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Pritzker lifts ban on worship services

Move last week came amid lawsuits, possible U.S. Supreme Court review

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

People in Illinois were allowed to attend worship services starting this past weekend without fear of prosecution as the state enters Phase 3 of Gov. JB Pritzker's Restore Illinois reopening plan.

Pritzker made the announcement during his daily COVID-19 briefing Thursday in Chicago, the same day a new lawsuit was filed in Lake County Circuit Court challenging the ban on public gatherings of more than 10 people as it applied to worship services.

It also came on the same day the U.S. Supreme Court was preparing to decide whether it would hear the appeal of another case involving two churches in Chicago that were challenging the ban.

"Having received many plans and ideas from responsible faith leaders, (the Illinois Department of Public Health) has reviewed many detailed proposals and has provided guidance — not mandatory restrictions — for all faith leaders to use in their efforts to ensure the health and safety of their congregants," Pritzker said. "This includes suggestions on capacity limits, new cleaning protocols, indoor gatherings of 10 persons or less, a reduction of activities like sharing food and the safe conduct of outdoor congregating."

"The safest options remain remote and drive-in services," he added. "But for those that want to conduct in-person activities, IDPH is offering best practices."

Earlier in the day, the Thomas More Society, a conservative public-interest law firm based in Chicago, filed suit in Lake County on behalf of five local churches and their pastors who said they intended to hold worship services anyway on Sunday (May 31), which is the Christian holy day of Pentecost.

"This is a total and complete victory for people of faith," Peter Breen, vice president and senior counsel of the Thomas More Society, said in a statement. "Illinois' governor and his



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Most Beloved Church in the northwest Illinois Village of Lena sued to block the part of Gov. JB Pritzker's Stay-at-Home order that bans public worship services in Illinois churches.

administration abused the COVID-19 pandemic to stomp on the religious liberty of the people of Illinois. By issuing guidelines only and not the previously announced mandatory restrictions, he has handed a complete victory to the churches in Illinois."

The Thomas More Society also represented the Beloved Church in Lena when it challenged Pritzker's order in federal court in late April. And it represented the Jesus House Restoration Ministries in Urbana, which caters mainly to people struggling with homelessness and substance abuse, in another federal lawsuit filed May 12.

Another legal advocacy group, the Florida-based Liberty Counsel, filed suit on behalf of two Chicago churches. That request for a temporary restraining order was rejected in U.S. District Court as well as the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

But attorneys in that case appealed to the nation's high court and on May 28, Justice Brett Kavanaugh, who oversees the 7th Circuit, gave the Illinois attorney general's office one day to file a reply brief so the court could decide whether to hear the case.

All of those cases argued, in one form or another, that Pritzker's stay-at-home order as it applied to churches interfered with individuals' freedom of religion. The federal cases were based on the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of the free exercise of religion, while the Lake County case focused on the Illinois Constitution and the state Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Governments can and do put restrictions on churches on a regular basis. Churches are, for example, subject to local building codes and fire safety regulations, and those codes often put limits on the number of people who can be in the building at one time.

During an interview Thursday, however, Breen argued those laws apply uniformly to religious and secular facilities alike. Pritzker's executive orders, he argued, singled out churches while other businesses

such as supermarkets, manufacturing facilities and meat processing plants were allowed to operate without capacity restrictions.

"There's no constitutional right to run a meat packing plant; there is an express constitutional right to have a church," he said. "So, this is the problem that we're pointing out, which is you've singled out churches for different treatment. And there are plenty of other places in society today that are fully open, that are more dangerous than a church."

In a ruling May 19 denying Liberty Counsel's request for a temporary restraining order, a three-judge panel of the 7th Circuit disagreed with that argument.

"The Executive Order's temporary numerical restrictions on public gatherings apply not only to worship services," the panel wrote, "but also to the most comparable types of

secular gatherings, such as concerts, lectures, theatrical performances or choir practices, in which groups of people gather together for extended periods, especially where speech and singing feature prominently and raise risks of transmitting the COVID-19 virus. Worship services do not seem comparable to secular activities permitted under the executive order, such as shopping, in which people do not congregate or remain for extended periods."

Before Pritzker's announcement Thursday, a number of churches around the state had been targeted for enforcement action, including the Jesus House Restoration Ministries, which received a cease-and-desist notice from the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District in April.

Although churches now will be able to operate without fear of prosecution, IDPH said it still does not encourage them to hold indoor services with large congregations.

"Indeed, it is strongly recommended that places of worship continue to facilitate remote services, particularly for those who are vulnerable to COVID-19 including older adults and those with co-morbidities," the agency stated in the new guidelines. "Even with adherence to physical distancing, multiple different households convening in a congregational setting to worship carries a higher risk for widespread transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 and may result in increased rates of infection, hospitalization and death, especially among more vulnerable populations."

The new IDPH guidelines for in-person services are substantially similar to those issued recently by the

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The virtual Four State dairy nutrition and management conference is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10. All presentations will be recorded and available to participants for 60 days after the event.

The registration fee is \$75. The preconference symposium will focus on how amino acid balancing will improve cow performance.

Dr. Johan Osorio, of South Dakota State University, will cover amino acid balancing in transition cows. Dr. Mark Hanigan, of Virginia Tech, will talk about important amino acids beyond lysine and methionine. And Dr. Milo Wiltbank, of the University of Wisconsin, will discuss the present reality and future prospects of functional amino acids, especially in reproduction.

The first Four State — Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota — session will focus on factors to improve animal health and performance.

Dr. Nigel Cook, of the University of Wisconsin, will discuss practical steps to prevent lameness. Dr. Kevin Harvatine, of Penn State University, will examine how daily and seasonal rhythms impact cow performance and Dr. Mike Steele, of the University of Guelph, will talk about nutritional regulation of gut health and development by colostrum and milk in calves.

The second session will focus on maximizing profit from bull calves.

Dr. Dan Schaefer, of the University of Wisconsin, will teach participants how to realize the full value of Holstein and Holstein cross steers. Bill Munns will discuss the science behind purebred Holstein beef and Chip Kemp will cover how to use data to select profit-focused beef bulls for crossbreeding in Holstein herds.

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Families with children hit hardest during pandemic

Survey: Households with children lost income, suffered food shortages

By Lindsay M. Monte
CONTRIBUTOR

Adults in households with children were more likely to report permanent loss of employment and food shortages since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new U.S. Census Bureau survey.

Early results of the experimental Household Pulse Survey released May 27 provide a detailed and near real-time picture of how individuals and households are faring during the pandemic.

Survey results released 55 percent of households with a child under the age of 18 had at least one adult lose employment income since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, higher than the rate for all households.

For the April 23 through May 5 period, the first wave of the survey, the Census Bureau sent invitations to roughly 1,867,000 households

and 74,500 responded. For the second wave from May 7-12, invitations were sent to 1,047,000 households and 42,000 responded.

For the third and most recent wave from May 14-19, invitations went to 1,287,000 households and 133,000 responded.

The results will be updated weekly through late July and will include additional estimates for states and the 15 largest metropolitan statistical areas.

Additionally, adults in households with children who were not working the previous week — and reported a reason — were more likely to attribute it to permanent loss of employment since March 13, such as layoffs or business closures.

In contrast, adults not living with children were more likely to indicate their not working was temporary, such as a furlough.

There are other differences be-

tween households with kids and those without.

While many adults noted a change in the types or brands of food available since the pandemic, adults living with children were more likely to report sometimes not having enough to eat when compared to adults not living with children.

Adults in households with children also were less confident in their ability to pay their rent or mortgage in June than adults who don't live with minor children.

While the coronavirus pandemic is clearly causing concern for many, the data reported in the Household Pulse Survey tables indicate that there are particular concerns for households with children.

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Frame your family

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation has created the Frame Your Family Photo Challenge. A large, wooden frame will be placed somewhere on each of the organization's six public preserves for two weeks. Families are invited to take a group selfie with it, upload the photo to Facebook and then tag JDCF. Those "framing" their families at three of the six preserves will be given a one-year membership to JDCF. The challenge begins on June 8 at the Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary, 5559 E. Rush Creek Road, in Stockton. Updates on the frame's location will be posted on JDCF's Facebook page and website (www.jdcf.org).

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Friday marked end of stay-at-home order

IDPH: 1,622 new confirmed cases, 86 virus-related deaths

By Rebecca Anzel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker announced Friday, the first day Illinois' economy operated under more relaxed restrictions, his stay-at-home order is replaced by one reflective of "our new, more open reality."

Small businesses statewide opened their doors to customers, with capacity limitations. Restaurants and bars served socially distanced diners outside, and fitness centers taught classes outdoors with small groups of people. Barbershops and salons resumed services as well, and state parks, wildlife areas and historic sites welcomed visitors.

The governor's Community Recovery Executive Order codified those changes while emphasizing the need for face coverings. It also extends the ban on residential evictions and utility shutoffs.

It was Illinoisans, he said, who made the easing of restrictions possible.

In the past four weeks, there was an average of 250 fewer novel coronavirus patients admitted to hospital intensive care units, or a drop of 20 percent, Pritzker said. And in the past two weeks, there was a 32 percent decrease in the number of COVID-19-related deaths.

"The significant personal pain that Illinoisans are feeling from this pandemic does not end with our stay-at-home order. Indeed, it's more important than ever to support our working families as we begin our safe recovery," the governor said. "The journey to this point has seemed very long and, unfortunately, the journey is far from over. Let's be clear on this: the virus is still out there and it's very dangerous."

Residents must continue to follow the Illinois Department of Public Health's guidance — frequent hand washing, regular sanitation of commonly touched surfaces, use of a face covering when in public and observation of social distancing.

And when traveling to neighboring states that instill fewer restrictions than Illinois, he added,

people should not participate in activities deemed unsafe by epidemiologists.

Pritzker also announced the end to his 2:30 p.m. daily briefings. Those will be held on an as-needed basis moving forward.

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, IDPH's director, said in the previous 24 hours there were 1,622 new COVID-19 cases and 86 related deaths.

The state's total was at 117,455 confirmed cases and 5,270 virus-related fatalities. Cases were reported in all but one Illinois county.

"We must learn to coexist with COVID, and will coexist until we find proven treatments and a vaccine," Ezike said. "Please be safe as we head into this weekend into phase 3. I trust all of you and your communities will model safe practices — social distancing and wearing face coverings — to minimize the transmission of this virus."

The department issued comprehensive guidance to houses of worship that plan to resume in-person services, Pritzker said. Those include a continuation of online vents, addition of drive-up services or in-person services of no more than 10 people.

"I've said from the very beginning that I would never do anything to break up a service, to interfere with religion," the governor said. "What I have done is implored leaders not to gather their parishioners because what we want most of all is for people to be healthy and safe."

Contact tracing

Illinois' contact tracing efforts are "ramping up," Ezike said. Residents may receive a phone call or text message from an agent notifying them of possible COVID-19 exposure.

"It's very important" Illinoisans respond to those outreach efforts, she added.

The system has about half the reach it needs, Pritzker said, and officials are "rapidly" trying to grow the program. More than 80 local health departments are working with the state to build that



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Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker takes questions from reporters Friday during his 82nd daily COVID-19 briefing in Chicago. The governor announced he will no longer hold the daily briefings but will call them on an as-needed basis.

needed capacity.

Contact tracers will never ask for financial information, social security numbers or any other sensitive information. If someone does, it is likely to be a scam, Ezike warned.

Other notes

• The governor said he "cannot imagine the rage and fear that must be felt by black Americans watching what happened to George Floyd," an unarmed black man who died in police custody this week after video showed an officer kneeling on his neck as he gasped for air in Minneapolis.

"We're lucky that that video was ever taken because that is happening around America probably every day and unfortunately, time and time again — even when these videos come out, even when so many of us have the feeling of, 'it's time

for a major change,' and we work toward that change — somehow for Black America, it never really comes," Pritzker said. "And that's unacceptable."

In response to a reporter's question, he said he long called out U.S. President Donald Trump for being "a racist, a misogynist, a homophobe (and) a xenophobe."

"His tweets, his reaction, his failure to address the racism that exists in America, his stoking of the flames in sometimes subtle and sometimes not-so-subtle ways is completely unacceptable," Pritzker said. "It's reprehensible. In fact, and I'm outraged by what he does in response to these situations."

• Pritzker said he will sign legislation that was approved by the General Assembly last week, but not at large ceremonies.

On his desk are two budget measures as well as bills altering

the tax structure for a Chicago casino, legalizing cocktails-to-go, expanding Medicaid and growing Illinois' vote-by-mail program, among others.

• Alternate housing and care facilities will be maintained in "some degree," the governor said.

Throughout most of the COVID-19 pandemic, hotel and motel rooms were available for those with the virus who could not socially distance at home, for example. That will not change as the state moves into Phase 3 of the Recover Illinois plan.

"Until you get a very good treatment or a vaccine, we don't want to get caught short, and so we're going to be doing everything we can to keep people safe and give them the opportunity to find those housing opportunities, but also everything we can to avoid the situation of a surge," Pritzker said.



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Lena's kitchen



I guess we are in Week 10 if you started with the first week in April. Some things will be relaxing now that we're in June.

I have to admit to going to a grocery store this past week. It was my first trip since the middle of February because I fought a cold, cough and fever for the last two weeks of that month and the first two weeks of March. I admit that I was excited to finally shop for stuff I could see, but I was also nervous about being out.

I did cook over the Memorial Day weekend, and it felt good.

This week's recipes are for summer for the most part, including salads and desserts.

The first appetizer is for a good onion dip. If you get the chance to find Vidalia onions, they are great in this dip. They tend to be really sweet and taste great with the cheeses. The dip is great on butter crackers, pita chips and even celery.

Baked Onion Dip

- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 1 C. chopped sweet onion
- 1 T. grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ t. garlic salt
- 1 C. shredded Swiss cheese
- Minced fresh parsley

In a large bowl, combine the mayo, onion, Parmesan cheese and garlic salt and stir in Swiss cheese. Spoon into a 1-quart baking dish.

Bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees until golden brown, about 40 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with crackers.

Yukon Gold Potato Salad

This potato salad uses Yukon gold potatoes; I think they are creamier than russet potatoes. If you don't have a grater, you can chop the eggs. However, the dressing really sticks to the eggs if they are shredded. Enjoy this creamy potato salad for a picnic or a Sunday get-together.

- Water to cover potatoes
- 3 lbs. Yukon gold potatoes (about 3 inches long and 2 inches wide), cut crosswise in half
- 4 eggs
- 1 C. Mayonnaise
- ½ C. milk
- ¼ C. apple cider vinegar
- 2 T. sugar
- ¼ t. pepper
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- ¼ C. shredded, peeled carrots
- 2 green onions, chopped

In a large pot, place potatoes in water, cover and cook until tender. Drain. Boil eggs to hardboiled stage and cooled. Mix mayo, milk, vinegar, sugar and pepper in a bowl until blended.

After potatoes have cooled, peel them and cut into bite-size pieces, placing them in a large bowl. Peel and then grate the boiled eggs. Place them with potatoes. Add the mayo mixture and remaining ingredients. Mix lightly and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving.

Zesty Tomato and Bell Pepper Pasta Salad

This pasta salad has a unique taste because of the many peppers. If you can't find yellow cherry tomatoes, use twice the amount of red ones. I also like to substitute grape tomatoes for cherry tomatoes; I

think they are sweeter. If you have never used white wine vinegar for dressings, you should try it. It has a great taste. I cut the black olives in two and sometimes chop the green olives. If you can't find fresh mozzarella, you can use shredded mozzarella also.

- 1/3 C. olive oil
- ¼ C. chopped fresh parsley
- ¼ C. white wine vinegar
- 2 T. chopped fresh chives
- 1 t. lemon zest
- 2 T. fresh lemon juice
- 2 t. Dijon mustard
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 t. salt
- ¼ t. crushed red pepper
- 1 pkg. (16 oz.) rotini pasta, cooked according to package directions and drained
- 2 C. yellow cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 C. red cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 medium yellow pepper, chopped
- 1 jar (12 oz.) roasted red peppers, drained and chopped
- 1 can (6 oz.) pitted black olives, drained
- ½ C. chopped fresh basil
- ¼ C. pimiento-stuffed green olives
- 4 oz. fresh mozzarella, cut into bite-size pieces

In a large bowl, whisk together oil, parsley, vinegar, chives, lemon zest and juice, mustard, garlic, salt and red pepper until combined. Add pasta, tomatoes and all remaining ingredients, gently tossing to coat. Refrigerate for at least an hour before serving.

Country Captain Casserole

This unique casserole is for anyone who is a curry lover. It has a tablespoon of curry powder in it. The beauty of assembly is that it uses rotisserie chicken. If you don't want the raisins, you could substitute dried cranberries.

- 1 can (14.5 oz.) petite, diced tomatoes, drained
- 3 C. chicken broth
- 3½ C. long-grain rice
- 1 medium green pepper, diced
- 1 C. chopped onion
- ½ C. diced celery
- 1 T. curry powder
- 1½ t. ground ginger
- 2 C. shredded, cooked rotisserie chicken

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 9-by-13-inch dish with cooking spray. In a large bowl, stir together tomatoes, broth, uncooked rice, green pepper, onion, celery, curry powder and ginger.

Pour mixture into prepared pan. Tightly cover with foil. Bake until rice is tender and almost all liquid has been absorbed, about 40 minutes. Stir in chicken and raisins with a fork; bake until chicken is heated through, 5 to 10 minutes longer. Top with almonds and serve immediately.

Simple Chicken Enchiladas

Once again we are featuring a southwestern recipe. These enchiladas are really easy to make because you use prepared enchilada sauce, rotisserie chicken and several other cooking shortcuts.

- 1 can (10 oz.) enchilada sauce, divided
- 4 oz. cream cheese, cubed
- 1½ C. salsa
- 2 C. cubed rotisserie chicken
- 1 can (15 oz.) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (4 oz.) green chilies
- 10 flour tortillas (6 inch)
- 1 C. shredded Mexican cheese blend

Spoon ½ cup enchilada sauce into a greased 9-by-13-inch baking dish. In a large saucepan, cook and stir the cream cheese and salsa over medium heat until blended, about 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in the chicken, beans and chilies.

Place about 1/3 cup of chicken mixture down the center of each tortilla. Roll up and place seam side down over the sauce in the baking dish. Top with remaining enchilada sauce and sprinkle with cheese. Cover and bake at 350 until heated through, 25 to 30 minutes. If desired, serve with lettuce, tomato, sour cream and olives.

If you are worried about heating up your ovens for a dessert, try these two freezer pies. I think you could substitute vanilla ice cream for the chocolate ice cream in the first recipe. If you don't have small pecan halves, cut the large ones in half along the pecan's seam.

Both of these pies use prepared graham cracker crusts. Enjoy these

delicious cold pies for an easy dessert.

Chocolate Turtle Ice Cream Pie

- ¾ C. small pecan halves, toasted
- 6 C. chocolate ice cream, softened
- ½ C. caramel ice cream topping, divided

1 graham cracker crust, 9 inches
½ C. whipped topping, thawed
Set aside 12 to 16 pecan halves for garnish; chop remaining pecans. In a large bowl, combine the ice cream, ¼ cup caramel topping and chopped pecans. Spread into piecrust. Cover and freeze for at least 2½ hours. Remove from the freezer 15 minutes before serving. Garnish with whipped topping, remaining caramel toping (drizzled over top) and reserved pecans.

Rocky Road Freezer Pie

- 1½ C. half-and-half cream
- 1 pkg. (3.9 oz.) instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 carton (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1/3 C. semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/3 C. miniature marshmallows
- 1/3 C. chopped pecans
- 1 graham cracker crust (9 inch)

Whisk the cream and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Fold in whipped topping. Stir in chocolate chips, pecans and marshmallows. Transfer to piecrust. Freeze until firm, about 6 hours. Remove from the freezer 10 minutes before serving. Garnish with chocolate sauce swirled across the top and chopped pecans.

Final thoughts

I guess we will see what transpires as we begin our "soft" openings. Some restaurants are making arrangements for outdoor eating. Hopefully the bugs won't be a problem.

I am hoping, like everyone else, to get a haircut. My life will be easier if I don't have to spend so much time on all the hair on my head. Although, I should not complain because two years ago after all my surgeries I was afraid I wouldn't have any hair. I think the whole hair thing shows that lots of times we just have to complain about something.

It was a very different Memorial Day without parades and programs. When I went to the cemetery, it looked beautiful because a lot of people put flowers on the graves. Maybe one of the good things that has come out of this stay-at-home environment is we are taking time to do things that have been pushed to the side. I hope that you all are staying healthy and looking forward to the opening of many things that we used to take for granted. Have a good week.

If you have any summer recipes you would like to contribute, contact me in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide, 213 S. Center St. or at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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'We did not forget'

There was no big crowd, no band with patriotic music, no speech and no parade of veterans. But Stockton American Legion Post 449 Adjutant Jim Vaupel said, "We did not forget." They met at the Park House statue at 11:45 a.m. Monday. The Rev. Chuck Wolbers gave a prayer for the fallen, followed by three rifle volleys by the honor guard and taps from the bugler. Then the national anthem was played on a car radio and Old Glory was raised. "There is no way that we could let this day go by without remembering the brave men and women who paid the ultimate price for our freedom," Vaupel said.

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Obituaries

CLYDE BLAIR

Clyde David Blair, 98, of Warren, passed away on May 24 surrounded by family.

He was born to John and Lena (McKinstrey) Blair near Stockton. Clyde attended Mount Juliette Country School and Holy Cross Catholic School in Stockton.

At an early age, he started farming with a team of horses and continued working until his retirement in his early 90s, when he assisted his sons on the dairy and grain farms. After volunteering to serve the country during World War II, he was asked to stay at home, run the hay baler and support the agriculture industry growing crops in Jo Daviess County.

Clyde's love of farming was sur-

passed only by his love of God and family. In 1948, he married Arlene Wolfram at St. Ann Catholic Church in Warren. Arlene passed away in 2006. Clyde was a trustee for St. Ann Catholic Church, a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and served on the Warren Community School District Board of Education as a member and president. Clyde and Arlene enjoyed many years traveling throughout the country while visiting the entire continental United States.

Also preceding him in death were his siblings Alfred Blair, Wayne Blair, Arlene Grenoble, Betty Grenoble and Vida Neebel.

He is survived by his children Joseph (Deb) Blair of Winslow, Mary Blair of Freeport, Janet Blair of Free-

port, Joann Blair of Pekin, Julene (Al) Youmans of Freeport, Jeff (Donna) Blair of Winslow, Jim (Wendy) Blair of Lena and Martha (Bob) Lyvers of Lena. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Special thanks go to Phylcia Blair, Clyde's caregiver and granddaughter, as well as the FHN Hospice staff.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

Interment will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Warren and a memorial Mass will be held at St. Ann Catholic Church at a later date. Memorials may be made to St. Ann Catholic Church or the Trinity Council Knights of Columbus in care of St. Ann Church.

MILDRED MAYER

Mildred Mayer, 87, of Stockton, IL, passed away Friday, May 29, 2020, at Morrison Community Hospital. She was born Oct. 31, 1932 in Lena, IL, to the late Albert and Elsie (Pohl) Miller. Mildred married Robert Mayer on Feb. 17, 1950. Robert passed away Jan. 28, 2013.

She was a member of Nora Community Church and had worked at BB Cleaners in 1950. Mildred farmed with her husband from 1959 to 1990, when they moved into town. She also worked at Kolb's from 1993 to 2004. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, bird watching, needlepoint and going to the casino.

Mildred is survived by her daughter, Connie Bohnsack, of Stockton; her son, Dennis (Jamie) Mayer, of Kent; her son-in-law, Eldon (Kathy) Janssen, of Monroe; her sisters, Pau-

line Trost of Lena and Inez Meier of Chadwick; her 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and three great great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her daughter Barb Janssen; her sisters Lola, Sylvia

and Eleanor; and brothers Allen and Harlen.

A graveside service was to be held on today (June 3) at 10:30 a.m. at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at hermannfuneralhome.com.



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Mendoza unequivocal: No raises for lawmakers

Back-and-forth shows complexity of state lawmaker pay law

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The complexities of Illinois' legislator pay laws were on display again last week as the state's comptroller insisted in a video message that there will be no raises for lawmakers this year.

Comptroller Susana Mendoza, a Democrat and the state's chief fiscal officer, emphatically said in a one-minute YouTube video there would be "zero" raises for lawmakers despite claims to the contrary.

"By law, there is a (cost of living adjustment) in the budget every year," Mendoza said in the video. "But this year, the General Assembly voted to make the COLA zero, and I'm glad because it's the right thing to do, especially in the COVID-19 crisis that has really hit our state budget hard."

Mendoza should know, she said in the video, because she writes the checks in Illinois, and money not appropriated by the General Assembly cannot be spent. Sen. Andy Manar, D-Bunker Hill, said the same on the Senate floor, noting lawmakers intentionally appropriated zero dollars for raises this year.

Republicans, however, issued news releases and spoke on the floor May 23 claiming the budget included the automatic raises. The state GOP asserted on Twitter that one lawsuit from a "safe, entrenched legislator" could force the payment of the raises, which the comptroller has unequivocally denied she will pay.

While Mendoza made clear there would be no raises this year, the exchanges highlighted the fact that an ongoing legal challenge leaves much uncertain in terms of whether legislators can halt their own pay raises legally.

At the crux of the issue is a section in the state Constitution and an Illinois law dating back to 1990, which provides for automatic COLA increases of roughly 2 percent to 3 percent every year unless lawmakers act to stop them. In fiscal Year 2009 and thereafter, lawmakers routinely did just that by including language in a budget implementation bill prohibiting the COLAs.

Lawmakers did not include that language in a budget approved last May, which allowed for a roughly 2.4 percent raise to lawmaker base pay for the first time since 2008, bringing it to \$69,464 annually, not including stipends for legislative leaders and committee chairs and spokespersons.

This year, according to Mendoza and Manar, lawmakers went back to denying themselves a raise by specifically appropriating no money to pay for it. That approach is different than in years past, when lawmakers passed language prohibiting cost of living adjustments. The new approach was in large part a response to an ongoing lawsuit, which deemed the previous method unconstitutional.

"We wanted to say in a very clear voice that we do not want the COLAs funded," Manar said in a phone call.

"There's multiple places in a state budget where a COLA could be funded. And we took care of all of those things. And the final piece of that was putting a zero next to it, which is, I think, crystal clear what its intention is."

The lawsuit in question was filed against Mendoza by former Senators James Clayborne and Michael Noland, both Democrats, who claim it was unconstitutional for lawmakers to deny themselves pay in each of those years because the state's Constitution states "A member shall receive a salary and allowances as provided by law, but changes in the salary of a member shall not take effect during the term for which he has been elected."

According to a 2019 "Preface to Lawmaking" publication of the state's Legislative Research Unit, legislator pay was set by law until 1984, when the Compensation Review Act was enacted providing that a Compensation Review Board would make salary recommendations that would take effect automatically unless both houses of the General Assembly disapproved of them within 30 days.

The Board's 1990 recommendation provided for salaries to be adjusted for inflation each year thereafter, using the federal government's Employment Cost Index. While the Compensation Review Board was abolished in 2009, it was established that the 1990 plan—including automatic COLAs—would continue to be

law going forward.

But because the COLA freezes since 2009 took place mid-term for most lawmakers, they violate the Constitution, according to Noland and Clayborne, and the former lawmakers claim they are due back pay for the raises they were denied.

"Contrary to statements that have been made in the press, the comptroller can—and in fact is obligated to—make these payments regardless of whether the General Assembly has specifically appropriated money for this purpose," Michael Scotti III, the attorney for the former lawmakers, wrote in a letter to the comptroller last year.

A Cook County judge ruled in their favor last year, but the state has appealed the decision and neither lawmaker has received back pay. That case is likely to be appealed and challenged for years to come, according to the comptroller's office.

"I'm not going to predict what a court says," Manar said. "... But we're not going to cede our authority as appropriators to an unnamed judge in a case that hasn't even been filed."

After last year's raise went through, one first-term Republican senator filed a bill which he believes will abolish automatic COLAs without running afoul of the constitution.

Sen. Craig Wilcox, R-McHenry, said the latest exchange on lawmaker pay cause a rush of bipartisan support for a bill he has had sitting in the Senate's Assignments Committee since February. His Senate Bill 3607 would end cost of living adjustments starting in 2023 — the year after each of the state's lawmakers is scheduled to stand for reelection.

The date is important, he said, because it will be an action implemented after all lawmakers start a new term. Wilcox said he pursued the matter rather than taking part in the politicization of the COLA conversation.

"The point is this kind of negates the reason for Dems and Republicans fighting about words," he said in a phone call. "It fixes the issue constitutionally going forward."

Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton, D-Western Springs, is a co-sponsor on that measure. She said she was given assurances by budgeteers that there would be no raises in the budget, which is why she supported it. She also said she hoped Wilcox's measure or something like it would pass when lawmakers return for fall veto session in November or later.

"Our budgeteers were very clear on that," she said. "And that's why they didn't appropriate anything to the raises on the line item."



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Gael Brewbaker, left, celebrates a hole-in-one on May 29 with Sam Stoddard, of Woodbine Bend Golf Course and Restaurant. Brewbaker accomplished the feat on the second hole (red tees) from 124 yards out with his 8-iron into the wind. Pat Dillon witnessed the shot at the course located on East Center Road in Stockton.

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A state winner

Jo Daviess County Sheriff Kevin Turner presented Mickenzie Bass, daughter of Brian and Michelle Bass, of Apple River, with an Illinois Sheriffs' Association Scholarship for 2020-21. The ISA awarded more than \$58,000 in scholarships throughout the state. Bass is a 2020 graduate of Scales Mound High School. She plans to apply her scholarship toward a major in business administration.

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Groups award agriculture scholarships for 2020-21

The Jo Daviess County Extension and 4-H Foundation has announced the winners of the Norris and Bale college scholarship programs for the 2020-21 school year.

Ralph and Katherine Norris established funds in 1986 to provide scholarships for Jo Daviess County residents pursuing college degrees in agriculture or related fields.

Scholarships are awarded to individuals pursuing a two- or four-year degree program as a full-time student.

The foundation has named five winners, who will receive scholarships of \$1,000 each: Kailynn Martin, of Warren; Devin Koester, of Elizabeth; Allison Heller, of Stockton; Brian Holland, of Apple River; and Rhett Geisz, of Elizabeth.

Scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to Hannah Brudi, of Stockton, and Olivia Kepner, of Lena, who will be graduating in December

2020. Floyd and Alice Bale established funds in 1998 to provide scholarships for county residents studying agriculture or related fields in a two- or four-year degree program as a full-time student.

The two winners, who will receive scholarships of \$1,000 each, are Kailynn Martin, of Warren, and Cody Breuer, of Stockton.

For information about the Jo Daviess County Extension and 4-H Foundation, contact the University of Illinois Extension office at 815-858-2273.

The Jo Daviess County Dairy Herd Improvement Association Board of Directors has selected three winners of the DHIA college scholarship for 2020-21.

They are Hannah Brudi, of Stockton; Brian Holland, of Apple River; and Kailynn Martin, of Warren.

For more information about the

DHIA and its scholarship program, contact John Lawfer, of Kent.

The Jo Daviess County Home and Community Education Association has awarded three scholarships for 2020-21.

The selected winners are Allyssa Meade, of Stockton; Riley Wolter, of Hanover; and Jamie Eden, of Stockton. Scholarship winners are seniors who will be attending an accredited two- or four-year college.

For more information about HCE and its scholarship program, contact Alice Davis, of Galena.

The Dalgarn Family Scholarship was established in 2013 to recognize and support a student enrolling in a four-year institution who exhibits outstanding scholarship, leadership, compassion, hard work and tenacity.

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The recipients are:

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- The Mop Shop in Elizabeth
- Scales Mound Foundation
- Warren Food Pantry

"We are honored to join other com-

munity partners that have donated resources over the last several months," Holland added in the news release. "The strength of our communities in the midst of this crisis has been remarkable."

Apple River State Bank is located throughout Jo Daviess County in Apple River, Elizabeth, Hanover, Scales Mound, Warren and Galena (First Community Bank of Galena). The bank's first office in Wisconsin was opened late last year in Hazel

Green.

Apple River State Bank is a locally owned financial institution with its

entire management team and board of directors residing within Jo Daviess County.

Reese gets her degree from Iowa university

Noelle Reese, of Elizabeth, recently was one of the students to receive a degree from Mount Mercy University during a virtual commencement ceremony.

Reese graduated summa cum laude from the Catholic institution in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

• *Worship*

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U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

They still encourage limiting attendance and offering multiple small services instead of one large one.

They also encourage churches to thoroughly clean and disinfect their facilities, to practice physical distancing, avoid singing and group recitations and to discontinue serving

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• Recovery (Continued from page 10)

indoor dining, but Pritzker amended the Phase 3 plan to allow outdoor, socially distanced dining. Delivery, pick-up and drive-thru are still options.

All of the state's 5,000-plus child care providers not in operation will be advised to reopen. Pritzker said for the first four weeks that they are open, providers will be able to serve up to 10 children per classroom.

"Once they have provided care safely for four weeks and have gotten accustomed to the new health, social distancing and sanitation routines, they will be able to expand to larger group sizes, though not yet at their fully licensed capacity," he said.

Fitness clubs can also hold outdoor activities, as well as one-on-one training with an instructor so long as

public health department guidance is observed.

The General Assembly created a Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission to "participate in and provide input on plans to revive the various sectors of the state's economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic" when it convened for four days last week.

Because the commission "may request meetings be convened to address revitalization efforts for the various sectors of the state's economy," it is

unclear what level of input legislators will have on the governor's reopening plan.

Republicans, who long sought more input in that blueprint, called the newly created body "window dressing."

The next step after the "recovery" phase is "revitalization." Schools and other child care programs can reopen so long as social distancing is observed, restaurants can serve in-house diners and social gatherings will be limited to 50 people or fewer.

Framers of the plan anticipate at least a 28-day period before the state can progress into that phase, meaning no sooner than Friday, June 26.

Among the criteria for entering Phase 4 will be that COVID-19 testing is available to anyone who wants it, regardless of symptoms or risk factors; a contact tracing program must be in place; hospitalization rates must remain stable or decline; and the positivity rate must be below 20 percent for 14 consecutive days.

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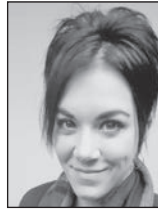
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Pritzker deploys Guard soldiers to Chicago

Governor, Chicago leaders draw line between protesters, looters

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

In the wake of violence, looting and arson that gripped the city of Chicago over the weekend, Gov. JB Pritzker said Sunday he has deployed 375 Illinois National Guard soldiers to aid the city's police department and other first responders in maintaining law and order.

The violence broke out Saturday night in Chicago and many other cities across the United States in response to the death in Minneapolis of George Floyd, an unarmed black man who died Monday, May 25, after being pinned to the ground for nearly nine minutes with a white police officer's knee on his neck.

During a news conference Sunday in Chicago, Pritzker stood with three of the state's most high-profile African-American leaders - Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton and Cook County State's Attorney Kimberly Foxx - to defend the rights of peaceful protesters while blaming the violence on organized outsiders.

"I also think it's important to recognize that for much of the day (Saturday), the protests here in Chicago were beautiful, massive and peaceful," Pritzker said. "That is as much a part of the story of what's happening in this city, in this country, as anything else. But late in the evening yesterday, the protests became about violence and damage, and that changes the conversation away from the terrible acts that took George Floyd's life, away from the insidious racism that we all have a role in addressing."

Lightfoot said she respects the people expressing their First Amendment right to free speech and that she has taken part in a number of protests herself over the years.

"But we also have an obligation to make sure that when there are elements amongst the protesters or others who join the fray that don't have respect for peaceful, nonviolent protests, but do have as their design the decision to bring hammers, shovels, bottles of urine, excrement, accelerants as we saw throughout yesterday and into the evening, we have an obligation also to protect life and liberty and property."

Lightfoot said it appeared to her that much of the looting that took place had been organized by people taking advantage of the chaos from the protests and that the FBI was investigating.

Stratton, meanwhile, urged calm on the part of protesters.

"Our angst must be expressed peacefully," the lieutenant governor said. "There is a message to be heard, and it should be heard loud and clearly. It should be heard without the distraction or disruption of the few who taint the goal

of the many."

Adjutant General Richard Neely said the soldiers being deployed to Chicago come from the 33rd Military Police Battalion based in Machesney Park, with companies in Springfield, Freeport and Fort Sheridan. He said the soldiers will serve a limited role in support of the Chicago Police Department and Illinois State Police to manage street closures.

Those deployments are in addition to deployments in recent days and weeks of National Guard troops to aid in flood-control projects along the Illinois River and to assist in COVID-19 testing at various sites around the state.

The violence Saturday in Chicago came as the city and the state were just emerging from a stay-at-home order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that had virtually shut down major segments of the state's economy. Most of Illinois entered the partial reopening phase on Friday, but the city of Chicago had delayed that move until today (June 3).

In preparation for the reopening, Lightfoot said, restaurants and other businesses that had been closed down for 10 weeks had made investments in patio furniture and other items to help them accommodate customers in an outdoor setting, and much of that was destroyed in Saturday night's violence.

"To see their hard work and their money and resources literally go up in flames, their property reduced to kindling, that's heart-breaking," Lightfoot said.

Cook County State's Attorney Kimberly Foxx, who was born and raised in Chicago's Cabrini Green neighborhood, described her feelings after watching the video of Floyd's death, saying it was "angering," and just another symptom of the racial disparities in much of American culture.

"What I remember feeling in that moment was the casualness of all of the things that we have experienced in this country that we were dealing with with COVID-19," she said. "The casual acceptance of racial disparities in health care. That when we looked at the work being done in the last few months to deal with this pandemic, and the news came out that African-Americans were disproportionately dying, and Latinos, the casual acceptance that that's what happens with underlying health conditions because the casual acceptance that we have people living in communities that don't have access to health care, and we just accept it."

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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.

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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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