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Don't let a DUI gobble your life or someone else's this Thanksgiving: Buckle up and drive sober

IDOT, ISP, local law enforcement partner on safety campaigns

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police and law enforcement agencies throughout the state are ramping up patrols and reminding the public to buckle up and drive sober this Thanksgiving. Hundreds of enforcement zones and other enforcement patrols will be looking for seat belt law violators and impaired drivers through Dec. 2.



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Billy's BLACK FRIDAY Deals

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MPC Holds Toy Drive for Project Santa

The McDonough Power Cooperative will be holding a toy drive for WIRC/Project Santa. They will accept all new, unwrapped toys for all ages now through December 2. All toys can be dropped off at the McDonough Power Cooperative office.

B-PC Military Appreciation Night

Come out and watch the Spartans on Friday, November 29 and honor all military persons in attendance. BPC will be recognizing all former and current members of all the branches of Military at the Spartan Tip-Off Classic at the Bushnell-Prairie City High School with games at 6pm (Illini West vs Illini Bluffs) and 7:30pm (Bushnell-Prairie City vs West Prairie). Military personnel in attendance will receive a free hot dog, popcorn, and drink compliments of the B-PC Boosters Club.

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IDNR reminds hunters to be mindful of use technology in the field

Know the rules before using drones, artificial intelligence, and e-bikes

SPRINGFIELD – As technological innovation continues to advance, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources cautions hunters to be mindful of rules and best practices surrounding the use of technology in the field. This includes the use of drones for recovering wildlife, artificial intelligence for reviewing hunting laws, and e-bikes to access hunting sites.

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POLICE REPORTS

Macomb Police Department

11/13

Miriah C. Lindsey, 33, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct

11/14

Markell Johnson, 21, Chicago, was charged with careless driving

Traivon M. O'Neal, 23, Riverdale, was charged with careless driving

Arthur E. Hays, 88, Colchester, was charged with careless driving

McDonough County Sheriff

11/13

Timothy Earl McCoy, 56, Marianna, FL, was charged with DUI/alcohol

Jared Daniel Beans, 41, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant, McDonough County body attachment warrant, foreign warrant

11/14

Samuel Aramis Joseph, 21, Galesburg, was arrested on McDonough County body attachment warrant

Scott Albert Ford, 39, Adair, was arrested on a foreign body attachment warrant, driving with a suspended license

Blatten William Forrester, 19, Macomb, was charged with drivers license revoked or suspended

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: What do reindeer use to decorate their antlers?
A: Hornaments!

Q: How does Santa avoid getting sick before Christmas?
A: He uses hand Santa-tizer!

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Safety

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“Buckling your seat belt is the law in Illinois – and your best defense if you’re in a crash,” said Stephane B. Seck-Birhame, IDOT’s bureau chief of Safety Programs and Engineering. “If you think you might drink or use drugs, plan to designate a sober driver so your and everyone else’s Thanksgiving holiday is safe and filled with memories you’ll cherish for a lifetime.”

During the Thanksgiving holiday period from Nov. 22-26 in Illinois last year, IDOT reported 2,842 crashes, including 16 people killed in 16 crashes, six of which involved alcohol.

“The Thanksgiving holiday is a time for getting together with friends and family,” said ISP Division of Patrol Col. Chris Owen. “But if you’re planning to drink when you get together, especially the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, often called Blackout Wednesday or Drinksgiving, make sure to arrange a ride share, designate a sober driver or have someone who isn’t drinking pick you up. And always make sure to wear a seat belt. People will be thankful you did.”

State law requires that all vehicle occupants wear seat belts, no matter where they are in the vehicle. If you’re traveling with children, remember they are required to ride in a child safety seat until at least age 8 in Illinois.

The increased traffic enforcement is made possible through federal funds administered by IDOT and supported by ISP and local law enforcement. The effort coincides with IDOT’s “It’s Not a Game” radio, digital and TV campaign, which reminds the public of the consequences of impaired driving as well as distracted driving, work zone safety, pedestrian safety, motorcycle awareness and occupant safety. Visit www.itsnotagameillinois.com for more information.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

From all of us at the Community News & Market and the Community News Brief we want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support and partnership this year.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with love, laughter, and the company of those who matter most.

Special Thanksgiving Week Hours
10am-3pm Wednesday, Nov. 27
Closed Thursday, Nov. 28
10am-5pm Friday, Nov. 29
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Death Notices

Ronald Ray Foxall

71, of Macomb

Ronald Ray Foxall, 71, of Macomb passed away at 5:41 p.m. Thursday, November 21, 2024 at St. Johns Medical Center in Springfield.

Funeral services were held at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb on Monday, November 25, 2024 with Rev. Jon Keck officiating. Cremation rites were accorded after the services. Private family burial of ashes will be held in Oakwood Cemetery in Macomb at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Ron Foxall Memorial Fund. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

James Dale "Jim" Greene

87, of Rushville

James Dale "Jim" Greene, 87, of Rushville, passed away peacefully at 2:20 am on Friday, November 22, 2024, at the Rushville Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre in Rushville.

Memorial services honoring Jim's life will be conducted at 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 1, 2024, at the Triplett & Wood Funeral Home of Rushville. Pastor Bill Rucker will preside. Visitation will be held from 1:00 pm until the time of services on Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Jim are suggested to the First Christian Church of Rushville or to Hope Blooms. Private family inurnment will be arranged at a later date. You are invited to share your memories of Jim and leave a condolence at www.triplettwood.com.

Death notices (name, death date and services) run free of charge. Families who wish to have a complete obituary published in the Tuesday or Friday Community News Brief newspaper (including picture, family, work history, hobbies and other information) should request the Community News Brief to the funeral home that is handling the services OR submit it directly to commuitybrief@gmail.com. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

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Guy F. Eaves

91, of Fountain Green

Guy F. Eaves, 91, of Fountain Green, passed away at 10:55 p.m. Saturday, November 23, 2024 at his home.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 29, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Cremation will be entrusted to Banks & Beals following the visitation.

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

Gladys Lucille Eppley

103, of LaHarpe

Gladys Lucille Eppley, 103, of LaHarpe, Illinois passed away at 4:43 a.m. Monday, November 18, 2024 at the Oak Lane Nursing & Rehab in Stronghurst, Illinois.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 27th at Banks & Beals. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 with Ryan VanHorn officiating. A private family burial will be held at Durham Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the Durham United Methodist Church, Oak Lane Nursing & Rehab and Hospice Compassus. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Mrs. Eppley's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Melody Kay (Ingles) Hensley

70, of LaHarpe

Melody Kay (Ingles) Hensley, 70, of LaHarpe, Illinois passed away Monday, November 18, 2024 at her home.

The funeral service was held Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the LaHarpe Christian Church with Pastor Nate McCarter officiating. Burial followed in LaHarpe Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the LaHarpe Christian Church. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Melody's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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Karen Irene Powell

68, of Canton

Karen Irene Powell, 68, of Canton, passed away at 8:50 pm on Tuesday Nov. 19, 2024, surrounded by her loving family and her good friend, at Renaissance Care Center in Canton.

Cremation Rites have been accorded by Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. Memorial Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday Dec. 14, 2024 at the Ellisville Christian Church with Pastor Daniel Oliver officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Canton Fire Department or to the Ellisville Christian Church. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

James A. "Jim" Martin Sr.

89, of Industry

James A. "Jim" Martin Sr, 89, of Industry passed away at 11 p.m. Sunday, November 3, 2024 at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2024 from 2 to 4 p.m at the Industry Fire House. Memorials may be made to the Industry Fire Department or MDH Hospice.

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.

Jo Ann Weyhrich Davis

80, of Macomb

Jo Ann Weyhrich Davis, 80, of Macomb, IL, passed away at 3:25 AM Monday Nov. 18, 2024, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

Funeral Services were held Saturday Nov. 23, 2024, at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home in Macomb. A burial was held Saturday Nov. 23, 2024, at the Glendale Memorial Gardens in Pekin.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church - Sand Prairie, 13443 Townline Road, Green Valley, IL, 61534.

You may sign the guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

James Leonard Robbins, Jr.

of Mesa, AZ

James Leonard Robbins, Jr. of Mesa, Arizona passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family, Nov. 8th, 2024 after a brave battle with cancer.

The viewing was held at the Bunker Family Mortuary in Mesa on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024. The funeral was held at the Mesa Thunder Mountain ward building on Saturday Nov. 16, 2024. Burial was in the Mesa City Cemetery following the funeral.

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Community Calendar

Blandinsville

SATURDAYS

Story Hour & Crafts

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Youth Program

Blandinsville First Christian Church Youth Program every Wednesday for 5th thru High School students from 4pm-5:30pm.

EVERY THURSDAY

After-School Program

Blandinsville First Christian Church After-School Program every Thursday for Kindergarten through High School students from 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

Blandinsville Old Fashioned Christmas

Festival of trees & Sweet Shop at the Methodist Church 12-7pm, vendor fair, lunch at the firehouse 12-3pm (free will donation), Christmas drawing, hot chocolate and sweets, letters to Santa, carriage rides, soup supper at the Methodist Church 5-7, a few surprises & more!

Bushnell

DECEMBER 7 & 8

No Tax Weekend

at participating businesses. On Dec. 8, stop by the Depot for carriage rides, Ernie the Train and Santa starting at 12pm.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

VFW Breakfast with Santa

from 7-10 a.m at the Post 1422 Hall, 181 E. Hail. Santa will greet the children beginning at 8am. Children will eat for free. They provide on-site, takeout, and curb service - for takeout and curb service please call 3093339919. We are serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast. Santa would like to see all the children on Saturday and would also ask for any non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry for those in need this holiday season.

Bushnell Lights Parade

This annual event features scores of vehicles, intricately and painstakingly dressed in awe-inspiring yuletide lighting and festive seasonal decorations. If you would like to be in the parade, line up at 6pm at the B-PC High School.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

VFW Annual Craft Show

at the Bushnell VFW from 12-4pm. There will be a variety of handmade crafts, decor, baked goods, sweet treats, and more! Scentsy and Paperpie Books will be there and new this year, Permanent Jewelry by Courtney and the hot chocolate bar is back! Spots are still available, call or text Dawn 309-313-2031 or Courtney 309-351-3388.

Colchester

EVERY MONDAY

Move & Groove and Story Hour

Move and Groove is held from 9:45-10:45am Music & physical literacy skills help prepare early learners. Story Hour is held from 10:45-11:45 with stories, songs, crafts and fingerplays.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

Colchester Christmas Around the Prairie

Santa will arrive on the firetruck at 6 PM. Children can visit him at the Lions Den until 8pm. We are seeking entries for a lighted parade to accompany Santa and the firetruck. Businesses around town will be open with refreshments and entertainment.

Good Hope

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

Turkey Trot

10K Run - 5K Run/Walk - 1K Walk will benefit the Good Hope-Sciota Fire Protection District in purchasing new PPE for each firefighter. Race day registration is 1 hour prior to start time: 10K Run 8am, 5K Run/Walk 8:15 am and 1K 8:30am. Registration fee is \$30 and same day registration is \$35. For questions contact Kelsey Mack at 309-643-3954 or k-slager@wiu.edu and Sharon Arnold at 309-333-5027 or sharonarnold03@gmail.com.

LaHarpe

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

LaHarpe Country Christmas

from 5-7pm. There will be a lighted parade and golf cart contest beginning at 7pm, Festival of Trees, Sweet Shoppe, Vendor Blender, 4-H Soup Supper, activities in the dark and so much more!

Macomb

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

Grand Prairie Thanksgiving

from 11am-1pm. Please call 309-833-5000 and speak with Shyan to make your reservation. Cost \$10/person.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

Macomb Eagles Club Thanksgiving

The Macomb Eagles Club will be serving a free Thanksgiving Dinner from 12-2pm.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6 & SATURDAY, DEC. 7

Dickens on the Square

held in Macomb's Historic Downtown, presents the perfect opportunity to slow down, take a step back in time and experience the nostalgic small town charm the Christmas season brings. Experience this magical holiday festival featuring colorful characters, food, music, Clydesdale drawn carriage rides, live reindeer, the Festival of Trees and of course Santa Claus meeting children all evening in his magic cabin in the Square!

St. Paul Women's Guild Cookie Walk

St. Paul Cookie Walk will be held in the Community Room of Macomb City Hall. Stop by from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. to get a sneak peak of the enormous selection and have the first opportunity to purchase a full tray of your favorite Christmas treats. On Saturday, December 7th, from 8-Noon to select the individual cookies and candies you want. Be sure to come early to get the best selection.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

Friends of the Library Specialty Book Sale

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St. The Friends of the Library are offering a specialty books & media sale featuring Non Fiction, History/biography, Religion, Wellness, over-sized books, along with Children/Youth books and CDs, DVDs, and Audio Books. Proceeds are invested in the Macomb Public Library.

Clock Tower Bank Children's Mall

from 10am-12pm in the Main Bank Lobby. This provides a safe, structured shopping experience for children ages 3-13 years old. Merchandise is priced under \$20.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

First Baptist Church Christmas Dinner

It will immediately follow the worship service (which begins at 9:30 a.m.).

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

Macomb Art Center Art & Gift Market

from 5-8pm. Need a unique, beautiful gift? Shopping locally was never so easy! Our much-anticipated arts and crafts market features local artists. A wide variety of items will complete your gift list - ceramics, wood, fiber, jewelry, home decor and more.

Table Grove

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

11th Annual Table Grove Winter Play Day

Fun begins at 1pm at Table Grove Community Church with Little Miss & Master. 2-4:30 Face painting and cookie decorating at Table Grove Village Hall; Table Grove State Bank will have Ornament making, letters to Santa and visit Santa & Mrs. Claus and Life-size inflatable holiday themed snow globe, Horse Drawn Trolley rides & more on the Square. Food served at the Community Center. Light parade starting at 5pm.

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COMMUNITY LIVE

The Café

We have an awesome show on Wednesday, Nov. 27 with Dick Marcott and The Housecats playing some great music from 7-10pm.

The American Legion

The Post 6 Big Band led by John Cooper plays from 7-9pm on Wednesday, Nov. 27 in the American Legion Post 6, 221 E. Washington St., Macomb. No admission but there is a free-will offering during the show.

Macomb CUSD Holiday Band Concerts

The Macomb Middle School Winter Choral Concert will be held Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7pm in Fellheimer Auditorium and the Macomb High School Winter Choir Concert will be held Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7pm in Fellheimer Auditorium. The Macomb High School Band Concert is Monday, Dec. 16 in Fellheimer Auditorium and the Middle School will perform on Wednesday, Dec. 18 in Fellheimer Auditorium.

B-PC Christmas Concert

The United Women in Faith of Bushnell United Methodist Church will be hosting the B-PC 4th and 5th graders Christmas concert at the church on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024 at 7 pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please come and enjoy Christmas music and refreshments.

WIU School of Music Tuba Christmas

The WIU School of Music Community Tuba Christmas and the WIU Percussion Ensemble will perform at the Western Illinois Museum at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6.

The Forum

Which list will you be on? Get your ugliest Christmas sweater and head up for the Naughty or Nice Ugly Sweater Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 6.

Wesley United Methodist Church

We are pleased to bring you the Annual Holiday Festival of Choirs on Saturday, December 7 from 2-4pm and 7:30-9:30pm with performances for the Macomb and WIU community.

Forgottonia Brewing

We will have Songwriter, guitarist, and vocal powerhouse Sullivan's Daughter on Saturday, December 7 from 7-9pm.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rod!

Love, Drew & Savannah

5TH ANNUAL

City of Macomb

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Macomb Eagles Club

Thursday, November 28
The Macomb Eagles Club will be serving a free Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 28 from 12-2pm.

The Lunch Box-Industry

Thursday, November 28
The Lunch Box in Industry will be open Thanksgiving day serving their regular menu for Breakfast from 5:30-10am and serving a limited menu for lunch from 10-2pm including ham, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes and dessert.

Highway Family Restaurant

Thursday, November 28
The Highway Family Restaurant in Bushnell will be open Thanksgiving day from 6am-2pm and will be serving Roast Turkey, Ham and Yams, Roast Pork, Chicken Fried Chicken and Catfish Fillet. The full menu will also be available. All specials come with a choice of soup or salad, vegetables, potato and a free piece of pumpkin pie!

Z's Restaurant

Thursday, November 28
Z's Restaurant will be serving from 7am-3pm on Thanksgiving day and will be serving specials as well as the full menu.

Hometown Café

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Technology

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Drones

The use of unmanned aircraft, or drones, for any aspect of hunting or recovery of wildlife is unlawful in Illinois.

“Not only is drone use for hunting unlawful in Illinois, it goes against the spirit of fair chase and widely accepted hunting ethics,” said Jed Whitchurch, director of the IDNR Office of Law Enforcement. “Illinois Conservation Police officers are monitoring for drone use during the fall and winter hunting seasons. We encourage all hunters to familiarize themselves with the Wildlife Code and abide by the law.”

The unlawful use of drones for hunting could result in enforcement action, including but not limited to the seizure and forfeiture of unlawfully used equipment. Hunters are advised to review all requirements of the Illinois Wildlife Code, which regulates the taking of wildlife and the use of unmanned aircraft in these situations (520 ILCS 5/2.33(i) and 520 ILCS 5/1.2o).

Artificial intelligence

Artificial intelligence, or AI, is gaining popularity as a resource for answers about hunting regulations. But a review of AI-generated answers to common hunting questions in Illinois shows this underdeveloped tool frequently provides flawed, conflicting, or incorrect answers.

“AI-generated information can pose a real problem when it comes to hunting laws, which can be very specific and nuanced based on the season, site, or situation,” said Phil Borsdorf with IDNR’s Hunter Heritage Program. “Our advice is to rely on primary sources for hunting information, such as the Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations, IDNR’s Hunt Illinois website, and the state wildlife code.”

E-bikes

As electric bikes, or e-bikes, have become more popular, some hunters have found them to be convenient, affordable vehicles for reaching remote hunting sites. However, these bikes are prohibited on IDNR-owned and operated lands for any reason, including hunting and trapping access, except on public access roads or designated bike trails.

Hunters can visit individual state park websites or contact park site offices for more information about bike trail accessibility.

As recently as last week, Illinois Conservation Police received a complaint about a hunter using an e-bike in the woods at the Peabody-River King State Fish and Wildlife Area in St. Clair County. Upon further investigation, the hunter was cited for having an expired e-bike permit, transporting an uncased bow, and other offenses.



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- Saturdays 9:00–9:30 AM

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- Mondays 6:30–7:15 PM
- Tuesdays 6:30–7:15 PM
- Thursdays 6:30–7:15 PM
- Saturdays 9:00–9:45 AM

YOUTH 4-5-6 CLASSES

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IDPH Urges Illinoisans to Celebrate Thanksgiving Holiday Safely by Taking Precautions Against Food-borne and Respiratory Illnesses

While risk of respiratory viruses is lower than recent years, hosts are still urged to provide good ventilation for gatherings, stress hand hygiene & covering coughs

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reminding Illinoisans to celebrate the 2024 Thanksgiving holiday safely by taking precautions to protect everyone from foodborne illnesses as well as uninvited guests - those seasonal viruses that may be circulating. Hosts can protect their guests by following basic food safety steps, including keeping hot foods hot, cold foods cold, and properly thawing frozen turkeys before roasting them.

"Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. "I love the food, spending time with family and friends, and the football. As we gather in community this week, I want to remind everybody, and especially those preparing food, that we can prevent unwanted illnesses by following proven food safety tips. Two of the most important are: thoroughly thaw frozen turkeys in the fridge and make sure the turkey and stuffing are cooked to a safe temperature of 165° Fahrenheit."

IDPH's Seasonal Respiratory Illness Dashboard currently indicates low levels of seasonal respiratory illnesses such as flu, COVID-19 and RSV, but activity is expected to pick up as the weather cools and activities move indoors.

Director Vohra also stresses that hosts can enhance the safety of guests by providing proper indoor ventilation, encouraging good hand hygiene, and reminding guests to cover coughs and sneezes. If someone is feeling sick with respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough or sore throat or other symptoms, such as diarrhea or vomiting, it is best to stay away from others until the illness passes. If staying away from others is not possible, wear a mask and eat at a distance from others, and wash hands before touching any common food sources or other objects.

The best way to protect yourself from seasonal viruses is being adequately vaccinated. The FDA and CDC have approved 2024-2025 seasonal vaccines for COVID-19 and flu as well as updated who can receive the RSV vaccines. The new COVID-19 and flu shots are recommended for everyone over the age of 6 months. And RSV vaccine is recommended for everyone 75 years and older, as well as those 60 to 74 who are at increased risk for severe RSV, who didn't receive the vaccine last season. Pregnant people and young babies born between October and March should also get immunized for RSV.

When it comes to food safety, the CDC offers tips on how properly cook a turkey and avoid serious foodborne illnesses such as Salmonellosis. The first step is to safely thaw the bird. When turkey begins to thaw, any germs or bacteria that may have been present before freezing can begin to grow again. This is why food safety experts recommend thawing turkeys in the refrigerator. It takes about 24 hours for every five pounds of turkey to thaw in the refrigerator, so it can take three days to thaw a 15-pound bird. If you don't have time to use the refrigerator, you can use a sink of cold water (change water every 30 minutes), or a microwave. Never thaw your turkey by leaving it out on the counter.

The four main steps for food safety are:

Clean – Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water before, during, and after preparing your food, especially before and after handling turkey, and before eating. Wash cutting boards, utensils, dishes, and countertops with hot soapy water after preparing raw turkey and before you prepare the next item.

Separate – Raw turkey and its juice can contaminate anything they touch. Keep the turkey and its juices separate from foods that won't be cooked and fully clean and sanitize surfaces that come into contact with turkey and its juices to prevent harmful germs from spreading to other

food or your family and friends. Use one cutting board or plate for raw meat, poultry, and seafood and a separate cutting board or plate for produce, bread, and other foods that won't be cooked.

Cook – Use a food thermometer to check if the turkey and stuffing have reached a safe internal temperature of 165° F. Take the temperature in three places – the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the thigh, and the innermost part of the wing. For stuffing, make sure the stuffing's center reaches 165°F.

Chill – For leftovers to be safe to keep, they must be refrigerated within two hours of serving or have been kept hot at or above 140°F or cold below 40°F. Discard any foods that sat out for more than two hours at room temperature. After eating, divide the remaining food into small containers and refrigerate or freeze it. Leftovers are safe in the fridge for up to four days. Reheat all leftovers to at least 165°F before serving or eating.

An easy rule is keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. And avoid food handling mistakes like thawing food on the counter or peeling fruits without washing them first.

Typical symptoms of foodborne illness include vomiting, diarrhea, stomach cramps, fever, and nausea, which can start anywhere from hours to days after consuming contaminated food or drinks. Symptoms can last from a few hours to a few days. It is important to stay hydrated when you have diarrhea and vomiting. Those at risk of severe or life-threatening foodborne illness include older adults, infants, young children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems. If you become severely ill, or if you are at risk for more severe disease, seek care from a medical provider to ensure a proper diagnosis and appropriate illness management.

More information on Food Safety During the Holidays can be found on the IDPH website.

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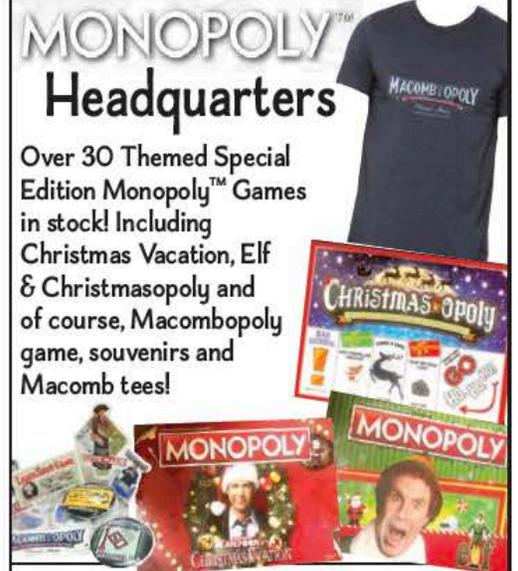
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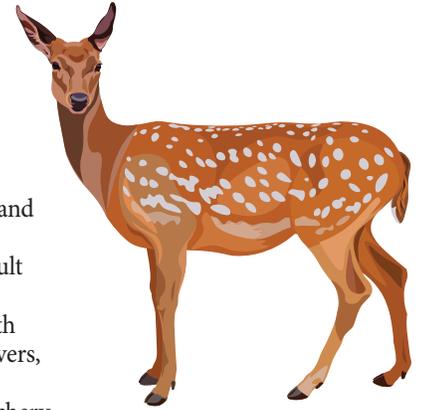
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From wildlifeillinois.org/identify-wildlife/white-tailed-deer

- The white-tailed deer is the state mammal of Illinois and is the only native deer
- A white-tailed deer can jump 8 feet high or 30 feet in length.
- It is illegal to feed deer in Illinois because of concerns about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).
- White-tailed deer are the largest native herbivore in Illinois and are an integral part of the Illinois landscape.
- Deer hunting has a positive impact on the Illinois economy. Deer can be legally hunted in Illinois during set seasons in the fall and winter. The Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations provides season dates and limits.
- White-tailed deer stand 3-3.5 feet tall at the shoulder. Adult males (bucks) weigh 150 to 250 pounds, and adult females (does) weigh 100 to 150 pounds.
- White-tailed deer occur in every county in Illinois. The highest densities of deer in Illinois are associated with wooded areas of the watersheds of the major rivers, especially the Mississippi, Rock, Illinois, and Kaskaskia rivers, and in the Shawnee Hills.
- The first modern deer hunting season was held in 1957 in 33 counties. Some form of hunting, firearm, or archery now occurs in every county, and the annual deer harvest often exceeds 150,000.
- Family groups include an adult doe, her fawn(s), and her female young from the previous year (matriarchy). Bucks do not typically associate with does except during the breeding season. Bucks may group together in small bachelor herds.
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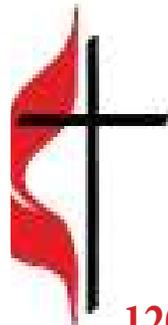
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* As part of David Hasselhoff's divorce settlement, he kept possession of the nickname "Hoff" and the catchphrase "Don't Hassle the Hoff."

* The fuller your refrigerator, the more energy-efficient it is.

* Dr. Seuss coined the word "nerd." The term originated in the 1950 book "If I Ran the Zoo." The sentence goes: "And then, just to show them, I'll sail to Ka-Troo. And bring back an IT-KUTCH, a PREEP and a PROO, a NERKLE, NERD, and a SEERSUCKER, too!"

* Nobel Prize winner Niels Bohr was given a perpetual supply of beer piped into his house.

* Between 1848 and 1850, the population of San Francisco grew from 900 to 35,000 people thanks to the Gold Rush.

* During his World War II service, LBJ was due to fly in the observation seat of the B-26 bomber Wabash Cannonball. However, he was replaced when he had to go to the toilet before takeoff. The Wabash Cannonball was shot down during that flight over New Guinea with no survivors.

* A Chinese millionaire sold canned air to people on the streets to raise awareness of air pollution and then donated the money to charity.

* Newborn babies can only see in black and white for a few months.

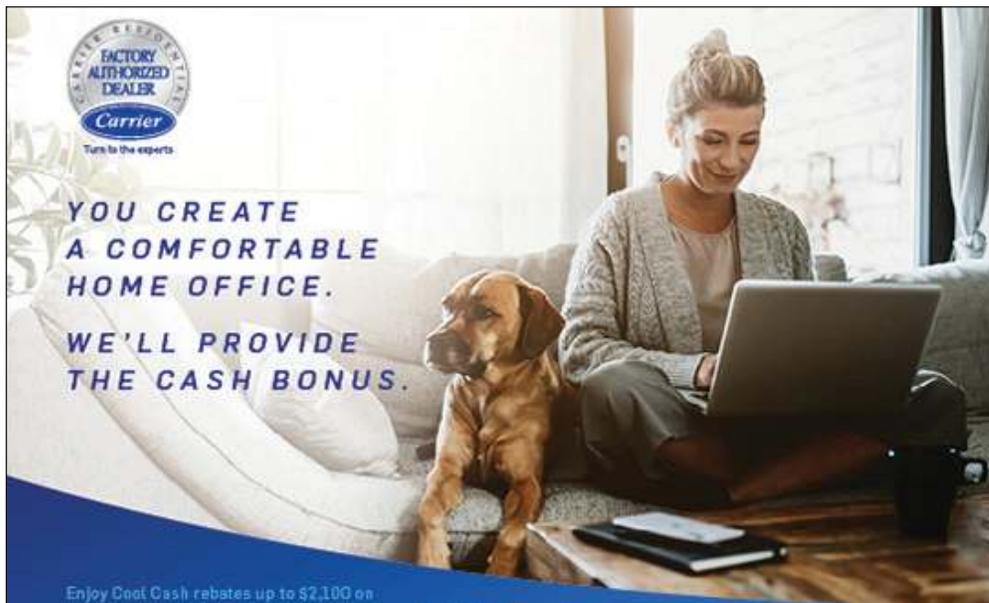
* Seventy percent of the dirt on your clothes is invisible.

* In "The Empire Strikes Back," an extra can be seen running with what appears to be an ice cream maker. The character became legendary among fans, and was eventually given a name (Will-row Hood) and a backstory.

* Some scientists believe that dogs can tell when you're coming home by how much of your scent is left in the house.

Thought for the Day: "I figure if a girl wants to be a legend, she should just go ahead and be one." -- Calamity Jane

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