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Hitting the High Notes with Le-Win Music

Teachers, students & Music Boosters gear up for a busy spring

By Tabitha Engel
CORRESPONDENT

With the sweet song of spring beckoning around the bend, the Le-Win Music teachers, students and Boosters are making big plans for a harmonious departure from winter's chill!

Special Sneak Peak for Solo & Ensemble Contest

On Tuesday, March 3, the community is invited for a very special recital of Le-Win Junior High and High School music students' solo and ensemble performances.

"This recital is a rare opportunity for the public to see our talented music students perform a diverse array of arrangements, many chosen by the students themselves, in a smaller, more intimate setting," said Band Director Renee Schultz. "This event is one of the music department's 'best kept secrets.' We'd like to see not only students' family members but their friends, classmates and neighbors attend this recital."

The recital also allows the high school students the opportunity to fine tune their entries before performing them four days later on Saturday, March 7, at the IHSA solo and ensemble contest in Stockton.

Upcoming Concerts

Mark your calendars for the following concerts at the Le-Win Fine Arts Center:

- Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 pm: Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten & 2nd Grade Concert and Art fair

- Sunday, April 26, at 3:00 p.m. Jr. High & High School Spring Choir Concert

- Wednesday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High & High School Spring Band Concert

Additionally, the NUIC Conference Music Festival will take place on Friday, March 20, in Dakota with select high school band and choir students taking part.

Spring Musical Announced

An outstanding student cast will take to the stage on April 3 & 4 to wow audiences with the 2020 Spring Musical, "Tuck Everlasting". The

show will feature some of Le-Win's finest high school stage performers as well as up-and-coming talent from the jr. high and elementary in an 18-member children's chorus.

"This is a beautiful musical adaptation of the story by Natalie Babbitt. Set in 19th century New Hampshire, this incredible tale deals with themes of coming of age, love, loyalty, family, and being truly alive," said Director Ali Stachowicz.

Businesses who wish to have a poster for display can email musicboosters@le-win.net or call Tabitha Engel at 815-369-9235.

Famous Butter Braid Fundraiser Launches

From March 2 - March 16, music students will be knocking on doors to offer family, friends and neighbors the once-in-a-year opportunity to purchase the divinely delectable pastry creation known as the "Butter Braid."

"From sinfully sticky caramel rolls to heavenly cream cheese and strawberry braids to the new option of cinnamon rolls, the selection will have mouths watering across the community," said Diane Fiedler, Butter Braid Fundraiser Chair. Folks wishing to ensure a music student swings by their home can email musicboosters@le-win.net with their phone number and address or call Diane at 815-275-6607. Those who know a Le-Win jr. high or high school music student are welcome to request them by name. Delivery is scheduled for March 31.

Visit the Music Boosters at Train Show Concessions

Attendees of the Depot Stove Gang Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet can satisfy their hunger pains while supporting a great cause! The Music Boosters will be serving up nachos, bbq, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, soda, milk and candy at the event, which will take place March 14 & 15 at Le-Win Schools.

Concert Choir joining Highland Chamber Concert

The Highland Chorale and Chamber Singers have invited the Le-Win

High School Concert Choir to join them on Sunday, April 5, during their Spring Choral Concert. The concert will take place in the Ferguson Fine

Arts Center at 3 p.m.

According to Highland Chamber Singers Director Jeff DeLay, "The Highland Chorale and Chamber

Singers will present traditional choral music and selections by contem-

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Spelling Bee winners

The 38th Annual Regional Spelling Bee was held at the Pearl City school small gym at 7 p.m. on Feb. 18. There were 24 participants representing the first and second place winners from area schools.

Evan Trone, a seventh grader from the Warren School district, won first place. Ella Gunderson, an eighth grader from the Eastland School District, was second place.

In Round #11, Evan spelled "cherubic" correctly. Ella went on to misspell "adulation". Evan then correctly spell "elaborative" to win the Regional Bee.

Evan Trone and one guardian will be sent to Washington DC to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in late May.

Evan Trone won multiple prizes from Scripps National Bee and the Regional Office of Education #8 who sponsored the event. The Regional Office of Education #8 and area sponsors will pay to send Evan Trone and one guardian to the Scripps National Bee in Washington DC.

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Applied Research Report: Crop Disease and Insect Management in Northwest Illinois

The 2018 and 2019 growing seasons have been a challenge for our producers in northern Illinois to say the least. Cold, wet springs prevented us from getting the crop in the ground, and extensive late-season rainfall delayed us in getting it out. As a result of these abnormal growing conditions, a wide array of issues have popped up to cause problems for producers. Producers had to deal with nutrient deficiencies as well as a variety insect pests and disease issues in both corn and soybean. In response to production issues such as this, researchers from the University of Illinois have published the "2019

Applied Research Results: Field Crop Disease and Insect Management," which is currently available online here: go.illinois.edu/AppliedResearch.

The report serves as a one-stop shop for relevant applied research and includes evaluations of plant varieties, management practices, and insecticide/fungicide applications on corn and soybean. As Dr. Nathan Kleczewski, Extension Field Crop Pathologist with the University of Illinois says "It's not just diseases; it's weather, production, and insects. In the future, we hope it can continue to expand to include other areas and crops." Co-author on the re-

port Nick Seiter, Extension Field Crop Entomologist, exhibited similar enthusiasm over the report. "With these field experiments, we continue to monitor trait and insecticide performance for rootworm control every year to document resistance development and provide efficacy comparisons to our clientele. Our hope is that producers will be able to use this guide to inform their decisions on insect control."

Researchers and producers continue to react to what mother nature throws our way, continually attempting to find cost-effective methods to reduce disease and insect impact. Despite the

development of traits and seed treatments to battle these diseases, responses to these products are quite variable. "Having these data published annually and stored for posterity is extremely important. You might forget that a year was particularly wet or dry, and that is why certain diseases were problematic or non-issues," Kleczewski said.

This report is of interest to growers in Northwest Illinois as it contains results from university experiments which were conducted locally, at Highland Community College's research farm in Freeport. "Every year has its own set of challenges, but it feels like we have had a little bit of everything the last few years" Commercial Agriculture Educator Phillip Alberti said. Tar spot, for example, exhibited a dramatic increase in incidence and severity across the state in 2018 only to be relatively absent the following year due to dry conditions during the middle of the summer. Tar spot, caused by the fungal pathogen *Phyllachora maydis*, is an emerging disease in Northern Illinois. Tar spot symptoms are quite distinct, with infection resulting in small, raised, black spots (ranging from circular to oval) on infected host tissue. The dark spots that form are called asco-

mata, which contain fungal spores that spread through wind storms and rain splash. The spots are surrounded by a tan or brown halo and may appear on both sides of the leaves, leaf sheaths, and husk; these spots can be found on both healthy and dying tissue.

Although diseases in soybeans were not a major issue in 2019, soybean cyst nematode was still present in most fields to some degree according to the first state-wide nematode survey in nearly a decade. Nematodes are microscopic, soil-borne worms which live in the soil and are quietly responsible for yield losses up to 20% in corn and soybeans. Nematodes feed on plant roots using a piercing mouthpart which can also provide a pathway for root pathogens; pythium, rhizoctonia, and phytophthora in soybean, for example. While soybean cyst nematode (SCN) is often the most talked about, corn nematodes are quickly becoming an area of interest. Nematode damage is often overlooked in fields because the damage they cause is easily confused with other stress factors such as drought and nutrient deficiencies.

"In this year's soybean nematode survey, we saw that soybean cyst nematode is really starting to adapt to the commonly used PI88788 source of resistance. This means that this nematode is not being controlled as efficiently as it was in the past. This first year of data really shows that producers need to be monitoring their fields for this nematode to ensure that their yields are not being impacted. Often you don't see the damage caused, and fields suffer 'hidden' yield losses. Routine sampling and implementation of integrated management practices can help keep this pathogen in check. We will be doing more surveys this spring, as the wet and cold end to the season prevented us from sampling in a significant portion of the state," Kleczewski says.

Nematodes are found in nearly every field, but often not at damaging levels; these fields may experience yield losses of up to 10 bushels and not even know it. Despite the introduction of control methods, repeated use of resistant varieties and nematicides has led to the development of tolerant nematode populations making treatment options less effective. Nowadays, a single control option such as using resistant varieties will not work

Planning underway for Gardening Conference

Gardening for Food, Flowers and Fun will be held on Saturday, March 7. The University of Illinois Extension presents this popular gardening conference, which features local experts, Extension Master Gardeners and staff. This year, the keynote speaker is Candice Hart, Extension Specialist. Candice will present the keynote address on Gardening with a Purpose, which will explore the latest trends in gardening which are done with intention. Practices that include things like growing our own food, planting flowers for bees & pollinators, changing the aesthetics of our neighborhoods and communities for the better, are more important than ever. Candice will inspire participants to learn about some ways people are gardening for a purpose and how you can reflect on your motivation to garden. In addition to the keynote address, each participant will also select three breakout sessions on a variety of horticulture related topics.

"Gardening for Food, Flowers and Fun has been a favorite program of mine since I started participating in this day of learning 7 years ago," stated Hart recently. "It's a great opportunity for gardeners of all kinds to get inspired and gain knowledge in order to better their own gardens at home. I'm excited to talk all about the latest gar-

dening trends and what motivates a person to garden, as well as offer a hands-on workshop on creating indoor terrarium gardens. Growing our own food, planting flowers for bees & pollinators, changing the aesthetics of our neighborhoods and communities for the better, are all important ways to garden that can improve people's lives."

More information and registra-

tion is available online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw> or by calling Illinois Extension at 815-986-4357. Call to request a brochure. Registration fee is \$40 and participants are encouraged to register early to ensure their selection of session topics. The conference will be held at the NIU Conference Center, 8500 E. State Street, Rockford.

Illinois Extension upcoming programs

The next few weeks will be busy ones for Illinois Extension! Please read below for information on all of the programming we have coming up. We hope to see you at one or all of the programs!

Join Illinois Extension Local Foods and Small Farms Educator Grant McCarty on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon for a program on Backyard Cover Crops. The program is being held at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office, 204 Vine St. Elizabeth, IL. There will be a \$5 charge to attend the program.

Cooking Under Pressure: Air Fryers & Pressure Cooker, will be held on Tuesday, Feb 25, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office, 204 Vine St. Elizabeth, IL. There is a \$5 fee to attend this pro-

gram and pre-registration is required. The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 21.

The 2020 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference is scheduled for Friday, March 6, in Elizabeth, IL. Plan to join the University of Illinois Extension for this annual conference from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Elizabeth Community Building, HWY 20 W. Elizabeth, IL. Registration fee is \$20 before Feb. 21, \$25 after Feb. 21, or \$30 the day of the conference. The fee will include some handouts and lunch.

Join Illinois Extension Local Foods and Small Farms Educator Grant McCarty on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office, 204 Vine St. Elizabeth, IL, for the Beyond dirt program. There will be a \$5 fee to attend the program and pre-registration is required by Mon-

day, March 9.

The Jo Daviess County Extension Staff along with the Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners are busy planning their annual Spring Break Gardening Day. This year the event is being held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. The event is being held at the CTE Academy, 950 US HWY 20 W. Elizabeth, IL. There will be a \$20 registration fee that will include refreshments, lunch and handouts. Also, please be aware that if you choose to participate in the certain breakout sessions there will be an additional fee associated with some of them to cover materials that you will go home with.

For more information or to register for any of these programs please visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw or call the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at 815-858-2273.

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*Sincerely,
The Family of Melva Lau*

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Thank you for the beautiful cards sent to us on our anniversary. It was greatly appreciated.

**God Bless you all
Glenn & Nancy Broge**

Feb. 28 deadline for CRP general signup

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds agricultural producers interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) 2020 general signup that there is less than two weeks before the enrollment deadline of Feb. 28, 2020. This signup is available to farmers and private landowners who are either enrolling for the first time or re-enrolling for another 10- to 15-year term.

Farmers and ranchers who enroll in CRP receive yearly rental payments for voluntarily establishing long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers"), which can control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands.

CRP has 22 million acres enrolled, but the 2018 Farm Bill lifted the cap to 27 million acres.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the U.S. It was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits. Marking its 35th anniversary in 2020, CRP has had many successes, including:

Preventing more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks;

Reducing nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively;

Sequestering an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road;

Creating more than 3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world 7 times; and

Benefiting bees and other pollinators and increased populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows and many other birds.

The CRP continuous signup is ongoing, which enables producers to enroll for certain practices. FSA plans to open the Soil Health and Income Protection Program, a CRP pilot program, in early 2020, and the 2020 CRP Grasslands signup runs from March 16, 2020 to May 15, 2020.

To enroll in CRP, contact your local FSA county office or visit fsa.usda.gov/crp. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

Results of ENF's Annual Midwinter Bald Eagle Count

The Eagle Nature Foundation has just released the results of its 60th Annual Midwinter Bald Eagle Count and they are not encouraging. Each year this count is conducted by hundreds of volunteers from Minnesota to Tennessee and west to Nebraska and has been compiled by Terrence Ingram, President of the Eagle Nature Foundation for the past 40 years. This year only 835 bald eagles were recorded, compared to last year's 875. These numbers are almost the same, but last year 175 immatures were counted, while this year only 142 were counted.

Last year 61 subadults (4 year olds) were counted and this year only 29 subadults were counted. This yielded a ratio of immatures of known age to adults of 27.9% last year, with a drop down to 22.1% this year. This same immature ratio for the year 1965 was 24.8% and the 60 year average is 27.3%. So this year's percentage of immatures in the Midwestern Bald Eagle Population is 5.2% less than the 60 year average and less than it was in the year 1965.

The number of adult eagles counted was 602 which is about one half of the 60 year average of 1224. The number of immatures is only 142 compared to the 60 year average of 431. In 1965 the number of immatures was 191, which is more than this year's 142. For some reason our

bald eagle young are not surviving and the result is that the population as a whole is taking a nose dive.

Mr. Ingram was hoping for a reversal of the decline in the bald eagle population of the last few years, but instead saw it reinforced.

For more information contact: Terrence N. Ingram, Exec. Director, Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory St., Apple River, IL 61001 Phone 815-594-2306

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like it used to; a multifaceted approach which uses crop rotation, resistant varieties, and nematicides may be required to keep populations at a manageable level. There are over 50 known species of nematodes which feed on corn in the U.S., with a wide

University of Illinois Extension to offer Food Certified Food Protection Manager class

The University of Illinois Extension will offer the Certified Food Protection Manager Course, formally known as the Food Service Sanitation Manager Course (FSSMC). This two-part class is an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited course, which meets the requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health's Food Service Sanitation Code.

During this two-day class, participants will gain knowledge about principles and recommendations of the FDA Food Code focused on food safety and contamination, employee health and hygiene, safe food handling practices, cleaning and sanitizing, and HACCP.

The class will take place on Tuesday, March 31, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Friday, April 3, from 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL.

Participants should bring a valid photo ID and arrive 15 minutes early to register, as class will begin promptly at 9 a.m. Participants must attend the full two-day training to be eligible to take the exam.

There is a \$100 registration fee to cover the purchase of the book, educational materials, examination, and lunch. Pre-registration is required. To register, please call the University of Illinois Extension at 815-235-4125 or visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Extension Office at 815-235-4125. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

ENF schedules Spring Bird Seed Sale

The Eagle Nature Foundation will be sponsoring a fund-raising Spring Bird Seed Sale on April 4, to help them celebrate their 25th Anniversary. They will have 26 different varieties of wild bird seeds and pet food with various bag weights and 8 varieties of suet cakes available. Anyone interested in getting their bird seed supply or pet food supply for the spring and summer should contact ENF's office to get a list of the different seeds and pet foods available and the prices of each variety and size of the bags. Any and all purchases help ENF raise needed funds for its on going research, preservation and educational programs to help the bald eagle and other endangered species.

All seed must be ordered and paid for in advance, before March 28. Then on April 4th any seed or pet food that has been ordered will be available for pick-up at 8384 North Broadway, 1/2 mile south of Apple River, between the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If this date for the seed and pet food pickup is impossible, then when you order your seeds let ENF know when you will be able to pick them up as soon after that date as possible.

For a complete list of the seeds and pet foods, different sizes and prices available, please call 815-594-2306, or write to ENF, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001.

range of adaptations to soil textures, climatic factors, and production systems. However, not all nematodes are created equal as some can cause significantly more damage than others. It is for this reason that determining the type and number of nematodes present in IL is crucial component in the development of control options.

Kleczewski notes the report also includes information on management practices that didn't work. "In applied research, the lack of an effect of a management practice is just as important as if a practice has an effect. Why? Because management costs money and we want our producers to

be as profitable as possible. If something doesn't work, we want that information out there just as much as if something works," he says. The emergence of new diseases is nothing new, but this has led to many questions about a disease we are unfamiliar with and producers can combat it. "This is where these reports can become extremely valuable at the local level. If I get a call from a producer asking about control options for various diseases, this is where I am going to get my information every year. It is a great resource and I applaud those who have worked so hard to get this information to us." Alberti said.

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VIEWPOINT

Capitol Recap: Pritzker paints two budget pictures: One with graduated tax, one without

By Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker has tied his second-year state budget proposal to the unfinished marquee policy initiative of his first year — a constitutional amendment that allows the state to impose higher income tax rates on higher income earners.

If voters approve that graduated income tax initiative in the November general election, Pritzker is asking for a roughly \$1.6 billion increase in state general revenue fund spending for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1.

That would bring total state spending in that fund to just over \$42 billion, helping to pay for a \$350 million increase in K-12 education, a 5-percent increase in higher education operating funds and an i

If the constitutional amendment fails, overall state spending would increase by about \$200 million from a year ago in the general fund under the governor's proposal, equaling roughly \$40.6 billion. In that scenario, \$1.4 billion in spending authority would be held in reserve in a combination of budget cuts and withholding of new spending on state programs.

"Because this reserve is so large, it inevitably cuts into some of the things that we all hold most dear: increased funding for K-12 education, universities and community colleges, public safety and other key investments — but as important as these investments are, we cannot responsibly spend for these priorities until we know with certainty what the state's revenue picture will be," Pritzker said in his budget address in the Illinois House chamber Wednesday,

Feb. 19.

To pass, the graduated tax needs approval from 60 percent of those voting on the question or the majority of those voting in the election in November.

But Republican leaders in the General Assembly argued that the choice between the two budgets is a false one, and Pritzker's address was nothing more than a sales tactic for the graduated tax.

"The reserves he's calling for are a marketing plan to sell his (graduated tax) increase," Senate Minority Leader Bill Brady, R-Bloomington, said. "If those resources weren't there, I don't think this is the way he would have approached the spending plan and it's not a way we would approach it."

Both House and Senate Republicans called for "greater efficiencies" and reduced state spending in certain state agencies. They also said \$656 million in increased base revenue projections for the fiscal year mean the level of state investment in programs from a year ago can be maintained without new tax revenues.

House GOP Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, also pointed to a surplus of roughly \$180 million from the current year's operating budget as a sign of the effectiveness of bipartisan budgeting.

"We have the money to be able to fulfill our obligations in every need for the state of Illinois," Durkin said in a news conference. "So, to say that you go on two different tracks and say, 'Well, you know, if you don't pass a constitutional amendment, we're going to have a world of hurt that's going to be delivered

upon state employees, and also state retirees as well, and health care providers.' I just felt that that's a wrong approach."

BUDGET REACTION - FISCAL OFFICERS: Illinois' chief fiscal and investment officers lauded the economic opportunities afforded if voters approve Gov. JB Pritzker's "fair tax" proposal in November. But several Republican lawmakers said they objected to the governor's plan, outlined in his annual budget address Wednesday, Feb. 20, to cut spending in several key areas if the constitutional amendment fails to pass.

The proposal to establish a graduated income tax structure — which would levy higher income tax rates on higher thresholds of income — is a hallmark of Pritzker's policy agenda.

His \$42 billion budget proposal includes \$1.4 billion the state would expect to receive if the amendment passes on the November general election ballot. But that spending authority would initially be set aside pending the results of that election.

"Because this reserve is so large, it inevitably cuts into some of the things that we all hold most dear," Pritzker said, "...but as important as these investments are, we cannot responsibly spend for these priorities until we know with certainty what the state's revenue picture will be."

Democratic Comptroller Susana Mendoza said key items on her priority list — including higher education investment, safety-net contributions and decreasing Illinois' bill backlog — depend on voters deciding "which direction they want the state to move."

The choices are driving "a little bit more fiscal security and greater investment in job creation, building the economy, or the status quo, which frankly hasn't been working for us," she said.

Democratic Treasurer Michael Frerichs, who said he still wants to hear details about Pritzker's budget proposal, highlighted the state's need to make pension payments. Voters need to approve the income tax change first, he said, to create a "virtuous cycle."

"When we pay down our bills, we pay less in interest. When we pay down our pension unfunded liability,

we improve our credit rating, which means when we go out for bonding, we pay a lower interest rate," Frerichs said. "If we do things right up front, it will save us money years down in the road."

BUDGET REACTION - BLACK CAUCUS: Members of the 32-lawmaker Illinois Legislative Black Caucus said Gov. JB Pritzker's budget proposal for the fiscal year starting in July is a good start but needs more money and support for people of color.

"I was so pleased to hear so many things that the governor mentioned that have been issues that the black caucus has fought for for many years," said black caucus chair Sen. Kimberly Lightford, D-Maywood.

Every member of the black caucus is a Democrat, the same party of Pritzker, who delivered his second annual budget address to members of the House and Senate Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Capitol.

Among the top issues discussed by caucus members after the address was education funding, from kindergarten through college graduation.

Pritzker's proposed budget would increase K-12 school funding by \$350 million, but \$150 million of that is tied to the passage of a graduated income tax. That tax will go before voters in November in the form of a constitutional amendment that increases income taxes on people earning more than \$250,000 annually.

"While his speech suggests that \$350 million (would) allocate toward funding, we know the reality based on the revenue outlook," said state Rep. Will Davis of Homewood. "Our message to the governor is this funding level must be realized."

HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING: One day after delivering his budget proposal to the General Assembly in Springfield, Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker was in Chicago on Thursday, Feb. 20, rounding up support for his proposed increases in higher education funding.

Speaking at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Pritzker highlighted his proposal of a 5 percent increase in general operating funds for the state's colleges and universities along with a \$27 million infusion

into the financially-troubled College Illinois pre-paid tuition program; a \$50 million increase in funding for the Monetary Award Program, or MAP, grants for lower-income students; and \$2.5 million to defray the Advanced Placement testing fees for lower-income high school students.

"It puts college students front and center, and it builds on the historic investments and improvements that we've made to strengthen our higher education system," Pritzker said.

But his speech wasn't just about rounding up support for his budget plan. It was also a pitch for support of a constitutional amendment to overhaul the state's income tax system, because without that, most of those funding increases are unlikely to happen.

"Some of this funding must be held in reserve until we know the fate of the constitutional amendment that would change our tax structure to treat working families more fairly," Pritzker said.

Pritzker said the proposed increase in operating funds would help hold down tuition rates while the increase in funding for MAP grants and the College Illinois program would help make college more affordable for working families.

EDUCATION CURRICULUM: Two bills that would add the risks of e-cigarette use and sexting to public school curriculum will head to the full Illinois House of Representatives after unanimously passing a committee Wednesday, Feb. 19

The House education curriculum committee heard testimony about House Bills 4007 and 3928, which would require public schools to teach the dangers of sexting and electronic cigarettes, respectively, in health education classes.

HB 4007, sponsored by state Rep. Maurice West, D-Rockford, would require students in grades 6-12 to learn about the legal and personal consequences of sharing sexual images and videos.

"Our children know a lot more about smartphones than we do. And it's time for us to acknowledge that and have conversations with them so that they don't mess up their lives legally, socially and academically," West said before the committee voted 20-0 to advance his bill.

Illinois would join New Jersey as the only states to require sexting to be included in sex education classes.

HB 3928, sponsored by state Rep. Joyce Mason, D-Gurnee, would add electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices as topics to be taught under Illinois' Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Program.

That law lays out the major educational areas that are required to

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Obituaries

DENNIS J. TILLIS

Dennis J. Tillis, age 62 of Freeport, IL, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on January 29, 1958 in Clinton, IA,



the son of John and LaVonne (Hoffmann) Tillis. Dennis was a graduate of Pearl City High School Class of 1976. He married Debra Oefelein on Sept. 19, 1981 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Freeport.

Dennis loved to build with his hands. He enjoyed helping others with their home projects, and spent many hours completing little projects for neighbors and friends. Dennis loved cars and enjoyed watching Nascar. Dennis and Deb loved traveling to Colorado where Dennis enjoyed sitting on the deck overlooking the mountains. He enjoyed spending time with his beloved wife, Deb and his family.

Dennis is survived by his wife Debra of Freeport; their fur baby Koby; mother LaVonne Tillis of Freeport; siblings- Dean (Deb) Tillis of Stockton, IL, Alice (Jeff) Kempel of Port Byron, IL, David (Carla) Tillis of Pearl City, Ann (Mark) Frey of Pearl City, Arlene (Eric) Winter of Weston, WI, and Dale (Deanna) Tillis of Belvidere, IL; sisters-in-law Sharon Tillis of Nebraska and Lori (John) Brobst of Freeport; brother-in-law Jeff Oefelein (Marianne) of Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father John, brother Daniel Tillis, sister Angela Canner, a brother Donald in infancy, father-in-law Glenn Oefelein and mother-in-law Karen Oefelein

Visitation will be held from 9 – 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Funeral Service to follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Officiating will be Pastor Arthur Stees.

Luncheon to follow the services at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lena.

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

MARK ANDREW DAVIS

Mark Andrew Davis, 59, of Orangeville, went to be with the Lord after a courageous battle of Acute Myeloid Leukemia, surrounded by his family, on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020.



He was born on Nov. 25, 1960 to Roscoe and Marlene (Stites) Davis in Monroe, WI. Mark was a 1979 graduate of Orangeville High School. He worked at Star Manufacturing in Freeport for 23 years, and most recently at Ace Hardware in Monroe, WI. Mark proudly served his community on the Orangeville Fire Department for 28 years. He was a lifetime member of the Orangeville United Methodist Church. He was an avid sports fan always cheering for the Wisconsin Badger, Green Bay Packers, Chicago Cubs, but especially for his nieces and nephews. Mark would attend his nieces and nephews sporting events when he could, or he would listen to them on the radio, always rooting for the Orangeville Broncos, Monroe Cheesemakers, and the Black Hawk Warriors. Family was everything to Mark.

Mark is survived by his best friend, and the love of his life Mary Pat (Herbst) Richel of Orangeville, his father, Roscoe Davis of Orangeville, siblings; Brian (Rosealie) Davis of Harlingen, TX, Lisa (Todd) Flannery of Monroe, WI, Lisa Davis (sister in law) of Orangeville, IL, nieces and nephews; Brian Jr., Joe, Rachel, Casey, Rebecca, Jacob, great-nieces and nephews; Hailey, Gavin, Griffin, Lexi, Jaxsyn, Maxeen, Lylah, and Camdyn, Mary's children; Ted (Amy) Richel, Kathleen (Ron) Rule, Sarah (Bill) Preuss, Craig (Jerrica) Richel, Mary's grandchildren; Gunnar, Gavin, Greta, Theresa, Declan, and Hadley, many aunts, uncles, and cousins, and his brothers of the Orangeville Fire Department.

He was preceded in death by his mother Marlene in 2018, and his brother Kevin in March of 2016.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Orangeville United Methodist Church in Orangeville, IL.

A visitation was Feb. 21, at the Orangeville United Methodist Church, and again until time of services on Saturday.

Pastor Siegfried Schwirblat officiated the services.

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A memorial has been established in his memory.

The family wishes to extend a sincere thank you to everyone that cared for Mark throughout the years.

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

STEVEN ELLIS WICHMAN

Steven Ellis Wichman, 65 of Manchester, IA, passed away on Feb. 19, 2020 in Freeport, IL. He was born on April 8, 1954 in Freeport, IL the son of Clark and Barbara (Smith) Wichman. He graduated from Le-Win High School in 1972. In his youth he was active in the 4-H and FFA, where he showed the Grand Champion Scramble Steer in 1971. He married Lynn Ann (Wal-



ters) Wichman April 26, 2003 at the Little Brown Church, Nashua, IA. Steven was born, raised, and worked on the Wichman family Dairy Farm, Lena, IL 1954-1996.

He went to work for the Canadian National Railroad for 20 more years. His hobbies included being a life-long farmer, if only a hobby farmer after he moved to Iowa. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and family gatherings. Working on antique tractor was a favorite past time. He enjoyed working on projects, fabricating needed parts.

Survived by wife Lynn Ann (Walters) Wichman, his four sons; Jeremy (Alice) Wichman of Loves Park, IL, Doug Wichman of Creswell, OR, Adam (Ashley) Wichman of Ridott, IL, and Matthew Wichman of Manchester, IA; grandchildren; Tyler, Zach, Nathan, Cierra, Tucker, Levi, Raylee, Sylias, sisters; Linda (Timothy) Quinn, Cindy (Jeffrey) Smith, Vicky (Ronald) Watson, Elaine (Wayne) Gift, all of Lena, IL.

His passing was preceded by parents Clark and Barb Wichman, father-in-law Martin E Walters and brother-in-law Todd Walters.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 24, at the Cornerstone Church at 18141 222nd Street Manchester, IA.

A visitation was Feb. 23, at the Evangelical Free Church in Lena, and again on Monday at the church.

Pastor Joe Camp officiated the services.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory.

Steve was always a generous man and continued so after death by being an organ donor.

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

Anniversary

Boyd and Johanne Wingert celebrate 70th Anniversary

Boyd and Johanne (Bieseimer) Wingert were married on March 4, 1950, at Amity Lutheran Church in Lena by the Methodist pastor, Rev. Ernest C. Carter. They are the parents of Anne (Gerald) Schultz, Lanark; Barbara Sargent Blaine MN; and Lyle Wingert (deceased 2003). They have eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



Births

Logan Merle Kingery

Ashtyn Pica and Jakeup Kingery from Lanark, IL are the parents of a son, Logan Merle Kingery born on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. Logan joins a brother, Blaze Allen Kingery, 4. Grandparents are Jennifer Pica, Lanark, IL, Donni Pica, Parker, CO, Nicole and Jeremy Kingery in Shannon, IL. Great- Grandparents Arleen and Kenny Kingery in Kent, IL, James Hazelbower Sr. in Lanark, IL and Carol Hazelbower in Phoenix, AZ.

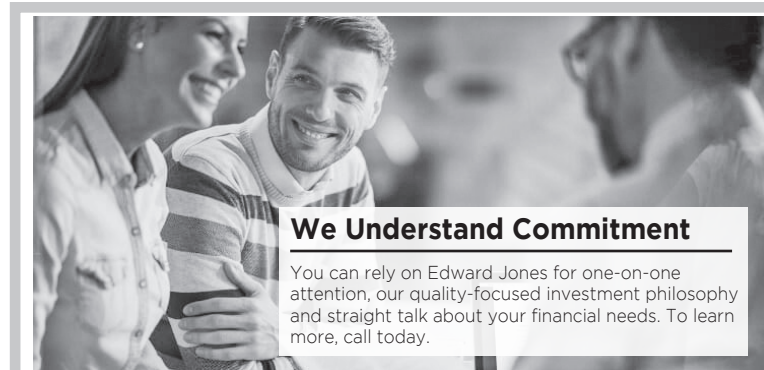
born on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL. Brynleigh joins a sister, Leilah, 10 and brothers, Landon, 8, Sawyer, 6 and Eli, 4. Grandparents are Rich and Sherri Kornfeind, Freeport, Ill. Ronald and Laurie Oberle in Lena, IL and Karla Munson, Pearl City, Ill. Great-Grandparents are Donald and Margaret Shere in Lena, Ill.

Karter Jane McNutt

Kaitlyn & Jared McNutt of Pearl City, IL are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Karter Jane McNutt born on Feb. 17, 2020 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL. Grandparents are Deneen & Allen McNutt of Warren, IL; Toni & Ken Eichholz of Davis, IL and Ken Bissell of Freeport, IL.

Brynleigh Theresa Kornfeind

Jason and Erica Kornfeind of Lena, IL are the parents of a daughter, Brynleigh Theresa Kornfeind



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CHURCH NEWS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on March 1st at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this First Sunday of Lent with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School beginning at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Confirmation class will meet at 11 a.m.

All are invited on Wednesday March 4, at 12 p.m. as Good Shepherd will host an Ecumenical Lenten Soup & Sandwich Lunch followed by a short devotion.

On Wednesday March 4, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites the community of all ages to join them for a mid-week Lenten supper and worship. This year's theme is vocation. We will read and talk about God's call to the prophets. Supper starts at 5:30 p.m., and the service starts at 6:30 p.m. Any one at any stage in one's walk in life is welcome to join.

If you have any questions, please call the church at 815-369-5552.

Salem United Church of Christ (Lena)

Open communion will be offered at the 10:30 a.m. worship service of Salem United Church of Christ at 8491 West Salem Road on Sunday, March 1, and the monthly offering in support of the Osterloo family will be gathered. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. "PIT Stop Maneuver," the sermon by Rev. Randal Nicholas, will be based on scripture from Romans 5:12-19. Breakfast for the Wednesday Morning Group will be at the Beltline Café, 325 W. South Street in Freeport at 8 a.m. on March 4.

St. John's Lutheran Church (Pearl City)

You're welcome to celebrate the First Sunday of Lent on March 1, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City. The Chancel Choir will sing during the service. The Prayer Shawl Ministry, Property Committee and the Grace Meal Committee will all meet after worship. Sunday School and Confirmation Class will also be held after worship. The SPLAT Youth Group and SPLAT Parents will meet at 11 a.m. Scrip orders are due on March 1.

Midweek Lent services will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. starting March 4.

All are invited to play Mexican Train Dominoes on March 3, at 9 a.m. in Luther Hall. The Men's Breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4.

The Bible Studies are in full swing at St. John's on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. and on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Both Bible Studies are held in the Conference Room and it is handicap accessible. The Monday evening Bible Study continues with their series on "The Growth of the Church" with accounts from the Epistles. The Thursday morning Bible Study will continue with St. Luke's Gospel.

Need a place to hold an event in Pearl City? The main hall at St. John's is available for rent. Call the church for more information and availability.

St. John's Lutheran Church is at 229 S. First Street, Pearl City, Illinois. The office phone number is 815-443-2215 (mornings). All are invited to our weekly worship services and youth to our Sunday School and youth ministries. You may also email at prshadmin@gmail.com.

Trinity Lutheran Church to host supper

Chili/Filled Noodle Supper on March 1, 4-7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church-Derinda 8393 Derinda Road, Elizabeth, IL

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There will also be a Snack/Cake Walk by the Sunday School.



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Finding Home

The band, "Finding Home," will play for the first Joint Calvary-Wesley Lenten Service on March 1. The program will be in the sanctuary of Calvary Church in Stockton, and begin at 7 p.m. The band consists of five homeschooled siblings from Sterling: Molly, 18, on the violin, Maddie Rose, 16, on lead guitar, Max, 14 who is a vocalist and the drummer, Marykate, 12, backup vocals and percussion, and Menter, 10, who plays the bass guitar.

Highland President Hood to retire in June

Highland Community College's president, Tim Hood, will retire in June at the end of his second multi-year contract with the College. Hood shared his intent with the Highland Board of Trustees during the closed session at the January 28 regular board meeting. He has served as the president since July 1, 2015.

"We are appreciative of Tim's dedication to Highland and wish him the best on his retirement," said Jim Endress, Chair, Highland Community College Board of Trustees.

Hood's journey at Highland began in 2011 as the Vice President of Academic Services. He was later named the Executive Vice President in 2014. Then in 2015, Hood became the 8th President of Highland Community College after the retirement of Dr. Joe Kanosky, the 7th President and Chief Executive Officer.

During Hood's years at Highland, he revitalized the Lifelong Learning program, added multiple new programs, and was instrumental in doubling the number of transfer agreements with 4-year colleges and universities.

He helped grow the CollegeNOW

program from 2 to 11 participating high schools, giving area students the opportunity to enroll full-time in college-level courses while earning dual credit toward a high school diploma and an associate's degree.

Calling it a "somber period" Hood helped the College bounce back from the 2016-2017 Illinois Budget Impasse where the College was short more than \$2 million in state funding.

Cultivating a partnership with the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois (CFNIL), Hood helped write and secure a matching grant proposal which paved the way for the HCC Foundation to raise money to fund nearly \$1 million to support student scholarships for those with financial challenges.

Hood and Rock Valley College president Dr. Doug Jensen helped write and secure a \$675,000 grant for both colleges to collaborate in expanding career pathway opportunities with area schools and businesses.

Other grants awarded during Hood's presidency include a \$1.4 million Project Succeed grant, a \$1.3 million Upward Bound grant, and a \$30,000 CCampus child care grant. Hood also commended the entrepreneurship and collaboration of the faculty and staff led solar array project that is estimated to impact the High-

land budget by about \$30,000 annually.

He's supported the hard work of more than 354 Honors Students and cheered on Cougar Athletics through national and regional championships including the Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Men's Bowling and Women's Bowling teams.

More than 1,970 graduates have completed certificates or degrees, and 1,900 business professionals completed leadership or customized training programs during his presidency. This May's commencement will be Hood's last as Highland's president.

As Hood reflected, "We have some of the best programs and student support services in the state, largely thanks to collaboration between extraordinary faculty, staff, college board members, our Foundation, with tremendous support from educational and external partners. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve with all, and we can be very proud of what we have accomplished working together."

The Highland Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting later this month to start the process of a succession plan.

"At that time, we will discuss the next steps for Highland and our community," said Endress.

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be discussed in all elementary and secondary education curricula. It already requires lessons on tobacco, alcohol and drug use.

"It's really just updating it to make sure that we are including what have very recently been learned to be very dangerous items," Mason told committee members before her bill passed 19-0.

BLAGOJEVICH OUT OF PRISON: There was little support Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the former stomping grounds of ex-Gov. Rod Blagojevich for President Donald Trump's decision to commute the remaining years of the disgraced former Democratic governor's 14-year corruption sentence.

Republicans and Democrats from various levels of state and federal government issued public statements condemning the president's decision, which was initially reported by ABC News Tuesday morning. Several others received commutations from the president Tuesday as well, according to the Associated Press.

"Yes, we commuted the sentence of Rod Blagojevich," Trump told reporters Tuesday before boarding Air Force One. "He served eight years in jail, a long time. He seems like a very nice person, don't know him."

Blagojevich, who was a contestant on Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice" television program in 2010, began serving a 14-year federal prison sentence in 2012. He was convicted on 11 criminal counts related to his effort to sell the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Barack Obama when he became president.

Illinois House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, called Trump's decision "disappointing" and said he was "never going to be able to figure out how the president messages, nor the decision making that he does."

"Currently we have a massive federal investigation into corruption in the state of Illinois, and this action distracts and also dilutes what I think is the proper role of the Department of Justice to root out corruption," he said.

In a statement, Gov. JB Pritzker, who has argued on several occasions that Blagojevich should serve his full sentence, echoed that sentiment.

U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood, a Republican and honorary co-chair of Trump's Illinois re-election campaign, said in August that he spoke to the president and encouraged him not to commute the sentence.

On Tuesday, LaHood and the other members of Illinois' congressional delegation — John Shimkus, Adam Kinzinger, Rodney Davis and Mike Bost — released a statement expressing their disappointment in Trump's action.

In Chicago, fresh off release from prison due to a commutation of the remainder of his 14-year prison sentence from President Donald Trump, former Gov. Rod Blagojevich called a news conference in his front yard Wednesday, Feb. 19, to thank the president and decry his imprisonment.

HOUSE GOP ON THE BUDGET: One day before Gov. JB Pritzker's

budget address, House Republican lawmakers called for another "inclusive" and "bipartisan" effort at adopting a state budget without new taxes.

"Let's go back in time to last spring. Through a bipartisan effort and agreements in both chambers, we were able to craft a balanced budget with no new taxes for fiscal year 2020," House Republican leader Jim Durkin said Tuesday, Feb. 18. "That was a great and successful example of give-and-take negotiations."

Lawmakers approved a \$40 billion budget last year with several demands from Republican lawmakers for pro-business reforms. Those included tax incentives enticing data centers to locate in Illinois; eliminating reporting of the retailer's discount in the comptroller's tax expenditure report; eliminating the franchise tax; reinstating the manufacturers purchase credit; and a "Blue Collar Jobs Act" to help attract large-scale projects.

Those priorities were added to the budget late in the legislative session after weeks of Republicans claiming their voices were not being heard by the Democratic governor.

"We have learned by example when we work together in a bipartisan manner, we respect each other's priorities, we can accomplish and have accomplished great things for our state," Durkin said. "If that same willingness exists today, we can come back with the same result, a balanced budget that protects the citizens of Illinois with no new taxes, nor any tax increases."

New taxes passed on parking garages, cigarettes and gasoline last year, as well as increased driver's license and other fees, went to fund a multi-year capital infrastructure plan — not the state's operating budget. That proposal had bipartisan support as well, including a vote from Durkin.

This year, Durkin said, the budget shouldn't depend on "hypothetical revenues" that could result if the governor's signature proposal — a constitutional amendment creating a graduated-rate income tax structure charging higher rates on higher income earners — is voted into law in the November general election.

In last year's budget address, Pritzker said the fiscal year 2020 budget, which ends June 30, was a "bridge" to when greater revenues — an estimated \$3.4 billion — become available from the graduated income tax.

"We should discuss real money, not money that is based on hypotheticals or possibilities down the road. The issue at hand is what we have to deal with this fiscal year," Durkin said.

PLASTIC POLLUTION: In an effort to tackle the growing problem of plastic pollution, a group of state lawmakers from both legislative chambers touted a series of bills Tuesday, Feb. 18, that would tax or ban single-use plastics and aim to boost recycling.

The four proposals have the support of organizations such as the Illinois Environmental Council and the Sierra Club of Illinois. Advocates said the aim is to increase

sustainability, encourage environmental consciousness and improve the health and appearance of public spaces, land and waterways.

"We're attacking this at every level to make sure that we really start to stem the tide of plastics in our society," said state Rep. Bob Morgan, a Democrat from Deerfield, whose district borders Lake Michigan.

Plastics do not decompose and instead break into smaller and smaller pieces that fish and other wildlife mistake for food. These microplastics can also slip through water treatment plants and into tap water. A study published last year in the journal Environmental Science & Technology found the average American ingests as many as 121,000 microplastics every year.

"The time is now to do something to save our environment from drowning in plastic," said state Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, a Democrat from Glenview and sponsor of House Bill 5169.

Her bill, along with an identical

Senate Bill 3677, would ban polystyrene foam — commonly known as brand name Styrofoam — by 2022. Polystyrene is a nondegradable material used in house insulation, packaging and takeout food containers.

The series of bills includes one introduced during last year's legislative session that would tax single-use paper, plastic and compostable bags that shoppers carry out from stores.

House Bill 3335 would place a 10-cent fee on each bag except in cities with more than 1 million people, which includes only Chicago which has an existing seven-cent tax.

Three bills waiting on committee assignments focus on reducing plastic food waste. Senate Bill 3764 would give state contract preference to bidders who include compostable or recyclable food utensil use in their contracts. It also prohibits single-use plastic utensils at state parks and the Illinois State Fair after 2023.

House Bill 5552 and its identical counterpart, Senate Bill 3424, would make Illinois the 11th state with a

container deposit program. People would be able to redeem plastic, glass or metal beverage containers for a 5-cent refund paid by the business or a redemption center.

DCFS REFORMS PROPOSAL: A group of Republican lawmakers said Tuesday, Feb. 18, they want to see internal reforms at the Department of Children and Family Services in addition to the increased funding that Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker is expected to propose.

Pritzker is scheduled to deliver his annual budget address to the General Assembly at noon Wednesday. During that speech, he is expected to call for a \$147 million increase in funding for DCFS, the state's primary child welfare agency, with much of that money going toward hiring more investigators to relieve the workload of caseworkers.

"I think most of us aren't opposed to investing more money in these

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children," Rep. Tom Weber, R-Lake Villa, said during a news conference at the Capitol.

Weber represents a district that includes Crystal Lake, a town where 5-year-old AJ Freund died last year after reportedly being abused by his parents. His body was found in a shallow grave in nearby Woodstock on April 24. His parents were later charged with murder.

He was one of 123 children in Illinois who died in 2019 within 12 months of having had contact with DCFS, according to a report by the agency's inspector general. Of those, the report stated, 24 were determined to be homicides; 37 were the result of accidents; 34 were due to natural causes; seven were from suicides; and in 21 cases the cause of death was undetermined.

Weber said he believes law enforcement should have more independent authority to investigate reports of suspected child abuse and neglect. Under current law, he said, DCFS has sole jurisdiction except in cases in which the suspect is completely unrelated to the victim.

To address that, Weber said, he introduced House Bill 5281, which would require DCFS to immediately share any report it receives about suspected child abuse or neglect with the appropriate law enforcement agency. That agency, in turn, would have discretion about whether to pursue an independent investigation.

In addition to Weber's bill, Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, introduced a bill, House Bill 5417, that would require people who are "mandatory reporters" of child abuse and neglect – including doctors, teachers, clergy and other licensed professionals – receive training in how to file those reports.

"Apparently we passed a law that basically said you had to be trained, but then didn't really do any training on how you make the report," Bryant said.

Meanwhile, Rep. Joe Sosnowski, R-Rockford, has introduced a bill dealing with problems he says exist with child adoptions in Illinois.

House Bill 2335 would provide that a final order of adoption could not be overturned by a court for any reason other than fraud on the part of the adopting family. It would also require that if DCFS decides to withdraw or revoke its consent, it must do so within 60 days of the filing of the adoption petition.

GUN STORE REGULATIONS: A group of Illinois lawmakers on Tuesday, Feb. 18, declined to block the Illinois State Police from implementing new administrative rules governing firearms dealers.

Those rules were adopted on an emergency basis in January, nearly one year after Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the Firearms Dealer License Certification Act into law. It

requires that anyone holding a federal firearms license who engages in the business of selling or transferring firearms also obtain a state certificate and subject themselves to state regulation.

ISP initially proposed rules to implement that law in August, but the draft rules ran into stiff opposition from gun store owners who said those rules – including requirements for video surveillance and the storage of guns and ammunition – would be impossible to comply with and would put many gun stores out of business.

The agency then began rewriting the proposed rules and in December submitted new rules on an emergency basis. That means they are allowed to remain in place for up to 150 days, during which time the agency must resubmit proposed new permanent rules that could be subject to public hearings and public comment.

During a meeting Tuesday of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, or JCAR, a 12-member legislative panel that has oversight authority over the rulemaking process, Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, and Rep. Steven Reick, R-Woodstock, offered a motion to suspend the rules, arguing that "agency-created emergencies do not constitute an appropriate use of emergency rule."

Although the motion appeared to receive support from a majority of those voting, it fell short of the two-thirds majority, or eight votes,

required by law for JCAR to block administrative rules.

HEALTH INSURANCE REFORMS: A bipartisan group of lawmakers is proposing strict new limits on health insurance policies that require patients to receive "prior authorization" from the company before they can receive certain treatments, tests or prescription drugs.

It's a common practice under most health plans, one originally intended to hold down costs while making sure patients receive the appropriate care. But it's one that many critics say has gotten out of control.

"Prior authorization is a process by which insurance companies look over the shoulder of patients and physicians to determine whether or not they're going to pay for the medications, the tests, the treatments that you and your physician-led team have already agreed upon," Paul Pedersen, a Bloomington physician and president of the Illinois State Medical Society, said during a news conference Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Pedersen was promoting the proposed Prior Authorization Reform Act – House Bill 5510 and Senate Bill 3822 – which has sponsors from both sides of the aisle in both chambers.

Among other things, it would require health plans to display prominently on their websites which services or treatments require prior au-

thorization and what the clinical review criteria is for deciding whether or not it is covered. It also provides that those criteria be based on nationally recognized standards, that they be evidence-based and that they be "sufficiently flexible to allow deviations from norms when justified on a case-by-case basis."

It would also prohibit insurance plans from imposing retroactive prior approval requirements – that is, denying a claim for failing to meet a prior authorization requirement that wasn't in place at the time the care was provided.

"This is one of the most common complaints we get, of people who are coming in because either they or a member of their family or a child are having care delayed or denied because of the prior authorization process," said House Democratic Leader Gregory Harris, of Chicago, lead sponsor of the House bill. "And this is not just in private insurance. It's in our Medicaid and our MCO programs as well."

5G CONCERNS: First, there were cordless phones and text messages. Then, internet access and video calls. Now, wireless's fifth generation will drive mobile phone speeds even faster and allow for advances in telemedicine and management of traffic signals, for example, accord-

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ing to the Federal Communications Commission.

But two lawmakers, Western Springs Democratic Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton and Elmhurst Republican Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, want to give residents, legislators and industry experts a chance to weigh in on the network upgrade.

"I think government really works best when the residents are engaged and active," Glowiak Hilton said.

She asked five officials to speak to legislators on a Senate health committee Tuesday, Feb. 18, regarding concerns her constituents have about "potential effects" of 5G infrastructure.

Glowiak Hilton proposed a measure establishing a 12-member group of lawmakers, state officials and experts to "identify any major health risks associated with the proliferation of 5G infrastructure" by 2021. It is an effort, she said, to "have my residents feel ... that they're comfortable in their own homes."

Constituents in Mazzochi's district want to have a say in where 5G towers and other infrastructure are installed, she said. Her legislation seeks to provide state residents an "avenue" to register complaints, comments and suggestion with their local officials.

COLLEGE ATHLETE ENDORSEMENTS: One month ahead of the tipoff of March Madness, Illinois lawmakers – backed by a pair of NBA brothers – are renewing a push to allow college athletes to profit from the use of their name and likeness.

Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch called a Chicago news conference Friday, Feb. 14, to push for his Student Athlete Endorsement Act, or House Bill 3904, which is awaiting a vote in the Illinois Senate.

"In a little over a month, the NCAA is going to see its cash cow start – March Madness," he said. "And the students won't see a dime from March Madness. And all we're saying is let's be equitable and let's be fair. Let's let students profit off their own name, likeness and image."

The bill would allow collegiate athletes to be paid for the use of their name and likeness and would prohibit the NCAA – the association which oversees major college athletics – from punishing students who take part in the payment or the universities they attend. It would not allow for payment of salaries by universities.

Welch said it requires any endorsement contract to be disclosed to universities and allows students to sign with agents who must be licensed with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations.

It would take effect in 2023. The reason for the grace period is to allow for an expected legal challenge, Welch said in October.

The bill passed the House with bipartisan support in October during the fall veto session, but failed to reach a vote in the Senate. He said the chamber's change in leadership at the time could have stalled the proposal, which is backed by Gov.

JB Pritzker, but he believes "the time is right" to move it forward once again with a new Senate president installed.

Sen. Elgie Sims, a Chicago Democrat and sponsor of the bill in the Senate, was unable to take a call Friday, but his office said he "plans to continue working with his colleagues in an effort to get the bill passed this spring."

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCIES: Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker

said Friday, Feb. 14, his administration has already identified \$225 million in budget savings for the upcoming fiscal year, and as much as \$750 million through the end of his first term.

During a news conference in Chicago just days ahead of his annual budget address to the General Assembly, Pritzker tried to draw a sharp contrast between his administration and those of previous governors.

"In the past, irresponsible management of state revenue and a failure to

invest in the long-term health of our state and its people put us in a challenging position," he said.

The biggest share of the savings, according to Pritzker's office, came from reduced health care costs for state employees, accounting for \$175 million in the upcoming year, and an estimated \$650 million over the next three years. Those are the result of new labor contracts the administration negotiated with various public employee labor unions.

Under those contracts, employees

who had gone four years without a pay raise will receive cost of living raises of about 11.5 percent over eight years. But they will also pick up a greater share of their own health care costs in the form of higher premiums and copays.

Other efficiencies Pritzker cited included paying down past-due medical bills, saving the state \$15.7 million in late-payment interest costs

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Stephenson County Fair gears up for stellar year

By Lori Tessendorf

STEPHENSON COUNTY FAIR EXECUTIVE MANAGER

With just under 150 days till the Stephenson County Fair (July 21-25), staff, board members and volunteers have already spent weeks and months planning events for the 2020 Fair.

"Last year hit us hard with the carnival we had, so this year we want to make sure we come back with a bang by offering lots of different attractions that will appeal to everyone," said Lori Tessendorf,

Executive Manager. "We just need to get people through the gates and once they're here, they'll want to stay! We thank all of our supporters and look forward to seeing lots of people back this year."

It all starts with a family-owned carnival that takes pride in their equipment, workers, and attractions. This year's carnival will be provided by C.D.A.C. Amusements out of Peoria, IL. There will be 20-22 rides plus games and concessions. Because C.D.A.C. will be in the area for a few different

fairs, Stephenson County looks forward to seeing some rides being constructed on the grounds in early July....long before the fair is ready to kick off. Unlimited ride wristbands will be offered Tuesday and Friday night from 5 to 9 p.m. for \$25 and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. for \$20. Single tickets and Daily Family Pack tickets will also be offered each day.

"We had a lot of feedback and comments from the public last year when the demo derby did not take place during the fair, so we

are very excited to welcome back Robbo's Demo Derby on Saturday night," said Tessendorf. Another new attraction this year will take place on Friday night with Lawn Mower Races and a Tough Truck Challenge. These two events are open to the public to participate and information can be found at www.stephensoncountyfair.org. The Midwest Summer Nationals Tractor and Truck pulls are always a big hit and those will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday night with Semi Pulls both nights.

Thursday night will round out the week in the FHN Grandstand with a FREE Youth & Family night event sponsored by Stephenson County Farm Bureau. Events will include the 4-H Parade of Excellence, Celebrity Showmanship, presentation of the 2020 "Friend of the Fair" award, chicken and calf scrambles and Mutton Busting. The scrambles and mutton busting are open to area youth ages 5-18. Fairgoers can also save this year with a \$45 Grandstand Super Pass that includes one season pass and admission for one to all Grandstand events (\$55 value).

Throwback Thursday will also be a highlight this year. Admission for anyone six and older will be \$2 all day long and some food vendors will also have lunch specials happening. "We are bringing back the free lunches each day this year as well," said Tessendorf. "Patrons who want to come to the fairgrounds for lunch between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. can pay the entry fee, receive a ticket and get their money back when they leave before 1 p.m."

Following are some of the events happening free of charge in the Entertainment Tent: Queen pageant, Hoo Haven demo and wild bird display, Children's Museum activities, Storytime with area libraries, pie-eating contest, Paint 'n' Pour (fee for this activity), Extermination Demo by Freeport Rural Fire Dept., K9 Unit demo and musical entertainment each day with a beer garden Thursday, Friday and Saturday night starting at 8pm featuring Aaron Phillips, Jukebox Baby and the Real Deal. Big Daddy Woo Woo will also be in the Entertainment Tent on Friday evening starting at 5:30 p.m.

Some of the on-ground events will include Axe Throwing, an Escape Room, Great Lakes Lumberjack Show, and Fabulous Faces face painting. Of course the fair wouldn't be complete without the livestock shows, Junior Livestock Auction, commercial vendors, Kid-die Tractor Pull, 4-H Master Showmanship, Cake Walk (including the return of the Jr. Open Cake Walk on Tuesday evening) and lots of yummy food stands. Also be sure to stop by and see all of the 4-H exhibits in their new location inside the Foresight Commercial building.

Gates are open 8am to 10pm Tuesday through Saturday for a \$5/day admission for patrons 6 and older (\$2 on Throwback Thursday). Season passes are \$20 each and parking is free. Fair Books have gone to print and will be available the middle of March from the Fair Office, Stephenson County Farm Bureau, U of I Extension, Visitors Center, and local libraries. If you have any questions about visiting, sponsoring, volunteering, working, being a vendor or exhibiting at the fair, please contact the Fair Office at 815-235-2918 or visit the website at www.stephensoncountyfair.org. There is something for everyone at the 2020 Stephenson County Fair July 21-25!

Lena Winslow Solo and Ensemble Recital schedule

Tuesday, March 3, Lena Winslow Elementary School

Please enter the building through the entrance behind the Junior High School.

Elementary Library – Band Students 6:40 p.m.

Trent Aurand & Jesus Sanchez, 6th grade snare drum duet, Hot Licks Madi Schierloh & Jillian Goebel, 7th grade woodwind duet, Fly Me to the Moon

Eden Dietz & Mya Ortiz, 7th grade duet

In the Hall of the Mountain King & March from and Occasional Oratorio

Jackson Barrett & Cobryn Lynch, 7th grade alto sax duet, Coloney Boy

7 p.m.

Jacob Schumacher, 8th grade drum set

Maddy Chiles & Rachael Setterstrom, 7th grade flute duet, Amazing Grace & Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Avery Baldauf & Morgan Gerber, 8th grade woodwind duet, Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy

Matt Comito, 8th grade snare drum solo, Flammin' Round the Mountain

7:20 p.m.

Morgan Gerber, Sarah Geiseman, Cierra Hatelack, Max Krezminski, Jacob Schumacher,

8th grade ensemble, Don't Stop Believing

David Tasej-Sorcja, Camden Burke & Brice Miller, 8th grade brass trio, Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

Chloe Renter, Olivia Parker, Sarah Edler, Joe Lenz, HS Brass Ensemble, The Thunderer

7:40 p.m.

Ava Dietz & Nyi Davis, HS flute duet, Sonata for 2 flutes, Op.1, Blavet Henry Engel, Seth Wagner, & Pacey Martin, HS saxophone trio, Cantina Band

Levi Gabel, HS snare drum, Diddles-R-U

Nick Swedlund, HS percussion, Triple Crown

8 p.m.

Nehemiah Schroeder, HS drum set,

Curtis Story, HS tenor drums, Mufasa's Groove

Brady Stich, HS snare drum, Legend of the One-Eyed Soldier

Elementary Entryway – Band Students 6:30 p.m.

Peyton Murphy, 6th Grade flute, Ode to Joy

Evie Karnatz, 6th Grade clarinet, Spanish Violin

Ellie Bardell, 6th Grade clarinet, Diarra Loro Lora

Lilly Schroger, 6th Grade clarinet, Aura Lee

Mila Sheppard, 6th Grade flute, A La Zapatilla

Jesse Rawley, 6th Grade clarinet, Bobby Shafto

7 p.m.

Josiah Randecker, 6th grade trumpet, Trumpet Voluntary

Zach Scace, 6th grade trumpet, When the Saints Go Marching in

David Prater, 6th grade alto sax, Sailor's Song

Ashton Gerber, 6th grade alto sax, Danny Boy

Brady White, 6th grade trombone, Mattachins

Sally Monigold, 6th grade trumpet, Kalinka

7:20 p.m.

Aidan Foley, 6th grade trombone, Ground Rock

Hannah Pecararo, 7th grade trumpet, Tomorrow

Madi Schierloh, 7th grade flute, Gynopedia no. 1

Wade Dorsey, 8th grade trombone, The Entertainer

Luke Stabenow, 8th grade trumpet, Married Life

7:40 p.m.

Cierra Hatelack, 8th grade bass clarinet, Gymnopedia no. 1

Izzy Forbes, HS clarinet, The Swan

Payton Scace, HS clarinet, Minuet and Trio, Mozart

Cailey Cahoon, HS bass clarinet, Romanze and Troika

8 p.m.

Henry Engel, HS Tenor Saxophone, Hunting Song

Sarah Edler, HS Trombone, Andante from Sonata, Op 18, Hansen

Chloe Renter, HS trumpet, Air Gai, Berlioz

Ashlyn Enck, HS Bassoon, Sicilienne, Op. 78, Faure

Choir Room

6:30 p.m. Layla Mattson, 7th grade mezzo soprano, Crazy

6:35 p.m. Quinn Krzeminski, 6th grade soprano, Part of Your World

6:40 p.m. Jake Schumacher, 8th grade baritone, A Song of Winter

6:45 p.m. Alyssa Daughenbaugh, 7th grade mezzo soprano, I'll Be Seeing You

6:50 p.m. Madalyn Schierloh, 7th grade mezzo soprano, Once Upon A Dream

6:55 p.m. Cierra Hatelak, 8th grade mezzo soprano, Stepsister's Lament

7:00 p.m. Paige Hancock, 7th grade mezzo soprano, My Favorite Things

7:05 p.m. Evelyn Karnatz, 6th grade soprano, I'll Know

7:10 p.m. Nathan Woodley, 7th grade cambiata, Red River Valley

7:15 p.m. Avery Koch, 7th grade soprano, Beauty and the Beast

7:20 p.m. Michael Decker and Krista Keene, HS soprano and tenor duet, Loch Lomond

7:25 p.m. Zach Scace, 6th grade cambiata, Give Me Wings

7:30 p.m. Cienna Kerr, 7th grade soprano, Till There Was You

7:35 p.m. Josiah Randecker, 6th grade cambiata, Red River Valley

7:40 p.m. Michael Decker, HS tenor, Come again, sweet love

7:45 p.m. Kierra Lynn Schulz and Rowen Schulz, HS mezzo soprano and baritone duet, Let's Imitate Her

Notes Above

7:50 p.m. Jade Gabel and Krista Keene, HS soprano duet, Pachelbel's Canon of Peace

7:55 p.m. Kaidyn Sargent and Kierra Lynn Schulz, HS soprano and mezzo soprano duet, Morning

8 p.m. Krista Keene, HS soprano,

8:05 p.m. Kierra Lynn Schulz, HS mezzo soprano, Gia il sole dal Gange

8:10 p.m. Kaidyn Sargent, HS soprano, Alma del core

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HCC celebrates Black History Month: 'Without a Song' by Carl Cole

In a third in a series of Black History Month programs at Highland, Carl Cole will present a community celebration with a musical program "Without a Song" on Friday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Student/Conference Center, Building H, room H-201 at 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, Ill. This is

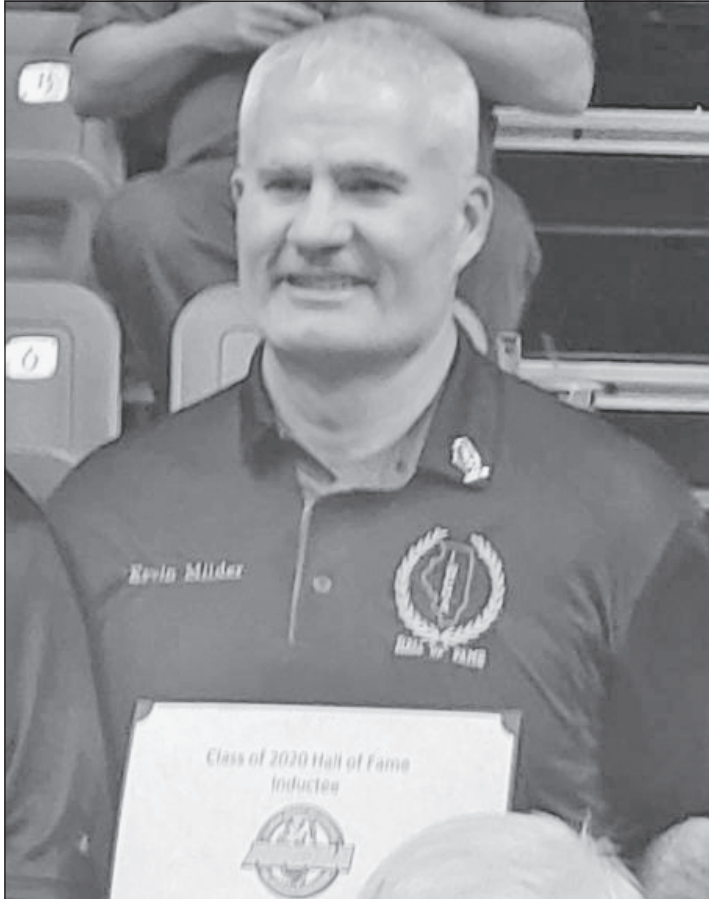
the final program for Highland's Black History Month three-part series. According to Cole, "Without a Song!" is a musical journey of love and life through favorite tunes from times past to the present, including genres of spirituals, blues, folk, country, jazz, gospel, and R&B, to name

a few. This will be a celebratory emphasis on writings and arrangements by African-American Composers and Performers."

"This Black History Month event will be a 'COLE-lossal COLE-laboration Celebration and SONGSPIRATION' of SOGN and Highland talents to share the joy of Music with the greater Freeport community, with the 'Special Seasoning' brought by the African-American culture of soul, spirit, and rhythm to uplift all people of every race and age," Cole said.

The Program will feature Sounds of Good News (SOGN) Productions consisting of musicians and singers, including Professor Carl Cole at piano and vocals, Dianna Cole, vocals, Andrew Cole on bass, Clyde Cole on guitar, Tim Austin on drums, Ryan Swanson on tenor sax, and special piano selections by SOGN International Artist in Residence from South Korea, Dr. JeHae Kim. The Show will include performances by the Highland Community College Music Department, under the direction of Jeffrey DeLay.

"Without a Song" is sponsored by the Highland Student Activities and the Highland Diversity Committee, the program is free and open to the public.



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Kevin Milder Inducted into Hall of Fame

Prior to Friday night's (2/21/20) semi-final round of the individual state wrestling tournament, Le-Win / Stockton Panther-Hawk Wrestling Coach Kevin Milder was inducted into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame! Congratulations to Coach Milder!

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temporary American composers. As special guests, the Lena-Winslow High School Concert Choir will join the Chamber Singers for 'Let the River Run.'

Le-Win Choral Director Ali Stachowicz added, "The students of Concert Choir are very excited to perform with some of their alumni friends, such as Ella Brunner, Boone Durham, and Arianna Erving."

Atlanta Music Trip Update

The Music Boosters have been busy raising funds to help offset costs for the upcoming summer music trip to Atlanta. Currently, 26 students, 8 adults and 2 music directors are registered for trip, which will take place June 8 - 11 and include opportunities to work with college band and choral directors in Indiana, perform at Six Flags Over Atlanta, as well as tour historic and modern areas of the city.

Panther Open

Save the date! The beloved Pan-

ther Open, a collaborative fundraiser hosted by the Athletic and Music Boosters, is planned for June 20.

"This fantastic event provides vital support to our sports, choir and band programs," said Jody Schumacher, Music Boosters President. "Talk to anyone who's participated in the past—the Panther Open is incredibly fun and, thanks to our generous donors, has plenty to offer golfers and non-golfers alike! We expect to see a packed roster, so stay tuned for details and registration information!"

Calling All Volunteers!

The Music Boosters are in need of parent volunteers for the week of the Spring Musical, Train Show Concessions and more. Please email us at musicboosters@le-win.net or call Tabitha Engel, Music Booster Vice President, at 815-369-9235 to support local music education while taking advantage of these rewarding opportunities!

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The course will be held from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport. The cost is \$60, which includes a student workbook and a CPR certification card that is valid for two years. Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit www.fhn.org/communityeducation or call FHN's Center of Innovative Learning at 815-599-6707.

HCC Foundation scholarship applications are open for 2020-21 school year

The Highland Community College Foundation has officially opened its scholarship applications for the 2020-21 school year.

Highland awarded \$482,262 scholarships to more than 200 students for the 2018-2019 academic year. Highland-bound student scholarships are available for traditional and non-traditional students in more than 17 areas of study, including undeclared majors.

Pat Dunn, director of operations for the Highland Foundation, emphasizes that scholarships aren't just for academic achievement.

"Highland has over 350 scholarships based on where you live, fields of study, special interest, financial need and academic performance, so there is something for almost everyone," Dunn said. "The Foundation is always happy to help students find the specific opportunities to apply for."

Applicants can view the list of scholarships by accessing highland.edu/scholarships. The deadline for most scholarships is April 1.

For more information on Highland Foundation scholarships call 815-599-3413.

FHN names Kathryn Martinez Chief Operating Officer

FHN is proud to announce the promotion of Kathryn Martinez, MSN, RN, FACHE to the position of Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer / Chief Nursing Officer.

"Kathy has demonstrated her commitment and passion for FHN as an executive-level leader over the past several years as Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Services," said FHN President and CEO Mark Gridley. "I am proud to

have her as one of our senior leaders to help support me and all of our staff in providing excellent patient care."

Martinez brings years of clinical and operational experience to her new role. She holds a master's degree in nursing and is obtaining a doctorate degree in healthcare administration from Walden University. She is a board-certified Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

She has led FHN's collaborative efforts with a number of area agencies, most notably the Connect the D.O.T.S. (Doors of Team Support) program to connect community members with the help they need from area partner organizations, from first responders to transportation providers to various agencies whose missions include the type of expanded assistance these patients need.

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Recap

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during the current fiscal year and an estimated \$25 million in the upcoming year.

He also cited "enhanced" tax collections at the Department of Revenue, generating as much as \$15 million.

Pritzker said he also is exploring consolidating a number of state agencies, merging the Department of Labor and the Department of Employment Security into a single unit, combining anti-fraud units at the Workers' Compensation Commission and the Department of Insurance, and merging the Coroner Training Board with the Department of Public Health.

FOID FINGERPRINTING: The Illinois State Police director said this week that his department has stepped up illegal firearm ownership enforcement methods, but it needs greater resources to continue the job — including fingerprints of Firearm Owner Identification Card applicants.

During a news conference Thursday, Feb. 13, ISP Director Brendan Kelly gave an update about enforcement efforts and announced support for Senate Bill 1966, a measure that would increase FOID card fees and mandate fingerprinting of applicants.

The House passed the bill in May, but a Senate measure to agree with that final language stalled before a vote. It remains in the Senate assignments committee but could be taken up this legislative session.

Under the bill, sponsored in the House by Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, new applications for FOID cards and renewals — which would be required every five years — would cost \$20, up from the current cost of \$10. The fees would fund law enforcement revocation efforts for those not legally allowed to own FOID cards or guns.

Gun advocacy groups such as the Federal Firearms Licensees of Illinois and the Illinois State Rifle Association oppose the bill, and have argued fingerprinting and increased fees hinder Second Amendment rights.

In a news release Friday, Feb. 14, Assistant House Republican Leader C.D. Davidsmeyer, of Jacksonville, called the plan "an overreach" by lawmakers and the ISP.

"Director Kelly is pushing legislation that will require all legal gun owners in Illinois to give their fingerprints to the State Police when requesting or renewing their FOID card," Davidsmeyer said in the release. "This is a continued attack on law-abiding gun owners and it puts undue financial burden on many citizens just trying to protect their families."

While Kelly was questioned about the constitutionality of fingerprinting gun owners at the news conference, he said ISP's main consideration is public safety — lawmakers and judges will decide constitutionality.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: Two Chicago-area residents who tested positive for novel coronavirus earlier

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We continued to have some really cold weather last week. The weather people are saying warmer this week and rain. We are almost done with February, so it is about time for some warmer weather. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, so this week features some meatless dishes. I really like pimento cheese on crackers or on vegetables. This one uses shredded cheese rather than incorporating the shredded with a pasteurized cheese. It has a little more bite to it. I hope you enjoy this sharp taste.

Classic Pimento Cheese

- 1/2 C. mayonnaise
- 1 jar (7 oz.) diced pimientos, drained
- 1 T. finely minced onions
- 1 T. Dijon mustard
- 2 t. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 pkg. (16 oz.) extra-sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 pkg. (16 oz.) sharp white Cheddar cheese, shredded

dar cheese, shredded

In a large bowl stir together mayonnaise, pimientos, onion, mustard, and Worcestershire; stir in all cheese until well combined. Cover and refrigerate. This can be used for a week. Spread on crackers, vegetables, or use as topping for baked potatoes.

One of the neat things about this salad is that you can buy the bagged broccoli slaw and the match stick carrots, so it is easy to put together. The cranberries and pecans give it a little crunch. And let's face it, bacon is always a good ingredient in just about anything.

Broccoli Carrot Slaw

- 1/2 C. mayonnaise
- 1 T. orange zest
- 2 T. fresh orange juice
- 2 T. white Champaign vinegar
- 1 T. honey
- 1 t. salt
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 1 bag (12 oz.) broccoli slaw
- 2 C. small fresh broccoli florets
- 2 C. matchstick carrots
- 1 C. dried cranberries
- 1/2 C. thinly sliced red onion
- 1/2 C. toasted pecan halves, chopped
- 4 slices bacon, chopped and cooked

In a large bowl, whisk together mayo, orange zest and juice, vinegar, honey, salt and pepper until well combined. Stir in broccoli slaw, broccoli, carrots, cranberries, onion, and pecans until well coated. Top

with bacon just before serving.

If you need a quick Friday meal, this vegetable potpie will be just the trick. You can use mixed frozen vegetables or use your own mixture of frozen vegetables. Broccoli, cauliflower, and green beans are a good combination. You can even throw some canned mushrooms in. The crust is a prepared one. Now if you don't want a meatless potpie, you can always add a pound of browned ground beef!

Vegetable Potpie

- 2 T. butter
- 3 C. frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
- 1 can (15 oz.) lentils, drained
- 2 T. flour
- 1 C. vegetable broth
- 1 T. Dijon mustard
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 1/4 t. lemon pepper
- 1/2 t. paprika
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1 sheet refrigerated pie crust
- 1 T. olive oil
- 1/4 C. grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375. In a skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add vegetables and lentils; cook and stir until heated through, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in flour until blended; gradually whisk in vegetable broth. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir until thickened, 1-2 minutes. Stir in mustard, peppers and salt. Transfer mixture to a greased 9-inch pie plate. Place pie crust over the filling. Trim

and crimp like a regular pie; cut slits in top. Brush with oil and sprinkle with Parmesan. Bake until golden brown, 30 to 35 minutes.

This ham and cheese combo makes great use of cheese tortellini. I have been seeing asparagus on sale in the last two weeks, so this dish will be a little cheaper. You have everything you need in this dish. Pair it with some good bread and a salad for a tasty weeknight meal.

Ham and Cheese Tortellini Bake

- 1 pkg. (20 oz.) refrigerated cheese tortellini
- 1 lb. asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen peas thawed
- 1/4 C. unsalted butter
- 1/4 C. flour
- 1 t. garlic powder
- 1 t. pepper
- 1 1/2 C. chicken broth
- 2 C. shredded Colby-Jack cheese blend, divided
- 8 oz. diced ham
- 1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and diced

Preheat oven to 400. Spray a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil at a very high heat. Add tortellini; cook for 3 minutes. Add asparagus and peas; cook for 2 minutes. In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in flour, garlic, salt, and pepper. Cook until

thickened, 2 to 3 minutes. Gradually whisk in broth until smooth; cook until mixture begins to thicken, about 2 minutes. Stir in 1/2 cups cheese until melted. Stir in pasta mixture until well combined. Stir in ham and bell pepper. Pour into prepared pan. Top with remaining cheese. Bake until cheese is melted and casserole is heated through, about 15 minutes.

These cookies are a little different than most because they have orange flavoring. The sour cream makes them very moist. These would go great with a glass of milk or a cup of tea.

Orange Vanilla Cookies

- 1/2 C. unsalted butter, softened
- 2 C. sugar
- 1 T. orange zest
- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/2 C. sour cream
- 2 t. vanilla extract
- 2 C. flour
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. baking powder
- 1/4 t. baking soda
- Powdered sugar

In a large bowl, beat butter, sugar, and orange zest with a mixer at medium-high speed until fluffy, 3 to 4 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Add egg and egg yolk, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in sour cream and vanilla.

In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, salt, baking powder, and baking soda. Gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture, beating until combined. (Dough will be sticky.) Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. Preheat oven to 350. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Using a tablespoon or a scoop, scoop dough and place 2 inches apart on prepared pans. Bake until bottoms are lightly browned, 8 to 10 minutes. Let cool completely on pans on wire racks. Sift with powdered sugar before serving. (Makes about 3 1/2 dozen)

I guess I am still on a coconut kick. You can use the coconut extract that you had to buy for last week's recipe in this recipe. The addition of the Mounds Candy Bars makes them (I think the advertisement is this or maybe I am confused with Almond Joy!) Mmmm good.

Chocolate Coconut Layer Bars

- 3/4 C. butter, cubed
- 3 C. Oreo cookie crumbs
- 2 C. flaked coconut
- 1/2 cream of coconut

Filling:

- 1/3 C. butter, softened
- 3 T. cream of coconut
- 1/4 t. coconut extract
- 3 C. powdered sugar
- 1 to 2 T. 2% milk

Topping:

- 1/2 C. semisweet chocolate chips
- 4 t. canola oil
- 3 Mounds candy bars, coarsely chopped

Microwave butter on high until melted; stir until smooth. Stir in cookie crumbs, coconut and cream of coconut until blended (mixture will be wet). Spread onto bottom of

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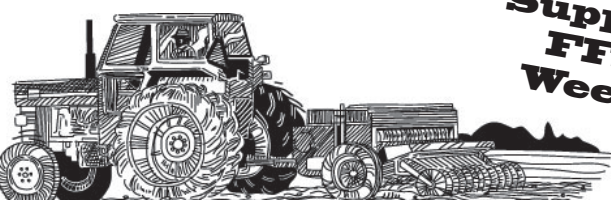
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
 PLAINTIFF,
 VS.
 JESSICA L SINDAHL A/K/A JESSICA SINDAHL;
 UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
 DEFENDANTS.

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503 DESOTO AVENUE EAST DUBUQUE, IL 61025
 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU,

Jessica L Sindahl a/k/a Jessica Sindahl
 Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 27 AND 28 IN BLOCK 26 IN THE CITY OF EAST DUBUQUE, ILLINOIS (FORMERLY DUNLEITH) SITUATED IN JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAN HOLD B OF PLATS, NO. 1-A.

Commonly known as: 503 Desoto Avenue East Dubuque, IL 61025

and which said Mortgage was made by,

Jessica L Sindahl a/k/a Jessica Sindahl

Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for U.S. Bank N.A.

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, as Document No. 370348; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before March 27, 2020, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have

trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp, or talk to your local circuit clerk's office.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

Attorney for Plaintiff
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 File No. 269171-206435
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ASSUMED NAME

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 18, 2020, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons, owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **Galena Gourmet Food Tours**, located at **422 S. Main St., Galena, IL 61036**.

Dated: February 18, 2020

ANGELA KAISER

County Clerk

SANDRA BLOOM

Deputy

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JO DAVIESS COUNTY -

GALENA, ILLINOIS

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE

LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER

Plaintiff,

-v.-

JENNIFER HARTMANN et al
 Defendant

2019 CH 21

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on March 26, 2020, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 21 IN SHENANDOAH UNIT NO. 3 OF BRANIGAR'S THE GALENA TERRITORY ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 95 HEATHERDOWNS LN, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 08-103-021-00

The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale

other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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 Attorney File No. 14-19-06192
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 Case Number: 2019 CH 21
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City of Freeport; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Lois A. Moore; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Lois A. Moore (deceased)

DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 01/28/2020, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on April 3, 2020 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse

15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 7 IN BLOCK 1 IN WEST END ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF FREEPORT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 2, 1907 BOOK "C" OF PLATS, PAGE 32; SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STEPHENSON COUNTY -

FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Fifth Third Bank, National

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PLAINTIFF

Vs.

LEGALS

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The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-03108.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
HSBC Bank USA, National Association as trustee for Deutsche Mortgage Securities, Inc. Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2004-5

PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Tammy Tobin; Andrew Collier; Lynette Hernandez; Unknown

Heirs and Legatees of Janice Collier; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Janice Collier (Deceased)
DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Lynette Hernandez
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Janice Collier
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
1135 South Oak Avenue
Freeport, IL 61032
and which said Mortgage was made by:

Janice Collier the Mortgagor(s), to Express Home Mortgage Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stephenson County, Illinois, as Document No. 200400054683 Book 84 Page 1340; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Nathan A. Luy
Clerk of the Circuit Court
15 North Galena
Freeport, IL 61032

on or before March 20, 2020, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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JDCF schedules screening of Emmy-nominated Film, 'Racing Extinction'

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) is sponsoring a public screening of the documentary film "Racing Extinction" on Saturday, March 21, at the Galena Territory Association owners' club, 2000 Territory Drive, Galena. The doors will open at 6 p.m. for complimentary Potosi beer and popcorn, and the screening will begin at 7 p.m.

"Racing Extinction" documents the extinction crisis in rarely seen images of endangered species, some even the last of their kind. The documentary's producer, Louis Psihoyos, is an esteemed National Geographic photographer. He puts it this way: "It's like we're living in the world of the dinosaurs, but we can do something about it."

To help him "do something about it," Psihoyos has assembled a cast of notables to help "keep the light shining on the subject." Among them are Tesla and SpaceX founder, Elon Musk, Obscura Digital founder Travis Threlkel, and race car driver Leilani Munter, all featured in the film. Together, they design, build and drive a specially equipped Tesla with a remote projector which they used to cast massive videos of endangered species onto the United Nations Headquarters, Empire State Building, and the Vatican, images which are presented in the film



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The endangered rusty-patched bumble bee used to be prolific throughout our region. Bumble bees are almost the only pollinators of tomatoes.

"Racing Extinction" also showcases the work of another National Geographic star, the photographer of the famed Photo Ark project, Joel Sartore. Sartore says of his highly stylized and stunning portraits of endangered species: "This may be the only national coverage these animals will get before they go extinct."

Viewers will be moved by the beauty of this film and by the filmmakers' dedication to wildlife and to the preservation of the habitats they need to survive.

After the screening, Kraig McPeck, endangered species expert with the Iowa and Illinois field office of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, will take questions and also talk about endangered species close to home, and some of the many ways we can help them survive.

This event is free to attend. A \$10 donation is suggested for non-members of JDCF. RSVPs are not required, but seating may be limited and will be first come, first served. JDCF wishes to thank The Galena Territory for providing the venue for this event, the Potosi Foundation for donating the beer, and Apple River State Bank/First Community Bank of Galena for sponsoring JDCF's speaker series.

Jo Daviess County SWCD Tree Sale is underway

The Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting orders for the 2020 annual tree and shrub sale and will continue to take orders through March 6.

Delivery is planned for Thursday April 16.

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2020 Stephenson County Home Show • Kitchen (Continued from page 14)

Limited exhibition space remains for the 2020 Stephenson County Home Show to be held March 21 and 22, at the Highland Community College / YMCA Sports Complex in Freeport. Show hours are Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 11-4. Admission is free and there will be concessions available.

The show annually features area businesses including investment companies, contractors, communications experts, healthcare providers, insurance agents, landscaping contractors, heating and air conditioning contractors, furniture and appliance dealers and many more.

Businesses interested in having

a booth should contact the Home Show Coordinator immediately as the exhibit hall is well over half sold out. The starting price for a 6' x 8' booth is \$235 and larger booths are available while they last.

Last year's show featured over 80 businesses and attracted more than 3500 area residents. A map of the show along with packets to sign up can be found at abcdsonline.com on the Home Show tab, or are available by mail or email upon request.

For more information on reserving a booth space, contact Show Coordinator,

Jen Sheppard at ABC Advertising Specialists, Inc. at 815-232-4616 or 630-643-7438 or by email at jen@abcdsonline.com.

an ungreased 9 x 13 baking pan. Refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes.

Filling: beat butter, cream of coconut and extract until smooth. Gradually beat in powdered sugar and enough milk to reach a spreading consistency. Spread over crust.

Topping: microwave chocolate chips and oil until melted; stir until smooth. Cool slightly, spread over filling. Sprinkle with chopped candy bars. Refrigerate for 30 minutes before serving.

The girls' basketball season has ended; wrestlers are finishing up, and the regular season for boys' basketball is over. The musical players are practicing and soon you will see tricksters running around town and baseball and softball fields full of

kids (hopefully they all can be outside with warmer and drier weather. I have several friends who start seeds, and they are hard at work getting ready to think about planting a garden. I plan on putting the snowmen in a tub, and maybe I can sneak a bunny or two out. I feel that since Lent has started, Easter can't be far behind. We are looking for St. Patrick's Day and green recipes; we continue to look for meatless recipes for Lent. I think that soup will still be good, so if you find a good recipe, please pass it on. If you have any 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.

LeWin Spring Sports Parent Meeting date change

Due to a change in the date of the HS solo/ensemble, the spring sports parent meeting has changed. There will be a mandatory meeting for the parents of any HS athlete planning to participate in spring athletics during the 2020 season. The meeting will be held on Monday March 2, at 6:30 in the HS gym. Attendance by at least one parent is required prior

to any athlete being allowed to participate. The purpose of the meeting is to create communication between parents, athletes, and the coaches of our various athletic programs. The meeting should not take longer than one hour. If you have questions feel free to contact Tom Smargiassi, Activities Director at 815-291-5362 or smargiassit@le-win.net



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Recap (Continued from page 13)

er this year have recovered and were released from home isolation this weekend, according to public health officials.

Federal, state and local health officials made the announcement in a news release Saturday, Feb. 15, noting that the risk to the general public remains low and the two patients caused no further spread of the virus.

"Based on what is currently known about the virus, and after close consultation with (the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Illinois Department of Public Health), we believe both patients can now safely return to their regular activities, including work, without restrictions," Dr. Allison Arwady, Chi-

cago Department of Public Health commissioner, said in a news release.

Arwady added the patients have had "multiple rounds of negative testing for the virus and are clinically well."

"They do not need to wear masks, and neither does anyone interacting with them. They have been cleared," she said.

The two patients are husband and wife, and the woman, in her 60s, had recently returned from Wuhan, China, where the spread of the virus began. Health officials said at an earlier news conference that the spread of the virus to her husband was "not totally unexpected" due to the couple's close proximity.

Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing February winners

The Daily Drawing (a cooperative fundraiser) is a drawing for 366 daily cash prizes from Oct. 1, 2019 – Sept. 30, 2020 to those donating for a ticket. Cash prizes vary between \$50 and \$250. A ticket may win multiple times as each ticket remains in the drawing each day for the entire year, no matter how often it may be drawn.

There are nearly 20 organizations working together on the Daily Drawing from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County.

Sponsoring organizations include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Elizabeth Historical Society, Freeport Dance Team, Galena After Prom, Galena Elks Scholarship, Galena Music Boosters, Hanover Alumni Association, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Foundation, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, River Ridge Education Association, Scales Mound Travelers, Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge, Stockton Strong, Warren Athletic Boosters and West Carroll Sports Boosters.

The February 2020 winners are:

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- 9th Sunday \$50 – Christina Williams, Sun Prairie, WI
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Friends of Timber Lake Playhouse plan Trivia Night

The Friends of Timber Lake Playhouse are hosting their first trivia night fundraiser on Saturday, April 4 at Manny's Pizza, Savanna. One hundred questions – 10 rounds of 10 questions from 10 categories – will test the smarts of participating teams. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top two teams.

Registration fee is \$10 per person. Teams of 4-8 can register by emailing tltrivia@timberlakeplayhouse.org, online at <https://tinyurl.com/tlp-trivia> or on the night of the event. It is recommended that teams register prior to the event. The event is open to the public.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the competition set to begin at 7 p.m. All funds raised during the trivia event will be used by Friends of TLP to continue their mission to support Timber Lake Playhouse, Mt. Carroll, which will celebrate its 59th season this summer.

The couple was hospitalized at AMITA St. Alexius Medical Center in suburban Hoffman Estates in January and released to home isolation Feb. 7. Public health officials did not release other identifying information due to privacy concerns.

In the U.S., there have been 15 positive cases while 60 tests are

pending, according to the CDC.

In Illinois, there have been just two positive tests, both in the patients that are now cured, and 48 negative tests. Two more tests were awaiting results Monday, Feb. 17, according to IDPH.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER Plaintiff, -v.- JENNIFER HARTMANN et al Defendant

2019 CH 21

NOTICE OF SALE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Fifth Third Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF

Vs. City of Freeport; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Lois A. Moore; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Lois A. Moore (deceased) DEFENDANTS

2019CH33

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 01/28/2020, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on April 3, 2020 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse

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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-03108. I3145572

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USDA announces details of risk management programs for hemp producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the availability of two programs that protect hemp producers' crops from natural disasters. A pilot hemp insurance program through Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) provides coverage against loss of yield because of insurable causes of loss for hemp grown for fiber, grain or Cannabidiol (CBD) oil and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage protects against losses associated with lower yields, destroyed crops or prevented planting where no permanent federal crop insurance program is available. Producers may apply

now, and the deadline to sign up for both programs is March 16, 2020.

"We are pleased to offer these coverages to hemp producers. Hemp offers new economic opportunities for our farmers, and they are anxious for a way to protect their product in the event of a natural disaster," said Farm Production and Conservation Undersecretary Bill Northey.

Multi-Peril Crop Insurance Pilot Insurance Program

The MPCI pilot insurance is a new crop insurance option for hemp producers in select counties of 21 states for the 2020 crop year. The program is available for eligible producers in

certain counties in Alabama, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin. Information on eligible counties is accessible through the USDA Risk Management Agency's Actuarial Information Browser.

Among other requirements, to be eligible for the pilot program, a hemp producer must have at least one year of history producing the crop and have a contract for the sale of the insured hemp. In addition, the min-

imum acreage requirement is 5 acres for CBD and 20 acres for grain and fiber. Hemp will not qualify for replant payments or prevented plant payments under MPCI.

This pilot insurance coverage is available to hemp growers in addition to revenue protection for hemp offered under the Whole-Farm Revenue Protection plan of insurance. Also, beginning with the 2021 crop year, hemp will be insurable under the Nursery crop insurance program and the Nursery Value Select pilot crop insurance program. Under both nursery programs, hemp will be insurable if grown in containers and in

accordance with federal regulations, any applicable state or tribal laws and terms of the crop insurance policy.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

NAP provides coverage against loss for hemp grown for fiber, grain, seed or CBD for the 2020 crop year where no permanent federal crop insurance program is available.

NAP basic 50/55 coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production. Buy-up coverage is available in some cases. The 2018 Farm Bill allows for buy-up levels of NAP coverage from 50 to 65 percent of expected production in 5 percent increments, at 100 percent of the average market price. Premiums apply for buy-up coverage.

For all coverage levels, the NAP service fee is \$325 per crop or \$825 per producer per county, not to exceed \$1,950 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Eligibility Requirements

Under a regulation authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill and issued in October 2019, all growers must have a license to grow hemp and must comply with applicable state, tribal or federal regulations or operate under a state or university research pilot, as authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill.

Producers must report hemp acreage to FSA after planting to comply with federal and state law enforcement. The Farm Bill defines hemp as containing 0.3 percent or less tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) on a dry-weight basis. Hemp having THC above the federal statutory compliance level of 0.3 percent is an uninsurable or ineligible cause of loss and will result in the hemp production being ineligible for production history purposes.

For more information on USDA risk management programs for hemp producers, visit farmers.gov/hemp to read farmers.gov frequently asked questions. For more information on the U.S. Domestic Hemp Production Program, visit USDA's Agricultural Marketing Services' website to read AMS frequently asked questions.

IDOT to close IL 73

The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that, weather permitting; IL 73 in Stephenson County will be closed 1.3 miles south of US 20. The closure will start on Monday, Feb. 24, at 8 a.m. and remain closed for 1 week. The road will open on Monday, March 2, pending the completion of the project.

IDOT workers will be repairing a culvert carrying IL 73 south of US 20.

Please slow down and use the marked detour on W. Dublin Road and Kent Road.

For IDOT District 2 updates, follow us on Twitter at @IDOTDistrict2 or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map on GettingAroundIllinois.com.

Bunker's Bargains!!!



Stock #292112
2009 Toyota Matrix Base
Blue streak metallic, 1.8L I4
SMPI DOHC, 182k miles.
\$4,693



Stock #200911
2004 Mini Cooper S Hard Top
Electric blue metallic, 1.6L I4 OHC
16V Supercharged intercooled,
manual, 151k miles. **\$4,998**



Stock #66512
2005 Chevy Equinox LS
Salsa red metallic, 3.4L V6,
auto, 149k miles.
\$4,998



Stock #65881
2008 Cadillac DTS - 1SC
Lt. platinum, 4.6L V8, auto,
148k miles.
\$4,999



Stock #391722
2004 Chevy Suburban Z71
Summit white, 5.3L V8, auto,
268k miles.
\$5,500



Stock #292222
2007 Chevy Silverado
Victory red, 4.8L V8, auto,
197k miles.
\$5,950



Stock #292642
2007 GMC Acadia SLE
Red jewel tintcoat, 3.6L V6,
auto, 156k miles.
\$5,999



Stock #67241
2007 Dodge NITRO SXT
Black, 4.7L V6, auto,
75k miles.
\$7,995



Stock #292771
2011 GMC Terrain SLE-1
Mocha steel met., 2.4L 4 cyl.,
auto, 95k miles.
\$9,500



Stock #300511
2013 Chevy Equinox LT
Black granite metallic, 2.4L
4 cyl., auto, 105k miles.
\$9,794



Stock #293382
2015 Dodge Journey SXT
Blue streak pearlcoat, 3.6L
V6, auto, 118k miles.
\$10,751



Stock #6726
2015 Toyota Camry LE
Celestial silver met., 2.5L I4
SMPI DOHC, auto,
113k miles. **\$10,994**



Stock #6725
2015 Toyota Camry LE
Predawn grey mica, 2.5L I4
SMPI DOHC, auto, 78k miles.
\$12,394



Stock #6713
2015 Chevy Impala LT
Summit white, 3.6L V6, auto,
89k miles.
\$12,999



Stock #29337A
2016 Jeep Renegade Ltd
Black, 2.4L I4 MULTAIR, auto,
74k miles.
\$13,925



Stock #200561
2015 Chevy Equinox LT
Black granite metallic, 2.4L
4 cyl., auto, 63k miles.
\$14,782

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