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Emergency rules create fines for disregarding mask, capacity guidelines

Warnings, orders would precede any fines

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced Friday his administration would be filing a new emergency rule allowing health authorities to levy fines on establishments that flout masking and capacity guidelines.

The rules "would provide multiple opportunities for compliance" regarding facemask requirements and capacity limits, including attempts to "educate" and warn the establishment before an order is issued for some patrons to leave the premises.

If the establishment is still not in compliance after those steps are taken, health officials can levy a Class A misdemeanor charge and a fine ranging from \$75 to \$2,500.

Pritzker said all establishments in Illinois are beholden to capacity limits of 50 people or 50 percent of a building's maximum occupancy, and schools must limit the number of people in one space to 50 or less.

The Illinois Department of Public Health and local authorities will have power under the rule to "seek cooperation with businesses in COVID-19 related investigations," according to the governor.

The fines would apply to establishments, not individuals, and the governor's office noted the rules focus on businesses, schools and child care establishments.

"These rules are a common sense way to enforce mask requirements without jumping immediately to the extremely tough consequences that exist on the books today," Pritzker said at a news conference announcing the rules in Chicago. "They'll give local authorities a step-by-step guide on how to enforce masks and distancing and an opportunity to help businesses act in good faith."

He said the existing law allows for

license revocations, which would be more costly than the fines allowed in the new emergency rules.

Because they are emergency rules, they can only be in place for up to 150 days. The General Assembly's bipartisan Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, or JCAR, has the authority to review emergency rules, and would have to approve the rules if they are to be adopted long-term.

Try, try again

Pritzker's push for the new rules follows a similar attempt that failed before JCAR in May as the committee, after hours-long negotiations behind the scenes, appeared uninterested in imposing a fine structure for businesses that were already hurting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At that time, a lead Democrat from the committee said he planned to bring the proposed rule changes before the full General Assembly after the Pritzker administration withdrew the emergency rules amid the opposition. General Assembly action would have bypassed JCAR, enshrining the rules into law, but such a bill never came up for a vote in the abbreviated May session.

Pritzker suggested it would be different this time around, as the new version of the rule allows for education and warnings before the fine.

"What's different about this rule is it focuses on warnings, and then a fine," Pritzker said. "What's available to us in the (existing) law is only essentially a misdemeanor immediately as a solution to the problem. And that was something that JCAR did not want us to move forward with, and so we made alterations."

Pritzker made the announcement with various teachers' union representatives, a restaurant trade group president and elected officials

at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago.

Sam Toia, president of the Illinois Restaurant Association, said the measure is necessary so that the state does not enter another stay-at-home order or mandate other closures in the hospitality industry.

"If we want to stay on a steady path and keep our progress with reopening, it's up to every individual to work collectively toward a common goal," Toia said. "It's simple. If you choose not to adhere to public safety guidelines or house rules at businesses, your favorite restaurants, shops, bars, salons, hardware stores and more will pay

the price."

The governor also said the order will be important to enforcing mask requirements at schools.

"There are parents that are encouraging school boards in some areas of the state to open without masks. That is against the rules in the state of Illinois, and we now are giving the authority to county public health boards and county public health administrators to work with schools on improving those mitigations that they should have in place," he said.

Kathi Griffin, president of the Illinois Education Association teachers' union, said in order for

in-person learning to work, each district must develop a "practical, enforceable safety plan" following public health guidance.

"I ask you, please, wear face coverings. Maintain social distancing. Do the right thing for your family, for your neighbors, for your community, and most of all, for the over 2 million students in the state of Illinois," she said.

A trade group representing the state's retailers released a statement later Friday opposing the rule, noting that the virus is increasingly spreading at private parties.

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HCC reaches agreement with faculty negotiations

After a joint effort to reach an agreement, negotiations between Highland Community College and the faculty have come to terms on a new contract.

According to a news release last Thursday night, the new contract balances the needs of students, faculty and taxpayers while providing support and seeking to stabilize opportunities at Highland.

"Although negotiations were disrupted by COVID-19, the administration and board appreciate the faculty's efforts to complete the process via use of a remote platform, i.e. Zoom," HCC President Chris Kuberski said in the news release. "Like all institutions, we face many uncertainties going into the fall semester. Coming to an agreement on the faculty contract provides a bit more stability and demonstrates the collaborative effort that is prevalent at Highland."

The agreement was signed at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Aug. 6. Resolving these issues allows the faculty and administration to continue to focus solely on students' safety and educational needs this fall as the challenges of COVID-19 are met and undertaken.

"The faculty would like to thank our IFT representative, Chris Weaver, and the federal mediator for helping us get to this agreement," retired Highland instructor and faculty negotiations team co-chair Carol Wilhelms said. "Faculty are working hard to provide a high-quality education for their students and for Highland Community College during these challenging times. This agreement helps us do just that."

Highland Hospitality Management instructor Evan Talbert was the other co-chair for the faculty negotiations team.

Board of Directors Chairman Jim Endress said that the administration's confirmed commitment restates Highland's commitment to the faculty and to higher education for the greater good of the community.

"As a board, we understand the determination from staff and faculty to deliver education to students during the COVID-19 pandemic in a safe environment and effective format," Endress said. "Getting this joint agreement complete allows this group to look forward to fall and deliver quality education."



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Highland awarded an adult literacy grant

Spanish class for health care workers offered

Highland Community College has been awarded an adult literacy grant for \$76,825 from the Secretary of State/Illinois State Literacy office for the fiscal year 2021.

So, adult education students will be able to increase their reading, writing, math or English-language skills. This grant allows Highland to continue to impact the lives of recipients in areas such as citizenship, community participation, family life and work life.

"Receiving this money is a great blessing to Highland Community College's district," said Esther Mayer, coordinator, of literacy and ESL programs. "It will enable us to continue to provide tutors to assist adults with increasing their reading, writing, math or English-language skills. More than 60 individuals were

tutored this past year."

"As state librarian, I pledge my ongoing commitment to literacy efforts in Illinois," Jesse White said in a news release. "Thank you for working with me to ensure that Illinois residents have the skills necessary to reach their greatest potential."

The HCC Adult Education Department serves individuals who live in Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle and Stephenson counties who are looking for their GED or English as a Second Language classes.

Free classes are offered in various locations. For more information, call 815-599-3460.

Spanish class set

Highland also has announced it will hold a three-credit class on Spanish for health care professionals from Aug.

17 to Dec. 11 from 5 to 6:15 p.m. on Tuesdays (in person) and Thursdays (virtual) at 2998 W. Pearl City Road in Freeport. No prior knowledge of Spanish is needed.

This course is designed for health care workers who need to communicate effectively with Spanish-speaking patients and families with intensive practice with vocabulary, interviews and specialized, basic medical terminology used in the medical field.

Whether a student or already a health care provider in the field, this class is designed for them to be better prepared for patient care. A native Spanish-speaking instructor at HCC, who also will provide cross-cultural training, teaches the course.

To learn more, email cristina.szterensus@highland.edu. Register at highland.edu.

Ingram out as Teachers' Retirement System director

Leader of troubled pension system resigns after being put on administrative leave

By Peter Hancock

CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Richard Ingram, the long-serving executive director of the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System, resigned from that position last week after being placed on administrative leave.

In a brief statement, the TRS Board of Trustees said it voted unanimously on July 31 to place Ingram on administrative leave "due to performance issues covered by his employment contract." He then resigned on Aug. 3, effective immediately.

Stan Rupnik, chief investment officer at TRS, has been named interim director. The board said it will "conduct a thoughtful, thorough and vigorous national search" for a permanent director.

TRS did not immediately provide a copy of Ingram's contract, which Capitol News Illinois requested under the state's Freedom of Information Act.

According to the state comptroller's office, he had been receiving a salary of \$283,250 per year.

Ingram began his career at TRS in January 2011. Before that, according to his LinkedIn page, he was executive director of the New Hampshire Retirement System.

TRS manages retirement, disability and survivor benefits for more than 434,000 members, including teachers, administrators and other public school employees in Illinois outside of Chicago Public Schools.

With \$51.2 billion of assets under management, it ranks as the 37th largest pension system in the United States.

As of December 2019, however, TRS reported it was only 40-percent funded and it carried an "unfunded actuarial liability" of roughly \$78 billion. That's the current deficit between the system's assets and expected future earnings against the pension obligations it has already accrued.

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Bank awards scholarships to area 2020 graduates

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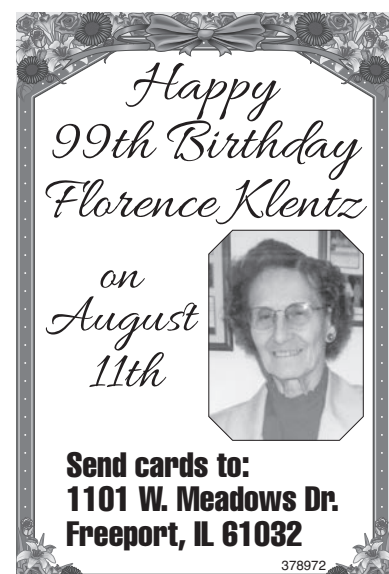
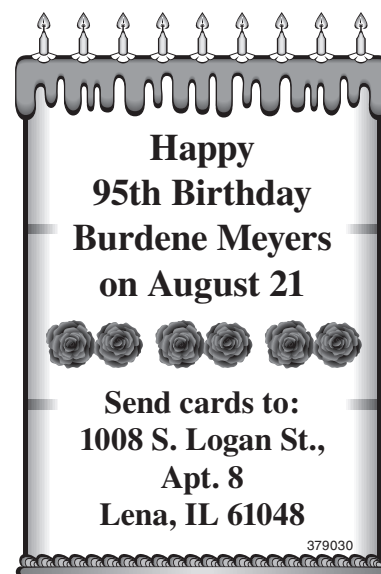
\$500 college scholarships to 12 area 2020 graduates who have displayed excellence in academic achievement, community service and extracurricular activities.

"We're honored to recognize these graduating seniors with scholarships this year," Citizens State Bank President and CEO Amy Baker said in a news release. "We know this

wasn't how they imagined finishing high school, but we're excited to see what success comes next for them and the rest of the 2020 graduates."

Samantha Kempel, Kierra Lynn Schulz, Nevaeh Roberts and Madilyn Schultz, all of Lena-Winslow High School; Kendra Scace and Elizabeth Eisfeller, of Stockton High School; and

Isabella Kostallari, of Pearl City High School were among the scholarship winners.





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Illinois Extension forestry research technician Kevin Rohling prepares to launch the drone for a test run as part of a project using aerial photography to survey forests for invasive plant species.

Research drone photos spot invasive species

University of Illinois Extension hunts for amur bush honeysuckle

The forests of Southern Illinois have a new friend in the fight against invasive species.

The University of Illinois Extension forestry program has taken to the skies to see if drones can be used to survey evidence of the invasive shrub amur bush honeysuckle.

"This is an exciting time for technological advances in natural resource conservation," says Kevin Rohling, Illinois Extension forestry research technician. "Drone technology is a game changer. It has the potential to drastically increase our ability to quickly detect and assess issues in Illinois forests without allocating a lot of resources."

Invasive insect, animal, plant and aquatic species threaten native populations, disrupt ecosystems, and cost the U.S. billions of dollars to manage. The most effective way to control invasive species is through a strategy of early detection and rapid response, says Nick Seaton who collaborated with the drone research in his role as project coordinator for the River to River Cooperative Weed Management Area. But manual surveys to find plants are time consuming and expensive, and invasives move fast.

The forestry team is determining if images captured by drones can quickly identify invasive infested areas. Extension foresters can then deliver advice and training to private landowners, managers, businesses, and nonprofits on how to treat and efficiently control further spread.

The research project took place

in Southern Illinois, a unique and biodiverse area. The region's patchwork of protected state and federal natural areas is home to 107 state threatened and endangered species that are jeopardized by invasive species.

"Invasive plants do not recognize political boundaries," Rohling says. "So private areas near the Shawnee National Forest managed with the aid of this technology will reduce seed sources that would otherwise contribute to the spread of bush honeysuckle."

Starting in 2018, the team organized more than 40 flights during spring and fall when the forest canopy was clear of leaves, but when the greenery of bush honeysuckle was still visible in the understory.

The forestry team collaborated with the River to River Cooperative Weed Management Area on the research, and funding was provided by the USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry.

The forestry team identifies its target site and sets up automated flights to take high-resolution photos. The images are combined into a mosaic of the forest canopy that is loaded into the mapping program ESRI ArcGIS for analysis.

Early results show that the drone surveys provide access to remote areas while saving time and resources, but there are limitations. The foresters were able to identify mature plants, but small or fire-damaged plants escaped detection, Rohling says.

Aerial surveys took less time than walking surveys, only two hours compared to more than 11; however, there is a narrow window of time to get photos.

"Timing is absolutely critical," Rohling says. "We're still working on improving that component."

Early fall flights photographed canopies still full of leaves, but invasive species had browned out in later flights. In the spring, early buds and leaves blocked the understory. And the drones can only fly when the weather cooperates.

Looking ahead, the team expects they can use drones to survey for other invasive plant species, but the potential for maintaining forest health doesn't stop there. They plan to find blooming chestnut trees and propagate them in other areas for agroforestry purposes. A student is also using the aerial images to identify new habitats for rare plant species.

"We're only now scratching the surface with drone technology," Rohling says. "For example, future projects could include very targeted herbicide applications that would save money as well as reduce environmental impacts."

Resources about invasive species in Illinois, including the guidebook *Management of Invasive Plants and Pests of Illinois*, information about Illinois' exotic weed act and species identification guides, are available on the Illinois Extension Forestry website at extension.illinois.edu/forestry/resources.

Downy mildew threatens basil crop in Illinois

Presence in northeast, east-central part of state increasing concerns

The presence of basil downy mildew in northeast and east-central Illinois is raising concern for commercial and home growers as temperatures begin to cool.

"Illinois has become one of the leading basil producers in the country," says Travis E. Cleveland, University of Illinois Extension crop science specialist. "With 600 acres in production, valued between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per acre, there's a lot at stake."

Basil downy mildew disease symptoms first appear as yellow areas on the tops of leaves. The undersides of leaves are covered with spores and dirt. Under magnification, the leaves appear to be covered in grey fuzz.

Basil downy mildew is caused by *Peronospora belbahri*, a fungal-like oomycete. The spores travel large distances by wind, and a few spores can quickly lead to a huge infestation.

The mildew flourishes in cooler, wet weather, making it more of a concern at the beginning and end of the growing season, Cleveland says. The disease progresses quickly, with affected leaves turning brown and falling from the plant. A plant can defoliate in a few days.

Mohammad Babadoost, an Illinois crop sciences professor specializing in vegetable crop diseases, has performed basil downy mildew fungicide trials since 2009.

"Because this pathogen is known to develop resistance to fungicides quickly, chemicals with different modes of action should be used," Cleveland says.

For commercial producers, there

are a few chemical fungicides that are effective, but require a pesticide applicator license and may need up to 17 applications per season.

Babadoost recommends alternating the following fungicide combinations at weekly intervals: Azoxystrobin, Cyazofamid, Revus 209SC. Illinois Extension provides additional information in its online Home, Yard and Garden newsletter.

The non-selective fungicide Chlorothalonil has shown to be somewhat effective and is available under numerous trade names to home gardeners.

"To treat an infestation, quickly remove and destroy any diseased plants," Cleveland says. "Because the pathogen needs moisture to thrive, reducing humidity and leaf wetness is important."

Increase planting distances, planting in areas of full sun and air movement, and watering at the base of the plant helps reduce moisture on or around the plant.

Several basil cultivars resistant to downy mildew have been recently released; however, even resistant basil plants can be infected in moist conditions.

Basil downy mildew is less virulent toward red or purple basil, which can be used as an alternative to the popular sweet basil, Babadoost says. Carefully inspect purchased plants at the nursery or garden store before bringing them home.

For more information, visit the University of Illinois Plant Clinic website at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/plantclinic/>.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

What a beautiful week we had; everyone got a chance to open windows. Unfortunately, the humidity returned, but it was hard to remember that it is still August.

This week's recipes have many different flavors, so enjoy making them.

The German side of my family loved Braunschweiger. In fact, my grandfather's favorite sandwich was Braunschweiger and onions on bread. I never could get past the smell; however, in an old cookbook I found this dip recipe using this sandwich spread. If you are up for a challenge, you can buy Braunschweiger in most grocery stores in the meat section.

Braunschweiger Dip

10 oz. Braunschweiger
1 C. sour cream
1 pkg. dry Lipton onion soup mix
½ T. Worcestershire sauce
Assorted crackers
Mix all above together well. Place in a small serving dish. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before serving. Serve with crackers. Refrigerate leftovers.

Cucumber Crunch Coleslaw

The name of this salad is misleading. When you see coleslaw, you usually think some kind of cabbage. Well, the slaw part of this salad is the julienned cucumbers.

This salad marries a lot of interesting flavors into a new kind of slaw.

Dressing:

1/3 C. olive oil
¼ C. white wine vinegar
1 T. minced fresh basil
1 T. limejuice
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
1½ t. minced fresh mint
1½ t. molasses
1 t. sugar
1 garlic clove, minced
¾ t. salt
¾ t. grated lime zest
½ t. pepper

Coleslaw:

3 English cucumbers, julienned
2 C. fresh baby spinach, coarsely chopped
1 C. snow peas, cut into ½ inch pieces
½ C. sliced almonds, toasted
1 C. dried cranberries
In a small bowl, combine the first 12 ingredients. In a large bowl, combine cucumbers, spinach, snow peas, almonds and cranberries. Just before serving, pour dressing over the salad and toss to coat.

Harvard Beets

Gardens are producing a lot of red beets. Some people like them boiled, roasted, grated for salads, pickled or steamed; these are the many ways you can fix them.

If you have never done anything with them, you should cut the tops off and peel them before starting to make them.

One of my mother's favorite ways to eat them was to make Harvard beets. I remember how beautiful they are with their shiny glaze. My father wouldn't eat a Harvard beet for any amount of money, but he loved them pickled. I think I mentioned before that he then liked hard-boiled eggs in the pickling juice. Here is an old-fashioned recipe for beets.

1 C. sliced fresh beets

Water
2 T. sugar
2 T. white vinegar
¾ t. flour
2 t. butter
¼ t. salt

Place beets in a small saucepan and cover with water and simmer; cover and cook until tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain, reserving 1 T. liquid and set beets aside. In same pan, combine sugar, white vinegar, flour and reserved liquid. Cook over low heat until thickened. Stir in beets and top with butter and salt. Simmer for 5 minutes.

Cheeseburger Meatloaf

I think one of the greatest comfort foods is meatloaf. I would not order it in a restaurant because I think I make a pretty good meatloaf at my house. I am always looking for different ways to serve it, and this one fills the bill. Enjoy a favorite comfort food in a different way.

1½ lbs. ground beef
1/3 C. breadcrumbs
1/3 C. finely chopped onion
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 egg yolk
1 t. salt
1 t. pepper
2 C. shredded cheddar cheese
½ C. ketchup
¼ C. packed brown sugar
2 t. yellow mustard

Preheat oven to 350. Line a 10-by-15-inch baking pan with foil. Spray with cooking spray. Mix together beef, breadcrumbs, onion, egg, egg yolk, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Pat meat mixture into a 10-by-12-inch rectangle on wax paper. Sprinkle cheese over meat, leaving ¾ inch border around the edges. Starting with a long end, roll up jellyroll style. Pinch the ends and seam together to enclose.

Transfer to prepared baking pan and bake 35 minutes. Stir together the ketchup, brown sugar and mustard in a small bowl and spread on meatloaf. Continue baking 25 minutes more or until an instant-read thermometer inserted in center registers 160. Tent lightly with foil and let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Southwest Chicken Parmesan and Rice

If you are looking for a different

chicken breast recipe with a little kick, you will enjoy this recipe. It is relatively easy even though there are a lot of ingredients.

1½ t. cumin, divided
1 pkt. Shake and Bake Extra Crispy seasoned coating mix
4 small boneless, skinless chicken breasts
½ C. long-grain white rice, uncooked
1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
½ C. thick and chunky salsa
½ C. Mexican Style, finely shredded four cheese
½ C. rinsed, canned red kidney beans
½ C. frozen corn, thawed
¼ C. loosely packed fresh cilantro, chopped
¼ C. vinaigrette dressing
2 t. limejuice

Preheat oven to 350. Mix 1 teaspoon cumin with coating mix before using to coat chicken as directed on package. Place chicken in single layer in an 8-inch square pan sprayed with cooking spray. Bake 20 to 21 minutes or until done (165).

Cook rice as directed on package, omitting salt. Mix tomato sauce, salsa and remaining cumin in a bowl until blended. Top each chicken breast with ¼ cup of the tomato sauce mixture and 2 T. cheese. Pour remaining tomato sauce mixture around chicken. Bake 5 minutes or until sauce is heated through and cheeses melted. Combine beans, corn, cilantro, dressing and lime in large bowl. Add cooked rice and mix lightly. Serve chicken on top of rice mixture.

Cherry Grunt

I guess I am into old recipes this week. In an old farmer's wife cookbook, I found a recipe for grunt. I did a little research on why any dessert was named grunt. The traditional grunt was made with blueberries. Basically it is a fruit with dumplings. Colonists named it grunt because the blueberries made a sound when they were bubbling under the dumplings. This recipe is really easy to make and really tasty, especially if you serve it with ice cream!

1 can (16 oz.) pitted tart red cherries, undrained
1½ C. water

¾ C. sugar, divided
¼ C. butter, divided
1 C. flour
1½ t. baking powder
Pinch of salt
1/3 C. 2 percent milk
½ t. vanilla

Place cherries and juice in a straight-sided skillet or Dutch oven along with water, ½ C. sugar and 2 T. butter. Simmer for 5 minutes.

In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, salt and remaining sugar. Cut in remaining butter with a pastry blender. Add milk and vanilla. Drop by teaspoonfuls over cherry mixture; cover and simmer until dumplings are cooked through, about 20 minutes.

Apricot Pecan Crumble

I don't bake a lot with apricots. I know I was always assigned to make apricot pies for the historical society bake sales at the Lions Fall Festival pork chop barbecue. I used canned apricots, and my good friend Margie Scholtz always told me to add dried apricots to the canned filling.

One of my mother's high school friends bought a piece of it and told me that my mother had taught me well. It was the best apricot pie she had ever eaten. I think she was being nice, but I thought it was good, too!

It was one of the first pies to sell out, so there are apricot lovers out there.

Back to this dessert. I don't give you a lot of apricot recipes, but this one is really good. This recipe uses fresh apricots and fresh peaches. The crumble uses pumpkin pie spice for flavoring. Enjoy the meshing of tastes that these two fruits bring.

1¼ C. firmly packed brown sugar, divided
¾ C. flour
1 t. cinnamon
6 T. cold butter, cubed
½ C. old-fashioned oats
½ chopped pecans
1 T. cornstarch
1 T. water
¾ t. pumpkin pie spice
½ t. ground ginger
5 C. sliced peeled fresh apricots
2 C. sliced peeled fresh peaches
Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 2½-quart baking dish with cooking spray. In a medium bowl, whisk

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MARILYN HOLMES

Marilyn Jean Holmes, 94, of Lena, died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020, at the Lena Living Center from natural causes. Marilyn was born July 20, 1926, in Freeport, the daughter of Ted and Mary (Ash) Mau. She graduated from Winslow High School and then attended the University of Dubuque in Dubuque, IA. On March 22, 1946, she married Wayne A. Holmes in Ames, Iowa.

Marilyn had many interests in her life, including playing golf and cards, reading, planting and tending to her flower gardens, cooking and baking for her family and friends and beautifully decorating her home for every holiday. Her pecan pie was a hit at many events. As an

accomplished pipe organist for 50 years, she thoroughly enjoyed playing the organ at the Lena United Methodist Church, where she was a member for 60-plus years.

Marilyn served as a dedicated employee of the Lena-Winslow School District as a secretary for 30 years. She was proud of the work she did there, serving the students and staff of the district for so many years.

One of the main loves of her life was taking care of many cats she had over her lifetime. Cats who found their way into her home were lucky indeed.

She is survived by her two daughters, Mary Anne (Carroll) Smith, of McConnell, and Deborah (George)

Mau, of Monroe, WI; grandchildren Samuel (Andrea) Kneiss, of Port Angeles, Washington, Jonathan (Andrea) Kneiss, of Oakdale, California, and Elizabeth (Eric) Wendt, of Byron, Illinois; seven great-grandchildren, Easton, Emma and Katelyn Kneiss, Mariella and Cameron Kneiss and Collin and Breeelan Wendt.

Her husband, Wayne Holmes, and parents Ted and Mary Mau preceded her in death.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private service was held Aug. 10 with burial at the Cedarville Cemetery in Cedarville, IL.

Memorials have been established in her name. Condolences may be sent to the family at leamonfh.com.

ROBERT BRANTHAVER

Robert C. Branthaver, 96, of Stockton, went home to meet his Lord on July 14, 2020, at Freeport, Illinois. He was born Oct. 31, 1923, in Freeport to Roy and Matilda (Hildebrandt) Branthaver. Robert married Rita Looney on June 8, 1946; she died March 1, 1990. He married Ethel Kerr on Dec. 10, 2005; she died March 4, 2010.

Robert attended Freeport schools and proudly served his country in WWII. He was employed as a meat cutter at Lee's Market for several years and later by the state of Illinois as a meat and poultry inspector until his retirement in 1990.

He was a devout member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton and lived his life with unwavering faith. Robert loved spending time with family and will be remembered fondly for his quick wit and keen sense of humor. He loved spending time in his backyard and enjoyed feeding birds and squirrels. Robert was known to have a song in his heart and would often sing special songs for his children and grandchildren.

Robert is survived by his brother Jim (Helen) Branthaver, of Poplar Grove; daughters Sharon (Jerry) Richmond, of Rockford, Mary Lynn



(Kevin) Trost, of Stockton, Kathy (LARRY) Broshous, of Stockton, Nancy (Steve) Olson, of Lena and Lisa (Kevin) Hunziker, of Ridott, and son Tom Branthaver (Randall

Viestenz); grandchildren Lynette (Mike) Bitner, Paula Mitchell, Adam (Sherry) Broshous, Sarah (Brandon) Sneek, Bobbie Trost (Derek Noll), Martin Trost, Grant Olson (Beth Johnson), Jake Olson, Haley (Scott) Kesler and Hannah Hunziker; 15 great-grandchildren; stepsons Richard (Shirley) Kerr, of Lena, and David Kerr, of Freeport; step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, spouses Rita and Ethel, brother William Branthaver, sister Mildred Hacker, grandson in-law Todd Mitchell and great grandson Oliver Broshous.

Visitation and funeral Mass were held July 20 at Holy Cross; burial followed at the church's cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established in Robert's name.

Weigh options carefully concerning dental veneers

By Dr. Stephen Petras
CONTRIBUTOR

It is important to discuss how you feel about your smile during a dental exam. If you have cosmetic imperfections that make you reluctant to smile, many options are available to give you the attractive, more confident smile you seek.

If you have internal staining that does not respond to whitening treatments, a small gap between your teeth, small chips, teeth that did not fully erupt or are worn down, dental veneers may be an option.

Dental veneers are "false fronts" or "masks" that are cemented onto your natural teeth to improve their shape and appearance. They can be made of either porcelain or composite resin.

To evaluate you for veneers, your dentist will perform a comprehensive exam, with x-rays, to evaluate if you are a candidate and which type will best meet your individual dental

needs.

He/she also will discuss the pros and cons of both types and what, if any, additional procedures may be needed.

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In addition, if your teeth have been worn away because you grind or clench them, a customized night guard will need to be created to prevent further damage to your teeth and your new veneers.

To make sure that the veneer looks like a natural tooth and not too bulky, porcelain and composite resin veneers require removal of some enamel. Therefore, you must take into account that both of these procedures are irreversible.

To keep your beautiful new smile, you must protect your veneers. Do not chew on ice or bite your nails, avoid foods that stain, perform daily oral hygiene with brushing and flossing and have regular dental exams with professional cleanings.

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



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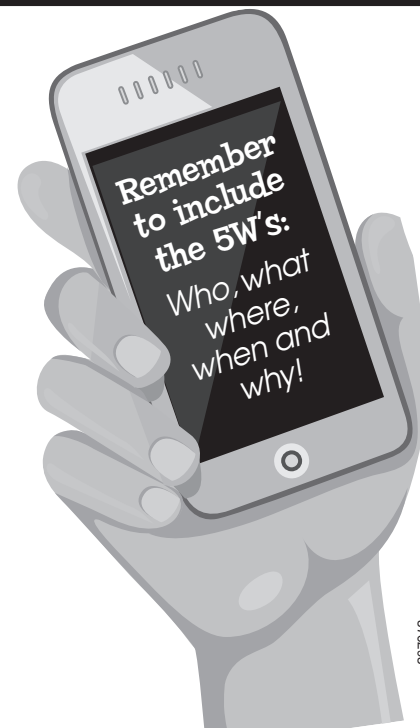
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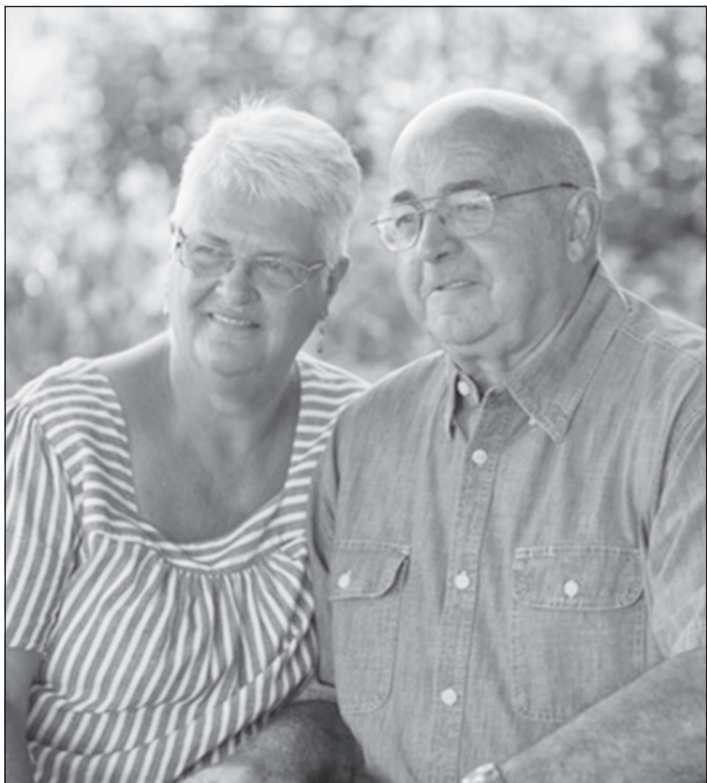


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Aid for struggling small businesses to start flowing

\$636M in Business Interruption Grants to help firms hit by COVID-19

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Financial aid is about to start flowing for Illinois businesses that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published emergency rules recently to implement the Business Interruption Grant program, or BIG.

Those rules took effect July 21 when they were submitted to the secretary of state's office.

State lawmakers authorized the program in the budget they approved during their special session in May. It will make \$636 million in federal CARES Act money available to small businesses that have been forced to close or that have seen a substantial loss of customer activity due to COVID-19.

"The Business Interruption Grant program, otherwise known as BIG, is a key component of Gov. Pritzker's comprehensive response to COVID-19 and the economic distress it's caused for Illinois businesses and communities," DCEO spokeswoman Lauren Huffman said in an email. "This historic \$636 million program will provide immediate relief for small businesses, which have experienced significant revenue

losses as a result of the ongoing pandemic, and focuses on businesses and communities hit hardest by the crisis."

The bill also provides that at least 30 percent of the money must go to businesses located in "disproportionately impacted areas," or DIAs, which are ZIP codes where there are high concentrations of low-income households and high rates of COVID-19.

Huffman also said that at least \$159 million in grants will go to entities located outside Chicago and the surrounding collar counties.

Although the application window for the first round of grants totaling \$60 million already has closed, the new rules enable the agency to begin processing those applications and awarding grants.

During the first round, priority is being given to small businesses located in DIAs. Specifically, \$20 million will be distributed to small businesses located in DIAs where there was property damage during recent civil unrest. Another \$20 million is set aside for bars and restaurants; \$10 million for barbershops and salons; and \$10 million for gyms and fitness centers.

Those businesses must have met certain income requirements during 2019. They also must have been in business for at least three months prior to March 2020 and have incurred at least \$10,000 in qualifying expenditures since March 21.

The BIG program also sets aside

\$270 million for licensed day care centers. An initial round of those grants are to be awarded by Sept. 30.

Those grants are being administered by the Department of Human Services and will be awarded to facilities that receive at least 25 percent of their revenue through the Child Care Assistance Program and whose operating capacity has been reduced due to group size restrictions imposed by the Department of

Children and Family Services to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus.

If funds allow, another round of grants will be awarded for the period Oct. 1 through Nov. 30, according to DCEO.

Grant awards may be used to cover operational costs such as staff wages and benefits, occupancy costs, materials, supplies and professional services that are eligible

for federal Coronavirus Relief Fund reimbursements and are not otherwise covered by another grant or loan program such as the Payroll Protection Program or other disaster relief programs.

More information about how to apply for the grants is available on the DCEO website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/Pages/C19DisadvantagedBusGrants.aspx>.

Pritzker warns of deep cuts without federal economic aid

Congress still debating whether to help states make up for lost revenue

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker said last week that Illinois faces the prospect of having to make deep spending cuts over the rest of the fiscal year if Congress does not pass an economic relief package that helps states make up for the massive loss in revenue they've seen since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I continue to do my part to make calls, to make sure that people understand that Republican-led states and Democratic-led states all have this challenge of revenues that fell off a cliff because of COVID-19," Pritzker said during a news conference in Springfield.

COVID-19 first appeared in Illinois in January and it quickly spread to all corners of the state, prompting Pritzker to issue a stay-at-home order that virtually shut down major segments of the economy. Similar economic restrictions were imposed in other states as well, although many were less

strict than those in Illinois.

As a result, base revenues flowing into state coffers fell during the fiscal year that ended June 30 by a little more than \$1.1 billion.

In May, state lawmakers passed a budget for the new fiscal year that began July 1. That budget was roughly \$5 billion out of balance compared to revenue estimates available at the time, but the plan was to fill in the gap by borrowing from the Federal Reserve and by passage of a proposed constitutional amendment to allow the state to levy a "graduated" income tax that would impose higher tax rates on higher levels of income.

The budget authorized borrowing roughly \$4.5 billion through the Federal Reserve's Municipal Liquidity Facility, something the Fed board approved earlier this year as a way to help state and large local governments make up for the loss of revenue they've seen.

In Illinois, the plan was to borrow that money and pay it back with aid that lawmakers expected Congress to approve.

Republicans in the General Assembly argued against that plan, saying it would be unwise to rely on short-term borrowing to balance the

budget, especially when it was still unknown what, if any, kind of relief package Congress would authorize in the future.

But Democrats argued that using the Federal Reserve's credit program was the best option available because it enabled the state to continue spending and spurring economic activity at a time when businesses and consumers couldn't.

Now, as negotiations between the Democratic-led U.S. House and Republican-led U.S. Senate have dragged on, many observers say it looks increasingly less likely that the next economic relief package will include aid to states.

Although the House has passed its own version of a relief package that includes about \$500 billion to help states make up for their lost revenue, the latest Senate proposal does not include such aid.

And as recently as July 23, U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told CNBC that, "the president is not going to bail out Chicago and New York and other states that prior to the coronavirus were mismanaged."

Without federal aid, however, Pritzker said Monday that there will be significant cuts and job layoffs in Illinois and throughout the country.

"But this is going to be up to the Congress. They're the ones who have the ability to help us and to help all 50 states with the challenge we all have. But there are going to be layoffs across the country, not just related to state government, but when you don't fund state and local governments you're going to see, and you've already seen to some degree, layoffs," Pritzker said.

"Not to mention those who provide services to state and local governments, private companies whose contracts no doubt will be put aside because the money isn't flowing, because we don't have the ability to balance the budget in the way that we had originally intended to."

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Mendoza warns of dangers ahead for Illinois budget

Comptroller says federal aid critical for state to survive pandemic

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS
Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza is adding her voice to those warning that the state will face dire consequences if the federal government does not approve an economic aid package for state and local governments.

“Without question, Illinois—and every other state, frankly—will need financial support from the federal government to bring much-needed stability back to state and local government,” Mendoza wrote in the latest edition of

her Fiscal Focus magazine, which she distributed in a news release last week. “Taxpayers, bond houses, businesses, human service providers, schools, and colleges and universities need to know that together we will pull through this unprecedented time.”

Mendoza, a Democrat who has served as comptroller since December 2016, noted that the state began the fiscal year on July 1 with a backlog of past-due bills totaling nearly \$5.4 billion. But that was only because the state borrowed \$1.2 billion from the

Federal Reserve’s Municipal Liquidity Facility—money that has to be paid back in its entirety, with 3.52-percent interest, during the current fiscal year that ends June 30, 2021.

She also noted that the state has borrowed another \$400 million from the state treasurer’s office and the state’s general revenue fund still owes about \$763 million that it borrowed from other funds in previous years, which has to be repaid in installments through 2024.

She said the total amount due in the

current fiscal year between borrowing from the Fed, the treasurer’s office and interfund borrowing is \$1.63 billion.

But as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to ravage Illinois and the rest of the country, revenues flowing into state coffers are expected to fall significantly. The state’s unemployment rate in June stood at 14.6 percent, and depending on how long the pandemic lasts, that could cut deeply into individual income tax and retail sales tax collections.

The budget that state lawmakers passed in May called for \$42.8 billion in general revenue fund spending. It also authorized spending the \$5.5 billion that the state expects to receive in federal CARES Act money—funds Congress approved in March to help pay for COVID-19 response and relief efforts which cannot be used to replace lost revenues.

Mendoza noted, however, that the budget was predicated on the idea that the state could borrow between \$5 billion and \$6.5 billion through various sources, including the Municipal Liquidity Facility, “depending on whether the federal government provides direct relief to states for revenue failures

as a result of the pandemic.”

Without the borrowing, Mendoza noted, lawmakers would have been faced with the prospect of making 35-percent cuts across the board.

“This would have been catastrophic to schools; public safety; and the medical, social, and human service programs upon which the state’s most vulnerable citizens rely,” she said.

But Mendoza also warned about the consequences of further short-term borrowing without a dedicated source of revenue to repay it.

“As Illinois considers the possibility of engaging in additional borrowing, it must be cautioned this is not ‘free money.’ It must be repaid,” she said. “Adding some \$6.5 billion in potential borrowing, especially with interest rates of more than 4 (percent), to the \$2.66 billion in short-term borrowing already owed would have consequences on Illinois’ financial outlook for years to come.”

Among those consequences, she said, would be another sharp spike in the state’s backlog of bills outside of the core payments for debt service, pensions, K-12 education, employee payroll, and social and human services.

Slices of life

We must keep going and find a new normal

My life, in general, is good. I can’t complain, nor should I.

Still, lately it’s felt like I am going through the motions: doing my daily tasks, completing my daily routine under a cloud, a dark and ominous cloud.

Summer has been good and relaxing and sunny. My family is well. Still the sunshine doesn’t feel as bright as usual. The days feel shadowed, somehow, by something – sadness, but not sadness. Dismay, perhaps, or fate or gloom.

It’s hard to explain, but easy at the same time. I can sum it up in one word: coronavirus.

COVID-19 has changed our daily lives – our individual lives and our lives as a nation.

I have always believed – and continue to believe – that I am privileged to have been born in the United States. And I’ve never feared for our future like I do now. In the last four months I have seen changes I never could have imagined. And so have you, so you understand.

What will the next four or five months bring to our country? No one can answer the question and that’s what keeps me up at night. I don’t want my granddaughter to grow up a place where the freedoms are significantly less than those that I grew up with.

I pray for the future. For my son starting college. For my daughter soon to give birth to her second child. For my sons and son-in-law who are unemployed because of COVID. For my granddaughter and soon-to-be grandson. For my dad who doesn’t understand what is happening or the concept of COVID. For everyone. For each of you reading this.

I don’t mean to be too heavy. I know each of us is living this reality of finding a new normal when much of our day doesn’t feel anything like normal. I know I am not alone.

Segue now to the positive. Mother Nature is nothing short of amazing.

A few days ago, I was sitting on my boat on the lake, feeling the COVID blues. The sun was shining brightly overhead, but I’m not sure I fully appreciated it. I had an insulated cup with ice and water so I was assured of a cool drink for hours. Anyone, under those conditions, should feel gratitude,



By **JILL PERTLER**
Contributor

there were three blue speckled eggs that all disappeared unexpectedly. We mourned for mom and dad finch. And then, a few days ago, we saw there were two new eggs in the nest. Our finches didn’t give up. In spite of adversity, they laid new eggs and are trying again.

I believe I have a lot to learn from birds.

The loons look after their young, even if they are not official family. The eagles nest high in the trees and hunt day and night to take care of their fledglings. The finches aren’t stymied by death of their first batch of eggs. They just keep going, and trying.

And so should we. We should keep going. And trying. We should hope and pray for the clouds to be lifted. Life will return to normal, even if it is a new normal. We will. We can. Let’s do this.

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not melancholy.

I’m certainly not proud of this admission. I’m only being honest.

And then, unexpectedly, up ahead on the lake were five loons. Five! Two adult couples and one baby, all floating together. We approached slowly and they didn’t dive, but remained swimming near the pontoon.

At this same moment, a bald eagle soared overhead. As quick as you can say, “Dive” the eagle did just that and came off the surface of the lake with a fresh fish in its talons. We watched as the eagle flew to its nest to feed its eaglets. Suddenly a sense of peace came over me.

When we returned from the lake, I checked on a small finch nest that is in one of our bushes. Earlier this summer

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• Fines (Continued from front page)

"This proposed rule lacks common sense and is a slap in the face to the thousands of retailers who have sacrificed so much during this pandemic while actively supporting ever-changing health and safety guidelines adopted by the state," Rob Karr, president and CEO of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said in a statement. "...If the goal is to put

public health above politics, the administration will amend the rule to focus enforcement efforts on individuals who are not complying instead of punishing and attempting to demonize innocent businesses."

Battery of retail workers

Pritzker also announced his signing of Senate Bill 471 Friday, a measure that amends the "aggravated

battery" section of law to include the crime of assaulting or battering a retail worker who is fulfilling duties such as relaying health care or safety guidelines. That includes enforcing face-covering policies.

The measure saw opposition in the General Assembly from some Democratic lawmakers who are opposed to all enhancements of criminal sentences.

Another portion of the bill extended a one-year recovery period by 60 days for eligible public employees – including firefighters and correctional officers – who are recovering from an on-the-job injury and their recovery is hindered, directly or indirectly, by COVID-19.

That bill also contained language that entitles employees of a horse

track that intends to become a combined track-casino, known as a "racino," to receive information about forming a union if the track is to receive a state license.

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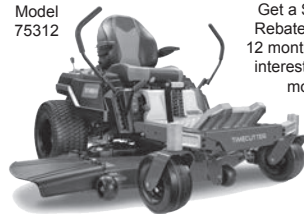


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'We are failing African-American students'

Data shows that Illinois moved backward in some equity metrics

By Raymon Troncoso
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The Illinois Board of Higher Education is preparing a strategic plan to make higher education in the state more equitable, which will be released for public scrutiny sometime between late December and early March of next year.

To inform the process —which starts in September— of crafting that plan, the board begins each meeting with presentations on equity. The first of these presentations was Aug. 4, with the topic being ethnic and racial equity in higher education.

"The story I will lay out today is not an uplifting one," IBHE Executive Director Ginger Ostro said. "On nearly every measure, we are failing our African-American students."

Based on data from the 2013 and 2018 American Community Survey, Black and Latino residents lag far behind their white peers in enrollment, retention, progression, placement in developmental education, access to early college, completion, attainment and earnings after college.

While enrollment among all racial groups dropped between 2013 and 2018, the drop was steeper for Black and Latino residents.

"As we look again over time, the proportion of the student population that is African-American has declined every year," Ostro said.

In 2013, non-Hispanic Black residents made up 14.2 percent of the Illinois population and 14.9 percent of undergraduates. By 2018, while they remained a steady proportion of the population, Black students fell to 12.7 percent of undergraduates.

For the 2017-2018 school year, Illinois public universities retained 62 percent of first-year African-American students to the following school year, compared to 82 percent of white students. When looking at the percentage of students that actually progressed to sophomore status in the 2018-2019 school year, the gap grew even larger. Only 28.6 percent of African-American students gained enough credit hours to be considered sophomores, compared to 63 percent of white students.

According to Ostro, the disparity starts even earlier, before students

even set foot on a college campus.

"African-American students are missing out on opportunities to earn credits or get exposure to college level work. And research shows that early college experience leads to higher levels of college enrollment and completion," she said.

The most recent graduating class of Illinois high school seniors was 15.4 percent Black, 24.4 percent Latino and 51.6 percent white. Yet in high school programs that give students a chance to get college credit early, Black students were heavily underrepresented.

In Advanced Placement courses — high school classes that give college credits — white and Latino students were participants proportional to their graduating class, while Black students made up only 9 percent of AP students.

In dual enrollment courses — college courses that high schoolers can take to receive credit at community colleges or equivalent institutions — Black and Latino students were heavily underrepresented, making up 9.2 and 17.7 percent of participants, respectively. White students were nearly 65 percent.

A number of factors could cause these outcomes, such as schools that serve predominantly African-American and Latino students not having AP and dual enrollment courses available.

Equity gaps persist even when students finish school.

White college graduates on average made almost \$5,000 more annually one year after graduating with a bachelor's degree than their Black peers with a similar level of education. After three years, the disparity grew larger.

A gap also exists between white and Latino college graduates, but it's significantly smaller on average, never reaching more than \$2,000.

"These gaps are well above the national average," Kayla Elliott, a senior policy analyst for higher education at the Education Trust, said at the meeting. "We know that for people of color, for Black Americans in particular, attending college and earning a degree from a public institution might be the most promising pathway toward economic security and upward social mobility."

According to Elliott, race-conscious policies, or those that take race and ethnicity into account, can help alleviate equity gaps. Policies that substitute other demographics such as income and zip code for race

have not been shown to close gaps in opportunity and outcome for Black and Latino students, she said.

In 2008, Advance Illinois, an independent public education policy organization, set the "60 by 25" goal: for 60 percent of adults in the state to have a post-secondary education

degree or equivalent credential by 2025. While the state is not on track to meet that goal, IBHE hopes with its upcoming strategic plan that Illinois will make great strides towards equity and higher-education attainment for all residents by 2025.

According to Ostro, future

presentations at IBHE board meetings will look at gender, income and geographic equity gaps.

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PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

The Property: The Elizabeth Community Fire Protection District (ECFPD) is upgrading its fire equipment therefore their 1988 Chevrolet C-70 Kodiak is being offered for sale. The truck has a top-mount pump with a 750-gallon tank and 1,000 gallon per minute pump. It has a 3208 Caterpillar engine with 250 hp. The truck has 20,700 miles and 600 hours. Vehicle is sold "AS IS" with no recourse against the ECFPD. While it is in very good condition with low hours, there are neither warranties nor representations as to condition or suitability for use.

Date and Time: Sealed bids will be received until 7:00 P.M. on Monday, September 21, 2020 at the Elizabeth Fire Department, corner of Catlin and Madison, P.O. Box 224, Elizabeth, IL 61028.

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Inspection of the Vehicle: By appointment only by contacting Fire Chief Andrew Nolan at (815) 238-2978.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal residents of the Township of Stockton in the County of JoDaviess and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL

MEETING of said Township will take place on **Tuesday, August 18, 2020** being the third Tuesday of said month. The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Township will be held at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. on said day at Stockton Village Hall and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Meeting Times, Financial Reports, Authorize Transfer of Funds.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2020.

SUSAN SCHAMBERGER
Town Clerk

(Published in The Scoop Today Aug. 12, 2020)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS -
GALENA, ILLINOIS
LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC;
Plaintiff,

vs.
LINDA A. HILKEY AKA
LINDA ANN HILKEY AKA
LINDA HILKEY; TIME
INVESTMENT COMPANY,
INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON RECORD
CLAIMANTS;

Defendants,
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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the office of James J. Nack, 106 North Main Street, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT 1 IN BLOCK 1 IN DORRANCE WELTER PLACE IN DUNLEITH TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 15, 1967, IN

PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 4-A. ALSO LOT 1 OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 1 IN DORRANCE WELTER PLACE IN DUNLEITH TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED ON OCTOBER 23, 1985 IN PLAN HOLD A, NO. 292. P.I.N. 05-000-120-06.

Commonly known as 9061 North Badger Road, East Dubuque, Illinois 61025.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. File Number F19070192 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3153822

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on August 7, 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: **MFF Customs**, located at **14871 E. Airport Rd., Kent, IL 61044.**

Dated: August 7, 2020
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HCC Foundation announces 2020-2021 scholarship recipients

The Highland Community College Foundation distributed approximately \$200,000 to students for the 2020-21 academic year with more than 1,284 applications, which is a 33 percent increase over last year.

The students submitting applications came from 27 area and three international high schools.

Scholarships were awarded to 198 individuals from 120 various scholarship funds.

More than \$8.5 million has been distributed to Highland students since the foundation was formed. The first scholarships were awarded in 1963 for a total of \$4,000.

Some scholarships are based on merit and financial need; others are awarded to students based on high school attendance and field of study.

These area students were among the scholarship recipients who were recognized:

• **Lena-Winslow High School:** Alec Bennett, James A. Davis Memorial Scholarship; Gabrielle C. Brinkmeier, Harold D. Walkup Scholarship; Gabrielle Brinkmeier, Harold D. Walkup Scholarship; Gabrielle Brinkmeier, Harold D. Walkup Scholarship; Rebecca Edler, Charlotte A. Zartman Scholarship; Duke and Bev Herrling Scholarship; Grace Fox, College Now (HCC Foundation); Krista Keene, Dr. and Mrs. Ozro Hill Scholarship; Megan Packard, Betty and Ray Stamm Scholarship; Felix Pontnack, Goodwill Industries Scholarship; Isabel Schoaf, Eduard Buss Business & Technology Scholarship; Philip Gordon Memorial Scholarship; Madilyn Schultz, Chris and JR Kuberski Scholarship;

Stephanie Zimmerman, Betty and Ray Stamm Scholarship, Leonard C. Ferguson Memorial Scholarship

• **Orangeville High School:** Mathew Barr, Hubert Kepner Memorial Scholarship Fund; Raegan Bass, Margaret and Clarence Mitchell Scholarship; Christine Ceroni, Leonard C. Ferguson Memorial Scholarship, Todd Engelkens Memorial Scholarship; Madison Cahoon, Dr. and Mrs. Ozro Hill Scholarship; Megan Davis, Cristina Lambert/Wagner House Alumni Scholarship, Philip Gordon Memorial Scholarship; Hanna Diffenderfer, Ellen Stadermann Community Service Scholarship; Grace Edler, Della Mae Coppennoll; Alyssa Ostendorf, Dr. and Mrs. Ozro Hill Scholarship

• **Pearl City High School:** Amanda Baldauf, Dr. & Mrs. Spencer K. Phillips Scholarship; Korissa Blasing, Leonard C. & Mildred F. Ferguson Foundation Nursing Scholarship, Women's Education Fund Scholarship; Tyra Clark, Eduard Buss Natural Science & Health Scholarship; Mackenzie Endress, Betty and Roger Dornink Memorial Scholarship; Zander Endress, Charles Endress Memorial Scholarship; Lydia Lott, Eduard Buss Humanities/Social Science Scholarship, Staseline Area Crime Stoppers; Sydney Monks, Fredrick and Alice Kirkman Memorial Scholarship; Alayna Palmer, H.G. Kable Memorial Scholarship; Madyson Stephan, (HCC Foundation)

• **River Ridge High School:** Dylan Landwer, Harold Lee Offenheiser Ecology-Biology Scholarship; Dalton Wachter, Harold Lee Offenheiser Ecology-Biology Scholarship,

Highland Chapter #108 of Pheasants Forever Scholarship, Whitetails Unlimited Scholarship

• **Scales Mound High School:** McKenna Peart, Eduard Buss Business & Technology Scholarship, R.C. Miller Agriculture Scholarship

• **Stockton High School:** Tyler Barch, Leonard C. Ferguson Memorial Scholarship, R.C. Miller Agriculture Scholarship, Haley Brudi, Ken and Marien Stein Scholarship, Becky Werner Memorial; Jamie Eden, Becky Werner Memorial; Nicholas Ege, Marjorie Kleckner Roberts Memorial Scholarship; Jennifer Hatfield, Cristina Lambert/Wagner House Alumni Scholarship, Raymond A. Klee Trustmark Scholarship; Rebecca Jacobs, Buss Natural Science Scholarship; Allison Kehl, Harlan and Jean Koberstein Scholarship, Leonard C. Ferguson Memorial Scholarship; Winston McPeck, Eduard Buss Business & Technology Scholarship; Zachary Newman, J. Rosemary Shockey Memorial Scholarship Fund; Cody Schultz, James A. Davis Memorial Scholarship; Rawley Schulz, H.G. Kable Memorial Scholarship; Hannah Smith, Dick and Irma Dittmar-Ames Memorial Scholarship, Leonard C. Ferguson Memorial Scholarship;

Abigail Weber, Della Mae Coppennoll; Abigail Weber, Della Mae Coppennoll; Brendan Westphal, Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship

• **Warren High School:** Autumn Flynn, Betty and Ray Stamm Scholarship;

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ILLINOIS
LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC;
Plaintiff,
vs.

LINDA A. HILKEY AKA LINDA ANN
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Defendants,

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• Kitchen

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together 1 C. brown sugar, flour and cinnamon. Using a pastry blender or two forks, cut in cold butter until mixture is crumbly. Stir in oats and pecans.

In a large bowl, whisk together cornstarch, 1 T. water and spices until smooth. Add the apricots and peaches. Spoon into prepared pan. Using your hands, press brown sugar mixture into small clumps on top of apricot mixture. Bake until golden brown and bubbly, 30 to 40 minutes. Let cool for at least 30 minutes before serving.

Closing thoughts

The debate rages on about whether we should have in-person school or online learning. The best scenario would be that we could all go back to school safely. One of my former students has two children with many health problems and compromised immune systems, so she decided to home school. She had to quit one of her jobs to do this, but her decision is one based on what is best for her family. I know many conflicted parents, and I feel so sorry that they have to face these tough decisions.

We do have some baseball back; how long that lasts is up in the air. There are other sports starting again after the forced stay-at-home orders, and I know football fans are waiting to see what is up and basketball and hockey fans watch the ball and puck drop.

We don't seem to be gaining much ground in the fight against this disease. Perhaps this is the new normal and we just have to live with it. It is hard to have a dark cloud hanging over your every move.

On a more positive note, I got fresh peaches. They are sitting on my counter to ripen. I had my first fresh lettuce, crunchy bacon and ripe tomato BLT last week. I guess we need to savor the little things in life. Keep the faith and keep safe.

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

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From the Northern Hills with Annette Eggers

With everything going on this year, it's pretty easy to get frustrated and upset. So let's talk about being thankful. With that said, I'm going to talk about five reasons to be thankful for agriculture.

5. The food on our tables. All year long we have a plentiful food supply because of our farmers.

4. Abundant choices. Because there's local, organic, conventional and all natural, grain-finished, grass-finished and more. Each aisle offers something different for us to choose from.

3. Freedom. To be anything we want - teachers, doctors, lawyers or musicians. Whatever we are passionate about. Because just 2 percent of the population chooses to work the land.

2. Jobs. Jobs. And more jobs. One in seven working Americans have a job related to agriculture.

1. Meaningful relationships. Certainly agriculture has brought me a lot of relationships. With farmers, friends and neighbors, my farm bureau colleagues and so many more. Agriculture brings us together wherever we are.

• Thank you to everyone who ordered peaches this year. We took a record number of orders, but for those of you who have ordered in the past, you know how delicious they



By **ANNETTE EGGERS**
Contributor

are!

• A couple of people have asked me recently if we still collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City. The simple answer is, yes. We are happy to support a worthwhile cause that has benefited people from our area.

If you have pop tabs that you would like to donate, please drop them off in any kind of container to the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau office weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Did you know that you don't need to be a farmer to be a farm bureau member? Give me a call and I can tell you to become a member.

You can take advantage of the many membership benefits that the Illinois and Jo Daviess County farm bureaus have to offer. You also can go online to www.ilfb.org/membership/join/.

Farm Fun Fact: One bushel of wheat yields about 42 pounds of white flour.

Photo challenge moves to Buehler Preserve

The Jo Daviess Conservation Frame Your Family photo challenge currently is located at the Buehler Preserve just down from the Meeker Street footbridge in downtown Galena and will remain there until Aug. 17.

Buehler is a destination for area dog owners and bird watchers due to its location at the south end of the Galena River Trail.

Dogs on leashes are welcome. The preserve is open daily from dawn to dusk.

In the contest, a large, wooden frame has been placed somewhere on each of the foundation's six public preserves for a period of two weeks. Families find the frame, take a group selfie with it, upload the photo to Facebook and tag JDCF.

Those framing their families at three of the six preserves will be given a one-year membership to the JDCF.

For more information, visit www.jdcf.org or contact Jess Hepker at 815-858-9100.

Letter to the editor

Asking, but not getting answers to questions

I am writing as a property owner at Apple Canyon Lake experiencing a problem with our Home Owners Association Board.

In 2002, the HOA board made the decision to allow more than 550 Apple Canyon Lake boat docks to be permanently attached to private homes.

That means only 193 boat docks are available for the rest of the more than 2,000 house/property owners.

Currently there are 300 names on that list, and those waiting patiently may want to add the names of their grandchildren on it as well, given the amount of dock availability compared to the number of people interested in leasing a dock.

As if that information isn't concerning enough, over 2,500 home/lot owners at the lake are forced to pay dock maintenance on those 506 docks that we can never use. Nor do we receive the automatic \$20,000 to \$30,000 bump in our home-sale price because we don't have a grandfathered dock to sell along with our house.

After a flood in the fall of 2017, many docks (along with a number of boats) were destroyed or washed away, forcing an enormous expenditure of HOA funds to repair/replace all those docks, even those controlled by private homeowners.

Currently, I am completing an

FOIA request to discover exactly how much of our HOA dues were used in that instant to repair what is, for all intents and purposes, private property.

This is an unethical use of HOA funds and I have requested a response to this situation from the Apple Canyon HOA board. I have also submitted a second request for a response after hearing nothing for over a month.

I am hoping that while the current board members refuse to contact me after my letters, perhaps seeing this editorial will encourage them to provide me with a response.

*Donna Corso,
Apple River*

Church to offer drive-thru communion

Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church will host a drive-thru service from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16.

There will be an opening prayer, the Rev. Chuck Wolbers will distribute the elements for communion and then attendees will be given a snack and a devotion to take home with them.

Participants are asked to wear masks/face coverings. Churchgoers are asked to enter the parking lot on Benton Street in front of the church.

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