

Serendipity



Rairden

Rairden elected president Illinois Association of County Officials

Bobbi Rairden, longtime Douglas County treasurer, was inducted as the 2022 president of the Illinois Association of County Officials at the IACO's 39th Annual Fall Conference held at the Marriott Hotel in Normal. Prior to her induction, Rairden served terms as secretary/treasurer, 1st vice president, and president-elect on the IACO board. She was also chair of the Awards Committee.

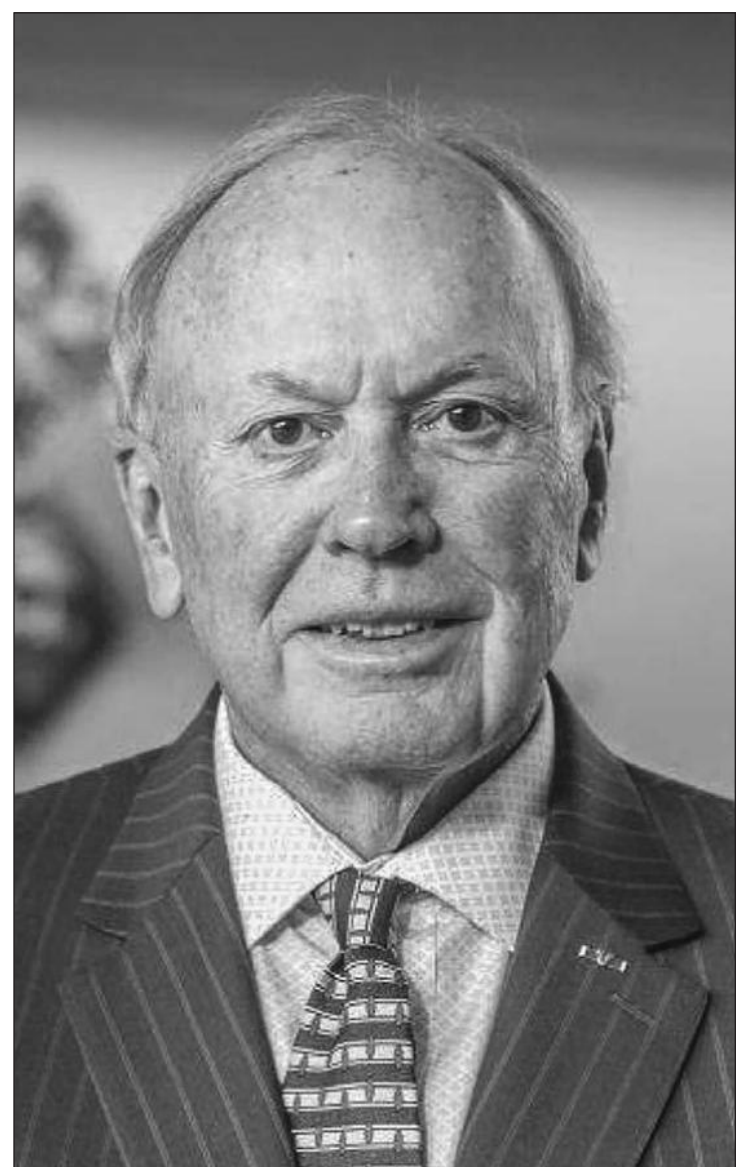
Rairden will host her first IACO conference as president at the Crown Plaza in Springfield from May 11-13.

In addition to her involvement in the IACO, Rairden was president of the Illinois County Treasurers' Association (ICTA)

in 2013 and was awarded Treasurer of the Year for 2013.

During her tenure in the ICTA, she served on the education committee, legislative committee, hospitality committee, and PAC committee, serving as treasurer of PAC for many years. She remains involved in ICTA, currently serving on the nominating committee.

She has been the NAC-CTFO/NACO delegate and served as Zone III chair and secretary/treasurer. She was awarded Zone III Treasurer of the Year in 2006 and 2019. She has also served as a trainer at the Comptroller's Training held every four years for all newly elected Treasurers.



AT ITS APRIL 20 regular meeting, the Parkland College Board of Trustees reorganized with the election of officers of the Board. Jim Voyles of Tuscola (above) was elected chairman of the board; Bianca Green, Champaign, was elected vice chair; and Maureen Banks, Champaign, was named secretary of the board. Elected in 2015, Voyles had served as vice chair and is board representative to the Parkland Foundation. He is a retired Tuscola Superintendent of Schools. Submitted photo.

Arthur quilt show runs April 28-30

A variety of over 100 quilts will be displayed at the 31st Annual Arthur Amish Country Quilt Show Thursday through Saturday, April 28-30, at the Otto Center in Arthur.

The show will run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. There is a small admission fee.

In addition to the quilts in the exhibit, another 100 pieces will be sold during the annual quilt auction that begins at 12 noon on Saturday.

The show has five judged

categories which include Baby, Wall Hanging, Antique, Pieced (pieced machine quilted and pieced hand quilted), and Mixed Techniques. Ribbons and gift certificates will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each category along with the Best of Show winner receiving a \$100 gift certificate and all are redeemable for merchandise at participating Arthur merchants. Visitors will determine the winner of the People's Choice Award ribbon.

Those attending will also

have the opportunity to enter a raffle drawing to win a queen-size Amelia's Dancing Star quilt. The drawing will take place on Saturday afternoon.

In addition to the quilts on display, there will be a market/vendor area and a lunch stand with sandwiches, cinnamon rolls, cookies, and drinks available.

The Arthur Quilt Show has become the largest spring quilt exhibition in Illinois Amish Country. It attracts entries from all over Illinois, including many Amish-crafted quilts.

For more information on this year's Quilt Show you may call 217-543-2287.

Douglas County COVID update

By Colleen Lehmann, public health liaison Douglas County Health Department

With the approval of a second COVID booster dose, the number of appointments for last week's clinic jumped. The Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) administered approximately 130 shots, over 100 of which were Moderna second boosters. It's good to see interest in the additional protection, as the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reporting a steady rise in COVID cases throughout the state, due mostly to the BA.2 omicron subvariant. In fact, while Douglas County is still in the low transmission category, neighboring Champaign County recently was

upped to medium transmission.

The three metrics by which transmission level is determined are: total new COVID cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days, new COVID hospital admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days, and the 7-day average percentage of staffed inpatient beds that are COVID patients. Right now in Region 6, 54 of 153 ICU beds are available, meaning 99 are filled. Of the 306 ventilators in the region, 278 are available, meaning 28 are in use.

Current FDA age approvals for COVID vaccines are: age 18+ for J&J and Moderna, and age 5+ for Pfizer. Moderna has announced it will soon be seeking authorization for two

small-dose shots for children age 6 months to 6 years, and is also seeking dosage approval for older children and teens, but as of today neither of these has happened. The Moderna vaccine is approved for ages 6-12 in Europe and Canada. Pfizer continues to work on its COVID vaccine regimen for children under 5, with an announcement expected soon.

Where does Douglas County stand in vaccination numbers? Recent IDPH figures show 51.81% have at least one dose, 48.04% are fully vaccinated (primary series completed), and 4,514 boosters have been administered. Testing at our J600 facility is seeing an uptick as well, with 46 appointments on the schedule from April 11-15.



CONGRESSMAN RODNEY DAVIS, left, visited the Tuscola Syngenta plant last Tuesday with plant manager Kevin Kaiser. The plant employs 40 people in the processing, treating and bagging of soybean seeds. Davis is a senior member of the U.S. House Ag Committee. He said, "Ag companies like Syngenta are key job creators in rural communities like Tuscola." He was recently endorsed by the Illinois Farm Bureau in his campaign for Congress in the 15th district. Submitted photo.

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