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Welcome to the honor society

The newest members of the Pearl City High School National Honor Society chapter were inducted May 12. Pictured in the front from left are Addison Bremmer, Jordan Johnson, Brea Musser and Cheyenne Handsaker. In the back row from left are Nathan Brinkmeier, Ben Bremmer, Laine Rosenstiel and Cody Pitts. The members were chosen based on high personal standards of scholarship, leadership, character and service. Joel Zink serves as the faculty adviser.

Pearl City baseball holding its own in fast-moving season

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Pearl City Wolves are off to a 4-4 start in their 2021 spring baseball season. Like many teams, the Wolves lack experience at the varsity level. Following an 8-10 2019

season that came to an end in the Regional Championship, the Wolves went nearly two years before stepping on the field again for a competitive event.

Pearl City's roster is not only filled with new faces,

but a new face is in charge in first-year head coach Ryne Plager. The 2021 season has served as a learning curve for not only the players, but for coach Plager as well. At 4-4, the team continues to find its identity on the field, while

suffering some growing pains along the way.

"As a first-year head coach, I am hoping our players keep improving as the season goes and that we can build our pitching," Plager said.

Taking over as a head coach comes with a lot of responsibility and it can be a little hectic, but that is even more true for teams going through a transition during the jam-packed 2021 spring sports schedule.

"With football ending on a Friday and playing our first game the following Tuesday, we did not get a lot of team practices in," the coach said.

Despite losing two senior classes since they last played and the lack of experience, Pearl City has talent they can build around in a trio of seniors in catcher/pitcher Caden Kuberski, first baseman/pitcher Jase Sheffey and outfielder

Orangeville baseball on a roll this season

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Orangeville Broncos varsity baseball squad set out to be one of the best teams in the Northwest Upstate Illini-East Conference, and they have done that so far in 2021.

It was a bumpy start, as the team split games against Pearl City and suffered a 9-5 loss to East Dubuque, leaving them with a 2-2 record to start the season. Since then, the team has caught fire, winning four games in a row prior to their May 14 matchup with River Ridge-Scales Mound.

The winning streak began May 6, when Orangeville beat Durand-Pecatonica 8-3 to complete the season sweep over the Rivermen. On May 7, the Broncos faced off with the Galena Pirates in what is possibly the toughest game they have played this season. The Broncos jumped out to a 7-0 lead, but the Pirates would slowly fight their way back.

In the top of the seventh inning, Galena posted two runs to take a 12-10 lead. Orangeville was just three outs away from blowing their big lead to start the game. Galena's pitcher would hit two batters to start the inning, however, giving the Broncos just enough hope.

Moments later, back-to-back walks loaded the bases and, eventually, walked a run in to cut the Pirate lead to one. Zach Baker then came through with a single to center field, allowing Ryan Guy and Jake Doyle to score for the 13-12 walk-off win.

It may not have been the ideal situation for the Broncos and head coach Andrew Janecke, but it was exciting, nonetheless.

Baker led the team offensively, going 3-5 with three RBIs and two runs scored. Both Doyle and Carson Rote finished with two RBIs each.

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'Bridge' phase gets underway as state seeks to incentivize vaccination

Pfizer vaccine open to youths age 12-15; Pritzker will revise mask mandate

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The state is opening vaccinations to Illinoisans ages 12 to 15, and a major theme park operator is offering 50,000 free admission tickets in an effort to encourage vaccination in that age group.

That news came as the governor's office confirmed the state is entering the "bridge"

phase of expanded reopening amid decreasing transmission rates, while first-time unemployment claims increased from the prior week and continued claims dropped.

As of May 13, more than 4.6 million Illinoisans — or 36.5 percent of the state's population — were fully vaccinated, with 10.1 million doses administered statewide. Almost 58 percent of the state's age 16-and-over population had received at least one dose of the vaccine, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

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Health officials advise caution as pandemic restrictions ease

FHN President and CEO Mark Gridley and FHN Family Counseling Center senior clinical case manager Wendy McGath talk about the area's vaccination progress and "opening up" safely in the latest FHN COVID-19 update video.

To view the video and previous pandemic-related videos, go online to fhn.org/coronavirus.

About 27 percent of the general population has been vaccinated against COVID-19, Gridley said, referencing Stephenson County Health Department statistics.

More than 70 percent of the age 65 and older population has received their vaccinations, and anyone age 18 and up can now get an appointment to get vaccinated.

"Anyone can schedule an appointment for their COVID-19 vaccination at www.fhn.org," Gridley said. "All available FHN appointments are listed on the appointment request page, and there are plenty of open spots, so we encourage everyone to sign up and get their shot."

Along with getting vaccinated, Gridley and McGath both urge people to be care-

ful and keep following pandemic safety protocols, even as restaurants and businesses across northwest Illinois open up.

"It might be difficult for people to keep staying home, now that COVID-19 numbers are down and vaccinations are available," McGath said. "But we're asking that people stay cautious and keep following the COVID-19 hygiene protocols just a little while longer, until we're all sure it's safe."

McGath said that people who have been vaccinated can feel safe gathering, with-

out wearing masks, in small groups with other people who have received the vaccine. Everyone, regardless of their vaccination status, should continue to follow the CDC guidelines — wear a mask when you're out in public, keep 6 feet away from others and maintain good hand hygiene by washing and sanitizing hands often, officials said.

"We're all still in this together," McGath said. "We all still need to protect the people who are most vulnerable for just a little while longer."

Dental team ready to assist caregivers

Whether you are caring for an elderly parent, someone with developmental disabilities or someone who is ill or has been injured, providing dental care for another can feel daunting. It is important that you know that you have a support team in your dentist and hygienist. They can help you to develop a routine that both you and your loved one are comfortable with.

When faced with a diagnosis of Parkinson's, Alzheimer's or any other condition associated with dementia, we know that it will become increasingly difficult to perform dental treatments as the disease progresses. For this reason it is important to make an appointment with your dentist for a complete oral exam. This allows any necessary treatment to be performed and the dental team to provide assistance to both the patient and caregiver in establishing a preventative oral care routine at home.

The following will help you to provide effective, preventative oral care for your loved ones who may need partial or full assistance in maintaining their oral health. This is a critical responsibility because oral health promotes overall health.

A consistent approach

Every person's needs are unique, so you will need to start where they are at. As



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their needs change, whether improving as they recuperate from their injuries or temporary illness or lessening as their physical and mental capabilities decline, your dental team can offer support and education to assist you in your role as caretaker.

Your loved one may initially require nothing more than guidance or require total care with choking precautions. Whatever the case, all will benefit from an established routine where oral care takes place at the same time (after breakfast and before bed), in the same place and in the same order. This has been shown to decrease anxiety and increase compliance, especially in those with developmental disabilities and dementia. You may want to play music or use some other visual or auditory cue to establish that it's time to clean their teeth to stay healthy.

Preparation is key

Make it easy on yourself by gathering everything you need prior to the cue to start. Keep in mind that oral care can be provided bedside, in a

wheelchair or wherever your particular situation warrants.

You will need an oversized towel to cover the chest, a glass of water, a rinse basin, a toothbrush with a small head and soft bristles or a power toothbrush, fluoride toothpaste, floss in a floss holder and any mouth rinse or MI paste that your dentist has prescribed. It is often easier to use a bendable straw with the water. Your dentist or hygienist can assist you by demonstrating and adjusting the routine as mobility and cognition lessens.

Take care of dentures

Don't forget their dentures or partial dentures. These need to be rinsed off at every meal and cleaned and stored every night following your dentist's instructions. Never leave dentures in the mouth overnight as this can cause bacteria to build up and cause mouth infections and/or sores.

After the denture is removed for the night, brush the gums and tongue with a soft bristled toothbrush. Then have them rinse with water or their prescribed rinse.

Regular dental visits will be necessary to make sure that the denture fits properly, the oral tissues remain healthy and there are no signs of oral cancer.

Pay attention to scheduling

Schedule dental exams at times best suitable for the individual's needs. For instance, some patients with developmental disabilities may grow anxious if their routine is disrupted or become afraid around crowds. They may benefit from being scheduled as the first patient of the day or the first after lunch. Since they find comfort in routine, they will often be more cooperative if scheduled with the same hygienist and dental assistant.

They may also benefit by being allowed to cuddle a comfort item, such as a doll or blanket and by listening to their favorite music or the music played at home during their daily oral care.

Late afternoon or evening appointments should also be avoided in patients who tire more easily as the day wears on.

Caregivers should be aware that people with special needs often cannot effectively communicate if they are experiencing dental pain or decay. Preventative care is critical to maintain oral and overall health. Your dental team is here to help you meet the challenges of being a caregiver.

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

Highland Community College names vice president

The Highland Community College Board of Trustees has hired David Naze as vice president/chief academic officer, Academic Services. Naze most recently served as dean of arts and sciences at Joliet Junior College and has 20 years of community college and higher education experience as a faculty member and executive-level administrator.



David Naze

"Dr. Naze has been involved in all aspects of making sure the needs of the students are met through course scheduling, academic programming, curriculum management, faculty development and concurrent enrollment," according to a college news release. "He is a great believer in cultivating strong relationships built on trust, inclusion, transparency and support."

A Rockford native, Naze received an associate's degree from Rock Valley College and bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees in communication studies from Northern Illinois University. He received his doctor of philosophy from Indiana University in 2012.

Naze fills the position previously held by Chris Kuberski, who was promoted to president in July 2020. Naze was selected from a field of 76 applicants as part of a nationwide search that began in August 2020.

Sports roundup

A roundup of high school sports scores and notes received by The Scoop Today/ Shopper's Guide. All scores are for varsity games unless noted.

Baseball

• May 10: Le-Win defeated River Ridge Scales Mound, 10-0

Brett Lane pitched five scoreless innings for Le-Win, along with chipping in three RBIs. Luke Benson and Maddex Sargent each had two RBIs for Le-Win.

• May 11: Orangeville defeated Le-Win, 9-4

Hayden Roth pitched six innings for Orangeville, holding the Panthers to only one run during that stretch. Roth had 13 strikeouts.

Carson Rote and Zach Baker each had two RBIs for Orangeville and Max Amendt had two RBIs for Le-Win.

• May 12: East Dubuque defeated Le-Win, 7-3

Max Amendt had two hits and two RBIs for Le-Win. Drew Streckwald and Wes Offerman shared pitching duties for Le-Win; Streckwald had four strikeouts.

• May 13: Orangeville defeated Le-Win, 7-2

Orangeville's Joey Thomm had three hits and four RBIs in the Broncos' win.

Ethan Fye had six strikeouts in 5.2 innings pitched for Le-Win. For Orangeville pitching, Cade Janecke went four innings with five strikeouts and Jake Doyle

went three innings with four strikeouts.

Softball

• May 7: Eastland defeated Stockton/Warren, 9-5

Elaina Martin (4-4) and Elise Adleman (2-4) were the leading hitters for the Warhawks.

• May 11: Stockton-Warren defeated West Carroll, 1-0

Lauren Kehl pitched seven innings for Stockton-Warren, nailing eight strikeouts and allowing three hits.

Emilie Slichenmyer, Elaina Martin and Kiersten Winters all had base hits for Stockton-Warren, with Slichenmyer scoring the game-winning run in the third inning.

• May 13: West Carroll defeated Stockton/Warren, 14-13

Stockton/Warren led the game after four innings, but an eight-run fifth inning for West Carroll put them in the lead, 13-10. Stockton/Warren answered with three runs in the sixth, almost closing the gap over West Carroll.

For Stockton/Warren, Kaylee Luke was 3-4, Elise Adleman was 2-4 and Emilie Slichenmyer was 2-5.

Track and field

• May 11: Le-Win came in third (35.5) and Stockton came in fourth (18) in the four-school Du-Pec girls track meet. Galena won the meet handily with 136.5 points, followed by Pecatonica-Durand with 68 points.

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But the vaccination pace has slowed, with about 76,082 vaccine doses administered on average daily over the previous seven days. That's down from a peak of over 130,000 daily in mid-April.

Gov. JB Pritzker said at a news conference at the Gurnee Six Flags Great America location that incentives such as free tickets could nudge more Illinoisans toward taking the vaccine.

"I think that there are people who, hearing that there's an incentive knowing that it's easy to get vaccinated at a place like this or somewhere near where you live," Pritzker said. "There are an awful lot of people out there that just haven't had time or they haven't had a, you know, that extra little push to go get it done"

The state is sending Illinois National Guard mobile vaccination teams to the Gurnee location on June 5 and June 6, and the teams will return if turnout is high. Six Flags will announce additional details in the coming weeks, according to the governor's office. As well, "a significant portion" of the tickets will be distributed through local health departments, with more information forthcoming on a "county-by-county basis."

Mobile vaccination teams

Mobile teams are a key component of the state's effort to target vaccinations to hesitant or hard-to-reach communities. The Illinois Department of Public Health said in a news release it is also enrolling pediatricians into the state immunization registry to allow them to administer COVID-19 vaccines. As well, schools may partner with the local health department or pharmacy to set up vaccination clinics for students.

"We know that communities of color, unfortunately, have been less likely to get vaccinated, we've tried to make it more available than ever before... and of course there are people in rural communities where transportation is more difficult," Pritzker said. "So we've tried to move mobile vaccination units into those communities, as well as into more difficult neighborhoods across the state."

'Shot and a beer act'

Rep. Mike Zalewski, a Democrat from Riverside, is sponsoring a measure he calls the "shot and a beer act" to incentivize those age 21 and older to be vaccinated. That would allow Illinois bars to offer one free alcoholic drink to a customer who can prove they are vaccinated.

"We think it will help overcome vaccine hesitancy," Za-

lewski said in a news conference, noting he was hopeful the measure could pass before the May 31 adjournment of the General Assembly.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently expanded the emergency use authorization for the vaccine manufactured by Pfizer-BioNTech, and the state announced last week that vaccination sites were ready to vaccinate 12-15-year-olds.

According to health officials, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was found to be 100 percent effective in preventing COVID-19 among participants ages 12 through 15 years, and side effects were similar to those 16 years of age and older, including pain at the injection site, tiredness, headache, chills, muscle and joint pain and fever.

The bridge phase would allow theme parks such as Six Flags and its Hurricane Harbor water park locations to operate at 60 percent capacity, up from 25 percent under Phase 4 guidelines.

New masking guidelines

Also on May 13, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released new guidance for masking which said fully vaccinated people can stop wearing masks in most indoor and outdoor locations, with exceptions for public transportation, planes, hospitals, doctors offices and prisons.

In response, Pritzker tweeted, "I firmly believe in following the science and will revise my executive orders in line with (CDC) guidelines lifting additional mitigations for vaccinated people. The scientists' message is clear: if you are vaccinated, you can safely do much more."

The governor also said that the Chicago White Sox and Cubs will be adding sections in their ballparks for those who are fully vaccinated in order to maximize their allowable capacity. The capacity will increase to 60 percent at each park later in the month

as well.

Also in the bridge phase, restaurants and bars can increase capacity from 25 percent to 30 percent, and outdoor capacity is allowed up to 50 percent for standing areas. Additionally, vaccinated people do not count against capacity limits. The largest increase is to social events, which can allow 250 people indoors and 500 outdoors. Previously, those were capped at 50 people.

Pritzker's office has said Phase 5, which is free of capacity limitations, could happen as early as June 11 if transmission numbers continue to decrease.

As of May 13, the seven-day rolling average case positivity rate for COVID-19 was 2.7 percent, down from a recent high of 4.4 percent on April 12. Hospitalizations continued on a downward trend as well, with 1,765 people hospitalized for COVID-19 at the end of the day May 12, a low since April 6.

Meanwhile, unemployment claims remained high, with 18,355 initial claims filed the week ending May 8, a 21 percent increase from the previous week. There were 216,176 unemployment weeks claimed for the week ending May 8, a decrease of 5 percent from the week prior.

Extra benefits continue

In a separate news conference, Pritzker said he did not plan to opt the state out of a federal plan that allows people on unemployment to receive \$300 extra per week in unemployment compensation.

"Our job here is to make sure that we're creating jobs and helping people to rebuild the lives that they had before, the pandemic," the governor said when asked about the extra \$3000 payments. "And so we're not going to pull the rug out from under people. What we are going to do is make sure that we're creating and promoting as many jobs as possible and attracting people to those jobs."

Birder's visit celebrates diversity of birds and people

The Freeport Art Museum, along with Northwest Illinois Audubon Society, Great Lakes Audubon and Boys and Girls Club of Stephenson County, have announced the upcoming visit by Christian Cooper to Freeport.

Cooper is a writer and a board member of New York City Audubon. After a video of a racist confrontation while he was birding in Central Park went viral, he drew on that experience to author the Black Lives Matter comic "It's a Bird" for DC Comics, according to a news release. The comic project "continued Cooper's decades-long activism for racial justice, LGBTQ equality, and expanding democratic access in American society," the release said.

During his visit, Cooper will share his enthusiasm for birding with the young people at the Boys and Girls Club and the community. The Northwest Illinois Audubon Society is donating binoculars to the Boys and Girls Club for use in a new, reoccurring birding program the society is establishing at the club. Christian will speak to the children and teens at the center and introduce them to the joys and methods of be-

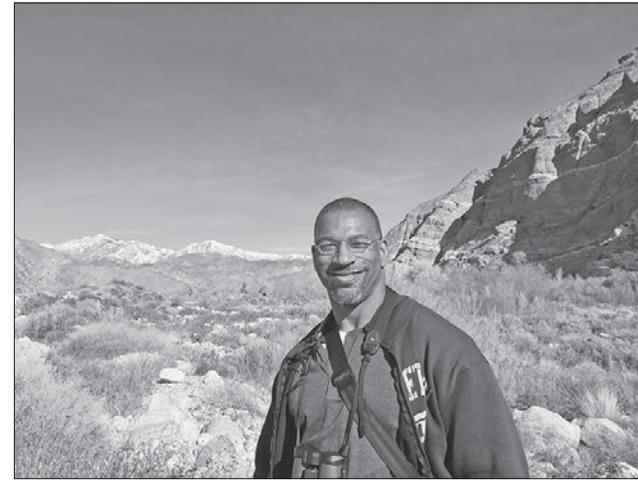


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Bird watching expert and social justice activist Christian Cooper will be visiting Freeport in June.

ing a birdwatcher.

At 6:30 p.m. June 16, Cooper will speak from his experience in promoting social justice and anti-racism. On June 17, he will meet with youth and adults at Taylor Park for a birding walk and talk. In-person attendance is limited and is offered on a first come, first served basis. People can opt to attend the June 16 talk via a live Zoom event.

To register for in-person attendance at the June 16 talk, go online to [https://www.freeportart-](https://www.freeportartmuseum.com/new-events)

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To register for Zoom attendance at the June 16 talk, go online to <https://audubon.zoom.us/j/98281234567>.

To register for the June 17 birding walk, go online to <https://www.freeportartmuseum.com/new-events>.

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Slices of life

When we reach out, we can restore hope

I often receive feedback and notes from readers via email or Facebook. I love messages from people who read this column. Each one is appreciated.

Recently, however, I got something a little different from most. I received a handwritten letter from a kind woman named Alice, who is 96 years old and in good health. Her doctor told her it's likely she'll live to be 100. In her letter she told me a little about her family — children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even great, great grandchildren. But the real reason for her writing was to request information about my late husband. She felt like she knew me through my columns and wanted to know more about him, because she cared on a human level.

I answered her request, and today I got a second letter. She thanked me for answering and shared more information, as letters are supposed to do. As I read her handwritten words, I came to an important conclusion.

In these days of Internet (mis)information, electronic correspondence, distance learning, social media (un)truths, impersonal personal communication and living in our own COVID bubbles, we could all learn a lot from Alice.

At 96 years old, she read something that touched her



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

and she reached out to me in a human way. Let that sink in. By age 46 or 56 or 66 many of us have all but given up on new friends or new connections. At 96 Alice could be our grandmother or great-grandmother and she isn't done reaching out. She isn't finished making human connections. In a culture of COVID she found a way to meet me on a human level.

This is nothing short of astounding and worth all of our respect and admiration. Alice understands we all need to connect to one another and she isn't done trying. She understands humanity. That leaves me in awe.

She is nearly twice my age and she is still trying. She is still paying it forward.

In the last few months I've been tired and sad and spent. I don't think I could have imagined paying it forward four or five decades from now.

Until Alice. Alice has made me know this should be a possibility. No, it should be a reality — for all of us.

We owe it to ourselves. We owe it to each other. We owe it to all of humanity to keep

up this good fight.

MY life was changed forever by grief, but beyond that, all of our lives were changed by the grief of COVID. We can't give up hope. We can't give up faith. We can overcome this. We can come together. We are supposed to come together.

Our country, and the world in general, is counting on us. Today, more than ever in our own lifetimes, we cannot become complacent. We cannot take things for granted. We cannot assume our blessings are simply a given or will be a part of our lives forever.

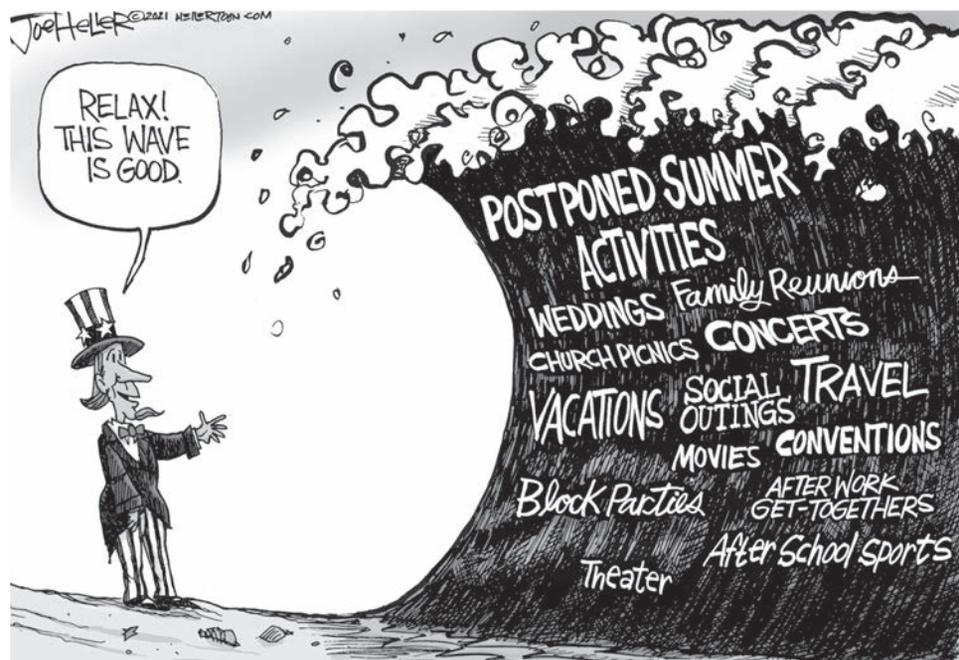
If the last year has taught me anything, it is this: Nothing is guaranteed. Don't take anything for granted because the rug can be pulled out from under you at any time.

Reaching out may feel like work. It may require energy you may not have because darn it, this COVID has taken it out of all of us. When you feel this way, think of Alice, who at 96 is still giving it her best shot.

She may be 96, but her doctor told her she'll probably live to be 100. I sure hope so.

Thanks Alice, for reaching out. This column is dedicated to you.

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In my opinion

Biden should focus his money on improving outcomes

President Joe Biden is proposing to spend more money than I knew existed on infrastructure and children, families, free college and much more. I am not opposed to spending all that money, so long as it is aimed at improving our nation's weak educational and social outcomes, and so long as we pay for it, rather than foist the costs onto our kids.

I worry that Mr. Biden will simply give the money away, without asking anything in return, rarely a good policy. Indeed, some well-intentioned social programs of the past have worsened rather than strengthened our social fabric. For example, the old welfare program called Aid to Families with Dependent Children automatically denied assistance to a household if there was a man in the house!

Another illustration: Today, when a struggling young mother on welfare programs gets a job, the social supports are almost immediately yanked out from under her, making it almost impossible to stabilize the home finances. We need to stair-step the welfare downward, so the parent can dig out of a financial hole.

Our nation has big, fundamental problems. For example, we have persistent, big gaps in school achievement between minority and white students, and indeed between whites and Asians and Asian-Americans.

Further, many single-parent households in my rural territory are falling way behind, often giving up to drugs and negative



By **JIM NOWLAN**

lifestyles; ditto for parents in some urban neighborhoods, which have been abandoned over the decades by both white and then black middle classes. There are few role models left except the gangs.

On the economic front, our nation has outsourced critical functions like chip manufacturing and rare earth metal mining to Asia. We must, after decades of dithering, develop an industrial policy that determines what private-public partnerships are vital keystones to our defense and future.

Indeed, much of America has grown fat and sloppy, less resilient, more dependent on government. Among too many, aspiration has turned to resignation, a loss of the ambition to add value to society.

These daunting challenges and others our nation faces more than justify a laser focus on improving outcomes. But how to do so?

Human behavior is based on fairly straightforward principles. We respond to incentives, and seek to avoid sanctions. We move toward opportunity, however we define it, and away from threats.

I think social policy since World War II has focused on the wrong person, that is, on the child, rather than on the parent. If the home is a positive setting,

filled with love, aspiration, support, guidance (dare I say discipline), then the child is more likely to prosper.

Yet, most social policy focuses on replacing services parents used to provide or bolster, e.g., child care, early childhood education, free meals, even delivered, now free college, even settling family disputes. A good friend and circuit judge served rural counties in central Illinois for years; after presiding over more family mayhem cases than he wishes to count, the judge observes, bluntly: Government has replaced Dad.

Based on discussions with schoolteachers and social workers, I propose required parent coaching for struggling single mothers (and a few single dads). The coaching would ideally be provided by parents who have themselves risen above similar difficult circumstances. "Mom, if you wish government support, take the coaching. If not, no government program supports."

And provide bonuses to encourage family success for the struggling parent who rises to the occasion, stops abusing drugs and alcohol (where that is a problem), takes skill training, and generally gets her act together.

If Mom refuses the coaching, she should be aware that the local child welfare agency will be monitoring such things as whether her child is in by curfew (Illinois indeed has a curfew law.) I am struck by

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Obituaries

PHILOMENA 'PHYLLIS' MARIE DeZEE

Philomena "Phyllis" Marie DeZee, 86, of Orangeville, Illinois, peacefully passed away on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at her home holding the hand of her husband — the love of her life for 68 years — and surrounded by her family. Phyllis was born April 5, 1935, in Chicago to Joseph and Margaret (Durik) Benco. She married William "Bill" DeZee and together they were blessed with seven children and she worked very hard and dedicated her life to her family.

Phyllis welcomed everyone into their home with open arms and amazing meals. Everyone was treated like family and made to feel special. She had an incredibly strong faith no matter what obstacle she faced. She always kept anyone in need fastidiously in her prayers and her family said "she had a direct line to heaven." She gently shared her faith with everyone and led by her beautiful example of grace, acceptance, humility and kindness.

Her love for her family was her life and anyone blessed to



have known her felt that love. She spent countless hours and many years volunteering as a 4-H leader, Girl Scouts leader, teaching faith formation, volunteering at her children's schools, sewing school uniforms for children in underprivileged countries and was a member of Catholic Daughters. She loved sewing and sewed many baby blankets especially for her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She always selflessly and quietly put the needs of others first.

Bill and Phyllis are members of St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Monroe, Wisconsin.

Phyllis is survived by her husband of 68 years, William "Bill" DeZee Sr. of Orangeville; children, William DeZee Jr. of Del Rapids, South Dakota, Kenneth (Cressa) DeZee of Wilmington, Illinois, Deborah (Douglas) Kohls-DeZee of Madison, Wisconsin, Margaret DeZee of Kenosha,

Wisconsin, Michael (Rebecca) DeZee of Lakeland, Florida, and Mary (Darrell Scace) DeZee of Monroe; daughter-in-law, Jane DeZee of Kenosha; 19 grandchildren, Anthony, Nicholas, Marlene, Shane, Angelique, Krystal, Kathryn, Heather, Jennifer, Jacqueline, Ruebin, Robert, Rachael, Christopher, Patrick, Samantha, Alexander, Ava and Mya; and 16 great-grandchildren, Riley, Hawk, Ivy, Tanner, Piper, Willa, Gabriel, Logan, Solomon, McKenna, Breanna, Antonio, Carmine, Tyler, Marilyn and Nikolai, all of whom she dearly adored; her "baby" siblings, Joseph Benco and Annette Hughes; and many dear friends who were family to her.

She was preceded in death by her parents and firstborn, son Jacque DeZee.

She was a blessing to so many who know they now have the best guardian angel ever.

A private family graveside service will be held at Calvary Cemetery in Monroe.

Monsignor Larry Bakke will officiate the services.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

DARLENE J. MORHARDT

Darlene J. Morhardt, 87, of Orangeville, Illinois, passed away on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at the Monroe Clinic Hospital in Monroe, Wisconsin. She was born Feb. 10, 1934, to Merrill and Uva (Solace) Mays in Orangeville. Darlene graduated from Orangeville High School in 1952. She married Romaine Taft and together they had two sons. Romaine preceded her in death. Darlene then married Darwin Morhardt; together they had one son, but raised their six children. Darwin preceded her in death.

Darlene was a lifelong resident of rural Orangeville, on the family farm. She was a



Darlene enjoyed reading, knitting, quilting, cooking, gardening and playing cards, especially euchre. Darlene had a Scottish pen pal for over 50 years. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Darlene is survived by her sons, Mike (Jane) Taft of Lena, Illinois, Rick (Maggie) Taft of Monroe and Ron (Kim) Morhardt of Rockford,

member of the Orangeville United Methodist Church, where she was active in many of the church's functions.

step-daughter, Darby Morhardt of Chicago; step-sons, Darwin Jr. (Mindy) Morhardt of Lena and Garland (Julie) Morhardt of Freeport, Illinois; 17 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husbands, Romaine and Darwin.

A visitation and funeral services were held Monday, May 17, 2021, at the Orangeville United Methodist Church. Pastor Sigfried Schwirblat and Ben Morhardt officiated the services.

Burial will be at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

OB/GYN joins FHN team

Board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist Dr. Lee Sessler has joined the FHN Women's Healthcare team.

Sessler earned her medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford and served her OB/GYN residency at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois. She has been caring for women in the Rockford area since 2003.

Sessler will see patients at FHN Specialty Care – Harlem



Dr. Lee Sessler

Iowa. She has served as a clinical instructor at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford.

Avenue in Freeport.

She holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in biology from Drake University in Des Moines,

As part of a mission trip to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Sessler provided gynecologic care and performed major gynecologic surgeries in remote villages.

Sessler is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a member of the Illinois State Medical Society and the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society.

For more information, go online to www.fhn.org.

State launches \$6 million tourism campaign to boost post-pandemic travel

By Tim Kirsininkas
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker announced a new \$6 million tourism advertising campaign May 12 aimed at attracting visitors to the state and sparking economic activity following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The multimedia campaign, featured around the theme "Time for Me to Drive," showcases various destinations in all parts of the state and aims to reflect Illinois as a top destination for road trips.

According to a news release, the campaign reflects increasing consumer trends to take shorter trips by car to destinations closer to home following the pandemic. The campaign is the first to be released by the state since the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic last year.

"More and more travelers are ready to get back out there. Recent surveys show that half of Americans plan to travel this summer, and half of them intend to drive," Pritzker said at the announcement in Springfield. "So, whether you want to ease your way back into travel or are raring to go, taking the great American road trip is a great way to enjoy yourself and to stay safe."

Pritzker said the new campaign introduces tourists to "an Illinois they may not have seen before," including destinations such as state parks, the Shawnee National Forest and the Garden of the Gods.

The campaign also promotes the cities of Chicago, Springfield and Galena as potential road trip destinations.

Sylvia Garcia, acting director of the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, said prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Illinois saw over 120 million visitors annually who collectively spent more than \$40 billion in the state.

Garcia said those numbers were "cut in half" as a result of the pandemic last year.

"(The) Time for Me to Drive campaign is not only a milestone in bringing tourism back for this summer, it's also part of our ongoing work towards a strong recovery for the tourism industry over the long term," Garcia said.

The advertising campaign includes TV, radio, digital and print spots. Garcia said the campaign would primarily be shown in the seven states surrounding Illinois and 18 total markets.

Michael Jacobson, president and CEO of the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association, said promoting tourism in the state "puts people back to work" and will be important to the state's economic recovery following the pandemic.

"What people rarely realize is that an investment in tourism promotion is an investment in economic development," Jacobson said.

"Promoting tourism helps our economy by getting visitors to stay in our hotels, to eat in our restaurants, shop in our retail stores, buy fuel in our gas stations, and enjoy our amazing attractions," he added.

Jacobson said 20,000 hotel workers are still out of work following pandemic-related closures and shutdowns, and that promoting tourism would be key to increasing tax revenue in the state.

Jayne DeLuce, president and CEO of the Illinois Council of Convention and Visitor Bureaus, said the return on investment for destination promotion drives \$11 in tax revenue for every promotional dollar spent.

"Beyond creating priceless memories, these road trip experiences create an immediate infusion of cash in the tourism economy, which has been so decimated by the pandemic," DeLuce said.

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Rappelling adventure benefits Girl Scouts

Spots are still available for Over the Edge 4 Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois' urban rappelling adventure, on Saturday, June 5 in Rockford.

The fundraiser event allows participants to rappel down the eight-story Supply-Core building in downtown Rockford, which overlooks the Rock River. Those who wish to participate must raise \$1,000.

"No experience is required — only the desire to build courage and raise funds for tomorrow's leaders," according to a Girl Scouts news release.

Over the Edge staff pro-

vides on-site technical expertise, training and equipment for the event.

To sign up, go online to www.girlscoutsni.org/ote or to support local participants, go online to <https://givebutter.com/ote4gsni>.

Proceeds from Over the Edge 4 Girl Scouts benefit those who might face financial barriers to participating in Girl Scouts and help support leaders in areas where volunteers are not always available.

For more information, go online to girlscoutsni.org or call 844-476-4463.



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Top fundraising Girl Scouts get ready for their Over the Edge 4 Girl Scouts adventure.

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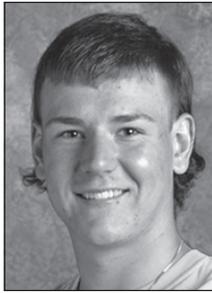
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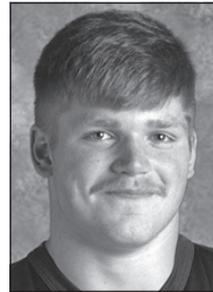
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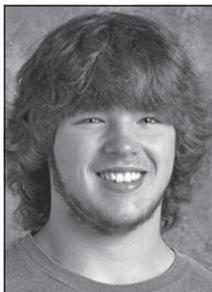
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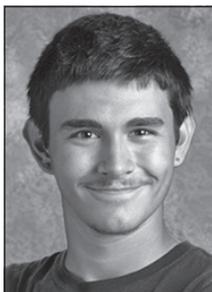
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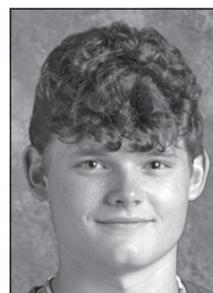
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Local students earn dean's list honor

Alexondria Edler of Lena and Katelyn Tuell of Cedarville are among the students named to the spring semester dean's list at Columbia College's Freeport location.

To be named to the list, students must have completed 12 semester hours in a 16-week period and have achieved a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Raffle helps support Legion programs

The Sons of the Lena American Legion is holding its annual calendar raffle.

The fundraiser helps the Sons group support the American Legion and its programs, including Boys State and Legion baseball.

The cost is \$10 per ticket. The ticket is returned to the drawing and is eligible each day during July. On weekdays, the prize is \$50 and on Saturdays, the prize is \$100. The prize is \$500 on the Fourth of July.

Tickets may be purchased from a Sons of the Lena American Legion member, at the

American Legion home from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays or by calling 815-369-4684.

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Pearl City Lions announce scholarships

The Pearl City Lions Club recently announced the recipients of their 2021 scholarships. All recipients are 2021 graduates of Pearl City High School and plan to further their education at the college level.

Applicants were asked to explain what service means to them and how they plan to use their future careers to serve others.

Lions Club scholarships in the amount of \$500 each were

awarded to Ella Williams, Jase Sheffey and Caitlin Niesman. Lioness Club scholarships in the amount of \$530 were awarded to Madyson Stephan and Jenée Stultz. The Lions Club "Anonymous Donor" Scholarship for \$3,000, funded by an anonymous former community member, was awarded to Estrella Ayala.

The Pearl City Lions Club is part of Lions International. With over 1.4 million members, Lions International is the

largest service organization in the world and is dedicated to helping and serving in the community.

The Pearl City Lions Club welcomes new members who want to serve and make a difference in the community. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Pearl City Fire Station. For more information, contact Ron Johnson at 815-291-3400.

State takes action against academy that serves children with disabilities

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Officials from multiple state agencies said May 14 that they are cutting ties with a residential school that serves children in state care with mental and developmental disabilities after an independent review documented reports of mistreatment of youth at the facility.

Northern Illinois Academy, in Aurora, is an 87-bed private residential facility that serves children with co-occurring mental illnesses or autism, mood disorders and developmental delays. It is owned and operated by Sequel Youth and Family Services and receives funding from the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Department of Human Services.

The students currently at Northern Illinois Academy will be moved to other facilities.

The report, dated May 4 from the disability rights group Equip for Equality, found numerous problems with NIA's programming, training and services. Those include inadequate and over-extended staffing; insufficient incident reporting, including cases of children running away from the facility; lack of meaningful programming and treatment planning; undocumented and improper use of physical restraint and seclusions; and insufficient adherence to COVID-19 health and safety requirements.

"The top priority of the Department of Children and Family Services is protecting vulnerable children by ensuring they receive the best available support and services," acting DCFS Director Marc Smith said in a statement. "It is unacceptable when any facility is not meeting the strict standards established by DCFS, and our team is taking steps to thoughtfully and carefully transition our youth in care to other facilities that can provide the nurturing, supportive environment our kids deserve."

Pursuant to its contract with DCFS, Equip for Equality, the state-appointed protection and advocacy organization for people with disabilities, first conducted a review of NIA in November and December of

• Baseball (Continued from front page)

Last week, the Broncos were set up to play their two-game season series against the Lena-Winslow Panthers. On Tuesday, May 11, the teams met up for the first time as Orangeville played host to the Panthers. Orangeville had the hot bats early on, as Cade Janecke hit a sacrifice fly and Baker hit into a ground out to bring in their second run.

In the bottom of the second the Broncos would extend their lead to three as a bunt led to an error that allowed Joey Thomm to score.

The 3-0 lead would hold until the bottom of the fifth inning when the Orangeville offense exploded for five runs. A pair of errors and a dropped third strike by the Panthers allowed the Broncos to score again and set up Baker with another opportunity to drive in runs. He did so, by hitting a line drive to center field that brought in Doyle to score. The next at bat, Rote hit a double to center field that drove in both Janecke and Baker. The big hit blew the game wide open as the Broncos held an 8-0 lead.

The Panthers were able to find some momentum in the final innings as Max Amendt doubled to left field, bringing in Drew Streckwald for their first run of the game. In the bottom of the sixth, Orangeville would extend their lead again as Doyle hit a triple to

center field that allowed Michael Mackenzie to score.

With the big lead, Orangeville was willing to trade runs for outs to end the game. Both Brett Lane and Pacey Martin would score on consecutive groundouts, bringing the Panthers within five. That was as close as they would get, however, as the Broncos held on to win 9-4.

Again, the Broncos had production up and down their lineup as three hitters finished with two RBIs each in Doyle, Baker and Rote. Hayden Roth pitched extremely well, going six innings on the mound with 13 strikeouts. Roth allowed zero runs on just three hits and a walk.

Amendt pitched well for the Panthers, but his defense failed him as they had five errors in the game. Amendt allowed just one earned run on five hits and struck out seven through six innings. His stat line was masked by the final score, however.

Two days later, the teams met up again as this time Lena-Winslow played host to the Broncos on Thursday, May 13. The Broncos got the game started in similar fashion as a pair of walks and an error eventually led to a single by Thomm that would drive in the game's first two runs.

The 2-0 score stuck until the bottom of the fifth, when

the Panthers brought in two runs to tie the game. A pair of walks led to a Maddex Sargent single to center field that brought in Luke Benson and Ethan Fye to score.

The rest of the game would go in favor of the Broncos, however, as Orangeville scored three runs in the sixth and two more insurance runs in the seventh. The Broncos would hold on to complete the season sweep with a 7-2 victory in game two.

Thomm had himself a day, going 3-3 with four RBIs and a run scored. Mitch Soddy went 1-3 with an RBI and one run scored as the duo led the way offensively for the Broncos.

Sargent drove in Le-Win's only two runs and the only other Panthers to reach the hit column were Streckwald and Fye, as Streckwald went 2-4 and Fye finished 2-3.

Janecke and Doyle combined to pitch a gem for Orangeville as they struck out nine and allowed just five hits. Following the games, the Broncos held a 6-2 record, while the Panthers fell to 4-6.

The Panthers will have the chance to bounce back when they host the Pearl City Wolves, this Thursday, May 20. The Broncos will hope to keep the ball rolling when they travel to Freeport to face Aquin Catholic on that same Thursday.



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how much of the mayhem among police and teens takes place at 3 a.m., and I am confident youngsters who excel in school are not found roaming the streets at all hours.

As for free college, great, so long as the student is making steady progress toward a certificate or degree.

As one who has always considered himself liberal on social policy, I am amazed to be sounding like an old fogey. Yet, if our nation is to improve outcomes, we have to nudge those who are struggling, with incentives and sanctions, rather than with wishful thinking that money without strings will

solve problems.

For many years, Jim Nowlan was a senior fellow and political science professor at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. He has worked for three governors and published a weekly newspaper in central Illinois.

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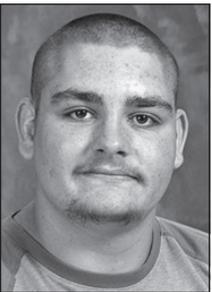
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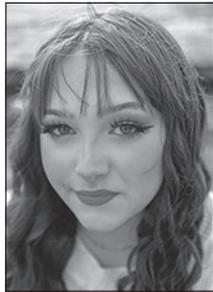
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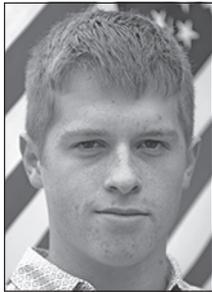
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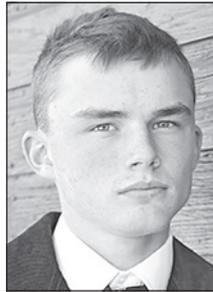
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•Kitchen (Continued from page 12)

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Run a knife around the side of the cake pan to loosen the cake and remove from pan. Cut cake horizontally to make 3 layers. Fill layers with strawberry-rhubarb filling. Frost the side and top of the cake with the frosting. Arrange the sliced strawberries over the top of the cake. Cover the cake and store it in the refrigerator.

Final thoughts

We have been given the green light to remove our masks. We get to be in a restaurant with a larger group and attend sporting events in larger numbers. Thank you, God, for providing us with a way to get through this difficult year and then some.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On May 27, 2021 at 9:00 am, a meeting conducted by the Lena-Winslow School District will take place remotely via Google Meets. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the District's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2021-22 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Lena-Winslow School District, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Superintendent Dr. Tom Chiles at 815-369-2525 ext 100.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET PLEASANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Road Purposes of the Township of Pleasant Valley, in the County of Jo Daviess, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection by appointment from Town Clerk after 8:00 p.m., the 27th day of May, 2021.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN HEREBY that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m., the 24th day of June, 2021 at the Town Hall in this Township of Pleasant Valley and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.,

the 24th day of June, 2021. Dated this 11th day of May, 2021 Rena Eden, Clerk (Published in The Scoop Today May 19, 2021) 395861

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET PLEASANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Pleasant Valley, in the County of Jo Daviess, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection by appointment from Town Clerk upon request after 8:00 p.m., the 27th day of May, 2021.

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Dated this 11th day of May, 2021 Rena Eden, Clerk (Published in The Scoop Today May 19, 2021) 395862

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On May 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. a meeting conducted by Stockton Community Unit School District #206 will take place in the cafeteria at Stockton High School. The purpose will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2021-2022

school year. If you are parents of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside in/within the boundaries of Stockton CUSD #206, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting please contact James Bunting, Superintendent at 815-947-3391.

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPLE RIVER TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2021 TOWNSHIP -

REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Taxes - \$51,573.46; Replacement Tax - \$1,327.57; Interest - \$1,242.84; TOIRMA Dividend - \$557.00; Miscellaneous Income - \$102.00

TOTAL REVENUES: \$54,802.87

TOWNSHIP - COMPENSATION

SUMMARY: Range - Under \$25,000.00: Steve Reynolds; James Goken; Valerie Stocks; William Holland; Todd Cox; Joseph McGivney; Cory Bourquin. Range - \$25,000.00 - \$49,999.99: None.

TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$19,810.00

TOWNSHIP - EXPENDITURE

SUMMARY: Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund - \$20,000.00; TOIRMA - \$3,765.00; All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.00) - \$4851.15

TOTAL VENDORS: \$28,616.15

ROAD DISTRICT - REVENUE SUMMARY:

Property Taxes - \$65,392.09; Replacement Tax - \$1,154.94; Interest

- \$2,461.66; Transfer from Town Fund - \$20,000.00; Miscellaneous Income - \$1,911.08

TOTAL REVENUES: \$90,919.77

ROAD DISTRICT - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:

Range - Under \$25,000.00 - Bob White - \$1,110.00

TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$1,110.00

ROAD DISTRICT - EXPENDITURE

SUMMARY: Stagecoach Trails Limestone - \$9,145.48; Saunders Oil Co. - \$3,281.12; Civil - \$41,469.23; Illowa Culvert - \$3534.00; Pax Excavating - \$3675.00; Ruf's Farm Service - \$12,358.00; All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.00) - 8,989.43

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

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Beginning Balance - \$112,186

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Total Expenditures - \$48,426

Ending Balance - \$118,563

ROAD DISTRICT

Beginning Balance - \$168,320

Total Revenues - \$90,920

Total Expenditures - \$83,562

Ending Balance - \$175,678

Subscribed and sworn to this 27th day of April, 2021

James C. Goken - Treasurer

I, Valerie Stocks, Clerk of Apple River Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

Valerie Stocks - Clerk (Published in The Scoop Today May 19, 2021) 396136



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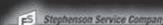
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Discover Wisconsin is seeking entries for its Wisconsin photo contest. The winning entries depicting Wisconsin destinations will be featured in a 2022 calendar.

Discover Wisconsin seeks state destinations for photo contest

Discover Wisconsin has launched its photo contest via social media. In partnership with Wisconsin Counties Association, 12 fan-submitted photos will be published in Discover Wisconsin's annual calendar, featuring images of Wisconsin destinations.

The photo contest is accessible on the Discover Wisconsin's blog, The Bobber, by going online to bobber.discoverwisconsin.com/2022-calendar-contest/. Entries will be accepted until May 31.

"Seventy-two beautiful counties each with a myriad of photo opportunities that reflect diversity and brilliance — that's Wisconsin," said Rick Rose of

Discover Wisconsin in a news release. "They say perception is in the eye of the beholder. We love our DW calendar photo contest, because you can enter a photo you took that you just love and want to share."

Following the submission and voting period, the Discover Wisconsin crew will select the top 12 photos to be featured in the official 2022 Discover Wisconsin calendar. Of the top 12, the Discover Wisconsin crew will select the photo to be featured on the cover of the calendar. The calendars will be available for purchase in the fall of 2021 at shop.discoverwisconsin.com.

The winning photo of the

2021 calendar's cover spot is a serene summer sunset over a sunflower field in Shawano County. Eric O'Dell's photo was chosen from more than 1,300 entries.

Applicants must submit an original digital photo, at least 300 dpi and no smaller than 5-by-7-inches in jpeg file format, that features a Wisconsin destination and include their name, address, email address, photo location and photo caption. For more guidelines, go online to bobber.discoverwisconsin.com/2022-calendar-contests/. Discover Wisconsin will announce the photo winners via various social media channels.

State's revenue picture improves as economy recovers

Illinois budget officials said last week that revenues are flowing into state coffers at a faster pace than previously estimated, meaning lawmakers will have more money to work with as they try to finalize a new budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget officially raised its revenue estimate for the current fiscal year by more than \$1.4 billion and by \$842 million for the upcoming fiscal year.

Those figures are similar to the latest revised estimates from the General Assembly's budget monitoring agency, the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, which said last week that revenues for the current year would go up about \$2 billion while next year's revenues would be \$792 million more than previously forecasted.

That came as good news to state lawmakers who are trying to finalize the next fiscal year's budget before their scheduled adjournment day on May 31, but it still was not enough to completely close the looming deficit in next

year's budget, which House Majority Leader Greg Harris, D-Chicago, estimated at around \$1.3 billion.

"The choices are really clear," Harris said during a May 13 news conference. "We're either going to have to find ways to cut to fill that hole, or we're going to have to review the proposals that the governor made to close corporate tax loopholes on wealthy individuals and corporations. Some mix of those will be required."

In February, Pritzker proposed filling the budget hole with about \$1.5 billion in revenue enhancements that included closing what he called "corporate tax loopholes," but which Republicans prefer to call "business incentives."

So far, however, lawmakers have not appeared anxious to take up Pritzker's tax proposals, at least until they have a clearer idea of how big of a budget hole needs to be filled.

"I think there's a number of things that the governor has proposed that we've asked members to take a deep dive and to be mindful of to think about how it would affect

their constituents vis-à-vis the overall state budget... We remain very, very invested in trying to get a responsible budget to the governor's desk," said Rep. Michael Zalewski, D-Riverside, who chairs the House Revenue Committee.

Pritzker's budget plan was drafted before Congress passed the American Rescue Plan, which will send about \$8.1 billion in fiscal relief to the state. But the U.S. Treasury Department is still in the process of finalizing rules for how that money can be spent, and Harris cautioned against trying to use it to fill the state's ongoing structural budget deficit.

"We know that this is an amount of money that can be spent over the course of four years, so we have to be very thoughtful as how we spend it over a period of time," he said. "We know it's largely one-time money. So I think we're all going to want to look at it really carefully to be sure that we're not building this into a base that then there would be a cliff when this money expired."

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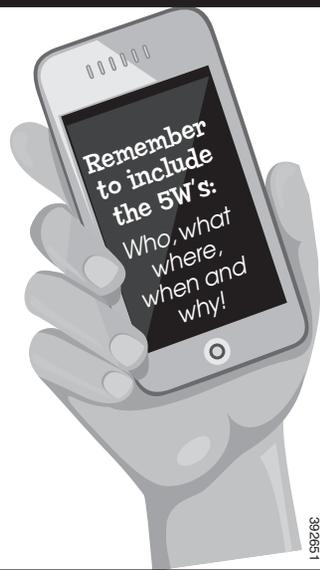
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•Academy (Continued from page 8)

2019. At that time, EFE noted numerous concerns about NIA's lack of meaningful programming, unsafe restraint practices, restraining residents from communication devices and a host of other issues.

Following that review, in January 2020, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services revoked NIA's certification as a psychiatric residential treatment facility, or PRTF.

In March 2020, however, DCFS found that NIA had made significant improvements, and the agency lifted a hold that had been in place on new admissions to the facility while continuing to conduct intensive monitoring.

But Equip for Equality conducted another review in the

fall and winter of 2020 and found that many of the same issues continued to exist, including unsafe and abusive restraint practices that at times resulted in physical injuries, inadequate discipline in response to staff abuse, and failure to report abuse to the hotline.

Anthony Penn, executive director at NIA, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The Illinois State Board of Education said it also conducted a review of the facility and announced Friday that, effective Aug. 6, it will assign a status of "non-approved" for NIA's education services. That means school districts will no longer be able to receive reimbursements for student placement there.

"The problems documented by Equip for Equality are deeply troubling," state Superintendent of Education Carmen Ayala said in a statement. "As a consequence and as a result of ISBE's regulatory review, we are revoking approval of the facility and helping school districts to transition their students to better learning environments ahead of the next school year."

There are currently only 15 students residing at NIA. The agencies with responsibility for students at the facility said they will immediately begin the process of transitioning students to other settings, "on a phased and orderly basis."

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•Pearl City (Continued from front page)

Logan Krell. Plager hopes his seniors can lead the way, despite their lack of varsity experience.

"Kuberski and Sheffey are our leaders," Plager said. "Caden was the only player who saw substantial playing time as a sophomore when we lost in the regional championship. So, he brings the experience behind the plate to help our young pitchers navigate their first varsity season."

Kuberski's work with the young pitchers could have a large impact on not only this season, but also the years that lie ahead. Plager hopes to see that experience benefit his pitchers as they improve, noting, "Pitching will be our limiting factor."

Although, young Pearl City pitchers have been learning on the go, it is a process that may not immediately show on the field this season. Building the pitching staff will be an important part of the Pearl City program's success going into the future.

Despite everything, the Wolves have found success this season, getting off to a 4-4 start.

Last week, the Wolves faced off with the Durand-Pecatonica Rivermen on May 11 and May 13. Pearl City came into the first game as the favorites as they held a record of 3-3, while the Rivermen were just 1-7. The Rivermen would prove to be a tough opponent for the

Wolves, however.

The first game was an offensive showdown from the very start as Du-Pec posted seven runs in the top of the first inning. The Wolves would respond, however, as Sheffey singled with the bases loaded, driving in two runs. Moments later, Dylan Hoyer hit a sacrifice fly to center field bringing in Kuberski to score. Still, the Wolves found themselves trailing 7-3 as they entered the second inning.

In the bottom of the fourth, the pressure was on as Pearl City was trailing 11-4. Their offense found a way to fight back, however, as Kuberski singled to left field, bringing in Krell to score. Sheffey and Schauer followed up with back-to-back singles of their own. Schauer's single to right field brought in Kuberski and Sheffey, and Pearl City had cut the Du-Pec lead to just 11-8. Moments later, they came within two as James Freytag singled to center, bringing in Schauer.

Pearl City would follow up their five-run fourth by posting another five runs in the bottom of the fifth. Following a single by Krell, Nathan Brinkmeier hit a two-run home run to left field, tying the game at 11-11. A few at bats later, Freytag singled to right field, driving in two runs for his third RBI of the day and giving Pearl City a 14-11 lead.

Du-Pec clawed back to tie the game in the top of the sev-

enth, eventually forcing the game to go into extra innings. The Rivermen posted two runs in the top of the ninth, once again putting the pressure on Plager's Wolves. Pearl City was able to take advantage of some sloppy defense, however, as Du-Pec had two errors to start the bottom half. Schauer came through in the clutch as he singled to right field, bringing in Tanner Perdue and Kuberski to score, tying the game at 16-16. Freytag then announced it was time to go home as he singled up the middle to bring in Schauer for the walk-off 17-16 victory.

Pearl City had offensive support up and down the lineup, but it was Freytag who led the way, going 4-4 with five RBIs and a walk. Schauer finished 3-5 with four RBIs and two runs scored. Sheffey posted a 3-5 night with three RBIs and two runs scored. Kuberski went 3-6 with four runs scored and an RBI.

Two days later, the teams faced off in what would be another nail-biting finish. The Wolves held a lead late in the game, but collapsed in the sixth, allowing the Rivermen to post a seven-run inning. Du-Pec eventually won the game by a score of 10-8, splitting the season series with the Wolves.

At 4-4, the Wolves will be back in action when they travel to face off with the Lena-Winslow Panthers this Thursday, May 20.

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