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High school golfers enjoy fall spotlight

New guidelines govern competition on the links

By Trenten Scheidegger
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With many fall high school sports postponed due to COVID-19 con-

cerns, some local athletes are getting a new chance to be in the spotlight.

Such is the case for the Lena-Winslow Panthers golf teams and their head coach, Doral Reining.

Typically around this time of year, local residents are fully invested in the gridiron, as Ric Arand's football teams have provided much of the excitement for more than the

last decade.

However, 2020 is a different story and it offers an opportunity for golfers to gain prominence and perhaps new fans of the game.

"I think it's great for the kids and for kids in general," Reining said about golf. "It is one of the only things they can safely do during these times."

Safety protocols are in place to help increase social distancing and decrease the sharing of equipment or other objects.

"Some of the differences are not taking the flag out, not exchanging score cards," Reining said, adding that golf was already one of the lower-risk sports.

"With golf it's pretty easy to social distance. You're playing on a one-hundred-plus-acre course," he said.

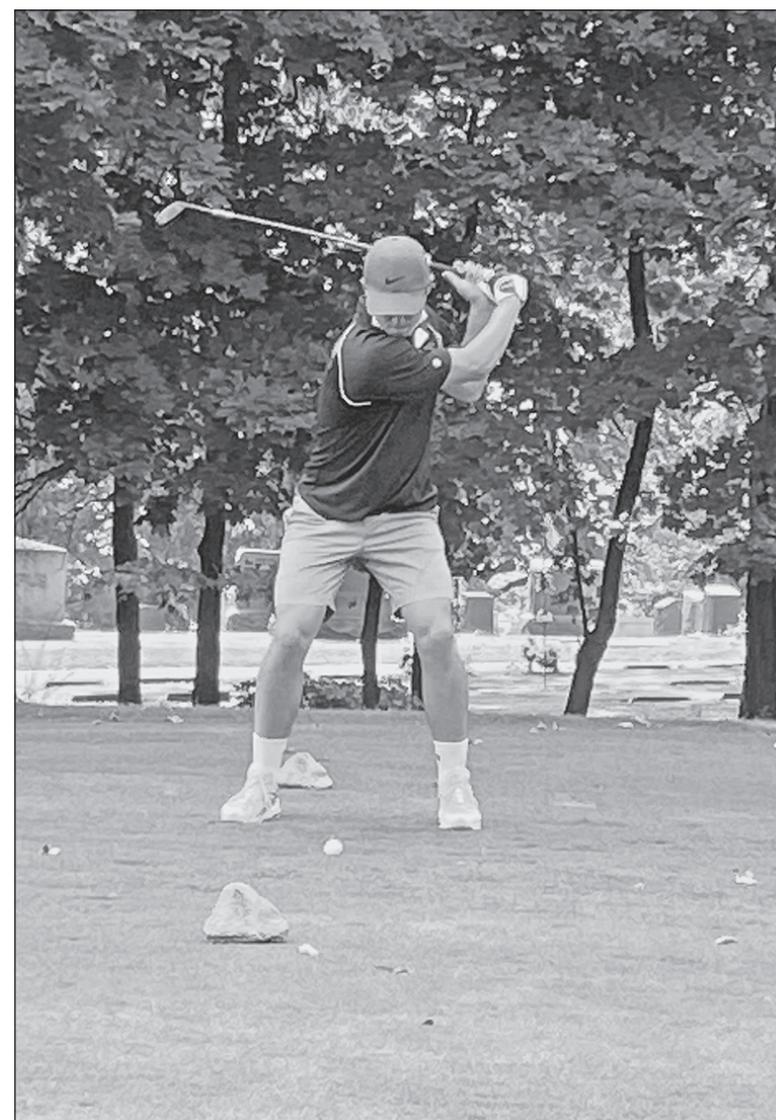
The Illinois High School Association has provided schools that are conducting practices or hosting meets with a list of considerations to help decrease potential exposure to respiratory drop-lets. For example, the association has implemented "waves," which are groups of 50 people — including golfers, coaches, officials and volunteers — who are to be spread out so that they don't congregate or intermingle in waiting areas.

Spectators are required to wear masks unless they are outside and able to maintain a social distance, and they are discouraged from giving participants objects such as food, water or umbrellas.

It is also recommended that teams use online scoring rather than exchanging the typical cards, in order to re-duce contact.

Even with the new safety protocols, golfers are able to get outside and enjoy competing.

"The best thing is getting to know



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A Warren High School golfer tees off during a late-August match at the Freeport Club. New guidelines are in place for social distancing and reduced contact among young athletes.

the kids and seeing them improve their games," said Reining, who has coached golf for 15 seasons.

"We have a young team for both boys and girls, with only one senior," he said. "With that said, we are a work in progress, with a lot of potential for both teams."

Veterans association plans memorial event

The Northern Illinois Veterans Association is hosting a memorial service for all Stephenson County veterans, police, fire and emergency medical services workers who did not receive military honors at their funerals due to COVID-19.

The ceremony is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at All Veterans Memorial Park, 2850 S. Walnut Road, Freeport. The service will include music, prayer, a 21-gun salute, taps and time for loved ones to talk about their family members.

"We've done this pretty religiously

every September," Gary Eisenhower, veterans association president, said about the memorial event.

However, this year's program takes on special importance, Eisenhower said.

"There's a lot of veterans in our community that received a flag ... but didn't get the rest of the military rites they're entitled to" because of the pandemic lockdown, he said.

To have a family member included in the memorial service, people should call Eisenhower at 815-232-7954.



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The Northern Illinois Veterans Association is hosting a Sept. 20 memorial service at All Veterans Memorial Park in Freeport.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Can you believe that Labor Day is behind us? For a lot of people it was like the Fourth of July. It probably was quiet and not very crowded. Stockton and Freeport didn't have anything in July and Shannon didn't have anything in September. We have had some of that fall weather with temperatures and leaves falling. This week's recipes are aimed at getting ready for fall cooking.

Cheesy Cauliflower Bites

This is a unique appetizer because it uses frozen riced cauliflower. Most stores carry this now because it is used as an alternative for potatoes. You can make your own if you have a lot of cauliflower and a ricer. Enjoy this unique appetizer that uses ranch dressing as a dipping sauce.

2 pkg. (19 oz.) each frozen riced cauliflower, thawed.

1 C. finely shredded sharp cheddar cheese

3 slices bacon, cooked and chopped

½ C. chopped fresh chives

2 eggs

¼ t. pepper

1 C. ranch dressing

Preheat oven to 400. Combine cauliflower, cheese, bacon and chives in large bowl. Whisk eggs and pepper until blended. Add to cauliflower mixture and mix lightly. Spoon into 24 mini muffin tins sprayed with cooking spray; gently press down tops with back of spoon. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for five minutes before

removing from pan. Serve with ranch dressing.

Marinated Tomato and Herb Salad

If you have a lot of little cherry or grape tomatoes (and I heard some people have an abundance), this easy and tasty salad will help you use them while they are fresh. Herbs are also really coming into their own at this time of the year, so this is a good place to use fresh herbs. If you don't have sherry vinegar, you can use rice, champagne or red wine vinegar.

2 cloves garlic

3 T. sherry vinegar

1 t. Dijon mustard

½ t. salt

½ t. pepper

3 T. olive oil

6 C. cherry or grape tomatoes, halved

½ C. finely diced red onion

¼ C. thinly sliced fresh basil

3 T. chopped dill

In a large bowl, whisk together garlic, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper; whisk in oil in a slow, steady stream until well combined. Stir in tomatoes, onion, basil and dill. Cover and refrigerate for at least one hour before serving. Garnish with basil and dill.

Burgundy Beef Stew

This is a great crock-pot fall meal. It has good vegetables and can be put together the night before so you just turn it on in the morning, come home, make the noodles and eat! If you don't have a dry red wine, you can use any red wine (I wouldn't use the fizzy ones). If I have leftover wine, I put it in ice cube trays and freeze to add to soups and casseroles. Enjoy this fall stew with bread and salad.

2 lb. boneless beef chuck roast

½ t. salt

¼ t. pepper

2 T. oil

6 medium carrots, cut into 1½ inch

pieces

1 pkg. (9 oz.) frozen cut green beans

2 C. frozen small whole onions

2 cloves garlic, minced

3 T. quick-cooking tapioca

1 can beef broth

1 C. dry red wine

3 C. hot cooked noodles

4 slices bacon, crisp-cooked, drained and crumbled

Fresh parsley

Trim fat from meat. Cut meat into 1-inch pieces. Sprinkle meat with salt and pepper; place oil in skillet and brown meat in batches. In a 4-quart slow cooker, combine carrots, green beans, onions and garlic. Add meat and sprinkle with tapioca. Pour broth and wine over the mixture in the cooker. Cover and cook on low 10 to 12 hours or on high five to six hours. Serve stew over hot cooked noodles. Sprinkle each serving with bacon and parsley.

Orange Vegetable Beef Stir Fry

I guess I am all into beef this week which is unusual because I usually overload on chicken. This easy stir-fry is a lot like those from the Chinese restaurant. It sure is better than the frozen Chinese entrées. Enjoy this quick and easy way to get dinner on the table fast. I use low sodium soy sauce.

12 oz. boneless beef top sirloin steak

2 oranges, zested and juiced

2 T. soy sauce

1 T. honey

1 T. cornstarch

2 T. olive oil

1 small head cauliflower, cut into florets (2 C.)

3 C. red peppers, cut into thin bite-size strips

1 carrot peeled and thinly bias-sliced

3 T. grated fresh ginger

1½ T. garlic

½ t. salt

2 C. steamed cauliflower rice

4 green onions, bias-sliced

Freeze beef until firm, about one hour; firmly slice. Whisk together ½ C. orange juice, soy sauce, honey and cornstarch in a small bowl. Heat 1 T. oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add cauliflower and cook, stirring frequently, five min-

utes. Add peppers and carrot; cook, stirring frequently, until crisp-tender, about three minutes. Transfer to bowl with vegetables, reserving drippings in skillet.

Add ginger, garlic and 2 t. orange zest to skillet; cook, stirring until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add orange juice mixture and salt. Bring to a boil and cook until thickened, about two minutes. Stir in beef and vegetables to coat; cook until heated through. Serve over cauliflower rice. Garnish with green onions.

Apple Streusel Bars

Fall always means apples. I have a friend who already has her apple cider doughnut from Edward's Apple Orchard. These bars are a good blend between crunch from cinnamon and sugar and oats. Enjoy these great apple treats.

3 C. flour

2 C. firmly packed brown sugar, divided

1½ C. unsalted butter, softened

¼ C. sugar

2 t. cinnamon, divided

1 t. salt

1 C. old-fashioned oats

3½ lbs. Honeycrisp apples, halved, cored, and sliced ¼ inch thick

3 T. fresh lemon juice

3 T. water

2 T. cornstarch

Powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 375. Line a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with parchment paper, letting excess extend over sides of pan; spray parchment with cooking spray. In the work bowl of a food processor, pulse together flour, 1½ C. brown sugar, butter, sugar and 1 t. cinnamon until mixture is crumbly. In a medium bowl, stir together 2 C. flour mixture and oats and reserve. Press remaining flour mixture into bottom of prepared pan. Bake until golden brown, 12 to 15 minutes. Let cool completely on a wire rack. Reduce oven temperature to 350.

In a large Dutch oven, cook apples, lemon juice, remaining ½ C. brown sugar and remaining teaspoon of cinnamon over medium heat, stirring frequently, until apples are softened, about 20 minutes. Transfer apples to a large bowl using a slotted spoon, reserving liquid in pot.

In a small bowl, whisk together 3 T. water and cornstarch until smooth. Slowly stir mixture into apple liquid in pot. Bring to a boil over medium heat, and cook until slightly thickened, about one minute. Stir apple liquid into cooked apples until well combined; let cool completely. Spoon apple mixture evenly onto cooled crust. Using your fingers,

squeeze oats mixture together to form clumps; sprinkle onto apples.

Bake until topping is golden brown and filling is bubbly, about 45 minutes. Let cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Using excess parchment as handles, remove from pan, and cut into bars. Garnish with powdered sugar. Store in an airtight container for up to three days.

Blueberry Oat Cheesecake Bars

There are some beautiful blueberries in the grocery store, and this recipe is a good one to use that beautiful fruit for. I have told you how much I like to make bars, and I love cheesecake. These bars are a no-brainer for me to make.

1¼ C. plus 2 T. flour, divided

1 C. quick-cooking oats

1 2/3 C. granulated sugar, divided

2/3 C. salted butter, melted

¾ t. baking powder

2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened

4 eggs

1 T. fresh lemon juice

½ t. vanilla

2 C. fresh blueberries

Garnish: powdered sugar

Preheat the oven to 375. Line a 9-by-13 baking pan with parchment paper, letting the excess extend over the sides of the pan. In a large bowl, whisk together 1¼ C. flour, oats, 2/3 C. sugar, melted butter and baking powder. Lightly press mixture into bottom of prepared pan. Bake until edges of crust begin to brown, about 15 minutes. Let cool on a wire rack for 30 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 325.

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese with a mixer at medium speed until creamy. Add remaining 1 C. sugar and remaining 2 T. flour, beating until combined. Add eggs, one at a time, beating just until combined after each addition. Beat in lemon juice and vanilla. Sprinkle blueberries into prepared crust; pour cream cheese mixture onto blueberries. Bake until a knife inserted 1 inch from the edge comes out clean and center is set, about 40 minutes. Let cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Refrigerate until cold, about three hours. Using excess parchment as handles, remove from pan, and cut into bars. Garnish with powdered sugar just before serving. Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to three days.

Final thoughts

I am putting out my fall decorations because I usually do that the week after Labor Day. I always wanted them up for the Fall Festival Parade. I told one of my friends that I thought about asking some of the people who watch the parade from my house to come over on Saturday afternoon with their lawn chairs, sit with masks on six feet apart, and wave at the traffic on Mason Street as the cars go by!

Fall and Christmas are my favorite times of the year. My red maple has already started losing its leaves. I would like to put my order in for



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Organization works to protect migrant farmworkers

UMOS has implemented a Farmworker Protection Project to assist migrant and seasonal farmworkers and employers in 11 states, including Illinois.

"Industries within the U.S. food supply chain, including field agricultural work, have been deemed as essential industries. Migrant and seasonal farm workers who work in those industries have been deemed as essential workers," an UMOS news release said. "Yet, industry-wide worker protective measures, safety equipment, safety standards, monitoring efforts and hazard pay have not been uniformly put in place."

At press time, UMOS had shipped more than 78,000 masks, 8,500 pairs of gloves, with plans to distribute safety glasses and hand sanitizer to farmworkers as well.

"Farmers and food processors will also be assisted with PPE (personal protective equipment) as needed," Lupe Martinez, UMOS president and CEO, said in the release.

UMOS intends to provide up to \$623,000, through 2021, in financial and food assistance directly to migrant and seasonal farm workers impacted by COVID-19.

"Farm workers and their families can receive a one-time COVID-19 related financial payment that can be used for loss of income due to delays in farm or food processing plant openings, permanent or temporary closings to allow for deep cleanings in plants or farms, deaths in the family due to the coronavirus and for loss of income due to quarantining or hospitalizations," the release said.

For the fiscal year 2019, there were about 2,500 migrant and seasonal farmworkers certified to work in Illinois, according to UMOS.

For more information, call 800-279-UMOS.

Cover crops can save farmers money on insurance

Illinois Department of Agriculture officials have announced the second year of the Fall Covers for Spring Savings program.

The program is applicable for acreage in Illinois planted to cover crops in the fall of 2020 that will be planted to an insurable crop in 2021. Eligible applicants receive a \$5 per acre premium discount on the following year's crop insurance invoice for every acre of cover crop enrolled and verified in the program.

The inaugural season of the premium discount program resulted in an additional 50,000 acres of cover crops planted in the state with 70 percent of applicants planting cover crops for the first time.

"Farmers are encouraged to take this program into consideration when making fall planting decisions," according to an IDOA news release.

The discount program was designed to promote additional acres of cover crops that are not covered by other state or federal incentives. IDOA will use a combination of tools to verify acres applied for through this pilot program are planted in cover crops. The program is only applicable for those with coverage through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management



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Oats are sometimes used as a cover crop. The Illinois Department of Agriculture is offering a program to promote the planting of cover crops and offering a discount on crop insurance for eligible applicants.

Agency crop insurance program.

"Cover crops are a great way to keep soil anchored, salvage nitrogen, capture carbon and create weed suppression," Jerry Costello II, IDOA acting director, said in the release. "In the long run, cover crops will help Illinois farmers reduce the need for fertilizer and reach the goals of the nutrient loss reduction strategy."

Applications will be available in December on the IDOA website. For more information, call 217-782-6297.

Dairy conference goes virtual

Dairy Strong, an annual conference that brings together farmers and a wide variety of others connected to the dairy community, will move to an online-only format in January, the Dairy Business Association announced recently.

The new format comes amid uncertainty about the pandemic.

The DBA event this past January drew 600 farmers, corporate professionals, government and university representatives and other partners for learning, networking and discussions about challenges and opportunities.

Association officials are finalizing programming for the Jan. 19 through Jan. 21 virtual event and will announce details later.

"Although the format will be different, our goal remains as it has always been — to provide an experience where ideas are shared, connections are made and people are inspired," Tim Trotter, DBA executive director, said in a news release. "Dairy Strong's programming has always been unique. The change in format will make the conference even more so."

For more information, go online to dairyforward.com.

Galena arts group scraps holiday performance

The holiday performance for the Galena Festival of the Performing Arts scheduled for Dec. 13 in Galena has been canceled.

"We are canceling the event with the deepest regret. We understand the risk the coronavirus presents to gatherings, and our first priority is the health and safety of our audience and our performers," board President Jenni Ackerman said in a news release. "Hopefully 2021 will offer better opportunities for our summer and holiday festival performances."

The 2021 summer festival is scheduled for July 7 through July 11 and the holiday concert will be presented Dec. 12, 2021.

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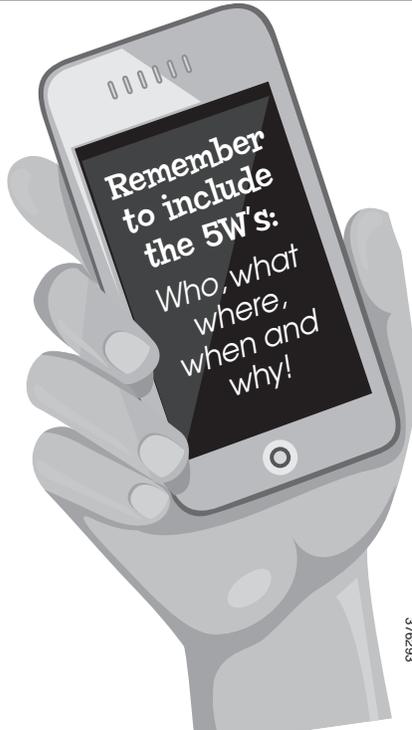
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Illinois among last states to apply, be approved for added \$300 unemployment benefit

Pritzker cites 'serious concerns about unfairness' of federal weekly payment supplement

By Rebecca Anzel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois is one of the last states to apply and be approved for a federal program providing an additional \$300 in unemployment assistance per week to qualifying residents.

Gov. JB Pritzker announced Aug. 31 he instructed the Illinois Department of Employment Security to submit an application "despite serious concerns about the unfairness" of the program. The Federal Emergency Management Agency certified that request on Sept. 1.

Funding for the Lost Wage Assistance Program was redirected by President Donald Trump from the agency's disaster relief fund. That money is typically used to finance the federal government's response to major domestic disasters, such as assisting hurricane survivors.

Trump issued the order in July shortly after a measure creating \$600 in added weekly benefits through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security, Or CARES, Act expired.

Up to \$44 billion is available to states through Dec. 27, or until the funding runs out. Benefits can be retroactively paid to eligible Illinoisans, starting with the week ending Aug. 1.

The governor's office, in a news release, estimated that funding will be exhausted in three weeks. It

cited unspecified "economic projections for the demand of these funds."

Only those Americans who are eligible for at least \$100 per week in unemployment benefits qualify for the extra \$300 in federal funding. That is why Pritzker said Illinois did not apply for the program sooner — about 55,000 residents will be excluded, according to his office.

As of Sept. 2, 45 states are approved to receive grants, including Illinois, which was the 44th state approved. Applications were accepted beginning Aug. 15 and the federal government has begun paying out benefits.

"President Trump's program will likely cut off the most vulnerable workers, create needless competition among the states for these limited FEMA dollars, and sow more confusion among the unemployed, so I want to caution that those eligible for these dollars will likely encounter frustration and unfairness brought on by the president's short-sighted and short lived program," Pritzker said in a written statement.

"However, the \$300 benefit will provide much needed assistance for those who can get it, too many of whom are facing terrible choices about whether to pay their rent, buy groceries or get medicine," he continued. "We will do everything in our power to make sure that every eligible recipient can participate in this program."

Other states developed a work-around to tackle the issue of residents not otherwise qualifying for the extra federal financial assis-

tance. New Hampshire, for example, is supplementing its residents' unemployment benefits to ensure everyone reaches the \$100 threshold.

According to the New Hampshire Employment Security Department, "for those people eligible for less than \$100 in weekly unemployment benefits, New Hampshire is making additional changes to increase the minimum state unemployment benefit up to \$100 so that all unemployed Granite Staters will be eligible."

In Rhode Island, Scott Jensen, the state's Department of Labor and Training director, said officials will briefly increase residents' benefits so they qualify for the Lost Wage Assistance program.

Spokespeople for Pritzker and the Department of Employment Security did not respond to questions about whether a similar strategy was considered in Illinois.

IDES is tasked with distributing whatever federal funds Illinois is allocated and identifying which residents qualify for that assistance.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 24,116 Illinoisans filed new unemployment claims for the week ending Aug. 29. That is down 2,146 new claims from those filed the week prior.

The number of those residents receiving continuing unemployment benefits also decreased by more than 35,000, from 593,305 the week ending Aug. 15 to 555,582 the week after.

The number of Illinoisans who filed Pandemic Unemployment Assistance claims slightly increased from 4,169 the week ending Aug. 22 to 4,433 the week ending Aug. 29. The PUA program was designed for those who are self-employed and independent contractors who typically do not qualify for unemployment benefits.

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Officials from 100 Women Who Care present a donation of \$11,300 to CONTACT of Northern Illinois. Pictured from the left are Amy Krolovic and Chris Wallace, 100 Women Who Care co-founders; Patricia Willging, CONTACT volunteer; Pam Wertz, CONTACT executive director; and Candy Macklin, CONTACT director of marketing.

100 Women Who Care donate to CONTACT

CONTACT of Northern Illinois is the recipient of this quarter's donations from 100 Women Who Care. Last week they were presented with checks and cash from 100 Women Who Care members totaling \$11,300.

CONTACT of Northern Illinois is a 24-hour crisis helpline that has been serving the area since 1981. With the help of dedicated volunteers, they are available 24/7 for anyone needing someone with whom to talk.

"Through the Reassurance Helpline program, making phone calls for check-ins and medication reminders, providing information and referrals, CONTACT works to ensure residents of Stephenson County are taken care of, connected to available services and have support during difficult times," according to a news release.

The organization will use the 100 Women Who Care funding to maintain the day-to-day operations of the crisis helpline and develop virtual training to assist community members in becoming CONTACT volunteers. The donations also will be used to ensure the maintenance of their volunteer base to keep the crisis lines covered and work to train the mental health first aid trainers in the virtual/blended training for mental health first aid through the national council. CONTACT staffers also will work toward updating their website, including the incorporation of resources into their website and their software program that volunteers use to record calls. This will make it easier for volunteers and community members to find resources available in the area.

Member Pat Willging nominated CONTACT and provided a written presentation on their behalf.

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Obituaries

ROSALIE A. BUSCH

Rosalie A. Busch, 74, of Orangeville, Illinois, formerly of Warren, Illinois, passed away on Sept. 3, 2020, at her daughter's home surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on May 15, 1946, in New Hampton, Iowa to W. Arthur and Clara (Weidler) Schultz.

Rosalie graduated from New Hampton High School in 1964. She married Robert P. Strickland on Dec. 6, 1964; he died in an accident in August of 1974. They lived in New Hampton, Iowa; Hazel Green, Wisconsin; and Rochelle, Illinois; before settling down in Warren. Rosalie became a licensed cosmetologist in 1977. On Dec. 16, 1978, she married Kenneth A. Busch of Cuba City, Wisconsin, and lived in Warren, where they raised their three children before they moved to Orangeville in 1995.

Rosalie was a beautician. She also did crafts and wedding flowers, and also worked at Honeywell in Warren from 1990 to 1994. She was the type of person who accepted everyone and anyone with open arms. She had a big heart with an infectious smile who was a loving wife and mother and loved her grandchildren more than anything.

Rosalie is survived by her husband, Ken Busch of Orangeville; daughters, Shannon (Michael) Brown and their son, Micah, all of Lexington, North Carolina, Michelle (Kelly) Folsom and her children, Noah, Bailee and Jayden Lincicum, all of Freeport, Illinois; a son; Derek L. Busch of Crystal Lake, Illinois,



and his children, Derek P. (Danielle) Busch of southern California, William Busch of Milwaukee, Shawn Busch of Crystal Lake, Michaela (Brady) Shaw of Missouri,

Alaura Busch of Waukesha, Wisconsin, and Tristan and Linnaeah Busch of Crystal Lake. She also had five other step grandchildren and some other special people who she loved and claimed as her grandchildren. Rosalie was blessed with two beautiful great-grandchildren, Dane Busch and Ember Lincicum; a very close sister-in-law, Kathy Vogel of Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and a very close friend for many years she loved and cherished, Diane Ege of Warren.

Rosalie was preceded in death by her parents, W. Arthur and Clara Schultz; her first husband, Robert P. Strickland; her in-laws, Clarence and Florence Busch; and two grandchildren, Jacob and Taylor Lincicum.

A visitation and memorial service are being scheduled for a later date.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Burial will be at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Cemetery in Cuba City.

Father Dan Flanagan will officiate the services.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

DAVID PAUL FYE

David Paul Fye, age 71, of Pearl City, Illinois, passed away Friday, Aug. 28, 2020, at home. He was born April 6, 1949, in Freeport to the late Robert and Marjorie (Glaman) Fye.

David was a 1968 graduate of Pearl City High School. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War as an infantryman and had received the Bronze Star. David worked at Goodyear Tire for 40 years. He loved watching baseball, fishing, listening to music, and most of all, spending time with his family, especially his grandkids.

He is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Fye, of Stockton; his sons, Jerome Fye of Pearl City and Ryan (Heather) Fye of Lena; his grand-



kids, Ethan Fye, Lucas Fye, Brianna Fye, Brady Broshous and Lucy Gardner; his nephew, Westley Moore; and his sister, Barbara (Tom) Joye of Mansfield, Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A visitation with military honors was held Sept. 5 at the Hermann Funeral Home in Pearl City. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared online at hermannfuneralhome.com.

Economic development group sets goals

Organization targets business starts, expansions

Officials at Northwest Illinois Economic Development have announced their strategic goals for 2020 through 2023, which were approved at the recent board meeting.

The goals include:

- Helping with 24 business starts or expansions, project value below \$300,000

- Helping with three business expansions or relocations, project value above \$300,000

• Launching two new programs to expand the economic ecosystem of the region

"The primary goals of the strategic plan tie to our mission and values and define specifically how Northwest Illinois Economic Development will leverage its resources and talents to meet the need of economic development within our region," Joseph Mattingley, NWILED vice chair, said in a news release.

By making the goals public, the organization hopes to increase engagement across Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties, and to provide people with a way to ad-

vance economic development moving forward.

"NW Illinois Economic Development exists to serve businesses, and we often receive a lot of potential projects," Emily Legel, NWILED executive director said in the release. "These goals give us a means to assess them to make sure we are keeping in line with our vision and stakeholder expectations.

"By sticking to this plan, we are able to support our existing businesses while creating a welcoming environment for new businesses and residents in the future."

For more information, go online to nwiled.org.

Birth

Preslee Jo Elizabeth Pickard

Preslee Jo Elizabeth Pickard is the new daughter to Ethan and Madison Pickard of Cedarville, Illinois, born on Sept. 3, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Illinois. Preslee joins a sister, Cadence, 2. Grandparents are Dwight and Julie Pickard of Pearl City, Illinois and Jeff and the late Jane Parks of Lena, Illinois. Great-grandparents are Joe and Jewel Maurer of Pearl City, Lila Parks and Sylvia and Stan Bomgarden, both of Freeport.

Apple River woman to celebrate 100th birthday

Lucille Brown of Apple River will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Monday, Sept. 14. Brown is a faithful member of St. Joseph Church in Apple River.

"Lucille is one special gal," church officials said in an email. "May every minute of Lucille's 100th birthday be filled with the immense joy she (has shared) with her loved ones for 100 years."

Well-wishers will gather at 6:30

p.m. Sept. 14 at St. Joseph Church, 105 W. Webster St., to form a parade to drive by Brown's home. Brown's family will be on hand for the occasion and will serve cake for those who would like to stop by.

The birthday celebration also will include a banner in Brown's yard and a tiara and sash for the birthday girl.

People may also send a card to Brown at 7302 N. Broadway Road, Apple River, IL 61001.

Survey: Local governments see drastic COVID-19-related revenue drops

Could lead to diminished services, increased local tax rates

By Rebecca Anzel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois residents should expect fewer road repairs, community programs and other local government-provided services and higher locally imposed tax rates as officials struggle with COVID-19-induced revenue shortfalls, a municipal government advocacy group warned recently.

According to a survey conducted by the Illinois Municipal League, almost nine out of 10 city and town governments expect a 20 percent to 30 percent drop in revenue from March 1 through July 24 as compared to the year before. Just over

225 of the state's roughly 1,200 municipalities responded to the poll.

Factoring in shortfalls, community officials would be tasked with paying their employees, completing infrastructure improvements, maintaining sewer systems, preserving police and fire fighting forces and offering recreation and senior programs while having access to only 70 percent to 80 percent of the revenues initially budgeted for those purposes.

"Those dollars are gone," Brad Cole, executive director of the Illinois Municipal League, said in an interview. "They're going to have to cut things that are nice, that people want and many people expect but they might not be able to afford."

Local governments collect funds through taxes on retail purchases, fuel, gaming, property and income as well as utility and permit fees, for example. But because of economic restrictions implemented by Gov. JB Pritzker to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus, many of those sources generated fewer funds than officials expected.

Many shops and businesses deemed nonessential were closed for months, resulting in fewer sales tax dollars. Illinoisans did not travel for work or leisure as they do in typical years, so governments did not collect money from fuel or hotel taxes. And state parks and recreation sites were closed, resulting in a loss of fees.



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By **JILL PERTLER**
Contributor

I've never paid much attention to politics — until recently. When I was first eligible to vote at age 18 and even 19, I was too busy having fun. My teenage brain didn't perceive politics as fun. So I didn't vote. (Embarrassed to admit that now but I try to be truthful about what I write.)

In my 20s, I was busy getting married and having babies. Politics were on the back burner. I didn't have the time. Sleep and a quick three-minute shower were more of a priority.

My 20s morphed into my thirties and the story was much the same. Chasing kids, taxiing them to activities and volunteering at sporting events all took precedence. Besides, our country was doing well, as it always had during my lifetime. I had no reason to suspect anything different. I voted, but didn't do much research or give it a whole lot of thought.

We were America, after all. It almost felt like we were invincible.

I took voting for granted. I took our nation for granted. I took our freedoms for granted. Looking back, I feel the tug of regret.

Now it is 2020 and I don't take anything for granted. I have seen how life can change in the blink of an eye by something unsuspected and unforeseen.

And I have seen how politics can capitalize on this — in both directions.

We are a nation of people from different backgrounds, different

perspectives, different cultures and different beliefs coming together to live as one country. It's a land like no other. And for the last 240-plus years this has worked out pretty well.

I don't want this to change. I'm guessing you feel the same.

Please, let's come together. All of us. Despite our strong beliefs and resolve about what is right and wrong. And about whom we like or don't like. About whether you call them masks or face coverings and whether you are pro or con. Let's look beyond and find some common ground.

I don't know the correct way to accomplish this. There are no easy answers because no one side is "right" and no one side is "wrong." Everyone has their own truth, and I believe each person stating these truths believes them wholeheartedly and to the core.

The bottom line, however, is that no one wants our country to fail. There is one truth we can all attest to.

Perhaps we can start with that and move forward from there.

We all can do our part. We all are entitled to our opinions but divisive behaviors don't help anyone. Reach out to those who disagree with you and offer honest discourse. Not hurtful memes. Not anger. Not labels. Not judgment.

We are all walking our own walk and doing the best we can. And after Nov. 3, we are going to have to live together as one nation, like we have for 200-plus years. Let's not change that. Let's not mess this up.

Let's come together and make this happen. For all of us. I've said it before and I'll say it again: We can do this. We can do this together.

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

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Lena-Winslow/Pearl City Golf



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The 2020 Lena-Winslow and Pearl City girls golf team includes, back row, from the left, coach Kristi Fransen, sophomore Laine Rosenstiel, junior Kendall Dixon, sophomore Addy Bremmer and coach Doral Reining-Coach; and front row, sophomore Emma Boyer, junior Brynne Solt and freshman Mattie Schauer. Not pictured were juniors Sarah Edler and Grace Fox.

LeWin/PC Golf

Date	Opponent
Sept. 8	A - Galena (B & G)
Sept. 9	A - River Ridge (B)
Sept. 10	H - Polo (B & G)
Sept. 17	H - Dakota (B & G)
Sept. 24	H - Stockton (B)
Sept. 26	A - Freeport Invite (G)* A - Morrison Lorrin (B)*
Sept. 30	H - Amboy (B)
Oct. 1	A - NUIC Conference (B&G)*
Oct. 6	Regionals (B)*
Oct. 7	Regionals (G)*
Oct. 12	Sectionals (B&G)*
Oct. 16-17	State Tourney (B&G)*

All tee times are at 4 p.m.
G = Girls only • B = Boys only
* Tournament times are TBA



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The 2020 Lena-Winslow and Pearl City boys golf team includes, back row, from the left, coach Kristi Fransen, senior Tavor Buss, junior Ashton Gabel-Rollinger, junior Conor Dezell and coach Doral Reining; and front row, sophomore Braden Jacobs, junior Mikhail Schoonhoven-Hussain and junior Nick Swedlund. Not pictured were junior Cody Pitts and freshmen Wade Dorsey and Alex Spahr.

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After Republican petition, special committee will investigate Madigan's ComEd ties

Madigan again denies fault, calls request a 'political stunt'

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A special House committee will look into House Speaker Michael Madigan's ties to Commonwealth Edison and determine whether discipline is needed after House Republican leadership filed a petition to initiate the process.

The committee was formed Sept. 2 pursuant to Illinois House rules after House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, filed the nine-page petition Aug. 31.

The committee, consisting of three Democrats and three Republicans appointed by each party's leadership, will investigate Madigan's identification as Public Official A in a deferred prosecution agreement filed by federal authorities against ComEd.

In that court agreement, ComEd admitted to — from 2011 until 2019 — seeking to “influence and reward Public Official A” in return for favorable action on legislation.

“In addition to the deferred prosecution agreement, the office of Speaker of the House received a subpoena from the U.S. Attorney's office seeking records on twelve separate matters (including ComEd). With at least 12 separate matters being examined by the U.S. Attorney's Office, it indicates a pattern of concerning behavior in the Office of the Speaker, which is run by Speaker Madigan,” Durkin wrote in the petition signed by fellow Republican Reps. Ryan Spain,

of Peoria, and Andrew Chesney, of Freeport.

Madigan said in a news release Sept. 2 that he immediately recused himself from action on the petition, putting Rep. Gregory Harris, a Chicago Democrat and House Majority Leader, in charge of the process and which members will serve on the committee. Harris said in a news release he appointed Rep. Emanuel “Chris” Welch, a Hillside Democrat, to chair the six-person committee.

“The Illinois Constitution gives members of the House the authority to review the actions of its members and determine whether discipline is necessary, including overturning the results of an election or expelling a member,” Harris said in a news release. “This is a power that should be judiciously exercised, and one that has rarely been used. In the past two decades, it has been invoked on two occasions, following the arrest and indictment of former Representatives Derrick Smith and Luis Arroyo.”

Durkin said the U.S. attorney's office was informed of the petition and it is not his intention to “interfere in any way” with the ongoing investigation.

“Given the facts admitted by ComEd for its nine-year-long scheme to bribe Speaker Madigan, the Illinois House of Representatives must do its job and conduct a thorough investigation,” Durkin said in a news release.

The committee has the task of determining “if reasonable grounds exist” to authorize charges against Madigan that may result in disciplinary action. Such action would require a majority vote from the com-



Rep. Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside, and Grant Wehrli, R-Naperville, are pictured in recent virtual news conferences. The pair spoke to Capitol News Illinois last week for the latest edition of CapitolCast.

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mittee that includes an equal number of Democrats and Republicans.

“I do believe that Speaker Madigan, like any other member of the House, is entitled to due process,” Welch said in a phone call Sept. 2. “Fairness is extremely important to me, and that's what he's going to get here.”

Welch gave no timeline for the next action of the committee, which includes his fellow Democratic Reps. Natalie Manley, D-Joliet, and Elizabeth Hernandez, D-Cicero. Republican appointees include Deputy Minority Leader Tom Demmer, R-Dixon, and Reps. Deanne Mazzochi, R-Elmhurst, and Grant Wehrli, R-Naperville.

Per House rules, the committee has the authority to subpoena and administer oaths at the discretion of the chair, but Welch said it is “too early” to tell what authority will be used.

“Like in the past, I'm sure we will approve rules of procedure,” he said. “So that's why I believe right now it's premature to say exactly what we're going to do.”

Welch said the process will be transparent and hearings will be public. The body will also be required to file a report on alleged charges with the House clerk. If the panel approves charges, the matter would move to a 12-person discipline panel appointed through similar processes.

In response to Durkin's petition,

Madigan issued a statement that was at times defensive, accusatory and a direct political attack on the Republican Party under President Donald Trump. It was distributed by his official state communications department.

He said bills favorable to Commonwealth Edison — which include measures providing hundreds of millions of dollars in subsidies to a pair of nuclear power plants and making rate increases easier for utility companies — passed with broad bipartisan support and backing from environmentalists and other stakeholders.

He denied the assertion that the bills passed in exchange for “hiring and retention of a few individuals.”

“The bills could not have passed without such broad support, and they were the product of years of deliberation, negotiations, and consensus building,” Madigan said in the statement. “Rep. Durkin knows this because Republican members and staff were directly involved in the negotiations of these bills. They witnessed firsthand that House Democrats challenged representatives of ComEd and Exelon on critical portions of their proposed bills. Rep. Durkin knows it, and all those actually involved in the process know it.”

He called Durkin's petition a “political stunt only months away from one of the most consequential elections of our lifetimes” and questioned

the Republican leader's own legislative dealings.

“The law does not prohibit members of the General Assembly from making job recommendations. If Rep. Durkin wants to question whether legislators should be allowed to make job recommendations, I encourage him to be transparent and disclose all of the jobs he has requested or lobbyists he has recommended over the years. He should also disclose the various actions he personally took to pass the energy bills, both in 2011 and 2016,” Madigan said.

Madigan also claimed he “can't identify one thing” Durkin and state Republicans have done to help Illinois residents amid a weakened economy and global pandemic. He said Republicans would rather focus on him than “a federal administration that has used the White House to prop up Donald Trump's wealthy campaign donors and friends at the expense of the American people.”

At an unrelated news conference in Chicago on Sept. 2, Gov. JB Pritzker said he is hopeful it is an attempt to get “real answers” from the speaker rather than a “political stunt” as characterized by Madigan.

“As I have said all along, there are questions that need to be answered by the speaker, and perhaps the creation of this legislative committee will actually get some of those answers,” he said.

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Lady Wolves on the links

High school athletes happy to be active outdoors

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

Lady Wolves sports might be limited to golf this fall, but that doesn't mean there is a shortage of sports enthusiasm in Pearl City.

Lady Wolves head coach Kristi Fransen and her girls are not just playing for a return to normalcy, but also playing for a return to success.

Fransen, who has been the golf coach for more than eight years, has an exciting duo of young women helping to lead the way for Pearl City this fall.

Grace Fox and Sarah Edler, both hitting the links for their junior campaign, are looking to improve on their success from the 2019 season, where they made it to sectionals as sophomores.

Fransen is excited to see how the duo progresses as the season goes on, saying, "They have been working on their game throughout the summer and should be a strong force to contend with at every meet."

Even with plenty of play over the summer, there is always room for improvement, she said.

"They will need to improve their consistency and their mental focus," Fransen said. "That always comes with experience and practice, as well as maturity."

With the young duo experiencing such success in their underclassmen

years, there can be a lot to take in and learn from. Fransen said she hopes Fox and Edler will be able to apply what has made them successful so far while continuing to develop their game.

While the girls are focused on competition, there is an underlying appreciation for the opportunity to just be active and outdoors, the coach said.

"I am really excited to get back to fall sports," Fransen said. "I think it makes the golfers feel a little bit of normalcy in this weird time."

With other sports being postponed, more athletes are hitting the links in hope of finding some recreational activity and a different type of competition.

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With a few clicks, you could help fairgrounds win grant

Funding would aid accessibility

The Stephenson County Fairgrounds is one of 11 finalists in Grinnell Mutual's Fairground Facelift initiative. The local venue was chosen from among 53 submissions across 13 states.

With votes from community members, Stephenson County Fairgrounds' office improvement project could receive a grant of up to \$3,000.

The project "will replace the warped, faded wheelchair ramp and entrance door with a long-lasting, ADA compliant ramp so that all fairground visitors can access the office," according to a news release.

To help the effort, area residents may vote for the project online at gleam.io/d02fq/fairground-facelift-2020. Click on the photo of the fairground project you want to vote for and click "continue." Follow the prompts to finish voting.

People can vote once per day, per project.

The project receiving the highest number of votes will receive a \$3,000 grant. Projects receiving the second- and third-highest amount of votes will each receive a \$1,500 grant. Fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-place vote-getters each will receive a \$500 grant.

Voting will end at 11:59 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Grinnell Mutual, established in

1909, is a property-casualty insurance company and the largest primary reinsurer of farm mutual com-

panies in North America, according to a news release. Its products are available in 17 states.



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Officials at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds are vying for a grant that would replace the well-worn ramp leading to the fair office. To vote online for the local project, go to gleam.io/d02fq/fairground-facelift-2020.

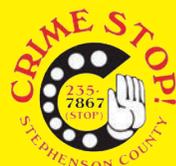
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a long fall. It will be different without high school football. I am looking forward to making my first batch of pumpkin bars and eating my first acorn squash. Stay safe and be healthy as we go forward another week.

If you have found any fall recipes you think we would like, contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com

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Fall golf season is here

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Members of the Stockton High School golf team receive instructions at the start of a match.

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 Austin Chumbler, 11
 Matthew Cook, 11
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 Drew Mensendike, 11

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 Nathan Coffey, 10
 David Lancaster, 10
 Dustin Oppold, 10
 Kaelen Schubert, 10
 Jared Dvorak, 9
 Karl Hubb, 9
 Bennett Graves, 9
 Tanner Gile, 9
 Seth Guerrero, 9

Stockton Golf

Date	Opponent
Sept. 8	H - Du-Pec at Woodbine Bend
Sept. 14	H - River Ridge/SM at Woodbine Bend
Sept. 15	A - East Dubuque at Lacombe
Sept. 19	A - Riverside Tourney 8:30 a.m. at Byron Hills
Sept. 21	H - Forrester at Woodbine Bend
Sept. 24	A - LeWin/Pearl City at Wolf Hollow
Sept. 26	A - Lorin Fassett Tourney at Deer Valley*
Oct. 1	NUIC Tournament at Eagle River*
Oct. 6	Regional Tournament* TBD
Oct. 10, 12 or 13	Sectional Tournament*
Oct. 16 - 17	State Finals*

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Girls
 Katie Crome, 10
 Leah Warner, 9
 Cami Vincent, 9

Stockton Cross Country

Date	Time	Opponent/Place
September 23	4:30 p.m.	West Carroll (West Carroll Middle School)
September 30	4:30 p.m.	Oregon High School (Oregon Park West)
October 6	4:30 p.m.	Eastland High School (Lake Carroll ski hill)
October 8	4:30 p.m.	Amboy High School (Shady Oaks Golf Course)
October 15	4:30 p.m.	Durand High School (Durand Park)
October 17	10 a.m.	Rock Falls High School (Centennial Park)
TBD	TBD	IHSA Regionals (Winnebago Fuller Forest P.)
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FHN offers drive-thru flu shot clinics

Adults will be able to get their flu shots without leaving their car at this year's FHN flu shot clinics.

Due to precautions helping to stop the spread of COVID-19, FHN officials made the decision to offer only drive-thru flu shot clinics this year, according to a news release.

"We hope that because of the increased awareness of health precautions this year due to COVID, people will make getting their flu shot a priority," Margie Kochsmier, FHN infection preventionist, said in the release. "You don't ever want to get the flu, but this year, people are really working hard to stay healthy, and a flu shot is an important tool to help accomplish that."

At the drive-thru clinics, adults under 65 years of age will get a vaccine that protects against four strains of influenza. The cost is \$30.

Those over age 65 will receive a high-dose version of the four-strain vaccine at a cost of \$65.

Children cannot receive their flu shot at any of the drive-thru clinics, but FHN provider offices will have appropriate dosages for pediatric patients as well as for adults.

Immunizations at the drive-thru flu shot clinics may be paid for by cash, credit card, or check payable to FHN.

There will be no out-of-pocket expense if you are covered by Medicare Part B (please present Medicare card) or a Medicare HMO accepted by FHN (list available at each location; covered persons must present the Medicare HMO card instead of the Medicare card for the billing process).

The prices are only available at these flu shot clinics; other rates

may apply in FHN offices. Per government regulations, no Medicaid cards can be accepted at these locations.

Everyone must present a photo ID to receive an immunization. Masks must be worn throughout the drive-thru process, and people are asked to wear a shirt that makes their upper arm easily accessible. Every person immunized at these clinics will be given a free fabric mask.

People who have an allergy to eggs or the flu vaccine, or those with an illness accompanied by a fever or depressed immune system should not receive the flu immunization at these locations. For more information, call FHN Community Services at 815-599-7437.

The drive-thru clinics are scheduled for:

- Sept. 23, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills, 1010 W. Fairway Drive, Freeport

- Sept. 26, 9 a.m. to noon, FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills

- Sept. 30, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills

- Oct. 3, 9 a.m. to noon, Terrapin Park, 350 West St., Elizabeth

- Oct. 10, 9 a.m. to noon, Eastland High School, 500 S. School Drive, Lanark

- Oct. 14, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills

- Oct. 17, 9 a.m. to noon, Eastland High School

For more information, go online to fhn.org/flu2020.asp.



Warren Golf

Team photo not available at press time

Warren Warriors golf

Masyn Neff, 12
Brayden Bohnsack, 11
Cole Harris, 11
Claire Riedl, 11
Ben Brinkmeier, 10
Degan Euler, 10
Lucas Griffin, 10
Alex Harris, 10

Reed McNutt, 10
Brayden Abbitt, 9
Teagan Sabinson, 9
Lauren Williams, 9

Volunteer coaches:
Joel Wild, Scott Sigafus and Mark Mahoney

Warren Golf	
Date	Opponent
Sept. 8	Dakota & Eastland at Freeport Club
Sept. 10	LeWin/Pearl City & Polo at Wolf Hollow (Lena)
Sept. 15	Aquin & Galena Park Hills at Freeport
TBD	Stockton & RR/SM at Woodbine Bend
Sept. 21	Stockton & Forreston at Woodbine Bend
Sept. 24	Dakota & West Carroll at Freeport Club
Sept. 30	LeWin/Pearl City & Amboy at Wolf Hollow

All tee times are at 4 p.m.

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River Ridge-Scales Mound golf

Adam Holcomb, 12
Charlie Schnitzler, 12
Jake Veltkamp, 12
Kari Conklin, 11
Owen Knauer, 11
Steve Moris, 11
Tom Winter, 11
Isaac Heffernan, 10

Maddox Knauer, 10
Celia Turner, 10
Millie Boden, 9
Evan Cogan, 9
Thomas Hereau, 9
Isaac Rife, 9
Cora Ritchie, 9
George Winter, 9

RR/SM Golf	
Date	Opponent
Sept. 8	A - Dakota
Sept. 9	H - LeWin/Pearl City
Sept. 16	H - West Carroll
Sept. 17	A - Stockton
Sept. 22	A - Polo
Sept. 23	A - East Dubuque
Oct. 1	A - Conference Tourney*

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Global meat demand helps corn growers

Pork exports are expected to rival poultry exports by 2021, providing Illinois corn farmers with an opportunity for increased demand, according to a news release from the Illinois Corn Growers Association.

U.S. farmers exported 27 percent of the hogs raised in 2019 and 2020 is on pace to see an even higher export rate.

"Some of this growth is due to Illinois corn checkoff investments, allowing partner organizations like the United States Meat Export Federation to build relationships and driving global meat demand," the release said.

Illinois Corn Director of Exports and Logistics Collin Watters said, "This is a really good example of the checkoff working for corn farmers. By working with global partners, we're finding opportunities for corn consumption any way that we can. Often in ways you might not think of every day."

The demand for meat continues

to grow globally.

USMEF works to develop meat markets around the world. Red meat exports contribute 46 cents per bushel specifically to Illinois corn farmers.

The increase of pork exports is largely in part to consistent long-term markets like Japan and Mexico, while demand also is increasing in China and other areas impacted by African swine fever.

The rate of meat exports, both beef and pork, overall has been increasing, which drives a demand for corn. From 2015 to 2019, one out of every four bushels of added corn demand was due to beef or pork exports.

The Illinois Corn Marketing Board is investing in a variety of market development activities such as the meat export group. The organization has staff all over the world who are building relationships and driving demand for U.S. corn through meat exports.

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS
 PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION
 Plaintiff,
 -v.-
 KANDISE D. HAERTEL et al
 Defendant

2020CH43

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Invitation to Bid

The Village of Stockton is seeking bids for Snow Removal for the downtown area for the next two winters (2020/21 & 2021/22). Specifications may be obtained by calling the Village Clerk at 947-2515.

Bids are to be submitted to the Clerk and must include a current certificate of insurance and be sealed and labeled "SNOW REMOVAL".

Bids are due on Friday, September 21, 2020.

The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Village of Stockton
 Street Committee

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Prevent dental decay before it's too late

It is a universal key axiom that preventing a problem is always easier than dealing with it. Prevention is the primary focus of routine dental checkups. Early detection and treatment of decay and other oral facial diseases benefits you in terms of saving you time, loss of healthy oral tissues, negative effects on systemic health and money.

To help illustrate this, I would like to discuss the five stages of dental decay and the degree of treatment needed to address each level of progression.

The outer layer of the crown of your teeth is composed of the hardest tissue found in your body. This tissue layer is called enamel and its strength, which allows it to survive the extreme forces and blunt trauma that occurs whenever we eat the tens of thousands of meals we consume in the course of our life, is the result of it being primarily composed of inorganic minerals. However, unlike other tissues, enamel has no nerve or blood supply in it, nor can it regenerate or repair itself. Therefore, if enamel is damaged by injury or decay, it can only be repaired at the first stage of decay termed initial demineralization.

To reverse this condition before permanent damage has been done, an individual treatment plan may include any and all of the following: dietary counseling, treatment with a fluoride varnish and/or fluoride rinses, low abrasive fluoride toothpaste, instructions for a specific brushing and flossing routine, soft bristled toothbrush or an electric toothbrush with a pressure detector.

If this initial remineralization is not addressed and the tooth decay is allowed to continue, small holes, or cavities, will form in your teeth as the enamel continues to demineralize. Thus, stage two is termed enamel decay. This second stage will require your dentist to remove

the decay and place a filling.

The third stage is termed Dentin Decay, because the decay has now invaded the tissue below the enamel, called dentin. Dentin is not as strong as enamel, so decay will proceed at a far greater rate here. Since dentin has tubes that connect to the nerves of the tooth, you will start to experience sensitivity to heat and cold. If diagnosed early, dentin decay may be treated with a filling. If enough damage has been allowed to occur, your tooth may require a crown.

The fourth stage is termed pulp damage, as the decay now involves the innermost layer of your tooth, or pulp, where the nerves and blood vessels of the tooth are located. Damage to the pulp will cause it to swell, resulting in pressure on the nerves and pain. To treat this stage, your dentist will be required to remove the damaged pulp by performing a root canal, remove the decay and then place a crown.

If the decay is not addressed at stage four, bacteria can invade the tooth. The inflammation caused by this infection can result in a pus-filled formation called an abscess, or stage five of tooth decay. Abscesses cause severe pain and may be accompanied by fever, swelling and swollen lymph nodes. Left untreated, this infection can spread into your jaws, neck and head. Treatment will require antibiotics and either a root canal or, in severe cases, the removal of the tooth.

Many people hold the mistaken belief that dental decay is inevitable and sooner or later everyone will develop a cavity. With the exception of some rare genetic disorders, dental decay can be avoided throughout your lifetime with proper nutrition, daily oral hygiene and routine oral exams accompanied by professional cleanings.

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

Salvation Army needs coat donations

The Salvation Army in Freeport is seeking donations of new and gently used coats this fall. Children's coats of all sizes, larger sizes of adult coats, and gloves, hats and scarves are needed.

Donations may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday

through Thursday at 106 W. Exchange St., Freeport. Coats will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 13 through Oct. 15 at the same location.

The local Salvation Army serves Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll and Ogle counties.

State's wealthiest person gives \$20 million to anti-graduated tax committee

ILLINOIS' wealthiest man and frequent Republican political donor Ken Griffin has pledged \$20 million to a group dedicated to defeating a graduated tax constitutional amendment.

Griffin, who is the founder of the hedge fund Citadel, has previously donated tens of millions of dollars to the campaign of Republican former Gov. Bruce Rauner. He's also given millions to House and Senate Repub-

lican leadership in the state and donated to several individual lawmakers. Forbes estimates his net worth at \$15 billion.

His recent \$20 million donation went to the Coalition to Stop the Proposed Tax Hike Amendment ballot initiative committee.

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Webinar helps young adults be money savvy

Establishing good financial habits early is a foundational element for long-term financial stability.

The University of Illinois Extension has teamed up with University of Illinois Student Money Management Center, Illinois Division of Financial and Professional Regulation, Loyola University Chicago and DePaul University to deliver a seven-part series of money-saving webinars.

The Get Savvy noon webinars are free and begin Sept. 23. Online registration is required and can be completed at: forms.uofi.uillinois.edu/sec/1279302.

"Young adults are confronted with new financial decisions and challenges regularly," Kathy Sweedler, Extension consumer economics educator, said in a news release. "Learning research-based financial strategies while in college and entering the workforce allows you to build positive money management habits that will last a lifetime."

College students and young adults will learn strategies for smart spending, investing, securing loans and money management, Sweedler said.

"Our experts break down these financial topics into easy-to-under-

stand practices to get you started," she said.

Webinars and topics include:

- Sept. 23: "Financial Tools for Uncertain Times," practical financial tips for the school year

- Oct. 21: "Budget Hacks," identify budget busters and take control of your money

- Nov. 11: "Conscious Credit," debunk credit myths and build a positive credit history

- Jan. 27: "Tackling Taxes," gain an overview of tax basics and free resources for filing taxes

- Feb. 24: "Save on Food Costs,"

tricks to eat well for less

- March 10: "Investing Basics," learn how to begin investing for wealth over time

- April 14: "Student Loan Repayment," build a student loan pay-off plan that fits your situation

The Get Savvy webinar presenters include:

- Andrea Pellegrini, University of Illinois Student Money Management Center

- Kathy Sweedler, University of Illinois Extension

- Sasha Grabenstetter, University of Illinois Extension

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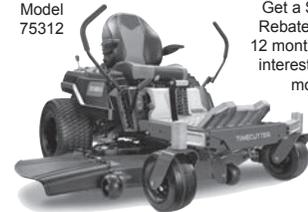


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Farm bureau digs into options for virtual education

Last week we had a new experience here at the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau. Instead of our in-person cover crop field day, we had staff from the home office come up and put together a "virtual" field day. It was quite a day getting everything set up and put together, but we had a beautiful day and some awesome speakers. We just got our final edit of the footage, so if you would like to watch the field day, the link is <http://www.ilfb.org/JoDaviess>.

Thanks to Greg Thoren, our board member and volunteer, who spearheaded of this project. We couldn't have done it without all of his hard work and initiative. Also, thanks to the other speakers and partners who helped make the day a complete success. While next year we hope to have our in-person field days again, this was a great substitute to get the word out about the importance of our project.

• As we talk about changes due to COVID-19, we recently found out that the Illinois Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held in some sort of virtual format. Final details have not been released yet, but that's one thing that this year has taught us — we always can find a new way to do things. While some of those things might not be the preferred option, others have taught us that there are better ways to do so. I guess we are always learning and growing over time.

• One of the best benefits of membership in the Illinois Farm Bureau is our involvement in tracking ever-changing laws and regulations.

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By **ANNETTE EGGERS**
Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau

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Midwestern states form transportation diversity committee

Goal is more contracting opportunities for businesses owned by minorities, women

By Rebecca Anzel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A coalition of 10 state transportation agencies, including Illinois', announced the creation of a diversity panel last week to develop "fairness and inclusion" at work sites, the group's president said.

The committee has not yet held a meeting, a spokesperson for the Illi-

nois Department of Transportation said in an email, but its establishment "has been in the works for a while." Members of the Mid-America Association of State Transportation Agencies will share methods and programs designed to diversify their practices.

"We are also committed to creating more contracting opportunities for women- and minority-owned busi-

nesses and to avoid transportation projects having a negative impact on minority communities," Craig Thompson, association president, said in a written statement. "Most of all, we strive to provide mobility options for everyone in our communities to make sure that transportation is not a barrier to the wellbeing of vulnerable people."

Thompson is the secretary designee of Wisconsin's Department of Transportation. States belonging to the association include Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota and Ohio.

Illinois currently participates in the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, which is mandated by the U.S. Congress and overseen by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Through the initiative, which began in 1980 and was most recently reapproved in 2015, funds are allocated to projects contracted by states to be completed by "firms owned and controlled by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual," according to the program's website.

At least 10 percent of federal dollars available for transportation-related projects must be spent with those dis-

advantaged businesses. A spokesperson for IDOT said in an email that in 2019, it reached a DBE Program participation mark of 17.07 percent. He added that is the largest percentage it achieved in six years and was an increase of 2 percentage points from the year prior.

"One of my core principles is making our workforce representative of the community IDOT serves," Omer Osman, Illinois' acting transportation secretary, said in a written statement. "Transportation truly has the ability to help Illinois realize the full potential of our communities and residents."

State Sen. Cristina Castro, a Democrat from Elgin, said she is "proud" the coalition of state transportation departments created the diversity committee.

"COVID-19 and the recent protests have shined a light on the struggles people of color face on a daily basis, so it's encouraging to see state agencies across the Midwest taking initiative to look inward and self-evaluate to see where they fall short on issues of diversity," she said in a written statement.

"People do not always realize that systemic racial injustices can apply to

something as trivial as transportation, so it's great to see Illinois and other Midwestern states making diversity a priority," Castro added.

State Sen. Ram Villivalam, a Chicago Democrat, has been hosting a series of virtual committee hearings as chair of the Senate Transportation Committee. In a hearing last week, Osman answered several questions on the department's diversity initiatives.

"The state spends billions of taxpayer dollars on roads, bridges, and mass transit construction and repair," Villivalam said in a news release following the hearing. "The people of Illinois deserve to understand how, why, and where that money is spent. The decisions have to be equitable and transparent. It was great to hear that IDOT Secretary Osman and a number of stakeholders are committed to doing just that."

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PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
KANDISE D. HAERTEL et al
Defendant

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Church news

St. John's hosts

community meal pickup

St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City will hold the September Community Grace Meal at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, with curbside pickup only at the church, 229 S. First St.

The menu will include barbecue sandwiches, chips, carrot and celery sticks, apple slices and apple bars.

Meals must be ordered no later than Friday, Sept. 18, by calling 815-443-2215 or sending an email to prshadmin@gmail.com.

In other St. John's news, the church is now home to a Free Little Library on the southwest corner of the grounds. Books for all ages are included and anyone is invited to take a book or leave a book at any time.

Members of the Christian Education Committee organized the Free Little Library project, which was funded by 2019 vacation Bible school offerings.

College news

Lena student makes dean's list

Meghan Scace of Lena recently was named to the summer semester dean's list at Columbia College.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed 12 semester hours in a 16-week period and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0-point scale.

Missouri-based Columbia College has more than 30 locations. Scace attends the Freeport location.

Plan ahead for virtual job fair

The 2020 Highland Community College 2020 Virtual Job Fair will be held Tuesday, Nov. 17, on the second floor of the Student/Conference Center (Building H) room H-201.

"Due to the unknowns of COVID-19, we chose to make the job fair virtual, which was originally scheduled in April this year," said Anthony Musso, career services coordinator. "We hope that this platform makes it easier for businesses, students and the public."

Highland officials plan to have on-campus computers available for students and the public. While on campus, people must not have COVID-19 symptoms, wear a mask, practice social distancing, and use hand sanitizer.

"This virtual format for job fairs may be here to stay," Musso said in a news release. "Around 60 percent of career centers say that they expect virtual fairs and events to become accepted standard practice moving forward."

To help prepare for the new virtu-

• Golf (Continued from page 9)

"I think it is good for the athletes whose fall sport was postponed," Fransen said. "It gives them a chance to try something new, a new challenge for them."

"I think being outside also gives them a better attitude toward the school year."

Athletes who are new to the sport of golf are experiencing a lot of change from what their typical fall schedule would look like, but so are the seasoned golfers and coaches.

With new rules and protocols in place to increase social distancing, it is a little bit different for everyone out on the golf course.

"The fact that they need to wear masks all day long at school and then on the bus rides is one of the changes

al format, Highland is also offering a pre-job fair retreat from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 10. Topics will include cover letters, resumes and personal presentations. The meeting is in the Conference/Student Center, room H-201, with virtual attendance options.

After the main event, a post-job fair retreat will allow attendees to look at social media ethics and interviewing skills from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, also in the Conference/Student Center, room H-201, with virtual attendance options.

"Conducting and planning a virtual job fair is a new concept to Highland and will serve as a learning experience," Musso said. "Career Services looks forward to seeing how this will turn out and how we can improve future virtual career fairs and events."

To attend the Virtual Job Fair or register as a vendor, contact Musso at anthony.musso@highland.edu or 815-599-3597.

that there is to golf this year," Fransen said. "We do not exchange score cards or touch the flags. This is a little different for them."

This leads to a change in the way you play the game, Fransen said.

"They need to get used to putting with the flags in the hole, which was a new rule last year, but they didn't like it, so they always took it out," she said.

Perhaps one of the biggest changes for the Lady Wolves is the social distancing, and another reason Fransen said the girls need to work on their mental focus.

"They need to keep social distance, which is sometimes difficult for them since they are very social people and like to get to know the other teams we play," she said.