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'Fit to be Tied' quilt raffle

The new quilt for the 2020 raffle is a bow-tie pattern made from 1930s pastel prints. Some of the fabric prints have recognizable figures in them. They are called object or conversation prints. These were used as early as the mid-1880s. Often the early prints were of a patriotic or nautical subject, or a nature theme.

The popularity of conversation prints spread as a new printing process made it economical to print small designs on fabrics. These prints remain popular and now include Disney characters and popular game or movie heroes.

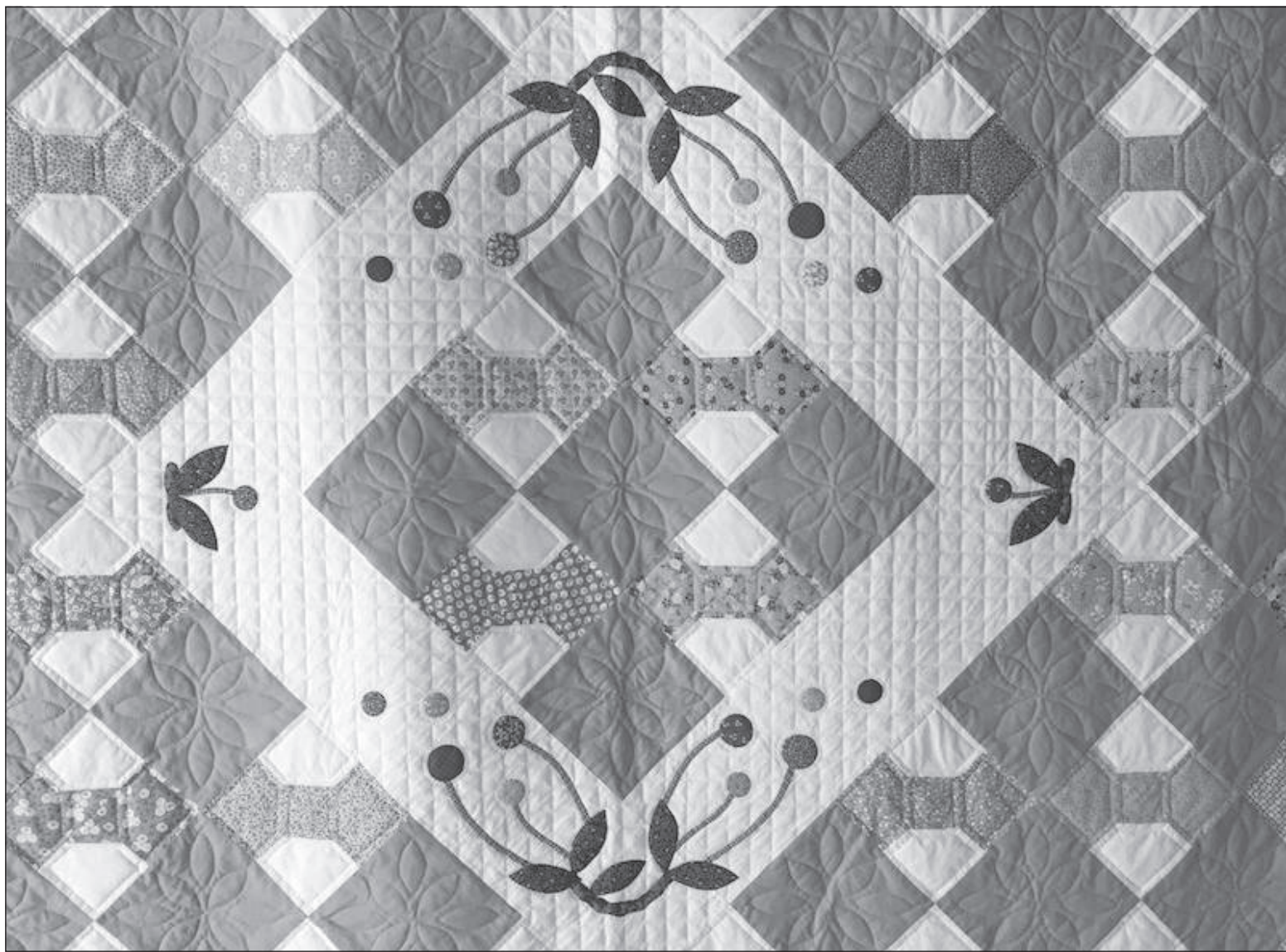
The Heritage Quilters' Bow Tie quilt has a lightness and whimsy to it, with a center block of applique. The bow tie block alternates with a 1930s green to add interest and color. The Bow Tie was rarely used by Amish, but some rare examples of their use do exist.

The pattern dates to the 1880s and was first published by the Ladies Arts Company in 1895. Like so many quilt patterns, it had other names: Colonial Bow Tie, Peekhole, True Lovers' Knot, Dumbbell.

The persistent story of quilt blocks used as code for runaway slaves includes the Bow Tie. That story tells of signaling runaway slaves to dress up in fine clothes to pass in disguise if stopped. The ultimate authority of quilt history, Barbara Brackman, states there is no evidence of quilts being used as signals, codes or maps. This story persists, yet has no documentation in quilt history to back it up.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Because of COVID-related programming interruptions the drawing date for this year's raffle quilt, "Fit to be Tied," was postponed until 3 p.m. Feb. 1, 2021, at the museum.

Visit mchenrycountyhistory.org/fit-be-tied for more information.



The McHenry County Historical Society is raffling a quilt whose pattern dates back to the 1880s and uses 1930s pastel prints.

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Crystal Lake business grants available

The City of Crystal Lake announced that the city will be providing up to \$750,000 in grants to sales-tax-generating businesses that have suffered revenue loss due to COVID mitigation restrictions. On Nov. 3, the city council approved a COVID-19 Impacted Business Relief Grant Program and an expansion of the city's existing Business Transition Grant Program to help businesses recover more quickly from the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The city received 29 applications during the first round application period and a second round for applications began on Dec. 5.

Utilizing the state's Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency (CURE) funding through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the city will administer the Impact Business Relief Grant Program funds with the goal of:

- Providing financial assistance to assist businesses to help keep them open and operating within our community and help reduce the number of business closures.
- Minimizing retail and restaurant vacancies to help maintain Crystal Lake's vibrant and successful business community.

"Crystal Lake's restaurant, retail and business community provides an incredible amount of good for our

community and supports hundreds of jobs," Acting Mayor Haleblan said. "The ongoing, global COVID-19 pandemic has impacted so many aspects of our lives, and many of our community's businesses are struggling to recover from its impact. These programs will provide some support so that these heavily-impacted businesses can continue providing the goods and services in our community that so many depend on."

Impacted Business Relief Grant Program Parameters

- Must be a sales tax generating business with annual sales not exceeding \$4 million.
- Business must generate walk-in traffic.
- Franchise businesses, home-based businesses, home occupation businesses, professional and medical businesses and businesses with more than three business units do not qualify.
- Any prior recipients of the State's Business Interruption Grant (BIG) are ineligible.
- Award amount is determined on the submitted IDOR sales tax figures from March 1 through Sept. 30 2020, as compared to the same time period in 2019.
- Businesses that experienced less than a 50% revenue loss would be awarded \$5,000,
- Businesses that experienced a 50% - 75% revenue loss would be

awarded \$10,000, and

- Businesses that experienced greater than a 75% revenue loss would be eligible to receive \$15,000.

The second grant program, the Business Transition Grant program was expanded to allow for up to \$1,000 for the reimbursement of not only protective enhancements like plexi-glass, masks, and sanitizer but also for heaters, tents and electrical improvements required for the addition of outdoor heating elements to assist restaurants with the new COVID regulations. Restaurants are currently permitted to have outside dining (physical distancing and other restrictions will apply). The City of Crystal Lake is encouraging any restaurants interested in adding outdoor seating to their location to please

contact the Community Development Department 815-356-3605 to approve an outdoor seating layout for your restaurant location.

Business Transition Grant Program Parameters

- Must be a tax generating business with annual sales not exceeding \$4 million.
- Business must generate walk-in traffic.
- Reimbursement for capital improvements for physical distancing, sanitation, and outdoor dining furniture, outdoor enclosures, and heating appliances due to COVID-19 up to \$1,000 per applicant.
- Franchise businesses, home-based businesses, home occupation businesses and businesses with more than 3 business units do not qualify.

Examples of Protective Enhancements Include:

- Plexiglass Enhancements
- Sanitation Stations
- Walk-up Windows
- Separations for Entrance/Exits
- Face Coverings
- Signage for Traffic Flow or Distance Dots
- Outdoor dining furniture
- Outdoor enclosures (tents, igloos)
- Outdoor heating appliances

Both grant applications are currently available on the City's website at www.CrystalLake.org under the Business Resources page. Businesses will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, contact Heather Maieritsch, Economic Development manager, at economicdevelopment@crystallake.org.

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Slices of life

True love for a guy named Thom, part 2

“Do not be dismayed at goodbyes. A goodbye must happen before you can meet again. And meeting again, whether it’s after days or lifetimes is certain for those who are friends.” - Richard Bach

My husband and I were one of “those” couples. We were joined at the hip and preferred to do most things together. I knew what he was thinking and vice versa. We went to bed together at night and made the bed together each morning.

Growing together over the years with a person like that is nothing short of a miracle. It’s a gift.

He was a gift. I said a sorrowful goodbye to him recently, but I prefer to think of it as an, “Until I see you again.” We even expressed this sentiment in our wedding vows. Instead of the traditional, “Until death do us part,” we opted for the phrase, “All the days of our lives.” Even back then, I didn’t believe death on earth



By **JILL PERTLER**
Contributor

would separate us. We would live on, and eventually live on together. He is still with me now. I don’t feel his presence (yet), but he is here. He lives on in my heart. He always will. I am so thankful for the bond that we had and that we have still.

If I had to describe him in three words they would include: kind, loyal, and loving. He was the smartest person I knew, but that trait couldn’t compare to the three I just listed. I know if it were up to him he’d pick kind over smarts, and loyalty over power any day. He was a good man.

We raised a family of one

daughter and three boys. We were busy, but it was a good busy. The best of busy.

He and our boys were football fans and they tuned in during the NFL season on Monday nights. During the game, I typically spent some alone time upstairs with some other show. As an introvert, this was just fine with me. Often, when it wasn’t an exciting football game he’d come up at halftime and want to watch with me. I sometimes saw this as an interruption to my alone time and I’d be a little bit (silently) annoyed.

I’d give anything to have him annoy me like that again.

While dating and over the course of our years together, we wrote each other love notes. Corny, I know.

Today (most randomly) I stumbled across a book I made for him shortly before we were married. I’d forgotten about it, but

there it was 30-plus years later, not a week after he passed away. There are no mistakes in the cosmos.

I read the pages, reverently, remembering. The words and ideas and love were young, philosophic and precious.

Some of his thoughts were so very tender and eloquent. At one point he contemplated love. He wrote:

“About love. Love is one of the only things in this world that isn’t relative. Everything else I can think of is always relative when compared to circumstances. But not love. Love is joyous. Love is kind. And love is always constant in my eyes.

Love is uncompromising and everlasting when it’s right. Love is not relative to me. It is beautiful and enduring. That is why my life is so meaningful right now. Because I love you.”

Back then, he went on a nine-week trip to Europe (without me).

I couldn’t imagine that expanse of time without him (sigh). Now the words I wrote as he left mean even more today than they did then:

“As you are leaving, do not be dismayed by our distance apart. Distance is relative. Realize that in our short time together we will learn to appreciate things some people never learn to recognize. As you are leaving, do not worry about the future. We have no way of knowing the direction our travels will take us. As you are leaving, trust in what is yet to be. Believe the best is ahead of you. Laughter is just around the corner. Believe in that.”

Until we meet again, Thom. Watch over me. Until then, I will always love you— all the days of our lives.

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Kopp disclosure

Scratching the surface of marriage

By Dr. Robert Kopp
CONTRIBUTOR

Everybody wants to live happily ever after.

Certainly, that’s the expectation at weddings.

But as a buddy observes, “Marriage is like flies on a screen. 50 percent want in. 50 percent want out.”

Truth is every marriage has challenges; as the bliss, mist, dog-eyed stares, and couch-cuddling to the tune of Elton John’s “Your Song” are often contradicted by days when wives think husbands come from Mars and husbands think wives come from Venus.

Think about the challenges – gender distinctives/obsessions, socioeconomics, in-laws, outlaws, and the many temptations threatening to tear apart marriages.

While this is a brief, incomplete, and indicative, not exhaustive, guide to happy, healthy, and holy marriages, I’ve discovered at least three essential ingredients in a recipe enabling romance after the honeymoon:

1. Take Jesus Seriously – You invited Him to the wedding. That’s not enough. He must be invited/welcomed/included/loved into the rest of your life together. Jesus was clear, concise, and conclusive about personal/marital survival: “Everyone who hears these words

of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”

2. Have Fun – Some favorite verses come to mind: “I meant to do my work today; but a brown bird sang in the apple tree and all the leaves were calling me. So what could I do but laugh and go?” Even those dusty old West-minster clergy got it/Him: “Our chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.”

3. Don’t Take Yourself So Seriously – Here are 12 words that keep marriages together: “I was wrong. I am sorry. Please forgive me. I love you.”

If you’re really serious about taking Jesus seriously in your marriage, having fun in your marriage, and not taking yourself so seriously in your marriage, take a look at Mark Gungor’s “Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage.”

Caution. If you’re not working on your marriage, someone else will be working on it for worse, not better, sooner or later.

Willard F. Harley, Jr.’s “His Needs, Her Needs: Building an Affair-Proof Marriage” is an excellent how-to on keeping

romance in marriage and preventing someone from stealing who God intended for you in marriage.

Dr. Harley’s book identifies the emotional, intellectual, spiritual, and sexual needs that must be met in marriage; admitting unmet needs destroy marriages.

A man’s basic needs in marriage are identified as sexual fulfillment, recreational companionship, an attractive spouse, domestic support, and admiration.

A woman’s basic needs in marriage are identified as affection,

conversation, honesty and openness, financial support, and family commitment.

Dr. Harley: “In marriages that fail to meet those needs, I have seen, strikingly and alarmingly, how consistently married people choose the same pattern to satisfy their unmet needs: the extramarital affair. People wander into affairs with astonishing regularity, in spite of whatever strong moral or religious convictions they may hold. Why? Once a spouse lacks fulfillment of any of the five needs,

it creates a thirst that must be quenched. If changes do not take place within the marriage to care for that need, the individual will face the powerful temptation to fill it outside of marriage.”

Or as I’ve had to say to wives and husbands to emphasize this caution, “Your spouse’s needs will be met with or without you. If your spouse ain’t getting it at home, they’re gonna get it from someone else.”

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Back in the saddle

The season of giving

By Ann Marie Cain, FBCM
WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU

Christmas is the season of giving. It is the time of year where we focus on giving loved ones gifts to show how much we care. For some, finding the right gift can be difficult. It is often the personal gifts that mean the most.

Gifts can be handmade like sweet treats, craft items, etc.; an item that someone really wants; or even the gift of spending time together (whether it is a phone call or Zoom meeting or time with members of your household taking part in family traditions). It is the time of the year to give to others like neighbors, local foundations and charities, and those less fortunate.

As you look for the perfect gift, we wish you a Happy, Healthy, and Safe Holiday Season.

Help the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation with year-end giving.

Thank you for your support during the past year. We know it has been difficult for you, just as it has been for us. Your continued support is important. Year-end is our most important time to raise funds, so here are some ways you can support us through gifts of assets.

• Gifts of appreciated securities – a donor can give appreciated securities they have owned for one year or more and get a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the securities. They also pay no capital gains tax. This gift is especially attractive with the steady increase in the market over the past year.

• Charitable IRA rollover – a donor who is at least 70 ½ can direct his IRA custodian to distribute from his IRA to a charitable organization. The distribution must go directly to the charity. Most charities qualify except for supporting organizations, donor advised funds, and private foundations. The donor can give up to \$100,000. The donor will not report any income, will get no deduction, but can count the distribution toward his or her required minimum distribution for the year, which is where the real benefit comes in.

• The distribution must come from an IRA. If the donor doesn’t have an IRA, they will need to rollover a distribution from their existing plan, such as a 401(k), to an IRA.

• This may not make sense for donors since minimum required distributions are not required for the balance of 2020. However, other charitable gifts may still be appropriate.

Donor advised funds
Gifts of life insurance: If you have an old paid up whole life insurance policy, you can donate it to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation and get a tax deduction for the cash surrender value.

If you want to make a non-cash gift to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation, please contact us at 815-962-0653 or via email at wbfmanager@live.com as soon as possible.

We want to give you sufficient lead-time to complete the gift before year-end. (If you have questions, please consult your tax adviser.)

For more information about the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation visit www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org/foundation.html.

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Fire chief helps department get new vehicle

By Bob Balgemann
REPORTER

There recently was disagreement among aldermen over allowing the fire department to purchase a new shift command vehicle, at a cost of \$47,078.90

Discussion landed on both sides of the issue with Mayor Mike Chamberlain issuing a definitive comment: "My thought is he (Fire Chief Al Hyser) wouldn't ask for this if he didn't need it."

The mayor added: "I've worked with these department heads for almost eight years. They don't come to us (staff) frivolously; they come to us when they need something."

At the end of the lengthy discussion at the Nov. 23 Committee of the Whole meeting, aldermen voted 8-1 to recommend approval of the purchase. City council followed suit on Dec. 7, voting 9-1 for final approval. Dissenting in both votes was Alderman Marsha Freeman.

There was back and forth Nov. 23, primarily over the timing of the purchase, whether it could be put off for a while, and the need.

Alderman Tom Porter wondered how urgent the need was for the new vehicle. "We're probably going to need to cut some costs because of the COVID-19," he said. "Could we hold off for a while?"

"We can certainly hold off for a while," Hyser replied. "However, I've had this (acquisition) for the last couple of years. I would like to get it (1995 Chevy Tahoe) replaced; these guys respond to mercy calls in the city. One of these days it (Tahoe) might just sit in the garage, because it won't start."

Alderman Ric Brereton wondered the same thing.

"It's time for it (Tahoe) to go off to something less strenuous," the chief said.

Freeman asked about moving the purchase off to next year, calling that possibly a wiser decision. She pointed to this year's list of capital expenditures that included \$125,000 for the second and final payment on the mini-pumper, payment five of seven on a fire engine, the command vehicle, and some smaller expenditures.

Upgrade needed

"I'm here tonight asking the council to make this decision for me," Hyser said. "It's up to you guys. When we buy things at our fire department we make it last 15-16 years. Presently, we have a 1991 engine that should have been retired long ago. But we continue to operate with older equipment. I'm here tonight trying to upgrade our equipment."

Alderman Dan Snow said the city doesn't know what next year holds, with everything that's going on. "We need to have the equipment for these guys to function," he continued. "I believe we should vote 'yes' and get this moving."

Agreement came from Alderman Matt Fleury, who said, "I think it's time to get you a four-wheel (vehicle) that's going to be proper equipment for the fire department. While it is a struggle right now, I don't think we should be cutting corners. We should get this vehicle at this point."

Alderman Wendy Frank asked if there was something a little bit older out there, perhaps a 2018 vehicle that could be bought "to tide us over."

Hyser answered that he always had been skeptical about used equipment, "because you never know what you're getting."

"This is something I feel is necessary for our fire department," he persisted. "When I started back in 2015, I didn't have the luxury of having great equipment and we've been playing catch-up ever since then. I'd like to keep up with our present way of doing business and keeping equipment up to date. So that's my contention."

Support came from city Budget and Finance Officer Becky Tobin, who said, "If I had my choice, I'd buy it now, in this (2020-21) fiscal year, when we have the funds. It's budgeted. Rather than trying to budget it for next year, when I think things will be tighter. This is one less thing we would have to try and squeeze in there. I think it (Tahoe) needs to be replaced."

Alderman Clayton Stevens, a retired city firefighter, asked who would be driving the vehicle and for what purpose?

"The officer of the day will be driving it, for his day-to-day operation," the chief responded.

Brereton concluded the discussion by saying, "I was a bit hesitant on this decision. But if the fire chief and finance director and the mayor all think this is a good idea, then I can support the fire department at this time."

The recommended 8-1 vote then was taken, with city council following up two weeks later, 9-1.

At the Dec. 7 council meeting there was one question, from Alderman Snow, who asked, "When can we expect to get the vehicle in and on the street?"

In the absence of Hyser, Tobin replied, "Usually it takes some time. He (fire chief) has to order it and receive the public safety package. Usually it's a three-to-four-month turnaround, I believe."



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U of I Extension Educator Peggy Doty, with her friend Forrest Stump, looks forward to continuing her work teaching people about their role in the future of the environment.

Local Extension educator wins award for excellence

Peggy Doty, energy and environmental stewardship educator serving Boone, DeKalb and Ogle counties, was honored by University of Illinois Extension for dedicated and innovative work in natural resource education.

Doty received an Individual Extension Excellence Award in recognition of the research-based natural resource education she consistently delivers to youth of all ages throughout the state.

Doty's passion resonates in her presentation as she helps translate science-based information in terms easily understood by all learners. Doty continually seeks new revenue streams to support her work while conserving annual grants. She has taught generations and says she looks forward to continuing her work teaching people about their role in the future of the environment.

Doty's Extension career spans 21 years. Her prior awards include the Outstanding Alumnus Award from Northern Illinois University's College of Education in recognition of contributions to the field of outdoor and environmental education.

Doty serves as co-chairperson for the DeKalb County Community Foundation's Land Use committee and associate director on the DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

About Extension

Illinois Extension leads public outreach for University of Illinois by translating research into action plans that allow Illinois families, businesses, and community leaders to solve problems, make informed decisions, and adapt to changes and opportunities.

Nexamp powers up Illinois community solar portfolio

The first of nearly two-dozen Nexamp community solar projects under construction in the State of Illinois is now live and generating clean electricity in Commonwealth Edison's service territory. The project, located along Route 76 in Poplar Grove, offers local utility customers an opportunity to support clean energy and save substantially on their annual electricity costs. It is among the first community solar projects to reach operation under the recent Illinois solar programs established by the Future Energy Jobs Act.

Nexamp, a national provider of clean energy and storage solutions, began development efforts in 2017 in anticipation of the Illinois Power Agency's Adjustable Block Program Lottery. The company partnered with Borrego, a leading community solar developer, to acquire the project and add to its rapidly expanding community solar platform. Community solar enables consumers to benefit directly from local renewable energy sources by subscribing to a project and saving on their electricity costs without any upfront investment and without the need to install any equipment on their property.

"Nexamp is committed to not only expanding access to clean energy but making that access fair and equitable for all residents. Our program is designed to make it easy for anyone to enroll and reap the benefits, no matter where they live or what their circumstances. Clean energy should be a right,

not a privilege," noted Nexamp CEO Zaid Ashai. "This is the first of many Nexamp projects to follow in Illinois over the next year and we are excited to make solar more accessible to all Illinoisans."

Nexamp community solar subscribers in Illinois enjoy a fixed 20 percent discount rate on the bill credits they receive from their portion of the community solar farm. In addition to providing savings to subscribers, Nexamp community solar farms provide long-term lease income to the landowners and contribute to the local economy during construction and throughout the project's operating life.

Local lawmakers had an opportunity to tour the project last month and learn more about the benefits.

"My recent visit to the Nexamp community solar farm in Poplar Grove provided a firsthand view of how jobs in the solar industry are positioning Illinois for the future as a leader in producing affordable clean energy," said Rep. Joe Sosnowski (R-Rockford). "Solar is a win for consumers too. Local residents can stay with ComEd and save up to 20 percent on their annual electricity supply costs without having to install rooftop solar panels. Thanks to Nexamp, community solar has emerged as a reliable, cost-saving option for Staline area families."

The Boone County project is already fully subscribed, with approximately 350 local residents poised to receive savings from the solar farm. The site,

which began construction in December 2019, covers roughly 15 acres and features 6,885 solar panels amounting to 2.7 megawatts of renewable energy generating capacity. ComEd and Ameren customers can still subscribe to Nexamp's other projects in the state, most of which are already under construction. Nexamp also is developing several projects as part of the Illinois Solar for All program, which specifically serves qualified low- and moderate-income households.

Illinois residents interested in learning more about Nexamp community solar can visit www.SolarforIL.com.

About Nexamp

Nexamp is leading the transformation to the new energy economy with proven solutions for the deployment and operation of solar and energy storage assets. Our comprehensive capabilities span the entire solar project lifecycle—including project development, design and construction, financing, operations and maintenance, and customer acquisition and management. Our integrated, best-in-class solutions make solar and energy storage simple and profitable for our clients and partners and make an impact every day. With a rapidly expanding network of property owners, businesses, communities, and residents benefitting from our growing portfolio of solar and energy storage assets across the US, Nexamp and our partners are laying the groundwork for a cleaner, more secure energy future. Visit us at www.nexamp.com.

Extension held master gardener training online

University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County hosted master gardener training with 11 participants this fall. This year was a flipped classroom style training where participants completed assignments and listened to recorded lectures before attending an on-line class to talk with Extension Educators regarding the specific topic for the week. The class met once a week for 12 weeks to complete the required amount of study hours. Topics included: botany, lawns, fruit, vegetables, trees and shrubs, soils, living with wildlife, integrated pest management, disease and diagnosis, annuals and perennials, and more.

"This hybrid flipped classroom style

training was a fun way to be able to offer master gardener training in this unique year," explained Nikki Keltner, Program Coordinator with the University of Illinois Extension. "I've worked with the master gardeners since shortly after joining the staff 13 years ago and we have talked for many years about changing the way we offer the training. This year was the perfect opportunity to try the flipped classroom style, it worked very well and we had a great group of participants complete the training."

While the master gardener program is nationwide, Illinois started its first training in 1975 and now boasts more than 3,500 Master Gardeners

statewide. Training is offered yearly throughout the state on a rotational basis so a county may host a training once every three to four years.

"Master gardener training is a fun, interactive educational program. Classes and volunteer work complement each other, building on materials learned, and sharing it with others in the community," stated Keltner.

As volunteers, master gardeners make a difference in the community completing their mission of "Helping Others Learn to Grow." For more information about the Master Gardener Program, call the University of Illinois Extension at 815-986-4357 or visit go.illinois.edu/jsw.

Thanksgiving Traffic Enforcement

The Belvidere Police Department issued 20 seat belt and child safety seat citations during the recent Thanksgiving enforcement effort.

The Belvidere Police Department also took the following enforcement actions:

- 2 felony arrests
- 0 stolen vehicles recovered
- 1 fugitive apprehended
- 1 suspended/revoked license(s)
- 7 uninsured motorists
- 1 speeding citations
- 0 reckless driving citations
- 2 drug arrests

Law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois participated in

this effort to reduce highway fatalities by getting impaired drivers off the roads and more people buckled up. The enforcement campaign took place from Nov. 20-30.

During the mobilization, extra emphasis was placed on enforcement during late-night hours, when statistics show the most unbuckled and impaired driving fatalities occur.

The Thanksgiving enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation as part of the statewide Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket campaigns.

Death notices

Dec. 7

Laura Donahue, 88; Carol Newcomer, 87; Theo Hilderbrand, 102; Cecelia Michonski, 91; Ernest Mowers, 94; Brian Jensen, 64; Peggy Schlias, 81

Dec. 8

Donald Ellingson, 96

Dec. 10

Donald Day, 83; Lila Wydick, 93; Deloris Olson, 84

Dec. 11

Robert Turner, 82; John Adams, 84; Joyce Russell, 85; Louie Rowe, 96

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Letters to Santa

Mrs. Busker's 2nd Grade class, Seth Whitman Elementary School

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,
I hope you're doing good at the North Pole. Thank you for the Scooby Doo toy! Can you bring my best friend Vann a really good present? He is a really good guy. I want a hoverboard, please. Thank you! How are the elves doing at the North Pole?

Love,
Aiden

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my MyLife truck! Since it costs a LOT of money, and you build stuff, will you get Dad the old-school Ninja Turtles arcade game? Santa, I love Queen of Mean VERY much and I would like to get the Audrey doll, just like Queen of Mean. How do Reindeer fly?

Your Friend,
Annaliase

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the lego table! Please bring my mom makeup. Santa, can you please get me a hoverboard? How old are you?

From,
Brodyn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toy last year. Can you bring my brother a toy? Can I have a yummy Christmas? I want to see you this year!

From,
C.J.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for getting me an art table last year. Can you bring my brother a dinosaur for Christmas this year? I would want a new blanket for Christmas. I hope you fly good this year!

From,
Ian

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for bringing me a LOT of military toys! Will you bring one more army costume to my friends so we can all play army games? What is life like at the North Pole?

Love,
Jayvee

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents. Can you please bring Landon a PS5, and an i-pad for me? How many elves do you have?

Your Friend,
Joslynn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the electric guitar. Would you please get Lydia Polly Pockets? Can you please bring me an i-Pad? How do you keep warm at the North Pole when you only have little outfits in the night?

Love,
Kathleen

Dear Santa,
Thanks, Santa, for getting me a Hulk toy and a Thor toy! Will you get

my Dad a PS4 controller, and Mom some Chocolate Candy? Thank you! I want a Nintendo Switch for Christmas and a beyblade: burst set. Hey Santa, I want a puppy stuffed animal I found too. How are you doing? I haven't seen you! I wish I could see you.

Your Friend,
Kayden

Dear Santa,
Thank you, Santa, for giving me a lego table. My brother wants more race car tracks and Hot Wheels. I would like more Barbie stuff. Are the elves coming this year?

Love,
Lincoln

Dear St. Nick,
Thank you for giving me gifts! Will you please bring Grandma and Grandpa a lot of Christmas decorations? Could I please have a tablet and a lot of sequins? Who is your dad and mom?

Love,
Lydia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
I am thankful to you for giving us lots of presents, and presents for family and friends! I would like some toys for my cats and dog, Sasha. Will you please bring me some toys that I might like? Something like board games, I would like that a lot. How has your family been doing

over there in the North Pole? How are your elves?

Love,
Madalyn

Dear Santa,
I hope that you have a fun Christmas! Thank you for bringing me my robot dog. Santa, can you please bring my friends candy and toys for Christmas? May you please get us Pop Rocks for Christmas? What is it like at the North Pole?

Your Friend,
MaKenna

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you, Santa, for my Pokemon Cards! My Dad really wants to get one of those new X-boxes that are coming out, please. I would REALLY like to get my Mom a new jacket because she has no jackets, please. Can you please bring me a new Robot set? My sister lost some of the pieces and ripped the stickers out of my Robot set. Is all of your elves at the North Pole every day? What does Mrs. Claus do?

From,
Mayson

Dear Santa,
Thank you Santa for giving me a Mega Blastoise and Mega Charizard toy. Will you bring my sister her own i-Pad? Santa, I want a black i-Pad. Santa, how do your Reindeer fly?

Love,
Owen

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all my gifts last year! Will you bring my Mom a new pair of shoes because my dog chewed them up? Can you please get me a Sponge Bob poster for Christmas? How did you become Santa?

Love,
Saige

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me a salt lamp. Can you please bring my dog some Christmas treats? And can you please get me some new clothes? How do you get to the houses so quickly?

From,
Sawyer

Dear Santa,
Thank you, Santa, for giving me a cool toy car! I would like you to bring my Grandma a present that she'd like. I would want a new school computer so that it could run better. Santa, I would like to know where you live.

From,
Thomas

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving my family a ton of presents stacked up to the whole wall! Can you bring an American Girl Doll for Lydia and Kathleen? I would like an LOL doll, please. How did you become Santa?

Love,
Trinity

Mrs. Hueston's 2nd Grade class, Seth Whitman Elementary School

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the box of LOL dolls from last year. Can you give my little brother a dinosaur for Christmas? Can you please bring me a big play house for Christmas? I can't wait for Christmas. What is your favorite animal?

Love,
Lupita

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my LOL dolls. Can you bring my baby brother a car set? For this year I want a LOL pet. Are your reindeers real?

From,
Kayla

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,
I like my electric scooter from last year, thank you so much Santa. I want you to bring my mom a new lipstick pack with lipstick. I want you to bring me a XBOX series S. What do your reindeers look like?

Love,
Ernesto

Dear Santa Claus,
I am thankful for my football last year. Can you please get my friends some Pokémon cards? Santa can you please get me a car set? What kind of cookies do you like?

Love,
Gabriel

Dear Mr. Santa Claus,
I like my tablet from last year, thank you. Can you bring an XBOX for my mom and dad? Please bring me a Pokemon card? What do elves look like?

Love,
Jared

Dear Santa,
Thank you so much for the slippers last year. I would really like you to bring a new stove for our mom. I would really like Legos Friends this year. How old are you?

Your Friend,
Ila

Dear Santa,
I really like my Lego box from last year. Can you please bring my brother Nick a dirt bike? I would like a new Adonomous Rex Breakout Lego set this year. How many years have you been alive for?

From,
Maddy

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Hatchimals. Can you bring my mom some money? I want a new Barbie for Christmas. What is your wife's favorite thing to do?

Love,
Natalie

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
Thank you for bringing me my drums last year. Can you bring my sister a Clue set? She has been waiting for one of those. Can you bring me a set of Copic Markers? Do you want Almond milk for Christmas this year?

Sincerely,
Abe

Dear Mr. And Mrs. Claus,
I really like my Hoover board from last year, thank you. Can you bring my brother Luke a Battle Arena? Will you please bring me Beyblades this year? Do your reindeer want the big carrots or the little ones?

Your Friend,
Logan

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
Thank you for the Barbies from last year. Can you bring Ila a new camera? Santa I want a new American Girl doll this year, please. What are the reindeers favorite color?

Your Friend,
Olivia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
Thank you for bringing me a doll house for my dolls last year. Santa can you bring my brother a new PS4 Controller? Can you please bring me a pair of diamond earrings? How are

your reindeers doing?

From,
Izabella

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for my new bike that you brought me last year. Please bring my brother Sam a new soccer ball. Can you bring me this Barbie that I really want? How many elves do you have?

Love,
Charlotte

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my trumpet that you brought me last year. Please bring my mom and dad some money. My wish list is for some tadpole stuff because I have some tadpoles downstairs. Why does my elf lose his powers when I touch him? Why is Rudolph the only famous reindeer? Why does Rudolph have a red nose?

Your Friend,
Cole

Dear Santa,
Thank you for buying me the new remote monster truck. Can you please give my sister a new watch? I want a PS5. Do you hang out with Mrs. Claus?

Your Friend,
Matheo

Dear St. Nick,
Last year you brought me Beyblades, Thank you. My sister would like a new jewelry box. Can you please bring me new Pokémon cards?

What is your favorite color?

Yours truly,
Ty

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my toy truck from last year. Can you please bring my mom some new make-up? Can I have a PS5? Where do you live?

Your Friend,
Kevin

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me an I-Pad last year. Can you bring my brother Johnny gear for his skateboard because he is scared to fall and hurt himself? Can you bring me a new notebook? When were you born?

Your Friend,
Ximena

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for bringing me my pink volleyball last year. Please bring some money for my mom and dad. Can you please bring me a new hoover board? How many reindeer do you have?

Love,
Lexi

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my new Chromebook. Please bring a new remote control car for my brother Cullen. Please bring me a new dirt bike. Does Mrs. Claus come along when you drop off all your presents?


Sincerely,
Ander

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Mrs. Kitson's 2nd Grade class, Seth Whitman Elementary School

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing a basketball hoop last year. Thank you for the Magic Tracks too. Santa can you please bring my sister a Jojo Sewa outfit? I wish you could bring my dad a new bow and arrows because he needs new ones. And bring my baby sister some baby toys. Please bring me a Fortnite toy and a four wheeler and a gas dirt bike. How much toys can you make in a day?
Your friend,
Easton

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
Thank you for bringing me gel pens last year. Please bring my dog Louie a bone. Audrina really wants a bed for her American Girl. I want one too. I would like the new Courtney American Girl doll. And I want the new set that goes with Courtney that is a bunk bed. What is your favorite cookie?

Love,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys that you brought me last year. Please bring my dad a new leg since he hurt his jumping off the fire truck ladder. Bring a new jacket for my mom. She broke her zipper. Please bring me a Nintendo Switch. How many elves do you have?

From,
Jayden

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
Thank you for bringing everything that I got last year. Please bring my mom a new coat. Bring my dad football cards because he

likes football. Bring my brother WWE action figures. Bring my sister a toy tiger because she likes lions and I think she likes tigers too. Please bring me an electric notebook. How many elves do you have? How many reindeer do you have?

Sincerely,
Adelyn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the kinetic sand last year. Thanks for the book about a zebra. Bring My Little Pony for my sister. Please bring my mom a cookbook to learn to cook sushi. I would like another Nintendo Switch and a new bike since my bike without training wheels is broken. Where do you live? Do you live near the clouds since that is high up?

Love,
Sophia L.

Dear Santa,
Thanks for bringing me a lava lamp. Please bring my dad an iPhone 12 because he really wants it. My mom would probably like a new Apple watch band. My brother would like a lava lamp too. I want the cupcake surprise toys and an iPad. Is my elf Avery there? Is Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer real?

From,
Oliva

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the hover board that you brought me. I would like you to bring my sister a doll because she really wants one. My dad would probably want a new shirt. My mom would like a scarf. Please

Love,
Kaysia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
Thank you for giving me the dragon hatchimal from last year.

bring me Pokemon cards. That is all I want. How many elves do you have?

Love,
Liam

Dear Santa,
Thank you for every single thing that you give me. Could you give my dog treats? Could you please my sister LOL dolls? Please bring my mom and dad new clothes. My brother wants Lego sets. Please give me doll clothes. How do you deliver presents?

From and love,
Ellie

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
Thank you for bringing me a toy horse. And thank you for buying me a LOL puzzle. My mom would like candles. Please bring her some. My dad might like a video game controller. Bring my brother Armani shoes. My other brother Navi would like shoes too. Please bring me a gumball machine. I want a Barbie house. Will I see you again at the YMCA? Thanks for getting me presents!

Love,
Naomi

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa! Please bring my mom some new clothes and my sister an American Girl doll. I want a Poozie Rainbow Surprise doll for Christmas this year. Where do you live Santa?

Love,
Kara

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me the toy for my cat. Please bring my brother a new phone. My mom would like cooking stuff. Bring my

Love,
Ryan

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From,
Ryan

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the new clothes and tablet from last year. My sister Athena wants a new phone. Maybe my mom wants a new phone too. Maybe my dad wants new shoes. My oldest sister would like new paper because she is the artist of the house. My sister Mia would like a new pillow. I would like new markers because I like drawing. How old are you? Why do you live in the North Pole?

From,
Sophie

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me my Nintendo Switch last year. I would like for you to bring my mom and dad a Nintendo Switch so they can have one too. Please bring my brother a Hot Wheels set because he really likes cars. I would like a Cars Lego set. How old are you?

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Love,
Anthony

Dear Jolly Old St. Nick,
Thank you for my Christmas train you brought last year. Please bring my sister and brother toys for Christmas. I would like an Xbox for Christmas this year. How do your reindeer fly?

From,
Rodrigo

Mrs. Ochoa's 2nd Grade class, Seth Whitman Elementary School

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me my brother's hockey net. I am asking for another Nintendo Switch for my brother Easton so that we can play together. This year I am asking you for an electric scooter for myself.

A question I have for you is how do you make your reindeer fly?
From Aidrek

Querido Santa Claus,
Gracias por traerme un juego de Xbox el año pasado. Este año quiero pedirte más dinero para mi mamá y papá. Yo quiero pedirte otra televisión para mi.

Una pregunta que tengo para ti es ¿cuánta nieve cae en el Polo Norte?
Tu amigo, Brayán

Querido Santa Claus,
Gracias por traerme mi favorito juguete el año pasado. Este año quiero pedirte una bolsa o lo que quiera mi mamá. Yo quiero pedirte un robot este año para mi.

Una pregunta que tengo para ti es ¿cómo guardas todos los regalos en tu bolso?
From Byron

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a Nintendo. This year I want to ask you for a WeYou for my friend. I want a PS5 for Christmas this year.

A question I have for you is how do you make your reindeer fly?
Your friend, Alex

Querido Santa,
Gracias por traerme un tocadorel año pasado. Este año quiero pedirte una tablet para mi hermano. Yo quiero pedirte una muñeca para mi.

Una pregunta que tengo para ti es ¿cómo haces volar a tu reno?
Con amor, Nathalie

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for bringing me my LOL. This year I would like my brother to get the new XBOX. I would like a magic set this year.

A question for you is why don't you let me see you when you visit?
From Sam

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for bringing me a hoverboard last year. This year I wanted

to ask for a dog for my sister. For myself I would like a bunny for Christmas this year.

A question for you is how do you get around the whole world in just one night?
Love, Emersyn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me hatchimals you brought me last year. I'm asking for a fun book to read this Christmas. For myself I would like fun ornaments to hang on my tree.

A question I have for you is how do you not crash your sleigh?
From Jaxson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me my Nintendo last year. I wanted to ask you for LOL dolls and Shopkins for my little sister. For myself I would like costumes from The Avengers.

A question I have for you is how does your sleigh fly?
From Jensen

Dear Santa,
I wanted to ask you for a Minecraft subscription for my little brother. For myself I would like Pokemon cards.

A question I have for you is how do you get around the whole world in just one night?
From Manuel

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for bringing me a lot of horse toys last year. I wanted to ask you for a new pet for my family. For myself I would like a real horse this year!

A question I have for you is how do you get the reindeer to fly?
Your friend, Ashlyn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a Barbie Doll house and my Barbie Dream Camper. I wanted to ask you for an Apple gift card for my older sister Evelyn. For myself I would like more stuff for Minecraft.

A question I have for you is how much snow falls in the North Pole?
With love, Dayana

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a Frozen 2 doll house last year. I wanted to ask you for an Alex Morgan bar-

bie for my friend Sam. For myself I would like an American Girl doll from the Sugar Plum Fairy holiday premier.

A question I have for you is how does your sleigh fly?
From Quinn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a pack of gum last year. I wanted to ask you for a lego set for my mom and dad. For myself I would like a duvet.

A question for you is how do you make your reindeer fly?
From Garon

Querido Santa,
Gracias por traerme una computadora y juegos el año pasado. Quería pedirte un juego para mi prima. Yo quiero pedirte un Nintendo Switch para mi.

Quería preguntarte por una señal para saber si eres real?
Tu amiga, Camila

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a Dot programming robot last year. I would like you to bring a baby doll for my little sister. For myself I would like a new Xbox series X.

A question I have for you is how do you go around the world so fast?
Respectfully, Dane

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for allowing me to have a good Christmas with my family last year. I would like you to bring a PS5 for my cousin. For myself I would like a bunch of toys!

A question I have for you is how much snow falls in the North Pole?
Respectfully, Sebastian

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a bike last year. I would like you to bring some pokemon cards for my friend Garon. For myself I would like Pokemon Cards.

A question I have for you is how did you get all of the tools for making toys?
Love, Levi

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for bringing me a new tablet last year. I would like you to

bring a robot for my cousin. For myself I would like a new backpack.

A question I have for you is how do you make your reindeer fly?
Love, Nicole

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a diary last year. I would like you to bring my little sister some barbies. For myself I would like LOL dolls.

A question I have for you is how do you go into people's houses

when they don't have chimneys?
Love, TaNyla

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a Batman toy and costume last year. I would like you to bring my little brothers a baby toy and some games. For myself I would like some costumes so that I can dress up for anytime.

A question I have for you is how long have you been Santa for?
Respectfully, Jeremiah

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Youth educator a life skills leader

Michelle Cox, 4-H youth development educator serving Lake and McHenry counties, was honored by University of Illinois Extension for her work in designing and implementing the Life Skills for Leadership program which addresses current issues and increases opportunity for youth in low socioeconomic status areas to engage in activities that build leadership capacity.

Using University of Missouri's Tackling the Tough Skills curriculum as a foundation, Cox developed a 10-week program that actively engages youth in building leadership capacity. Cox piloted the program in two urban high schools. By incorporating attributes from the Tackling the Tough Skills curriculum while integrating

sessions designed to build on leadership, Cox was able to help youth identify and understand who they are, where they want to go, and how to get there successfully.

Illinois Extension leads public outreach for University of Illinois by translating research into action plans that allow Illinois families, businesses, and community leaders to solve problems, make informed decisions, and adapt to changes and opportunities.



Michelle Cox

Professor named a university scholar

Ryan Dilger, associate professor in the Department of Animal Sciences, has been named one of five University Scholars at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. The honor recognizes excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.

Dilger researches animal nutrition and animal agriculture using an interdisciplinary approach involving immunology and neuroscience. His work has contributed to a variety of fields, from optimizing animal nutrition to understanding how nutrition requirements change when the immune system is activated.

His lab has used a translational piglet model for studying the impact of nutrient intake and infection during the neonatal period on brain development and cognitive functioning. Dilger recently helped the department develop best practices for mentoring undergraduates through research experiences, and he also revamped the experiential learning course to better capture diverse experiences.

Begun in 1985, the scholars program recognizes faculty excellence on the three University of Illinois campuses and provides \$15,000 to each scholar for each of three years to enhance his or her academic career.



Ryan Dilger

The money may be used for travel, equipment, research assistants, books or other purposes.

"Talented, dedicated faculty are at the very core of the University of Illinois' standing as a global leader in higher education," said Barbara Wilson, the executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs for the U. of I. System. "The University Scholars program honors the best of the best, showcasing the phenomenal scholarship and teaching that these select scholars are known for and that help attract students and drive progress for our state and nation."

In consideration of COVID-19 precautions, all 12 of the 2020 University Scholars will be honored during the spring semester, in a format to be determined.

Read about all the UIUC University Scholars at news.illinois.edu/view/6367/1876543009.

Woodstock Police report

The Woodstock Police department reported the following arrests and citations. Persons charged with domestic battery and juveniles 17 or younger are not named.

An arrest does not constitute a conviction, and suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Nov. 1, 12:40 a.m., in the 200 block of East Church Street, Grant R. Caudill, 28, of Woodstock, was arrested for two counts of WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

Nov. 1, 1:58 a.m., in the 200 block of North Benton Street, Edgar Lopez, 25, of Woodstock, was arrested for two counts of aggravated assault on a peace officer and obstructing justice.

Nov. 1, 4:15 a.m., in the 200 block of North Benton Street, Anton Abdulai, 28, of Woodstock, was arrested for obstructing justice.

Nov. 1, 4:20 a.m., in the 200 block of North Benton Street, Destiny D. Ortiz, 23, of Woodstock, was arrested for aggravated battery to a peace officer and obstructing justice.

Nov. 3, 12:52 p.m., Throop Street at Washington Street, James T. Kees, 55, of Woodstock, was arrested for driving while license revoked, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and improper lane usage.

Nov. 3, 7 p.m., Church Street at Main Street, Yenise A. Rosado, 19, of Elgin, was arrested for no valid driver's license and disobeying a stop sign.

Nov. 4, 7:03 a.m. in the 600 block of South Eastwood Drive, Joshua A. Brown, 20, of Woodstock, was arrested for four WOW (FTA-McHenry County, four counts) and theft.

Nov. 4, 2:29 p.m., in the 2500 block of South Eastwood Drive, Yerald A. Estrada, 19, of Woodstock, was arrested for no valid driver's license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and speeding.

Nov. 4, 5:28 p.m., in the 200 block of South Throop Street, Edel Castaneda-Carreno, 19, of Woodstock, was arrested for resisting a peace officer and failure to signal when required.

Nov. 4, 10:22 p.m., in the 110 block of Route 14, Joe R. Schultz, 29, of Algonquin, was arrested for WOW (FTA-Kane County).

Nov. 5, 6:50 p.m., East Kimball Avenue at Lake Avenue, Amari S. Wade, 22, of Woodstock, was arrested for no valid driver's license and improper lighting.

Nov. 6, 10:35 p.m., in the 500 block of Raffle Road, Rebeca M.

Brown, 33, of Woodstock, was arrested for driving while license suspended and speeding.

Nov. 8, 7:04 p.m., in the 800 block of Prairie View Lane, Tanis J. Kahabka, 56, no address given, was arrested for WOW (FTA-DWLS).

Nov. 9, 6:54 p.m., North Jefferson Street at East Judd Street, Francisco J. Olvera, 26, of Woodstock, was arrested for no valid driver's license and failure to signal when required.

Nov. 10, 12:05 p.m., in the 100 block of South Eastwood Drive, Jimmy D. Phillips, 57, no address given, was arrested for WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

Nov. 11, 10 p.m., Hoy Avenue at Dean Street, Gary L. Donahue, 56 of Woodstock, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, driving while license suspended, possession of cannabis in motor vehicle by driver and failure to signal when required.

Nov. 12, 7:37 p.m., in the 600 block of Lake Avenue, Lorachioe S. Sockwell, 52, of Crystal Lake, was

arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nov. 12, 10:17 p.m., in the 1300 block of South Eastwood Drive, Laura M. Echeverria, 27, of Woodstock, was arrested for driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Nov. 13, 10:10 p.m., in the 700 block of McHenry Avenue, Omar Manriquez-Cazares, 31, of Woodstock, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Nov. 16, 9:40 p.m., Estefanie Ortiz, 18, of Woodstock, was arrested for possession of cannabis in a vehicle by owner and failure to signal when required.

Nov. 18, 11:43 a.m., in the 700 block of North Madison Street, Gretchen A. Wielontek, 54, of Woodstock, was arrested for theft.

Nov. 19, 1:50 a.m., Tappan Street at Willow Avenue, J. Concepcion Aviles-Sanchez, 22, of Woodstock, was arrested for no valid driver's license and failure to signal when required.

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Ms. Villasenor's 2nd Grade class, Seth Whitman Elementary School

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a piano last year. Could you please get some hunting clothes for my dad, some fuzzy socks for my mom, and blanket for my little sister? This year I am asking you for some fuzzy socks for myself.

A question I have for you is how is it up in the North Pole?
From Alissa

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Tractor last year. This year I want to ask you for a doll for my sister. For my self could I get a Beg Bean Picker. I hope we can all be safe this year.

A question I have for you is how cold is the North Pole?
Love, Bronson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a surfboard last year. This year I want to ask you for a Mountain Bike for my Dad For myself, I would like the Under The Sea Mermaid Palace

A question I have for you is what is the North Pole like?
From Emily

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me toys last year. This year I want to ask you for my Aunt to get better. I really want a watch this year please.

A question I have for you is how

do you get around the whole world in one day?

Love, Aliyah

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a Scooter last year. This year I want to ask you for an American Girl Doll for my sister. For myself, I would like some Barbie Dolls

A question I have for you is how do Elves fly from the North Pole?
Love, Emerson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a Barbie House last year. This year I want to ask you for Sick Aunt to get better. For myself, I would like a watch,

A question I have for you is How do you get around the world in one day?
Your Friend, Quinn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a Barbie last year. This year I want to ask you for an Ipad for my sister. For myself, I would like an Apple Pen.

A question I have for you is how far is the North Pole
Love, Alexi

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me Legos last year. This year I want to ask you for a pretty Necklace for my mom and sister. For myself, I would like

Another Fish.

A question I have for you is how do the Reindeer fly in the air?
From, Jack

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me Nintendo games for Nintendo I got from Mom and Dad. This year I want to ask you for a tricycle for my little brother. For myself, I would like the Tamagotchi Game.

A question I have for you is how do you put magic on the reindeer for them to fly?
Love, Riley

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me Toys last year. This year I want to ask you for a Mermaid Doll for my sister. For myself, I would like a Skateboard with fire spray in the front.

A question I have for you is how do you make toys so fast?
From William

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me Toys last year. This year I want to ask you for some books for my brother. For myself, I would like Pokemon cards.

A question I have for you is do you really have a fat belly?
From Jacob

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me that

giant toy horse last year. This year I want to ask you for a Nintendo Switch for my mom. For myself, I would like some LOL Dolls.

A question I have for you is how do you make presents?
Love, Nataly

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me toys last year. This year I want to ask you for a drone for my brother

For myself, I would like Book read. A question I have for you is what is your favorite christmas song
Yours truly, Iker

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a Nintendo Switch last year. This year I want to ask you for a gift for my brother and 2 sisters. For myself, I would like Super Mario Legos.

A question I have for you is how do the reindeers fly?
Your Friend, Neymar

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a doll last year. This year I want to ask you for a doll for my sister.

For myself, I would like a watch. A question I have for you is how do you fly?
From Brisa

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a lot

of the things I wanted last year. This year I want to ask you for another phone for my moms boyfriend. For myself, I would like a Remote Control Car.

A question I have for you is it true that the Elves are mean?
Love, Evert

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me stuff that I wanted last year. This year I want to ask you for big clothes for my sister. For myself, I would like toys please.

A question I have for you is how do your reindeer actually move?
Love, Moises

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me clothes last year. This year I want to ask you for a PS5 for my brother. For myself, I would like some pretty shoes.

A question I have for you is how are you doing in the North Pole?
From Jaylah

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a Toy Car last year. This year I want to ask you for a PS5 for my cousin. For myself, I would like an Xbox for Christmas please.

A question I have for you is how cold is the North Pole?
From Manuel

Mrs. Walberg's 2nd Grade class, Seth Whitman Elementary School

Dear Santa
Thank you for the Rubik's cube last year. Could you bring a coloring book for my sister? I would like a new fuzzy blanket. How many reindeer do you have?

From, Sophia

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the 3DS you brought me last year. Could you bring my brother his very own Xbox please? I would like more books to read. Santa, are you real?

Respectfully, Romeo

Dear Santa Clause
Thank you for the new shoes last year. Could you bring my little sister a toy baby doll? I would like some new clothes please. How many helpers do you have at the North Pole?

Your Friend, Kylee

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the things you brought me last year. Could you bring my brother a new car? Could you bring me a new LOL OMG doll? How are things going in North Pole?

Love, Eliza

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the American Girl Doll you brought me last year. Could you please bring my mom a bottle of wine? I would like an American Girl Doll this year. How many elves do you have working at the North Pole?

Love, Olive

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Nintendo Switch last year. Could you bring please bring a ghost do from Luigi 3 for my brother? Can you please bring me two Primal Pal Blues? What is your favorite animal? I

hope it isn't snakes.
P.S. I am going to make you two different kinds of cookies and leave lactose milk.

Your good friend, Vann

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the soldier toy you brought me last year. Could you bring my little sister her own baby toy? I would like an Xbox. Is Rudolf the reindeer real?

Your Friend, Anthony

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the new watch last year. Could you please bring my big sister a dog? I would like a Barbie doll please. What do you do at the North Pole?

Your Friend, Dayana

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the new stuffed animal that you brought for me last year. Could you bring my brother a toy truck please? I would like a Snoopy for Christmas. Have I been a good girl?

With love, Zoe

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
Thank you for the toy lizards you brought for me last year. Could you bring a baby toy for my baby brother? I would also like more toy lizards again this year. Do you have real lizards?

Sincerely, Altin

Dear St. Nick,
Thank you for the giant stuffed animal Pikachu you brought form me last year. Could you bring my grandma a cookbook? I would like a giant stuffed teddy bear. How many elves do you have?

From, Brooks

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Just like Me American Girl Doll last year. Could you bring Tyler the American Girl Doll Courtney? Could you bring me the American Girl Doll May Ellen and her pup scooter? How many elves do you have?

Love, Audrina

Dear Mr. Claus,
Thank you for the toy guitar you brought me last year. Could you bring my brother some Krabby Patties from SpongeBob SquarePants? Could you bring me some macaroni and cheese? Can I see you Santa?

Your friend, Rey

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the cat mushy you gave me last year. Could you please bring a chameleon for my sister because this is her favorite animal? I would like you to please bring me a cat. What is your favorite kind of cookie?

From Jessica

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the baby doll last year. Could you bring my mom a princess waffle maker? Could you bring me a new coloring book with a lot of details because I love coloring? What is your favorite holiday?

From, Nylah

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the presents last year. Could you bring my sister a Barbie doll house? Could you also bring my little sister some toys, bottles and wipies? I would like an iPhone please. How many reindeer do you have? Santa do you have magic?

Your friend, Angel

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Police reports

Belvidere Police Identity Theft

On Nov. 23 at approximately 11:46 a.m. a Belvidere police officer was dispatched to the Public Safety Building lobby, 615 N. Main St. for an identity theft report. The complainant stated that they recently received a letter stating that they had been approved for unemployment benefits that they did not apply for.

Identity Theft

On Nov. 25 at 12:05 p.m. a Belvidere police officer spoke with a complainant at the Public Safety Building, 615 N. Main St. who stated his employer received an email yesterday stating that the complainant applied for unemployment.

Motor Vehicle Theft

On Nov. 28 at 11:20 a.m. a Belvidere police officer met with a complainant regarding their vehicle that was missing from their driveway in the 900 block of Logan Ave. The complainant last saw his vehicle at 9 a.m. that morning and it went missing at 10 a.m.

Retail Theft

On Nov. 29 at approximately 11:18 a.m. a Belvidere police officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of Belvidere Road for a reported theft. The complainant reported that at approximately 10:41 a.m. a male, average build, 6'1"-6'2" with a purple bandana covering the lower half of his face, left the business without paying for items.

Theft \$500 and Under

On Nov. 29 at 5:49 p.m. a Belvidere police officer was dispatched to the 800 block of Logan Ave. for a theft. The complainant advised someone stole their plastic tip jar containing an unknown amount of cash sometime in the last hour off the window ledge on the Taco Truck.

Criminal Trespass to Vehicle

On Nov. 30 at 6:26 a.m. a Belvidere police officer responded to the 200 block of E. 4th St. for a criminal trespass to vehicle. The complainant stated someone entered their vehicle. The complainant stated they parked their vehicle in the driveway on Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. and when they returned on Nov. 30 at 6:26 a.m. all his doors were open.

Found Bicycle

On Nov. 30 at 10:39 a.m. a BPD officer responded to Belvidere Middle School, on the 900 block of E. 6th St. for a found bicycle. School officials found a black Mongoose BMX style bike on Nov. 24 at 10 p.m.

Burglary from Motor Vehicle

On Nov. 30 at 1:27 p.m. a Belvidere police officer was dispatched to the 400 block of E. 2nd St. in reference to burglary to a motor vehicle. The complainant stated someone went into their vehicle on Nov. 28 between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. and removed several items from the rear passenger side seat.

Identity Theft

On Nov. 30 at 11:43 a.m. a Bel-

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Marriages can be improved, renewed, or saved.

Go back to the essential ingredients in a recipe enabling romance after the honeymoon; and consider Revelation 2:1-7 as a model for improving, renewing, or saving marriages as well as one's personal relationship with God: "Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first."

Remember everything that made you so passionately in love with each other.

Repeat or do them all over again.

Take Jesus seriously!

Have fun!

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Putting it another way, "The grass is greener where it's watered."

videre police officer at the Public Safety Building, 615 N. Main St. returned a phone call to complainant who reported an unknown person(s) filed unemployment on her behalf on Nov. 28.

Identity Theft

On Dec. 1 at 10:53 a.m. a Belvidere police officer responded to the Public Safety Building lobby, 615 N. Main St. for an identity theft. The complainant reported they are not currently employed, however an unknown person(s) attempted to file unemployment using their social security number.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-13

Plaintiff,

-v.-

GUY M. DILEO, JR., DENISE R. DILEO, HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III

Defendant

2020 CH 49

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 30, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 4, 2021, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Criminal Damage to Property

On Dec. 1 at 7:06 p.m. a Belvidere police officer was dispatched to the 1500 block of W. 6th St. in reference to a broken glass on sliding patio door. The complainant stated that they had returned home a few minutes ago and found the glass on their sliding patio door to be shattered.

Burglary

On Dec. 2 at 3:33 a.m. a Belvidere police officer was dispatched to the 1800 block of Union in reference to an alarm. BPD Officers observed the front glass door smashed. The

complainant advised the suspect was a male in dark clothing and a bandana on his face.

Sheriff's Incident Report Criminal Damage to Property

On Nov. 23 at 8 a.m. a Boone County sheriff's deputy responded to the 11000 block of Poplar Grove Road in reference to damage to property. The complainant advised someone knocked two 2x6's from two posts near the end of their driveway.

Criminal Damage to Property

On Nov. 23 at 12:50 p.m. a Boone

County sheriff's deputy responded to the 100 block of W. Main St. in Poplar Grove in reference to damage to property. The complainant stated they arrived in the area and noticed a broken window.

Identity Theft

On Nov. 24 at 9:28 a.m. a Boone County sheriff's deputy spoke with a complainant on the 200 block of Chanticleer Lane, Poplar Grove, who advised they received an application for unemployment and a debit card. The complainant stated they have not applied for unemployment

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF (DECEDENT):

Name: David Raymond Schuld
Address: 11623 Schuld Rd.
City, State, Zip: Harvard, IL 60033

Date and Place of Death:
9/18/2020; Byron, IL

Case No. 2020P69

PUBLICATION NOTICE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION TO: CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS (ONLY)

1. Notice is hereby given of the death of David Raymond Schuld who died on 9/18/2020, a resident of Harvard, Boone County, Illinois.

2. The Representative for the estate is: Clare Ritter, 4108 Sheridan Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55410

3. The Attorney for the estate is: Henry Repay, 930 W. Locust St., Belvidere, IL 61008-4226

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5. The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent supervision administration by filing a petition to terminate under Article XXVIII 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4).

Signature of Executor

CLARE RITTER

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE

In the Matter of the Estate of SALVATORE J. SCOTTI, deceased.

Case No. 20-P-71

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of SALVATORE J. SCOTTI, of Boone County, City of Garden Prairie, Illinois 61038, on January 21, 2015. Letters of Office were issued on November 24, 2020, to DARLENE J. BAILEY of 10457 Fruit Farm Road, Garden Prairie, Illinois 61038 as Administrator with Will Annexed, whose attorney is DEBORAH S. LOOS, P.C., by Deborah S. Loos, 130 South State Street, Suite 210, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

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

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Dated: 12/8, 2020

DARLENE J. BAILEY

Administrator with

Will Annexed

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Sen. Syverson: FOID renewal delays continue to be problem

State Sen. Dave Syverson (R-Rockford) is bringing attention to the ongoing delays within the Illinois Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) card processing system.

"My office has received hundreds of calls from frustrated citizens whose FOID cards have expired, and who have been waiting for months for their renewals," said Syverson. "While we were able to work with the administration to adopt emergency rules to help firearm owners with expired FOID cards amid the ongoing pandemic, gun owners are still encountering the

issue of stores not selling arms or ammunition without a valid FOID card and other states not accepting expired licenses."

According to the Illinois State Police (ISP), it takes an average of 121 days to process new FOID card applications and 145 days to process CCL applications. Renewals are taking significantly longer.

Syverson notes that Illinois is an outlier among many states, requiring gun owners to obtain a FOID card when most other states do not.

"I have worked with other

like-minded legislators to advocate for commonsense reforms to a system that is clearly not working," said Syverson. "Unfortunately, under this Administration, efforts have been focused on placing even more restrictions on law-abiding citizens rather than protecting our Second Amendment rights. Our focus should be on those who break the law, not those who follow the law."

The Illinois State Police have said that the Illinois State Police Firearms Services Bureau was confronted with a massive work increase this year,

with FOID card application requests increasing 167% from 2017.

"I want to thank State Police Director Kelly and his staff who have worked diligently to operate under current demands and under budget constraints to address as quickly as possible the backlog of renewals facing our state," said Syverson. "We have more than one million more FOID holders in Illinois than just 10 years ago, and are approaching 350,000 CCL holders. This increase has caused an un-

precedented work load for ISP."

ISP has announced continued efforts being implemented to confront the growing workload, including hiring additional firearms eligibility analysts in February and employing additional temporary contractors to meet the continued demand.

"I applaud Director Kelly for working to address this ongoing backlog and am hopeful that these steps will finally get our program up-to-date in the coming year," said Syverson.

Belvidere fire calls

The Belvidere Fire Dept. responded to 71 calls Dec. 7 to 13.

Monday, Dec. 7

BFD responded to 10 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

300 block of N. State St. - Unintentional transmission

1500 block of Douglas Ct. - carbon monoxide detector

800 block of S. Main St. - public service

Tuesday, Dec. 8

BFD responded to 8 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

700 block of Whitney Blvd. - public service

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1700 block of Henry Luckow Lane - assist police

1800 block of Maple Ave. - assist invalid

Wednesday, Dec. 9

BFD responded to 10 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

400 block of Club Cir. - assist invalid

2500 block of Pearl St. - gasoline spill

500 block of Pearl St. - fire alarm

1800 block of Maple Ave. - assist invalid

Thursday, Dec. 10

BFD responded to 5 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

US Rte. 20/Townhall Road - smoke scare

400 block of Club Cir. - public service

Friday, Dec. 11

BFD responded to 5 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

200 block of Fox Lane - carbon monoxide alarm

6700 block of Imron Dr. - call cancelled en route

400 block of Whitney Blvd. - public service

Saturday, Dec. 12

BFD responded to 9 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

2100 block of Wycliffe St. - good intent call

5800 block of Whitecliff Road, Rockford - call cancelled en route

2200 block of Blossom Lane - public service

Sunday, Dec. 13

BFD responded to 5 medical calls.

To roast or not to roast

If you are wondering if those spiny covered nuts in your yard are edible chestnuts, be sure to do your homework before hulling and roasting.

The difference between the edible American chestnut and the popular landscaping horse chestnut, yellow buckeye, or Ohio buckeye could turn out to be a toxic snack. Though they taste bad, and that should be enough to deter someone, if you eat enough of them it could be fatal. If you did not plant the tree, with the chestnut looking fruit you are considering consuming, chances are it is one of those other three.

The American chestnut was not historically an Illinois species but if planted it was able to grow in parts of the state. They were very dominant in their woodland habitat and took many of the resources from surrounding trees growing massively in both diameter and height, reaching up to one hundred feet. The American chestnut dominance fell when different species of chestnuts, carrying a fungus, were brought to the Bronx Zoological Park in New York City in 1904 from China and Japan. Because our American chestnut had not evolved with this chestnut blight fungus, they were susceptible to



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Horse chestnuts and the Ohio buckeye have palmate compound leaves. This means there are many leaflets, five to nine, growing around the leaf stem in a circle.

it and met their demise. When an American chestnut is only a few years old they get small cracks in their bark and this natural opening was an open door for the blight fungus to get in and slowly kill the trees. It quickly encountered the American chestnuts in parks and by the 1940's the blight had killed most of the American chestnuts in its original range. Any American chestnut found in Illinois today would be from stump shoots, not the original tree.

Horse chestnuts and the Ohio buckeye have palmate compound leaves. This means there are many leaflets, five to nine, growing around the leaf stem in a circle. The leaves attach to the branch directly opposite each other. When you hold one of the horse chestnut

or Ohio buckeye leaves, they resemble a large fan. The American chestnut has a simple individual leaf that has toothed edges, resembling the blade of a saw. These leaves are attached in an alternate pattern to the branch, or not directly across from each other.

If you are not sure which tree species you have on your property you should get it identified by someone before you chose to serve a roasted holiday treat to friends and family. Better to be on the safe side.

Gift cards: don't save them, spend them

By Michael W. Frerichs
ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER

Odds are that you or someone you know will receive a gift card during the holiday season.

It's easy to see why. The cards are easy to purchase and (typically) easy to use. They can be the perfect gift for that difficult-to-buy-for-friend or a great stocking stuffer for a college student.

However, too many times I have heard stories about a gift card that was saved for a rainy day only to find out that there was no money on the card because too much time had elapsed.

One of the lesser-known roles of

the Illinois State Treasurer's Office involves gift cards. That is why I hear the stories. Here's what you can do to protect yourself:

Know that retail gift cards and bank gift cards are the two most common types of cards. Retail gift cards are redeemable at the specific retailer or restaurant that issued the card. Bank gift cards, which carry a payment network such as American Express or Visa, can be used at any location that accepts that specific brand.

Resist the urge to save the card for a rainy day. Doing so may increase the likelihood that some of the card's value will be consumed by fees. Instead, use

the card and set aside an equal amount of cash for a rainy day.

Remember that while money on a typical bank gift card cannot expire for at least five years, depending upon the circumstances, inactivity fees can begin in as little as 12 months. Therefore, it is possible that inactivity fees could consume the cash value of a card before the five-year window has expired. Businesses that close likely will not honor an outstanding gift card.

Treat a gift card like cash. If lost or stolen, report it to law enforcement. Contact the card's issuer to determine if a replacement card is possible and at what cost.

REAL ESTATE LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-13 Plaintiff,

-v.- GUY M. DILEO, JR., DENISE R. DILEO, HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III Defendant

2020 CH 49

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 30, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 4, 2021, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Property Index No. 06-30-351-007

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$163,117.53.

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For information, Megan K. Gajewski, KELLEY KRONENBERG Plaintiff's Attorneys, 150 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL, 60601 (312) 216-8828.

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