

FREE Midweek Brief

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West Nile Virus Found in Mosquitos and Birds in 13 Illinois Counties; IDPH Warns Public to "Fight the Bite"

Although No Human Cases this Year to Date, National Mosquito Control Awareness Week Serves as a Reminder that West Nile Virus can be Prevented

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reminding the public that along with the start of summer, mosquito season is underway in Illinois and with that comes the risk of West Nile virus (WNV), which has been reported in 13 counties around the state so far. The reminder comes as public health officials around the country are highlighting the importance of taking action to "Fight the Bite" during National Mosquito Control Awareness Week, June 16-22.

While no human cases of West Nile virus have been reported in Illinois this year, there were 119 human cases reported in 2023, up from 34 human cases in 2022. There were six human deaths attributed to West Nile virus in 2023, compared to seven in 2022.

"West Nile Virus can lead to serious illness, especially for our Illinois seniors and people with weakened immune systems," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. "With the virus appearing earlier this year following a milder winter and spring, I urge everyone to fight the bite in their communities. Please reduce exposures, wear insect repellent while outdoors, and report any standing water around your community where mosquitoes can breed."

A county is considered positive for West Nile virus if a bird, mosquito, horse or human from that county tests positive for the virus. To date this year, Illinois has had 11 positive mosquito pools and 10 positive birds from 13 counties, including Champaign, Cook, Douglas, Fulton, Kane, Hancock, LaSalle, Morgan, Washington, Whiteside, Williamson, Winnebago, and Woodford. The first mosquito batches this year were found in mid-May, about two weeks earlier than in a typical year.

Updates on where cases have been reported can be found on the IDPH

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Spoon River College Outreach Offers Bus Trip to explore Brown & Schuyler Counties

Hop on the Snapper bus for a tour of history in Schuyler and Brown counties! Two pick up locations are available. The bus will leave the Canton SRC campus at 8:30 am and pick up passengers at the Rushville campus at 9:30 am. From there, we'll drive to Mt. Sterling to tour Dorothy's Market, which is owned and operated by DOT foods and named after Dorothy Tracy, who co-founded DOT foods with her husband, Robert. We'll learn the history of DOT foods and how Dorothy's Market was started and how it operates. Then we'll walk the short distance to Hagel 1891, also owned by DOT foods, and enjoy a delicious lunch (choice of burger or chicken sandwich, side and drink) before boarding the Snapper bus. Back in Rushville, we'll stop at the Schuyler County Jail Museum and take a self-guided tour. We'll have the opportunity to learn about the jail, built in 1857 by Jeremiah Stumm. It was used as a jail until 1909 and has quite the storied history of escapes during those years. The Jail Museum also has many collections, including the Scripps family items, quilts, military items, and genealogy records. At 3 pm, we'll board the bus for a drive by the Ray House, where Abraham Lincoln stayed, and hear a brief talk by Schuyler Isley from the Schuyler County Architectural Foundation. Students will be dropped off at both the Rushville Center and Canton campus.

Fee of \$50, includes bus ride, tours, snacks, and lunch. For more information or to register, call Spoon River College at 309-833-6031 or sign up online at <https://src.augusoft.net>.

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Macomb Police Department

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Rashawn Haywood, 24, Macomb, was charged with prohibitive noises

Roberto Charles, 46, Beardstown, was charged with careless driving

Chrissy M. Pantoja, 34, Arvada, CO, was charged with careless driving (cell phone)

6/13

Raymel Dean, 30, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Susanne E. Rericha, 54, Macomb, was charged with dogs running at large

Chris O. Hance, 66, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

Michael C. Cumbie, 64, Macomb, was charged with speeding over statutory limit

6/14

Marybeth A. Koester, 33, Macomb, was charged with careless driving (cell phone)

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: Why did the skunk take out a loan?
A: Because he only had one scent!

Q: Why shouldn't pigs drive?
A: They hog the road!

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West Nile

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West Nile Virus Surveillance page.

IDPH supports mosquito control efforts throughout the state by providing a total of \$2.8 million in funding to the 97 local health departments in Illinois for vector surveillance and control activities. This includes purchasing and applying larvicide, working with local municipal governments and local news media for WNV prevention and education, and investigating mosquito production sites and nuisance mosquito complaints. Local health departments collect mosquitoes for West Nile virus testing and also collect sick or dead birds for West Nile virus testing.

Monitoring for West Nile virus in Illinois includes laboratory tests for mosquito batches and dead birds, as well as testing sick horses and humans with West Nile virus-like symptoms. People who see a sick or dead crow, blue jay, robin

or other perching bird should contact their local county or city health department, which will determine if the bird will be picked up for testing.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a Culex mosquito, commonly called a house mosquito, that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. Most people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms; however, in rare cases it can lead to severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death. People older than 60 and those with weakened immune systems are at highest risk for severe illness.

IDPH urges the public to Fight the Bite by practicing the three "Rs" – reduce, repel, and report:

REDUCE – make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut. Eliminate, or refresh each week, all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires, and any other containers.

REPEL – when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt, and apply an EPA-registered insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, IR 3535, para-menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

REPORT – report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards, and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. The local health department or city government may be able to add larvicide to the water, which will kill any mosquito larvae.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the IDPH website.

NOTICE

The Community News & Market will be closed July 1 through July 7, 2024 for vacation. There will NOT be a publication printed or delivered during that time period.

We will reopen on Monday, July 8, 2024 and resume publications on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. Being family owned and operated, this is 1 of 2 weeks per year for everyone to take time off and re-energize!

We appreciate our customer's understanding and can't tell you enough how much it means to have such wonderful support throughout the community. We are so grateful!

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Death Notices

Mildred R. Bainter

91, of Macomb

Mildred R. Bainter, 91, of Macomb, Illinois, passed away at 7:05 AM Thursday June 13, 2024 at her residence.

There will be no services. Cremation has been accorded. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Mary Frances Clark

82, of Saddlebrooke, AZ, formerly of Prairie City

Mary Frances Clark, age 82, of Saddlebrooke, Arizona, after a long struggle with Parkinson's, went to the Lord on June 5, 2024, at her home in Saddlebrooke, Arizona.

A memorial service will be held at Vistoso Funeral Home, in Oro Valley, Arizona on Wednesday, June 26th. from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. and a Mass at Santa Catalina Catholic Church on Thursday, June 27th. at 10:00 AM. Followed by her burial on Friday, June 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Holy Hope Cemetery in Tucson, AZ.

She had many friends worldwide and will be dearly missed by both family and friends!

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or the Sisters of St. Francis in Clinton, Iowa, 843 Thirteenth Avenue North, Clinton, Iowa, 52732-5115. www.office@clintonfranciscans.com.

Ken Hoke

75, of Colchester

Ken R. Hoke age 75 of Colchester, passed away with his loving family at his side, Friday, June 14, 2024, at his home in Colchester. He was born December 31, 1948, to George and Mary Hoke.

Ken served in the United States Army. He was retired from Yetter Manufacturing in Colchester. Cremation rites have been accorded. No services are planned at this time. Jones Mortuary in Colchester is handling arrangements for the family. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

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Sharon Kay (Woods) Morss

84, of Dixon, Illinois, formerly of Avon

Sharon Kay (Woods) Morss, 84, of Dixon, Illinois, formerly of Avon, passed away at 8:25 p.m., Thursday, June 13, 2024 at the Dixon Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Grave-side services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 20, 2024, in the Avon Cemetery, Avon, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Serenity Hospice or the Dixon Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center who all took such good care of Kay during her journey home. Memorials may be left in the care of the funeral home, PO Box 538, Avon, IL, 61415. Moore Memorial Home, Avon, is handling the arrangements. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit our website at www.moorememorial.com.

Bonnie R. Shepherd March

80, of Carthage

Bonnie R. Shepherd March, 80, of Carthage passed away at 3:35 a.m. Monday, June 10, 2024 at Macomb Post Acute Care in Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Grave side services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Oakwood Cemetery in Macomb with Deacon Larry Adams officiating. There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to Wee Care Day Care Center. Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Tracy Glyn Fergusson

66, of San Tan Valley, AZ formerly of Macomb

Tracy Glyn Fergusson, 66, of San Tan Valley, AZ formerly of Macomb, IL, passed away at home surrounded by his family on May 30, 2024.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Good Hope-Sciota Fire and Rescue Squad.

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Patti Paul

78, of Oskaloosa

Patti Paul, 78, of Oskaloosa, died on June 7, 2024, at the Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Cremation rites have been accorded, and a private service will be held at a later date.

Judith Ann "Judy" Oliver

82, of LaHarpe

Judith Ann "Judy" Oliver, 82, of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away at 1:05 a.m. Saturday, June 15, 2024 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

The funeral service for Judy will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 20th at the LaHarpe Christian Church with Pastor Nate McCarter officiating.

Cremation will be accorded following the service. A graveside service for friends and family will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 22nd at LaHarpe Cemetery with Pastor Gordon Blankenship officiating.

A memorial fund has been established for the LaMoine Christian Service Camp. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Judy's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Chris D. Hornecker

67, of Augusta, IL

Chris D. Hornecker, 67, of Augusta, IL died at 11:15 am Friday June 14, 2024 at his home in Augusta.

Cremation has been accorded. There will be no visitation. A family graveside service will be held at Huntsville cemetery in Huntsville, IL. Memorials may be made to Huntsville cemetery. The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL is handling arrangements.

Shirley Ann Paul

87, of Bushnell, IL

Shirley Ann Paul, 87, of Bushnell, Illinois passed away on Sunday June 16, 2024 at Courtyard Estates in Bushnell.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. There will be no services. Private burial of ashes will be held in the Bushnell Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the East Elementary Activities Fund. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

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Blandinsville

WEDNESDAYS

Christian Church Youth Program

Every Wednesday for 5th grade thru High School students from 4-5:30pm throughout the school year.

THURSDAYS

After-School Program

Blandinsville Christian Church After-School Program will be held every Thursday for Kindergarten through High School students from 4:00pm until 5:00pm throughout the school year.

SATURDAYS

Story Hour and Crafts

Saturdays at The Blandinsville-Hire Library at 10 AM. Snacks available. Check out the many new kids and young adult books. Spend some time at the library and take a book home to read!

WEDNESDAYS JUNE 19 & 26

Summer Reading Program

The Blandinsville-Hire Library Summer Reading Program: "Read, Renew and Repeat" will be held Wednesday mornings from 10am-12pm. The program is designed for all ages and features the idea of focusing on protecting species from extinction, maintaining and restoring habitats, enhancing ecosystem services, and protecting biological diversity.

Bushnell

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Annual "Some Gave All" Event

Start out the day with breakfast at 7:30am, a ride rolls out at 11am with a return by 4:30pm. Live music by the Inlaws and Outlaws from 5pm-8pm. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Bushnell Train Depot Fundraiser

will be held on Saturday, June 22 featuring Revel in Red playing from 8-11pm. Bushnell Stage Park opens at 6pm. Cost is \$15/person or 2/\$25, table of 8/\$150 (includes admission).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Bushnell Class of 1969 55th Class Reunion

at the Bushnell VFW. Doors open at 5:30, please bring snack or appetizer, but if you can't there will be plenty. Come and enjoy a night of fellowship and memories. Hope to see you there!

Carthage

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Twitty and Lynn Tribute Show

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SATURDAY, JUNE 22

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THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS

Macomb Farmers Market

The Macomb Farmers Market operates every Thursday and Saturday from 8 am to Noon in downtown Chandler Park. Shop for fresh produce, locally raised meat, baked goods, honey & jams, coffee & beverages, garden plants & cut flowers, hand-crafted items, and more. Music on Saturday, June 8: the Prairie Dogs.

JUNE 27 - 30

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THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Friends of the Library MEMBERS-ONLY Preview Book Sale

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FRIDAY, JUNE 28 & SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Friends of the Library Book Sale

at the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. under one large tent and in the Annex. A large assortment of children/youth, and good conditioned adult books are arranged in subject order along with audio books, CDs, DVDs, and LPs. Proceeds invested in the Macomb Public Library.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing

Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing at the Gold Hills Golf Club at 9am. Cost is \$100/player or \$400/foursome and includes 18 holes with cart, breakfast, lunch, refreshments, mulligans, hole prizes, networking & fun!

St. Paul All Class Reunion

at St. Paul School from 5-7pm. All Alumni of St. Paul School welcome for an open house reunion.

Annual Ice Cream Social

Immanuel Lutheran Church Annual Ice Cream Social from 6-8pm in the Immanuel Church parking lot, 906 E. Grant St. Come and join us for this free event and some sweet treats and fellowship!

Alzheimer's Awareness Concert

Alzheimer's Community Kickoff & Awareness Concert featuring Bill Maakestad & Friends from 5:30-7:30pm at the Wine Sellers. Join us to learn more about the Walk to End Alzheimer's and about our free local programs and support services.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

23rd Annual John Bliven Walk/Run

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WEDNESDAYS, JULY 3, 10, 17

Summer Concert Series

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THURSDAY, JULY 18 & 25

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THURSDAY, JUNE 27

NAMI West Central Illinois Open House

The newest National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)-Illinois affiliate, NAMI West Central Illinois (NAMI WCI) will host an open house from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, June 27 at Hagel 1891 in downtown Mt. Sterling. For those unable to attend the open house, but would like to volunteer and/or learn more about the services and resources that will be offered, email NAMI_WCI@namillinois.org. Visit namiwcil.org for more information.

Table Grove

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Table Grove Fire and Family Fun Day at the Table Grove Park from 12-4pm. Enjoy face painting, lawn mower rides, water slides, bounce houses and cotton candy. \$10 wrist bands. Hot dogs and pork chops available for purchase.



Forgottonia Brewing

We have The Eastenders playing acoustic cover songs out in the beer garden on Friday, June 21 starting at 7 pm. Don't forget to stop by Saturday, June 22 for Dusk to Dawn. They will be playing pop, country, and crowd favorites starting at 7 pm. We have The Deneckes playing some great music for us on Friday, June 28 from 7-9pm. Stop back Saturday, June 29 for The Ex-Bombers, playing psychedelic blues from 8-10pm.

The Cafe

This week is loaded with some great artists! We have Dennis Devoulter playing Friday, June 21 from 7-9pm and Megan Maroney is stopping by on Wednesday, June 26 from 5:30-7:30pm. Friday, June 28 will be a great night with Dick Marcott & House Cats playing from 9-midnight and Aaron Jones & The Authorized Personnel will be here Saturday, June 29 from 9pm-1am.

Macomb Country Club

We will have Liz Bentley here on Saturday, June 22 from 6-9pm.

Macomb VFW

Stop in for Karaoke By Lucky Lady on Saturday, June 22 from 7-11pm.

The Forum

Check us out on Saturday, June 22 for Elegi2 Group starting at 9pm, \$15 cover charge.

Wine Sellers

We are having a great night of music for the Alzheimer's Community Kickoff & Awareness concert with Bill Maakestad & Friends on Friday, June 28 from 5:30-7:30pm. Join us to learn more about the Walk to End Alzheimer's and our free local programs.

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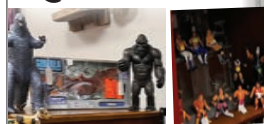
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Death Notices continued from page 3

Donald Roger "Red" Driskell

86, of Blandinsville, IL

Donald Roger "Red" Driskell, 86, of Blandinsville, Illinois, passed away at 7:10 p.m. Monday, June 17, 2024 at The LaMoine Assisted Living in Macomb, IL.

The funeral service for Red will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 21, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe. The family will receive friends from 1:00 until time of services, Friday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Glade City Cemetery, Blandinsville.

A memorial fund has been established for the Blandinsville Hire Fire Department or Twin Oaks Golf & County Club. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Red's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Lawrence (Larry) Bell

82, of Nixa, MO

Lawrence (Larry) Bell, 82, of Nixa, MO, passed away at 7:00 pm on Monday June 17, 2024 at the Springfield Rehab in Springfield, MO.

Graveside Services and Military Rites will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday June 26, 2024 at the Bushnell Township Cemetery with Father Eugene Radosevich officiating. Visitation will be held from 4:00 until 6:00 pm on Tuesday June 25, 2024 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Gary & Celesta Lafary

73 & 78, of Bushnell

Gary "Squeak" Lafary, 73, of Bushnell, Illinois passed away at 4:00 am Friday March 1, 2024 at Graham Hospital in Canton, IL.

Celesta "Elieen" Lafary, 78, of Bushnell, Illinois passed away at 12:20 am on Sunday May 19, 2024 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL.

They were married on July 3, 1976 in Bushnell, IL.

Cremation rites were accorded by Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. Graveside, Masonic, Military and Eastern Star services will be held in the Good Hope Cemetery at 1:00 PM on Monday July 1, 2024. Rev. Ned Fry will officiate. A Celebration of Life will follow services at the Walnut Grove Community Center.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Order of the Eastern Star Macomb Chapter 123, T.J. Pickett Lodge or the Harry Mussatto Golf Course at Western Illinois University. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.



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Rate of pay: \$17.25/hour

Deadline to apply: June 28, 2024

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* In 1865, William E. Brockway printed a counterfeit \$100 bill that was so perfect, it left the Treasury Department with the sole option of withdrawing all authentic \$100 bills from circulation.

* The official name for Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, is Krung Thep Maha Nakhon, which is an abbreviation of its ceremonial name: "Krung Thep Mahanakhon Amon Rattanakosin Mahinthara Ayuthaya Mahadilok Phop Noppharat Ratchathani Burirom Udomratchaniwet Mahasathan Amon Piman Awatan Sathit Sakkathattiya Witsanukam Prasit." Which is why we just call it "Bangkok."

* Plastic surgery first took place in India around 600 B.C., when it was used with skin from the forehead to reconstruct the noses of criminals that had been amputated as punishment.

* In 1928, the German engineer Herman Sorgel proposed increasing Europe and Africa's land mass by slowly draining the Mediterranean Sea, via a dam across the Strait of Gibraltar. Unsurprisingly, the idea never made it past the drawing board.

* The word "dunce," meaning a dull-witted or ignorant person, comes from the name of John Duns Scotus, one of the greatest minds of his time.

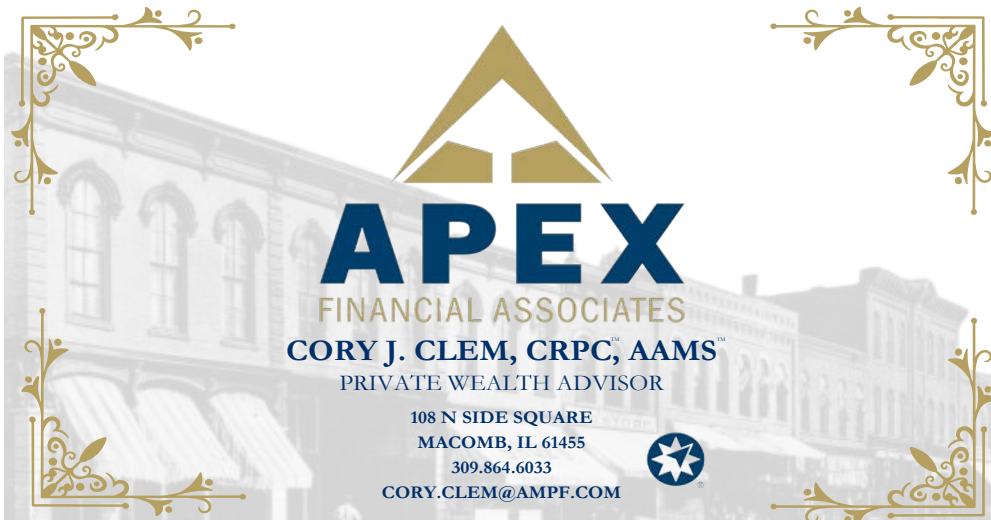
* Jean-Baptiste Lully, the first documented conductor, was the first musician to use a baton -- a six-foot-long staff that he pounded on the ground in time to the music. Sadly, he accidentally stuck the staff into his foot during a concert, developing fatal gangrene as a result.

* The quagga, a close relative of the zebra but with stripes only on its head and neck, became the first extinct animal to have its DNA studied, in 1984.

* The 13th of the month is more likely to fall on Friday than on any other day of the week.

Thought for the Day: "One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time." -- André Gide

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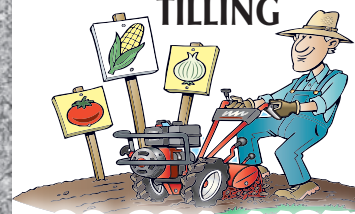
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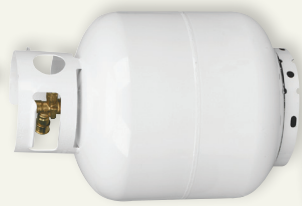
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