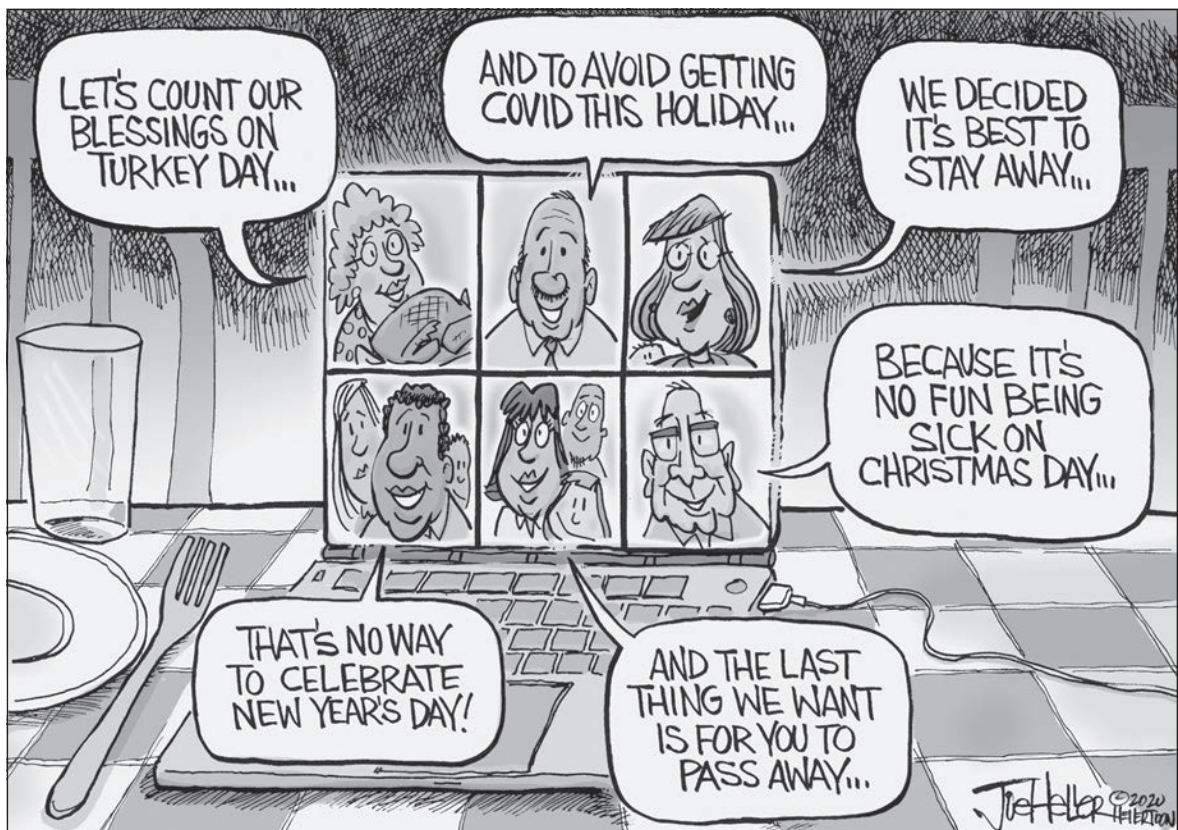
NFIB is asking Congress to approve additional financial assistance for small businesses, but there are little things you and I can do that can make a big difference.

We can shop local and shop small — in person, by phone, or online — and take advantage of local delivery or curbside pickup.

We can also buy gift cards for local businesses. Supporting them now helps them stay in business so we can use the cards later.

Supporting local shops and restaurants throughout the holiday season and beyond will lessen the financial impact this outbreak is having on our communities. Small business is the engine that drives our economy, so when we help small businesses, we help everyone.

Mark Grant is the Illinois state director of the National Federation of Independent Business.



Slices of life

Truthfully, no one is 100 percent right

"Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive."

— Walter Scott

They say the only two things we can count on in life are death and taxes. I'd like to add one more — deception.

We all lie. Not as in a supine position on the couch or bed, but as providing false or incomplete information in order to perpetuate information that is less than truthful.

Lies are not inherently bad. Far from it.

"Does this make my butt look fat?" is a lie in the making. To respond otherwise would be detrimental to futures — of the asker and the responder.

So we tell lies — little white ones.

Lately it's been hard to discern the truth from lies, especially in politics. In this, many are pointing fingers. It feels like everyone is committed to their own truths, while the beliefs of other differing opinions are seen as lies. It feels judgmental and self-righteous on all accounts. Probably because it is.

We have a divided country.

We had an election that split us down the middle nearly 50-50.

And it seems that anyone on side A of the fence can't fathom how someone on side B of the fence could come to the decisions they did. And vice versa.

How did we get here?



By **JILL PERTLER**
Contributor

I believe the answer is deception.

This truth (as I believe it to be) brings me great sorrow. People are willing to spread untruths in order to further their own cause. We all know this is wrong. But it is happening all around us, from every side, every which way. You've seen it. We've all seen it. It has been running rampant like an off-the-rails train going downhill fast.

It feels as though we may be doing downhill fast.

And, no matter which side of the aisle you are on, I believe there is one truth we all should contemplate.

You believe your truth to be just that. You've lived it. You've listened. You've gathered facts and you've made your decision and it is the right one for you.

But, over 70 million voting Americans disagree with that truth. 70 million people can't be all wrong. Read that again. 70 million people disagree with your truth. Just like your group of more than 70 million disagrees with

theirs.

Those disagreeing with you can't be completely blind or indifferent to the facts. The entire 70 million of them can't be stupid. Like you, they have listened, gathered information and made an educated decision. They see the truth in their set of beliefs. They have a hard time understanding your logic. Much like you feel about theirs.

I get it. I'm willing to bet you get it.

How does this end?

I'm not sure. But I think we all have to stop thinking we are the only group on the right side of right. Further, we can't expect the "other" side to come over to our way of thinking. That's not going to happen.

The only way to come together is to acknowledge that no one is 100 percent completely right. That just doesn't happen when it's 70 million on one side and 70 million on the other. Let's all get real and face that truth.

No one person or set of beliefs caused this situation. But to some extent we all participated. No one is blameless. To acknowledge this is to acknowledge there is no cut and dried, right or wrong. This is a step toward the truth — and in the right direction.

Whether we passed on a meme we thought was funny and spoke to our cause, whether we blocked friends who had opinions differing from ours,

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BENJAMIN C. ALBRECHT JR.

Benjamin C. Albrecht Jr., 90, born the son of Benjamin and Margaret (Randecker) Albrecht, was born Feb. 19, 1930, on the family farm. He married Donna Endress on July 31, 1955, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Massbach. He passed away Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020, at home after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was a lifetime member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Massbach, serving on the church council for many years. He also served on Pleasant Valley Township Board and the Multi Township Board. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955 and was a member of Lena American Legion. He farmed on the family farm until 1993, when he retired and moved to Lena, where he took up the hobby of



restoring and finishing antique furniture and growing roses and begonias.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, Donna, of 65 years; his daughters, Lori (Tim) Holden of Freeport, Illinois, and Patti (David) Willis of Albany, Wisconsin; his son, Carl (Rene) Albrecht of Elizabeth, Illinois; his 13 grandchildren, Brandon (Christina) Smith, Josh (Tara Wydra) Holden, Cirrissa (Alex Fosmoen) Sturdevant, Adam (Allison) Albrecht, Tara (Andrew Gockenbach) Montoya, David (Ashley) Albrecht, Lindsey (Erik

Koning, Bethany (Adam) Dickman, Sam (Jacquelynn) Albrecht, Marc (Emily Dodge) Johnson, Laura (Daniel) Spillane, Jessie Albrecht and Lucas Albrecht; the 17 great-grandchildren with whom he was blessed; and his sister, Dorothy Endress of Ashbury, Iowa. Benjamin was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Margaret Albrecht; his brother, Henry Albrecht; and his sisters, Lillian Groezinger and Vera Haas.

The funeral service was held Nov. 20, 2020, at St. John's Lutheran Church of Massbach with a visitation before the service. Interment will take place at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Massbach.

A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

VAN E. MERCHANT

Van E. Merchant passed away Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, at the age of 85. The son of Harold E. and Neva (Fulrath) Merchant, he was born Dec. 31, 1934, and was the youngest of three children. He graduated from Lanark High School in 1952.

Van's first love was farming, beginning with his family farm in rural Lanark, Illinois, where his nieces and nephews would frequently visit as children to share the joys of country living. After selling it to the developers of Lake Carroll, Van purchased a farm near Stockton, then eventually moved to his present farm near Pectonica.

Over the course of his life, he was a pork, dairy and beef farmer, and he worked as a farmer from the age of 18 for as long as his health allowed, with his last season being 2018. He had a deep love of animals, particularly his cats and dogs.

Van was a familiar face at Mecum Auctions when rare or collectible farm equipment was on the sale bill, and the Stephenson County Annual Old Time Threshing Show was always on his calendar. Several of his favorites from



his collection were his Waterloo Boy, Minneapolis UDLX and complete set of John Deere 2 - c y l i n d e r crawlers.

Van spoke with a slow drawl and quick wit, as he was

always ready to offer a wisecrack or wry observation. A true patriot, an advocate of the U.S. Constitution and philanthropist, Van was an avid supporter of causes he believed in, including the Wounded Warrior Project among many others. Prior to his passing, Van set aside a generous sum of money which will be used to develop a scholarship fund focused on serving area students seeking careers in rural, tech and agricultural fields. Memorial contributions will go toward this scholarship fund.

Van was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his beloved sisters, Irma (late Allen) Zier and Ellen (Joe) Beja; nieces and nephews, Daryl (Jo) Zier, Deb (Bill) Dietz, Paula (late

David) Bruno, Laurie (Mark) Miller, Amy (Frank) Bozich and Todd (Julie) Beja; as well as many great- and great-great nephews and nieces.

Van had declared Christ as his Savior and was ready to enter eternity. The family is making future plans for a celebration of life. Condolences may be sent to Van's family, care of Deb Dietz, P.O. Box 160, Lena, IL 61048.

JANICE D. (NIEMANN) MCKEE

Janice D. McKee, 81, of Kent, passed away peacefully on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020. She was born on March 6, 1939, in Scales Mound, Illinois to Wilbur and Olive (Dittmar) Niemann. Janice graduated from Scales Mound High School and worked at Crum & Forster Insurance in Freeport until her marriage to Robert (Bob) McKee on Aug. 12, 1962. They moved to Pearl City, Illinois, to start farming in 1965 and then moved to Kent in 1968, where they raised their four kids and continued to farm until Bob passed on March 8, 2005. Bob and Janice were known around the area for their dancing and joined the Stockton Twirl-A-Ways, where they square-danced all over northern Illinois and

RUTH MAE VANDER VELDE FRISBIE

Ruth Mae Vander Velde Frisbie, 80, passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 14, 2020.

Ruth was born in Oak Park, Illinois, on Oct. 26, 1940, one of four children born to Maurice and Elizabeth (Ottenhoff) Vander Velde. Ruth graduated valedictorian of Timothy Christian High School in 1958 and continued on to Calvin College in Michigan before completing nursing school at Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, class of 1962. On Feb. 5, 1972, Ruth married Lawrence I. Frisbie Jr. They had three children, Lawrence, Katherine and Laura.

Ruth worked as a nurse for many years before becoming a stay-at-home mom. Ruth returned to the workforce as a medical underwriter before retiring in 2010. Ruth and Larry were avid divers and dive instructors and spent much time diving throughout the Midwest and Caribbean. Ruth and Larry spent years building a legacy on their farm outside of Stockton. Ruth's passions in life included her weaving, gardens and baking. Ruth participated in craft shows throughout the Chicagoland area, always proud to share her knowledge of rag rug weaving. Ruth



and Larry were avid gardeners, selling many of their vegetables and baked goods through the Elizabeth Farmers Market. Ruth was active in organizing and running organic food co-ops

throughout her life. Ruth's greatest joy, however, was her children and grandchildren.

Ruth will be dearly missed by her husband of 48 years, Larry; and their three children, Larry (Angela) Frisbie of Westmont, Kate (Kevin) Wickert of Bolingbrook and Laura (Robert) DeMatteo of Forest Park. Her joy for life will continue to shine through her five grandchildren, Jeremy Hall, Aiden Wickert, Isabella Frisbie, Duncan Wickert and Alexandria Frisbie.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Jim and George; and stepbrother, Bill.

The family will celebrate her life with a springtime memorial. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to The Nature Conservancy or Wounded Warrior Foundation.



southern Wisconsin for many years. They even were the club president in 1986 and hosted a 25th wedding anniversary square dance party in 1987.

Janice also enjoyed her Stockton bowling league, card club and going to bingo, where she made many friends. She was very well known for her cooking, especially her amazing desserts. Janice was very proud of her granddaughters and great-grandson and took every opportunity to spend

time with them. Janice was pre-deceased by her parents; brother, Wayne; and husband.

She is survived by her sister, Linda (Russell) Beyer of Elizabeth, Illinois; brother Delmar (Joyce) Niemann of Stockton, Illinois; three sons, Michael, Scott and Marlin of Kent; daughter, Julie (Mark) Weaver of Byron, Illinois; granddaughters, Karlie (Jessten) Heimer of New Haven, Indiana, and Amanda Weaver of Byron; and great-grandson, Luke Heimer.

A private family service will be held at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

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Budget cuts on horizon highlight never-balanced budget

By state Rep. Andrew Chesney
Voters' rejection of the tax hike amendment on Nov. 3 has brought into full focus the terribly unbalanced budget passed by the Democrat majority during the height of the pandemic in May of this year.

You see, Gov. JB Pritzker and Democrat leaders were counting on at least \$3.4 billion in new revenue generated by passage of the "Tax Hike Amendment," about half of which they anticipated being available for this fiscal year. Their strategy failed and they now find themselves dealing with a state budget hole north of \$5 billion.

They overspent and were banking on being bailed out through voters' approval of the word "fair." Oh, how wrong they were.

While they still pin some hopes on a federal bailout of debt-laden states like Illinois (especially if Democrats win a majority in the

U.S. Senate), they now find themselves finally faced with the reality of being cornered into cutting their sacrosanct state budget. Imagine the better position they would find themselves in had they not overspent the past six months, as Republicans warned they were doing.

Rather, the majority party continued to promise more to an electorate whose livelihoods they have savaged and destroyed. Have Democrats yet come to grips with the fact they don't have enough of other people's money to fulfill these promises of "help"? We will see.

The day after the election, House Republican Leader Jim Durkin called for immediate 4% across the board cuts as well as reconvening the legislature to address additional targeted budget cuts. This 4% would equate to \$1.2 billion in recovered spending. That is a

good start suggested by, seemingly, one of the few responsible leaders trying to right the ship of our great state. Democratic leaders responded by canceling the fall veto session so the legislature could not act on any reforms, including spending reforms. The General Assembly should be the first group to show up to and the last to stop. We are in the midst of a terrible pandemic, where lives have been lost and small businesses destroyed. The fact we have only been to work 25 days this year should outrage anyone who pays taxes in Illinois.

Look around you, elected Democrats. You've shut down our economy, ruined thousands of small businesses and put politics over science and data when dealing with a COVID strategy. News flash: There is no new revenue to be had. With the population we have lost already, Democrats are also now

back loading this debt onto fewer people, at an accelerating rate. If they fail to properly appraise the situation we are in, Democrats may forever lose the public, whose sen-

timents they failed to attend.

State Rep. Andrew Chesney, R-Freeport, represents the 89th District, which includes all of Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties.

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whether we wrote or said something judgmental or negative or degrading about those who saw things differently from us. Whether we simply liked posts that agreed with our preconceived notions without fact-checking, we all participated. The majority of us did, at least.

That's the bad news. The good news is we can all participate in the healing. We all need to participate in the healing. And that requires humility and honesty. It requires empathy and attempting with all of our hearts and souls to see things from another's perspective. This is a colossal opportunity for growth as

people and as a country. Let's look at it that way.

We don't want to live in a nation divided. So let's make a pledge toward honesty for all of us, and it starts with you and me.

This means no more skewing the facts. And especially no more bending the truth, unless it involves telling someone their butt does not look fat in any pair of jeans. Especially if that butt belongs to your spouse.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

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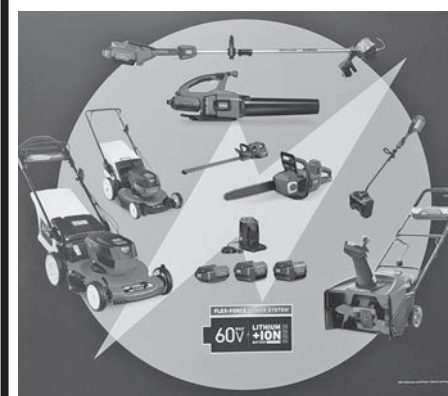
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Local Sources	1000	2,021,575	304,635	183,456	155,542	101,837	13,543	33,194	32,530	4,962
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000									
State Sources	3000	1,203,639	85,746	0	175,173	2,057	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	254,076	0	0	0	1,561	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		3,479,290	390,381	183,456	330,715	105,455	13,543	33,194	32,530	4,962
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		3,171,408	694,486	1,613,590	269,758	83,649	3,077,320		32,530	25,489
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Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2019		78,799	95,680	7,827	119,095	82,597	2,942,717	611,587	0	61,899
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2020		295,355	200,308	6,719	180,052	104,403	0	719,701	0	41,372

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Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	613,516	0	0	142,788	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	569,521	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		6,628,999	1,020,734	0	561,968	275,220	300,216	0	114,104	2,051
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		6,561,252	808,253	0	422,332	273,307	0		82,681	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2019		5,953,023	3,088,980	0	2,061,048	176,242	958,871	0	225,045	52,372
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2020		6,020,770	3,301,461	0	2,200,684	178,155	1,259,087	0	256,468	54,423

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Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000: Baltz, Cindia L; Crandall, Richard Wayne; Curry, Edwin R; Diestelmeier, Tracy M; Gunning, Elissa B; Hendren, Allen F; Henrichs, Merrill P; Howard, Linda J; Korte, Charles O; Packer, Madison C; Roberts, Sue A; Schuldt, William D; Sprengelmeyer, Lily C; Tonne, Margaret A; Wiegel, David L **Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999:** Brooks, Kelli A **Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999:** Anderson, Ari A; Benson, Guinevere J; Bingham, Kate L; Byrne, Natalie J; Green, Jacob W; Hartman, Celia T; Ketelsen, Tara M; Mc Manus, Ciara A; Richmond, Sara J; Taylor, Thomas S; Trone, Margaret L **Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999:** Albrecht, Corey K; Bochniak, Ann M; Ditsworth, Tamara L; Downs, Dennis D; Ebensberger, Deborah Ann; Einsweiler, April J; Fry, Brett W; Fry, Krista A; Kelzer, Michelle L; Klippert, Alaina M; Knauer, Jeremy J; Kuzniar, Laura A; Laity, Jennie A; Lawson, Brittany A; Mc Govern-Mensendike, Molly A; Miles, Susan M; Nicholas, Karla B; Potter, Brenda A; Ransom, Rhonda L; Reese, Debra C; Schafer, Linda K; Smith, Tamera K; Steele, Mary A; Stewart, Candace S; Tindell, Pamela T; Vandigo, Douglas H; Walters, Lara S; Wurster, Brian L; Wurster, Stephanie L **Salary Range: \$90,000 and over:** Albrecht, Bradley W; Albrecht, Shean M; Allendorf, Dianne M; Buchs, Beau D; Dittmar, Michael E; Ertmer, Kevin M; Foltz, Jack Michael; Harkness, Robin E; Thorsen, Kimberly V; Tippett, Judy A

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000: Alexander, Rebecca K; Allendorf, Steven R; Bainbridge, Nellie E; Baltz, Ethan KC; Barczak, Molly E; Basten, Debra L; Berlage, Jared K; Berning, Valerie J; Bichsel, Nicole M; Boden, Deborah H; Breed, James L; Breitbach, Lee Ann; Brenner, Lucy A; Brotherton, Heather M; Brown, Brian R; Brubaker, Kristina M; Buck West, Catherine A; BUCK, SHAWN R; Cliff, Jennie K; Crist, Sandra A; Daugherty, Wendy L; Denys, Sandra Kay; Doran, Terri R; Douvikas, Kim A; Ertmer, Darcy E; Gabel, Mary S; Gerlich, Donna M; Grissinger, Elizabeth M; Haas, Lloyd J; Harms, Julie A; Harms, Ted M; Hatfield, Rebecca Ann; Hernandez, Deborah A; Holland, James P; Holmbo, Sharon Kay; JOHNSON, COLTON; Kent, Lauren A; Knauer, James D; Kutz, Bruce E; MeKeel, Jessa L; Montgomery, Jennifer L; Murphy, Karen D; NADIG-MEHDIPOUR, LISA K; Naumann, Eugene J; Nicolin, Emily A; Nobis, Deborah L; Palmer, Margaret A; Patterson, Terry L; Potter, Duane S; Rayhorn, Debra L; Ries, Joshua J; Ritchie, Natasha L; Schnitzler, Elizabeth K; Schnitzler, Mary

E; Sinagra, Brittany L; Smith, Sharon K; Smith, Tricia K; Steinhagen, Barbara M; Stoewer, Tracy L; Thomason, Jason Q; Thomasson, Mary Ann; Thompson, David C; Tyne, Maureen A; Unger, David F; Vail, Kassie R; Walker, Mary Ann; Winter, Carrie L **Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999:** Klepack, Gary L; Klippert, Monica; Lisk, Donald R; Ludwig, Terri L; Miller, Scott W; Potter, Terri L; Schoenhaar, Jeffrey C **Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999:** Basten, Robert A; Haas, Lisa M; Smallwood, Michael T **Salary Range: \$60,000 and over:** Nicholas, Douglas C; Randecker, Sharon L; Schleicher, Gloria J

Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

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** IMPREST FUND **	\$24,607.34
** PAYROLL **	\$848,673.01
2ND GEAR	\$16,487.00
AFLAC WORLDWIDE HEADQRTS	\$13,862.80
AMAZON	\$2,573.03
AMERICAN FUNDS SERVICE CO	\$4,720.00
APPLE INC	\$3,664.00
APPLE RIVER STATE BANK	\$4,025,766.74
ARROW DIGITAL	\$19,927.31
BENNING GROUP LLC	\$10,300.00
BIMBO BAKERIES USA	\$5,129.38
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD OF IL	\$768,894.36
BROADSTEP ACADEMY-IL	\$36,195.15
CENTRAL STATES BUS SALES	\$142,811.30
CHILED A INSTITUTE INC	\$206,633.42
CONSERV FS	\$5,927.14
COUNTRY LIFE INS CO	\$4,320.00
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	\$33,541.66
ELIZABETH GARAGE INC	\$8,722.30
ELIZABETH ST BANK-FED TAX	\$481,689.93
ELIZABETH ST BANK-FICA	\$152,753.43
ELIZABETH ST BANK-MEDICAR	\$110,096.65
EQUITRUST LIFE INS CO	\$3,600.00
FREERTOP INDUSTRIAL ROOF	\$11,495.00
FRONTIER	\$14,371.94
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERV	\$4,500.00
GLENWOOD CENTER	\$3,300.00
HARDER CORP	\$3,165.69
HEART ZONES	\$4,101.87
HELM MECHANICAL/HELM SERV INC	\$76,270.50
HM FLEX-DAYCARE	\$8,600.00
HOLLAND & SONS INC	\$15,420.00
HOME DEPOT PRO	\$18,452.62
HOR MN-FLEX MEDICAL CARE	\$39,171.22
HORACE MANN LIFE INS CO	\$4,162.20
HORACE MANN-LIFE & ANN	\$157,353.06
IA STATE TAX	\$14,707.26

IFIBER	\$8,400.00
IHSA	\$3,438.00
IL ASSOC OF SCHOOL BOARDS	\$8,199.00
IL BANK & TRUST	\$10,353.12
IL CO RISK MANAGMNT TRUST	\$32,185.00
IL DEPT OF REVENUE	\$201,586.92
IL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENCY	\$9,767.00
ILL MUN RET FUND-IMRF	\$194,583.28
JO DAVIESS-CARROLL CTEA	\$100,038.36
JO-CARROLL ENERGY	\$249,246.90
LEARNING INTERNET INC	\$2,643.75
M & N SPOULE CONSTRUCTN	\$6,495.00
MCGRAW-HILL EDUCATION INC	\$12,128.13
MIDLAND PAPER COMPANY	\$6,121.57
MIDWEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$7,057.04
MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIP INC	\$3,804.61
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TREE	\$2,601.00
MONTGOMERY TRUCKING INC	\$2,666.00
NCS PEARSON INC	\$3,165.14
NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE SOLTN	\$16,196.61
NORTHWEST SPECIAL ED DIST	\$1,056,938.87
PEARSON EDUCATION	\$4,319.25
PERMA-BOUND INC	\$4,275.94
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	\$18,698.43
PROJECT LEAD THE WAY, INC	\$3,000.00
QUILL CORPORATION	\$5,203.85
RED 8	\$17,029.90
REGIONAL OFF OF EDUCATION	\$5,828.50
RENAISSANCE LEARNING INC	\$11,688.80
RICHARD L JOHNSON	\$81,897.82
RIVER RIDGE CUSD# 210	\$5,500,000.00
ROCK VALLEY CULLIGAN	\$8,211.41
SAUNDERS OIL CO INC	\$35,767.73
SCHOOL LUNCH SOLUTIONS	\$3,482.47
SCHOOL SPECIALTY INC	\$11,333.91
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WILLIAM V MACGILL & CO	\$2,613.05
WISCONSIN DEPT OF REV	\$3,004.89
WORKERS` COMPENSATION	\$32,903.00

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Bad breath could be a sign of a medical issue

By Dr. Stephen Petras
Talking to someone with bad breath is never a pleasant experience. While we all may experience bad breath once in a while, knowing someone with chronic bad breath may put you in to a socially awkward situation. Telling them will almost undoubtedly leave them embarrassed and there is the very real possibility they may be seriously offended and/or angry.

The important thing to keep in mind is that, while chronic bad breath is most likely caused by poor oral hygiene, it can be the sign of an underlying med-

ical issue.

If you are worried that you have bad breath, there are a couple of ways to check. You can lick the back of your palm at the wrist, using the whole tongue as far back as you can tolerate. Wait about twenty seconds, or until it is almost dry, and then smell it. You can also check by cupping your hands over your nose and mouth, then blow out strongly through your mouth.

When you do not brush and floss regularly, food that remains on and in between your teeth will decompose, leaving an unpleasant smell. At the

same time, the bacteria that is normally found in your oral cavity can mix with this food and release foul-smelling gases or volatile sulfur compounds. The same is true if you wear dentures and do not remove food that accumulates on the edges or clasps.

Consuming strong-smelling foods like garlic, horseradish, tuna, onions and liquor or tobacco use can intensify the effect. Not removing plaque can lead to decay and gum disease. In fact, chronic bad breath and a strange taste in your mouth is indicative of gum disease.

When brushing, be sure to clean the tongue as far back as you can tolerate, as this is where most of the bacteria that causes bad breath is found.

If you have chronic bad breath, share this with your dentist. The first step is to diagnose the cause. He or she will review your medical history, including any medications that you take. Many medications and medical conditions can lead to insufficient saliva production. Saliva plays a significant role in maintaining oral and overall health. It not only helps to mechanically wash food from your teeth and gums, but it

also contains disease-fighting components that protect you from infections. It also provides your teeth with calcium, fluoride and phosphate ions to strengthen your teeth against decay.

Dry mouth (xerostomia) also occurs when you continuously breathe through your mouth. As the number of cases and deaths from the COVID-19 virus exponentially rise, it is critical to wear masks to protect both ourselves and our loved ones. You should be aware that there is a tendency to breathe through your mouth when you wear a mask, which can lead to dry mouth. Therefore, you need to keep yourself well hydrated to support your salivary flow, which in turn will help you fight infections such as COVID.

I cannot emphasize enough how crucial maintaining oral health aids your body to maintain overall health.

Other medical causes of chronic bad breath include kidney and liver disease, gastroesophageal reflux and diabetes. It is important that you do not use mouthwash to cover up bad breath without discovering the cause.

If there are no oral health issues involved, you will be referred to your physician for a medical diagnosis. For xerostomia, your dentist may prescribe a mouthwash or other products with xylitol, which works to prevent bacterial infection, decay and periodontal disease.

Dr. Stephen Petras is an Illinois-licensed general dentist at the Stockton Dental Center.

Career academy students serve as ambassadors

The Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy in Elizabeth has three returning student ambassadors and five new student ambassadors for the 2020-'21 school year.

All of the school districts in the academy's area and all of the academy programs are represented.

The student ambassadors and their programs are:

- Dominic Geerts, a junior at River Ridge High School, criminal justice/law enforcement
- Cameron Kent, a junior at Warren High School, health occupations
- Taylor Broshous, a senior at Stockton High School, construction technology
- Adam Holcomb, a senior at River Ridge High School, computer networking and security

- Mackenzie Bentley, a junior at West Carroll High School, graphic communications
- Aryanna Thompson, a junior at Scales Mound High School, early childhood education
- Jude Benson, a senior at Galena High School, graphic communications
- Thomas Lange, a senior at Scales Mound High School, auto technology



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• Chefs (Continued from front page)

Brea
First, you go to the store and buy it.
Next, you put it on a cover
Then, I put sauce on the turkey.
Cook at 41 degrees for 16 hours.
Serve with a knife.

Emma
First, get the turkey at Sullivan's.
Next, put it on a plate.
Then, take the neck out of it and put it in the oven.
Cook at 1 degree for 2 hours. Serve with corn and orange juice.

Luke
First, you go at the store, then get it.
Next, you take it back home and put it on a plate.
Then, cut it with a knife and put it

in the oven.
Cook at 73 degrees for 50 hours.
Serve with a plate.

Deklyn
First, we go buy it at Sullivan's or something.
Next, put it on the plate and put a cover on it.
Then, put it in the oven and set the time.
Cook at 55 degrees for 53 hours.
Serve with salt and pepper.

Kellen
First, you buy the turkey at the toy store.
Next, I put it in a bag and then I put it in my car.
Then, we took it home and my dad pours chocolate on it. Put it in the oven.

Cook at 1 degrees for 540 hours.
Serve with sauce and butter and broccoli.

Caladin
First, take it out of the bag.
Next, you take all of the stuff out of it and put it on the plate.
Then, you put it in the oven.
Cook at 3 degrees for 3 hours.
Serve with salt and pepper and chocolate milk.

Anthony
First, shoot the turkey in the forest with a bow.
Next, put it in the oven.
Then, you eat it and then put it in the garbage.
Cook at 5 degrees for 5 hours.
Serve with my dad and mom.

Alden
First, you buy the turkey from Sullivan's.
Next, you cut it open and put salt and pepper on it. Then put whatever you want to eat in the pan.
Then, put it in the oven. Then use an electric knife to cut it. Put it on a plate. Then eat it.
Cook at 50 degrees for 3 1/2 hours.
Serve with celery and carrots. I like stuffing and potatoes.

Dwyer
First, get it from Sullivan's and cut the wrapper off.
Next, put it on a plate and put it in the oven.
Then, wait till it cools off and put the stuffing in it. Then eat it.
Cook at 50 degrees for 3 hours.

Serve with carrots and celery.
Hadley
First, put it on the grill.
Next, take it off the grill.
Then, cook it with a spatula.
Cook at 23 degrees for 26 hours.
Serve with corn and green beans.



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Hot school meal serves as Thanksgiving treat

On Nov. 19, all Stockton students from kindergarten through 12th grade received a hot Thanksgiving meal prepared by the cafeteria staff. The meal was a treat for the students, as this year they have been receiving a to-go cold lunch at dismissal at 12:45 p.m.

"We know 2020 has brought on hard times for some people and our wonderful cafeteria ladies wanted to make sure all students received a warm Thanksgiving meal this year," Stockton High School Principal Casey Downey said in a news release. "Students certainly enjoyed the feast!"



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Students in Katy Raab's junior kindergarten class at Le-Win Elementary School have plenty of interesting ideas about how to cook a turkey this Thanksgiving holiday. In addition to the students pictured above, four remote learning students contributed their "recipes."

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Pearl City CUSD #200	100 S. Summit St.	815-443-2715	7:00 am - 4:00 pm
<i>School District/Joint Agreement Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Office Hours</i>

Also by **January 15, annually** the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2020

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	2,193,907	199,362	660,923	126,558	205,736	0	30,871	123,362	31,822
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000					0				
State Sources	3000	1,861,109	50,000	0	133,556	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	550,833	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		4,605,849	249,362	660,923	260,114	205,736	0	30,871	123,362	31,822
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		4,577,008	353,637	691,535	253,223	173,223	0		89,778	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		127,553	72,022	-35,536	0	0	0	1,303,308	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2019		32,972	455,896	66,633	277,555	70,347	3,506	172,946	11,791	283,532
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2020		189,366	423,643	485	284,446	102,860	3,506	1,507,125	45,375	315,354

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000: ALLEN, MICHELLE; BANGHART, HOLLY; BREMMER, BETHANY; CAWKINS, CHARLES; FISCHER, SHANIA; GAUGHAN, JENNIFER; GERBODE, MARY; GOLDSMITH, BREANNA; GREENE, BRIAN; HEIMERDINGER, LEANN; HEINRICH, JERRY; HILLMER, KATHERINE; KAMYSZ, SHIRLEEN; KOHL, KEVIN; KUBERSKI, DEBBIE; KUHLMYER, SUSAN; MALLEY, KEVIN; MANTHEI, ARIANA; MCNUTT, JARED; MOEST, BARBARA; PETTA, JENNIFER; PICKARD, RYAN; PLAGER, CALLIE; RADFORD, LINDA; SCHMIDT, LISA; SHALLENBERGER, GRETCHEN; THILL, TIMOTHY; TIGGES, LUCINDA; UNGER, DAVID; URISH, CHRISTEEN; VANDEBURGH, PAMELA; WERHANE, KATHERINE; WINTER, STACEY;
Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999: ASCHE, RILEY; JONES, KAYLEIGH; KEMPEL, DANIELLE; MERBOTH, NICOLE; PICKARD, KATELYN; RASMUSSEN, HANNAH; SCHLEMMER, KYLIE; TESKE, MILENA; TESSENDORF, HEATHER
Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999: BROUHARD, ALLISON; BUNKER, JODEEN; DOWNEY, SEAN; DUNCAN, SHANON; EHLERS, TAMMY; ENDRESS, SHAUNA; FRANSEN, KRISTI; GRAF, JAMIE; HAMILTON, DEBRA; HAWKINSON, STEVEN; JOHNSON, WILLIAM; KOSTALLARI, ADRIAN; KREISER, CRAIG; LAWLER, KELLY; LEE, KRISTEN; LORIG, KIMBERLEY; MILAM, MATTHEW; MOORE, ASHLEY; PAULEY, JODY; PITTS, JENNIFER; ROBBINS, JOSHUA; ROBINSON, JUDY; SCOTT, SANDRA; SMITH, COURTNEY; SPAHR, MEGAN; VISEL, BARBI; WHITEBREAD, CARLA; WILLIAMS, KIMBERLY; WOODLEY, SCOTT; ZINK, JOEL; **Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999:** CHRISMAN, BRENT; SCOTT, DONALD; **Salary Range: \$90,000 and over:** MANDRELL, KELLY; SCHIFFMAN, MICHAEL

SHANIA; FORTH, BRENDA; FRANSEN, HALLE; FRANSEN, KRISTI; FRANSEN, KYLIE; FREESE, JAMES; GERBODE, ROBERT; GRONWOLD, ANDREW; HENRY, DIANE; HERSHBERGER, HANNAH; HESSENIUS, BARBARA; HILLMER, KATHERINE; HOUGH, HEATHER; JOHNSON, WILLIAM; KAMPAS, JULIE; KELTNER, SANDRA; KEMPEL, LINDA; KOHL, KEVIN; KONING, KEVIN; KRAUT, LEON; KROGULL, KIMBERLY; KROGULL, NICHOLAS; KUBERSKI, DEBBIE; LARAK, WENDY; LESKO, SAMANTHA; LITTLE, HANNAH; LORIG, KIMBERLEY; LOTT, MARSHA; LUTZ, JEAN; MALLEY, KEVIN; MANTHEI, NICOLE; MCKINNEY, ASHLEY; MCPEEK, JORDANNA; MILLER, COLE; MILLER, LINDSAY; MILLER, STEVEN; MUSSER, BROCK; MYSLIWIEC, JOSEPH; PALMER, MICHAEL; PETTA, JENNIFER; PICKARD, JOSEPHINE; PITTS, JENNIFER; PITTS, MADISON; PLAGER, RYNE; PLASTIAK, JENNIFER; RADFORD, LINDA; REINING, DORAL; ROBINSON, JUDY; ROSENSTIEL, STEPHANIE; SCHIESHER, MEGAN; SCHNEIDER, KARLY; SCHROEDER TORRES, ELI; SCHULZ, THOMAS; SCOTT, DONALD; SHALLENBERGER, GRETC; SMIELEWSKI, CELIA; SMITH, MICHAEL; STOFFEL, CHERYL; TILLIS, CHELSEA; VOSS, DEANNE; WELLS, ALEXANDRA; WELP, RANDALL; WENZEL, JO; WEST, JANE; WOKER, HARRIET; WOODLEY, SCOTT; **Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999:** HUENEFELD, LONNIE; HUENEFELD, TAMMY; SCHNEIDER, ELIZABETH; SIEBER, PHILLIP; STEPHAN, LINDSAY; STONER, NATALIE; **Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999:** KELTNER, JOHN; SHEFFEY, JANIS

DOLAN EDUCATION CENTER	\$45,203.00
ED CURRY MEMORIAL	\$3,000.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INS	\$3,926.53
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS	\$3,008.35
FREEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$3,567.20
FULL COMPASS SYSTEMS	\$3,960.00
GARDENER'S SUPPLY CO	\$2,723.93
GFD, INC.	\$6,513.69
GORDON FOOD SERVICE	\$37,322.24
GREAT MINDS PBC	\$7,789.60
HARDER CORPORATION	\$6,256.14
HEAD2TOE	\$2,665.98
HEARTSPRING	\$252,369.05
HORACE MANN	\$26,147.40
IASB	\$4,309.00
IHSA	\$8,554.80
ILL. DEPT. OF REVENUE	\$141,267.53
ILL. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$111,134.19
ILLINOIS FFA	\$2,830.00
ILLINOIS FIBER RESOURCE	\$7,200.00
ILLINOIS STATE DISBURSEMENT	\$3,046.46
IMPREST FUND	\$25,448.59
JENNIFER PETTA	\$93,625.45
KS STATEBANK GOVERNMENT	\$15,618.00
LENA STATE BANK	\$7,128.00
LENA-WINSLOW DIST.	\$8,921.36
LINDSAY STEPHAN	\$3,430.25
LOESCHER HEATING	\$4,874.54
MANDRELL, KELLY	\$2,582.27
MENARDS	\$8,401.51
MIC WRIGHT SPECIALTY W	\$58,614.00
MIDLAND PAPER	\$4,137.01
MONTICELLO SPORTS	\$12,090.00
N.W. SPECIAL EDUC. DIST.	\$254,008.18
NCS PEARSON, INC.	\$6,737.50
NEWPORT TRUST COMPANY	\$3,600.00
NICOR GAS	\$7,412.26
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIV	\$9,000.00
P.C.F.T.	\$23,800.00
PEARL CITY ELEVATOR	\$25,209.85
PEARL CITY PARK DISTRICT	\$3,150.00
PEARL CITY SCHOOLS	\$10,120.54
PEARL CITY SCHOOLS	\$11,022.86
PEARL CITY WATER & SEWER	\$4,499.58
PEARSON EDUCATION	\$4,545.85
PEPSI (WP BEVERAGES, LLC	\$4,720.20
PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	\$3,695.42
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE	\$6,521.91
QUILL CORPORATION	\$3,014.29
RBS ACTIVEWEAR	\$3,985.41
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION	\$3,288.50
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS	\$23,726.96

Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
ADRENALINE FUNDRAISING	\$5,741.00
AERO GROUP, INC.	\$2,869.08
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE	\$9,901.53
APEX LEARNING	\$4,025.00
ARTHUR J GALLAGHER R	\$4,878.00
B & T AUTOMOTIVE INC	\$3,350.00
BARRY'S COLLISION CENTER	\$3,428.77
BENNING GROUP, LLC	\$10,450.00
BLOOM'S TREE SERVICE	\$4,800.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	\$509,160.92
CareerTEC	\$34,241.50
CDW-GOVERNMENT	\$8,326.17
CODEHS INC.	\$3,900.00
COE COLLEGE	\$2,660.00
COMMONWEALTH EDISON	\$59,122.99
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE	\$4,232.50

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RICHARD JOHNSON ASSOC	\$7,737.33
RIDDELL/ALL AMERICAN	\$9,411.09
RITE BITE FUNDRAISING	\$2,511.60
ROBBINS SCHWARTZ	\$37,668.87
ROCKFORD STEAM BOILER	\$6,820.78
RT. 20 BAR & GRILL	\$3,280.00
SANTANDER LEASING LLC	\$85,652.00
SCALES MOUND FFA	\$3,759.43
SCHOOL LUNCH SOLUTION	\$9,333.26

SCOTT STICHTER	\$12,958.44
SKYWARD ACCOUNTING DEPT	\$2,910.00
SPORT SCOPE	\$4,799.00
STALKER SPORTS FLOORS	\$2,750.00
STATE BANK OF PEARL CITY	\$456,706.24
STATE NATIONAL INSURANCE	\$18,157.00
SUPPLYWORKS	\$4,423.11
SYSCO BARABOO, LLC	\$40,668.09
TEACHER HEALTH INS. SE	\$53,122.64
THE BANK OF NEW YORK	
MELLON	\$655,000.00

THE HARTFORD	\$5,700.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	\$7,108.98
THRIVENT FINANCIAL	\$5,850.00
THRIVENT MUTUAL FUND	\$8,400.00
TRS-PAYROLL	\$239,718.20
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	\$3,095.98
VANGUARD ENERGY SERVICES	\$13,283.20
VILLAGE OF PEARL CITY	\$18,000.00
VISA	\$14,578.89

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Stockton CUSD #206	540 N Rush St, Stockton	815-947-3391	8:00 - 4:00
<small>School District/Joint Agreement Name</small>	<small>Address</small>	<small>Telephone</small>	<small>Office Hours</small>

Also by **January 15, annually** the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2020

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	3,969,517	513,873	0	177,743	235,246	381,227	37,674	150,731	61,938
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	1,399,765	1,003	0	201,056	5,361	0	0	0	50,000
Federal Sources	4000	505,166	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		5,874,448	514,876	0	378,799	240,607	381,227	37,674	150,731	111,938
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		5,509,138	562,533	0	256,125	179,468	100,612		152,527	18,649
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2019		4,558,819	415,430	0	184,066	60,421	577,469	206,807	38,470	21,487
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2020		4,924,129	367,773	0	306,740	121,560	858,084	244,481	36,674	114,776

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000: BISCHEL, NICOLE M; CRANDALL, RICHARD W; DOWNEY, SEAN M; FINLEY, CYNTHIA L; HURLBUT, CAROL ANNE; JOGERST, NANCY; KLAUS, SPRING D; MYSLIWIEC, ALBERT A.; NORMAN, JEFFREY M; NORMAN, KAREN A; PACKER, MADISON C; RECTOR, MARIA C; REEL, TERESA A; ROBERTS, SUSAN A; SCHNEIDERMAN, STEVEN W; SCHROEDER TORRES, ELIZABETH R; SCHULDT, WILLIAM D; SERTLE, TERRANCE G.; STAKE, GREGORY A; WAND, BAILEY E; WILD, JOEL **Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999:** DUERR, LINDSEY L; HERMANN, JARED W; HYLAND, MICHAEL E; OFFENHEISER, KALLI A; SMITH, MICHAEL H; **Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999:** BUSCH, RENEE L; HAWLEY, AMY ELIZABETH; KRUG, PATRICIA A; LEVERTON, GENA L; PEARCE, JENI LYNN; POLHILL, KAITLYN A; RAMEY, DOROTHY A; SARGENT, JENNA E; SCHRADER, KEELEY J; THOMPSON, AMANDA B; **Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999:** ADLEMAN, PATRICIA J; ALT, KIMBERLY A; ARNOLD, DARCY W.; CASSENS, KIMBERLY J; CRANDALL, LANA M; CURTISS, STEPHANIE J; DITTMAR, LORI J; DOWNEY, CASEY J; FOX, BRADLEY T; HAAS, MICHELLE A; HAMMANN, JOHNATHON D; HARBACH, MELISSA L; HEIDENREICH, KRISTINE M.; HOFFER, CINDY L; HUSO, DEBRA A; KENNA, CASEY S; LIBBERTON, KATIE JO; MALONE, SHARON R; MILLER, SUSANNE M; OFFENHEISER, DONNA M; OFFENHEISER, TRACY A.; PFEIFER, RONALD E; PLATT, CYNTHIA M; POSEY, KRISTLE R; POWELL, SUSAN K.; REIMER, CYNTHIA D; RICHARDSON, BRETT M; RILLIE, ELISA L.; SCHMIDT, MARY E; SCHUBERT, TIFFANY L; SMITH, TINA M; SNYDER, JESSE R; VINCENT, TANYA D.; WALTERS, CORY J;

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000: ALBRECHT, DENISE K; ALEXANDER, REBECCA K; BARE, RYAN P; BAUER, KIMBERLY L; CAHILL, REBECCA L; COOK, KRISTINE M.; COOPER, LALONNIE M.; DITTMAR, SONYA S; DOWDALL, JANET L; DUCHOW, PENNY M; DVORAK, SANDRA G; EADIE, KALEY; EDEN, SAMUEL C; GABEL, DONNA K; GERBODE, JOY E; GERBODE, ROBERT J; GORDON, NANCY L; GRABBE, ERICA R; GROEZINGER, ROGER D; GUENZLER, MARGARET A.; HAAS, SHAWN D; HARRIDGE, DENA; HARTOG, ROBIN L; HEIDENREICH, DANNIELLE N; HEIDENREICH, MARK H.; HELLER, SUSAN K; HENDERSON, AIMEE; HESSELBACHER, MALLORY N; HILL, CONSTANCE S.; ISBELL, ERIKA L; KOESTER, JASON J; KRAHMER, WILLIAM H; KRESGE, JARED L; KUNZ, DANIEL E.; KUNZ, DIANE K; LEITZEN, DANIEL A.; LEITZEN, SUSAN J; LUNING, DONNA K; LYNCH, SHAUN R; LYONS, CARL W.; MARCURE, EDMOND J; MARVIN, WAYNE BARRETT; MCCALLIPS, ALLISON S; MCPEEK, PERRY L; MOORE, BROOKE A; MOSCATO, JAMES C; NEWMAN, JODY L; NICOLIN, EMILY A; NOLLER, KARLA J; NOLLER, SCOTT; OPPOLD, DANIEL J; ORTMEIER, WILLIAM M; PEARCE, MYRA L; RANDECKER, DIANE L; RETZLAFF, MARGARET; REUSCH, WENDY S; ROSENTHAL, ROBERT J; RUBIO RIVERA, MALLORIE M; RUSSELL, ROGER L; SCHOENHARD, LISA D; SCHULTZ, ANTHONY J; SCHULTZ, BARBARA J; SCHULZ, ROBYN P; SCHWITZ, MARSHA K; SCHWITZ, MEGAN K; SERTLE, CARLA J; SKUTT, EUGENE; SLADE, TARA; SMITH, DEANNA R; SMITH, SHARON K; STEVENS, DANIEL L; STICH, AMANDA L; STINES, CALEB; THOMPSON, DAVID C; TILLIS, DEAN E; TIMPE, TIMOTHY C; TOWNSEND, GARY E; TOWNSEND, LIL-

LIAN H; WACKERLIN, LAURADAWN; WESTABY, KIMBERLY A; WULFF, JUDY J.;

Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999: BLAIR, TERE-SA M; ENRIGHT, BRENDA L; GRAVES, MILLICENT L; HARTOG, DONALD W.; SMITH, ROGER L; STARR, KATHI A; SULLIVAN, DEBORAH R; WRIGHT, LORIE A; **Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999:** BROSHOUS, DOUGLAS A; EDEN, VICKI L **Salary Range: \$60,000 and over:** BAGLIN, GARY A **Salary Range: \$90,000 & over:** Fox, Colleen A.

Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$18,261.07
AMERICAN FUNDS SERVICE	\$76,300.00
B L MURRAY COMPANY, INC	\$17,509.85
BARKAU AUTOMOTIVE INC	\$3,344.26
BAUER AGENCY	\$58,698.00
BENNING GROUP LLC	\$10,500.00
BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD IL	\$755,916.59
BROSHOUS, DOUGLAS	\$2,547.09
BSN SPORTS	\$5,617.99
CDW.G GOVERNMENT INC	\$9,664.96
CENTERPOINT ENERGY SERVIC	\$42,073.31
CENTRAL STATES BUS SALES,	\$19,539.41
CINTAS CORPORATION #19M	\$2,603.23
COMED	\$57,907.60
CONNECTION FINANCIAL SERV	\$30,327.53
DEARBORN NATIONAL	\$8,300.53
DEARBORN NATL LIFE INS CO	\$2,624.23
DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES L	\$30,366.06
DELTA DENTAL - RISK	\$41,524.13
DITTMAR, LORI	\$3,950.00
DUNLAP INDUSTRIES	\$3,715.20
EDEN, VICKI	\$2,651.06
ERATE FIRST	\$4,057.46
FICA-EFTPS	\$146,703.18

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FIT/US DEPT OF TREASURY	\$366,473.95
FOX, BRADLEY	\$2,568.75
FRECKLE EDUCATION	\$7,000.00
FREEPORT INDUSTRIAL	\$11,716.50
FREEPORT REG. HEALTH CARE	\$3,043.00
FRONTIER	\$15,238.22
GILL'S FREEPORT DISPOSAL	\$11,203.77
GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	\$82,268.99
GOVCONNECTION INC	\$21,025.97
HARDER CORP	\$3,824.58
HARTZ INC	\$4,373.08
HELM MECHANICAL/HELM SERVICE	\$108,272.55
HIGHLAND COMMUN COLLEGE	\$18,606.00
IBOSS NETWORK SECURITY	\$8,576.00
IDEAL ENVIRONMENTAL ENGIN	\$7,070.22
IL MUNICIPAL RETIRE FUND	\$100,839.56
ILLINOIS ASSOC OF SCHOOL BOARDS	\$5,840.20
ILLINOIS DEPT.OF REVENUE	\$178,503.09
ILLINOIS EDUC. ASSOC.	\$31,300.39
ILLINOIS FIBER	\$16,800.00
J & D ENTERPRISES	\$39,974.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PRO	\$11,069.23
KIRBY CABLE SERVICE	\$13,505.00
KURTS POLAR AIR INC	\$7,176.41
LAB-AIDS INC	\$3,384.64

LENA-WINSLOW CUSD #202	\$10,827.44
MAHONEY PUBLISHING	\$3,758.51
MCPHERSON & JACOBSON LLC	\$3,250.00
MEDICARE-EFTPS	\$88,355.50
MIDLAND PAPER	\$5,923.20
MONROE CLINIC	\$3,648.50
N2Y	\$4,796.00
NIU OUTREACH	\$8,000.00
NORTHWEST SPECIAL	\$175,726.95
NWEA	\$7,600.00
OFFENHEISER, KALLI	\$2,700.00
OPOLD BACKHOE SERV. INC.	\$24,975.20
POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC	\$6,505.54
PUSHCOIN INC	\$2,976.64
PUTNAM INVESTMENTS	\$7,200.00
QUILL CORPORATION	\$5,383.92
REG. SUPT.-TREASURER	\$37,579.15
REGIONAL OFFICE OF ED #08	\$20,690.00
RENAISSANCE	\$4,860.00
RESTAURANT SUPPLY.COM	\$2,833.99
REVOLVING FUND	\$22,043.43
RICOH USA INC	\$8,935.25
RICOH USA INC	\$10,016.77
RIDDELL/ALL AMERICAN	\$2,836.51
ROBBINS SCHWARTZ NICHOLAS	\$84,548.31
ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING	\$4,761.05
SAUNDERS OIL COMPANY INC	\$10,074.42

SCHIFFMAN, MIKE	\$2,600.00
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER CO.	\$7,072.60
SPECIALIZED DATA SYSTEMS, INC	\$7,291.00
STEPHENSON SERVICE CO	\$8,460.81
STOCKTON AUTO SUPPLY	\$6,006.95
STOCKTON HARDWARE	\$4,128.31
STOCKTON TRAVEL CENTER	\$4,992.87
STOCKTON WATER DEPT	\$13,749.54
SUSANNE MILLER	\$2,716.87
SWEETWATER	\$3,105.88
THE HARTFORD	\$22,904.00
TRACY OFFENHEISER	\$2,500.00
TRS 9%	\$269,202.91
TRS FEDERAL	\$8,322.29
TRS.58	\$17,338.47
TRSTHIS	\$64,645.30
UNITED LABORATORIES	\$9,098.25
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERV	\$4,000.00
US CELLULAR	\$3,993.17
VISA	\$16,222.03
WARREN SCHOOL DIST 205	\$3,504.85
WAYFAIR LLC	\$7,217.79
WERHANE ENTERPRISES LTD	\$23,620.57
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT	\$7,810.51

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF STEPHENSON CITIZENS STATE BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. KRIS R. WILD, THERESA E. WILD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, ORANGEVILLE COMMUNITY BANK, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Quarter of Section 30, Township 29 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian; thence South along the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 875.59 feet, more or less; thence West, parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section, a distance of 1,080.12 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; thence South, parallel to the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 750 feet, more or less; thence West parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 650.00 feet, more or less; thence North, parallel to the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 750.00 feet, more or less; thence East, parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 650.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; all being situated in Oneco Township, Stephenson County in the State of Illinois.

Together with an easement for ingress and egress as shown in a Declaration of Easement recorded June 2, 2008 as Document No. 200800095058. All being situated in Stephenson County, Illinois. PIN: 16-03-30-200-004

The improvements on the real estate consist of a single family home and various outbuilding previously utilized as a dairy farm.

The judgment amount was \$571,070.46 together with interest thereon at the statutory rate plus additional costs, in-

cluding publication costs, court costs, attorneys' fees and expenses of sale.

Sale Terms: 25 percent down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representations as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and is "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court and is, further, subject to a right of redemption in favor of the Internal Revenue Service.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that 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 representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

Persons wishing information regarding the real estate may contact:

Joel Kempel - Citizens State Bank
102 West Main Street, Lena, Illinois 61048-9247
Phone: (815) 369-4524
Dated this 4th day of November, 2020.
YALDEN, OLSEN & WILLETTE
By: /s/ Craig A. Willette

Craig A. Willette, Attorney for Citizens State Bank, Plaintiff
Yalden, Olsen & Willette
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838 North Main Street,
Rockford, IL 61103-6906
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NOTICE

The Pearl City Park District has the following positions open for the upcoming Consolidated Election on April 6, 2021
Two 6-year term commissioners
One 2-year unexpired term commissioner
Petition packets can be picked up by calling Kris Visel, at 815-297-3817

The Park District commissioner's petition must be filed with Kris Visel no earlier than Monday, December 14, 2020 and no later than Monday, December 21, 2020
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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT PEARL CITY PARK DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2019 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2020

Revenues: Property Taxes, \$116,278; Replacement Taxes, \$6884; Program Fees,

\$33,186; Misc., \$9463. TOTAL = \$165,811.

Salaries: Cole Miller, \$26479; Michael Palmer, \$5286; Chet Dietmeier, \$6321; Seth Palmer, \$1863; Lucas Petersen, \$2393; Kelsie Johnson, \$2607; Delanie Strohecker \$1574; Kayla Niehaus, \$2231; Mackenzie Endress \$2306; Amanda Baldauf \$2227; Bronte Wright \$1926; Zander Endress \$1673; Kristine Visel \$3244. TOTAL = \$60,130.

Vendors: EFTPS, \$16,991; I Parks, \$7990; The Hartford, \$6087; VISA, \$5925; ComEd, \$4811; Scott Stichter, \$3564; Menards, \$3526; IL Dept of Revenue, \$3319; Nicor, \$2546; Rise Broadband, \$2546; Bowen Oil Co, \$2641; Sub Total = \$59,946; All Disbursements under \$2,500 = \$16,045. Grand Total = \$75,991.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

	General
Beginning:	
Fund Balance	\$ 48,524
Revenue.....	\$165,811
Expenditures	\$136,121
Other Financing Transfers In (Out).....	0
Ending:	
Fund Balance	\$ 78,214
I, Kristine Visel, Treasurer of the Pearl City Park District, Stephenson County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020.	
Kristine Visel, Treasurer (Published in The Shopper's Guide Nov. 25, 2020)	

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Midwest governors urge residents to limit contact over holidays

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A bipartisan group of governors from seven Midwestern states, including Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, issued a joint plea last week for residents of their states to take precautions against the spread of COVID-19 over the upcoming holiday weekend, even if that means avoiding travel and family get-togethers.

"This Thanksgiving is going to look different than others have before, and it's because it has to," Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said during a virtual joint news conference. "I know that instead of hosting a big, in-person Thanksgiving like I usually do, I'm going to be setting up a Zoom call with my family members."

Whitmer was joined by Pritzker, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, all Democrats, in the news conference. Earlier, however, those governors were joined by Republican Govs. Eric Holcomb of Indiana and Mike DeWine of Ohio in

releasing a joint video on social media calling on residents throughout the region to take extra precautions this year.

All of those states, as well as others in the region, have seen some of the most rapid growth rates in the nation for COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations. And the news conference came on the same day Pritzker announced that Illinois would be placed under Tier 3 mitigations as of Nov. 20. Those mitigations include the closing of certain nonessential businesses and strict capacity limits in retail stores, fitness centers and some other establishments.

"As of our most current data, Illinois today is averaging more than 5,200 patients (per day) fighting COVID-19 in our hospitals - 400 more individuals than at our spring high," Pritzker said last week. "And this isn't just in Chicago or our other cities in Illinois. It's happening in our suburbs and our rural areas."

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, as Nov. 15, the

most severe hospital resource shortage was in Region 7 of the state's mitigation plan, made up of Will and Kankakee counties, where only 12 percent of the region's hospital medical and surgical beds, and 16 percent of intensive care unit beds, remained available.

But many of the governors said they were less concerned about the availability of hospital beds than about hospital staff.

"Because every day that you have 3,000, 4,000, 5,000 cases, those include our health care workers too," Kentucky Gov. Beshear said. "And they're not getting it at the hospital. They're getting it in their communities. So, to make sure that we have enough people and enough staffing, we need people to do their part and to remember, if you don't want to mask and you go out in public, you may be infecting that health care worker that you or your family could later need."

Wisconsin Gov. Evers said his state is experiencing the same problem.

"Here, we are at capacity or very

close to it," he said. "But it is about the people that do the hard work. We have a severe shortage of people; we're stealing from other states. And, you know, we're stealing from the states around us, for God's sakes. And so the point is absolutely true. They're getting it from the community. We have to stop the community spread."

Minnesota Gov. Walz said the health care workforce in his state is likewise affected by community spread of the virus outside of hospital settings.

"One of the things is child care, and

schooling for these frontline workers, what they do with that," he said. "When we start to see that community spread, it has a cascading effect. And what do they do with their own children? What happens when their school goes to distance learning? And that's one of the challenges of looking at this much more holistically."

All five governors said they plan to spend Thanksgiving at home with their own immediate families.

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Birth

HUDSON ALEXANDER HOLCOMB

Hudson Alexander Holcomb is the new son to Alexander and Megan Holcomb of McConnell, Illinois, born on Nov. 16, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Illinois. Hudson joins a brother, Hunter, 1. Grandparents are Roger and Jennifer Bronkema of McConnell, Kim Ellis of Freeport, George Ellis of Herrin, and Todd and Jenny Holcomb of Hanover. Great-grandparents are Steve and Lisa Schubert of Freeport, Cheryl Arand of Pearl City, Paul and Evelyn Bronkema of Stockton and Ed and Bonnie Haring of Elizabeth.

Alzheimer's Association offers holiday tips

While holidays can be a joyous time for many families, they can be challenging for families affected by Alzheimer's, especially in light of COVID-19.

"While Alzheimer's and dementia does not increase the risk of COVID-19, dementia-related behaviors, increased age and common health conditions that often accompany dementia may increase risk," according to a news release from the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter.

To help families navigate the holiday season, experts at the association offer the following tips:

In-person celebrations

- Celebrate smart. Celebrate safe. Consider smaller gatherings this year. If possible, opt for large, open settings that allow for social distancing. Encourage attendees to follow safety protocols, including handwashing, and the use of hand sanitizer and masks, as appropriate.

- Take a person-centered approach. Focus on what is enjoyable for the person living with Alzheimer's.

Take time to experiment with new holiday traditions that might be less stressful or a better fit for your loved one. If they get overwhelmed in large groups, a small quiet gathering may be preferable. If evening confusion and agitation are a problem, turn your holiday dinner into a holiday lunch or

brunch.

- Keep it simple. Consider a celebration over lunch or brunch at home or where the person is most comfortable. Instead of potluck-style gatherings, encourage guests to bring food and drinks for themselves and members of that household only.

Virtual celebrations

- Connect with your family member virtually. Schedule a FaceTime, Skype or Zoom call with your loved one and invite other family members to participate. Prepare ahead of time to ensure the platform you use is one everyone can access easily.

Consider taking the call to the next level by conducting a holiday activity such as baking cookies, exchanging gifts or singing favorite holiday songs.

- Prepare a favorite holiday meal or dessert. The current COVID-19 crisis has offered many families more time to cook and prepare meals. Make plans to prepare your loved one's favorite holiday meal or dessert. If you are unable to share the meal in-person, drop it off or have it delivered.

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Thanksgiving meal cost down slightly, Farm Bureau reports

The annual American Farm Bureau Federation's Thanksgiving dinner cost survey shows a decrease of \$2.01 from last year.

The average cost of this year's feast for 10 is \$46.90, down from an average of \$48.91 in 2019.

"The average cost of this year's Thanksgiving dinner is the lowest since 2010," AFBF Chief Economist John Newton said in a news release. "Pricing whole turkeys as 'loss leaders' to entice shoppers and move product is a strategy we're seeing retailers use that's increasingly common the closer we get to the holiday."

The turkey costs less than last year, at \$19.39 for a 16-pound bird. That's roughly \$1.21 per pound, down 7% from last year. The survey results show that retail turkey prices are the lowest since 2010.

The shopping list for Farm Bureau's informal survey includes turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray, pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee and milk, all in quantities sufficient to serve a family of 10 with plenty for leftovers.

In addition to turkey, foods that showed slight price declines include

whipping cream and sweet potatoes. Foods showing modest increases this year included dinner rolls, cubed bread stuffing and pumpkin pie mix. After adjusting for inflation, the cost of this year's Thanksgiving dinner is \$18.01, down slightly from last year.

This year's national average cost was calculated using more than 230 surveys completed with pricing data from all 50 states.

Farm Bureau volunteer shoppers were encouraged to check prices online using grocery store apps and websites due to the pandemic. They looked for the best possible prices without taking advantage of special promotional coupons or purchase deals.

The AFBF Thanksgiving dinner survey was first conducted in 1986.

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The course will cover pruning basics for apple, pear, cherry and other trees.

"Since 2017, I've taught this fruit tree pruning course due to demand in our area," said Grant McCarty, Extension local foods and small farms educator. "This comes from growers who have young trees, purchased a new home with old fruit trees, or trees that haven't been pruned in the last three to four years"

This year's pruning classes will be held virtually using the Zoom platform.

"While you might think that you cannot learn to prune using a virtual format, I've developed a color-coded system for teaching people how to prune that works really well to help you understand what to prune and what to leave behind," McCarty said. "Participants will be able to submit photos of their trees and may have them utilized in the presentation."

There will be three offerings of the pruning course:

- Thursday, Dec. 17, noon to 1:30 p.m.
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