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## Night hike lights the way to family fun

Free event is Jan. 23

Area residents are invited to get outside and enjoy an open hike night at the Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve on Saturday, Jan. 23.

The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the reserve, 870 S. Pilot Knob Road, Galena. The reserve is a property of the Jo Daviess Conservation Association.

Luminarias will light the trails leading to the Thunderbird effigy mound, the Galena Rotary Pavilion

and the new story walk for children, according to a JDCF news release.

"While we won't be gathering around a bonfire to share stories and treats in order to comply with state of Illinois' COVID-19 restrictions, this is still a great opportunity to get the family outside to enjoy Casper Bluff after hours, as this is one of the few times the preserve is open at night," the release said.

Admission is free, with donations to JDCF gladly accepted. Masks will be required in the parking lot and the

event is limited to groups of 10 or fewer.

A snow date is set for Jan. 30.

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is a local nonprofit whose mission is to preserve land for the lasting well-being of people and wildlife. The foundation owns several preserves that are open to the public for hiking, wildlife viewing and picnicking.

For more information, go online to [jdcf.org](http://jdcf.org) or visit the office at 126 N. Main St., Elizabeth.



JUSTIN L. FOWLER/STATE JOURNAL-REGISTER/VIA CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS *Shopper's Guide*

**Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, takes the Oath of Office to become the House speaker for the 102nd General Assembly for the Illinois House of Representatives on Wednesday at the Bank of Springfield Center.**

## Welch makes history as first Black Illinois House speaker

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch made history Jan. 13 by becoming the first Black person elected speaker of the Illinois House, succeeding Rep. Michael Madigan, who leaves the job after serving for 36 of the past 38 years.

The House came into session the afternoon of Jan. 13 to begin the 102nd General Assembly just moments after it adjourned a rare lame duck session that ended the 101st biennial session.

Speaking on the floor of the Bank of Springfield Center — where the House has been meeting to allow for social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic — the Hillside Democrat issued a call for unity, vowing that he would no longer refer to other House members as "Democrats" or "Republicans."

"Today will be the last time I talk about us as Democrats or Republi-

cans because I want to talk about us being united," Welch said in his inaugural speech. "We're going to work together to move this state forward."

Welch was elected speaker by a vote of 70-44 over House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs. And while Durkin opened his remarks by saying he was "extending an olive branch of cooperation, starting today," he then launched a verbal polemic against Madigan, who is leaving the speaker's office amid a cloud of corruption allegations.

"While his reign as speaker is all but over, his decades in power will never be erased," Durkin said. "What we have here through this unique and rare opportunity is the ability to break from the past, to break that business model, because they are as apparent as the masks on our face."

Last summer, Durkin initiated the

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PHOTO BY KEVIN SCHUCHMANN *Shopper's Guide*

The sun sets at Casper Bluff near Galena. An open hike night is set for Saturday, Jan. 23, at Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve. The free event is open to the public in groups of 10 or fewer.

## Health officials answer vaccine questions

The Stephenson County Health Department and FHN are working together to coordinate vaccination efforts for COVID-19 in Stephenson and Carroll counties. In order to keep the public up to date, officials recently offered these answers to commonly asked questions.

**Q: When can I get a vaccination?**

A. That depends on which of the identified phases from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as interpreted by your state and county, you fall into and the availability of the vaccine.

**Q. What are the phases identified by the CDC?**

A. The phases describe groups of people based on potential vulnerabil-

ity to COVID-19 and/or exposure to others who already have or may have the disease.

**Q. Who is getting it now?**

A. The first phase to receive the vaccine nationwide is health care workers. It is up to states and individual county health departments to provide the vaccine. Only county health departments can receive the vaccine and the number of doses is determined by the states; this is not like annual flu shot vaccines that are ordered by health care organizations and other places that vaccinate the public, like drug stores or grocery store pharmacies. For the vaccination of first-phase health care workers, once a county health department receives a shipment of vaccine, they let

health care organizations know how much is available and then the health care organizations themselves define which workers this includes and in what order, based on staff vulnerability and patient interactions. Because county health departments receive vaccine as it becomes available, no counties have enough initially for the whole population of the county.

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# VIEWPOINT

In my opinion

## Let's leave redistricting to technology rather than politicians

The dance of democracy continues in 2021 with the once-a-decade ritual of drawing new state legislative and congressional district lines in Illinois and across the nation. In two-thirds of the states, including Illinois, the legislators themselves draw the lines. This means the party in power draws maps that favor incumbents and enhances its partisan control.

This is done rather simply by "cracking" (breaking apart) pockets of opposition party strength or, conversely, by "packing" (concentrating) a party's voters so as to limit the numbers of districts the opposition can win.

A couple of election cycles ago, a friend of mine tallied the total number of votes across Illinois for Democratic and Republican House candidates, respectively. He found that Democrats received 50 percent of the total vote, yet won 60 percent of the legislative seats. (That is what is called "gerrymandering," in honor of Massachusetts Governor Elbridge



By **JIM NOWLAN**

Gerry, who in the early Republic drew a district, favorable to his allies, that looked like a mythical, contorted salamander.)

But this year can be different, as I explain below.

In 2001 and 2011, Democratic House Speaker Mike Madigan controlled the process and drew maps that were laughingly unconstitutional. The Illinois Constitution clearly states that districts shall be compact and equal in population. However, the 2011 map for the Illinois Legislature includes districts that are stringy,

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## Slices of life

### When I wasn't looking: Snapshots say it all

It's been nearly two months and I still keep his phone charged. I check it each morning. We didn't share the same thumbprint, but I knew his password, as he did mine. It was like that between us. We shared almost everything.

I know taking his phone off the account would save me money, but somehow it doesn't feel right quite yet — to disconnect him. It feels too much like disconnecting with him and I'll never be ready for that.

We always used to share a charging cord. Still do. I charge at night and then plug him in during the day.

Early this morning, sleep was elusive, as it often is right now. I went downstairs to check his phone and decided to bring it upstairs with me. I haven't been able to peruse his phone, other than to check news notifications. So far, it's felt too raw. Too painful.

But something about this morning was different; I clicked on the photos icon. And I scrolled through.

The last photo he took was of a piece of pumpkin pie that tasted



By **JILL PERTLER**

Contributor

especially good to him when he was in the hospital. It was dated Oct. 4. He passed away Nov. 16.

Ever since he got his first smartphone, he's been the family photographer. He relished in it. Sometimes we giggled at his huge appetite for taking photos, but we went along with his wishes. He was so giddy and innocent and kid-like about it. We sometimes thought it was overboard, but we indulged him.

I'm so glad we did.

As I scrolled through, there were lots of photos of fun family times, at home and at the lake. There were lake views, holiday pics and restaurant photos, you know, the usual.

I knew he loved taking photos

of us and over time I learned to smile patiently whenever we went to a restaurant and he made a big to-do about getting up and taking my picture. In one of my favorites, I'm sitting at a table with a mirrored wall behind me so the photo features not only me, but his mirrored image holding the camera.

Of course he took photos of our granddaughter. In one video, he and I were at the fleet supply store; it must have been in the spring because they had baby chicks and ducks. The video starts out with my face, full frame. He narrates. "Here I am with Grammy at the store and we found some baby chicks." Then he pans to the metal bins holding the tiny birds. As he videoed, he encouraged our granddaughter to ask her mommy for a pet ducky.

It was all fun, of course. We had a lot of fun. I miss that. I miss that a lot. We were so darn cute together.

As I continued scrolling, there were other memories, moments in time, I didn't expect to see.

He took photo, after photo, after photo — of me. Many of them were taken without my even knowing.

What I didn't understand then, but do now, is when I wasn't paying attention, when I wasn't smiling or even looking at the camera, he was still capturing moments in time. He was still capturing me.

He took countless pictures of me sitting on the boat, staring at the water. Many don't include my face, but the back of my head. He captured my profile at sunset. He caught me with my feet up, eyes closed and sunbathing. Whenever he had a moment and thought about his camera and it was just the two of us, he took a photo of me.

From my perspective, this demonstrates an undying, true and beautiful love. He could have taken

### Thank You

We were truly blessed and humbled by the many cards, the delicious food, the beautiful floral tributes, and the memorials which were given to our family at the loss of our "Big Bob".

Special thanks to Pastor Miho, Drs. Khan and Tawfik, the staff at Lena Living Center as well as FHN Hospice. We truly appreciate the kindness and care you have given us as we celebrated the life of a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and good friend.

The Family of Robert Lyvers

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### Lois (Keltner) Wiele

The family of Lois Wiele would like to thank everyone for the love and support shown to us after the loss of our loved one. Thank you to the Lena Living Center for their care for mom for the past year, and FHN Hospice for their care the last few days of her life. We could not have asked for a more fitting celebration of Lois, so thanks to Rev. Rick Bader, David Offermann, Lisa Stich, Scott Stich and Adelynn Anderson. To those that gave to her memorial and showered us with flowers, we thank you. We greatly appreciated the warm thoughts expressed in your sympathy cards. Due to the generosity of all, we are able to make a donation to the following in Lois's name:

- St. John's Lutheran Church of Lena
- Lena Fire Department
- FHN Hospice
- Lena Winslow Theater Department

Lois will be forever missed, but we know that she will live on in the hearts of all who shared our grief at this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Sue Anderson, Dave Wiele and Families

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Thank you for all the beautiful cards I received for my 90th Birthday!

Dorothy Montgomery

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Help us celebrate the 90th birthday of LaVerne Kampmeier on January 30!

LaVerne Kampmeier  
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# Obituaries

## GEORGE W. MATZ

George W. Matz, 100 years young, of Lena, Illinois, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 11, 2021. George was born in Madison, South Dakota, to Gotthart and Augusta Matz on Sept. 30, 1920.

He grew up in Dell Rapids, South Dakota, graduating in 1940. He enlisted in the Army in 1941, serving as a medic in World War II in both Africa and Italy until 1944. He married Edna Johnson on Sept. 6, 1947, in Jackson, Michigan. She preceded him in death in 2018.

After returning from World War II, he attended South Dakota State College in Brookings, earning his bachelor of science in 1948 and began his teaching career. He later went on to earn his master of science from Bemidji State College in 1960. He taught in multiple states, including North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota, and finished his teaching career at Freeport Junior High School as the head of the science department. After leaving teaching, he spent the rest of



his professional career working at the State Bank in Freeport.

After retirement, George and Edna moved to Height-of-Land Lake, Minnesota, and later Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. In 2007, they returned to Illinois and relocated to Lena. George was a lifetime member of the Freeport Masons. He also was a member of the Minnesota Legion and Harmony United Methodist Church in Freeport, Illinois. George enjoyed gardening, watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's school events and spending time with his family.

George is survived by his four children, James (Addie Dog) Matz of Culpeper, Virginia, Judy (late Chuck) Webster of Lena, Don (Carolyn) Matz of Warren, Minnesota, and Jeff (Sue)

Matz of Freeport; grandchildren, Jeremy (Stephanie) Matz, of McConnell, Illinois, Melissa (Shayne) Campbell of Lena, Josh (Nikki) Matz of Freeport, Katye (Jacob Phelps) of Granbury, Texas, Marcus (Kelsie) Matz of Maple Grove, Minnesota, Scott (Jill) Webster of Freeport and Aaron (Kris Dehaven) Webster of Freeport; 13 great-grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna; son-in-law, Chuck Webster; parents, Gotthart and Augusta Matz; and seven siblings, William, Leo, Art, Freida, Leona, Arnie and Donnie.

A visitation and funeral services were held Jan. 14, 2021, at Harmony United Methodist Church in Freeport.

Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport. Pastor Eddie Eddy will officiate the services.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## IOLA E. VOSS

Iola E. Voss, age 94, of Pearl City, Illinois, passed away Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021, at Liberty Village in Freeport. She was born Sept. 6, 1926, in Rock Grove, Illinois, to the late Harrison and Mary (Clarno) Lausch. Iola married Kenneth Voss on March 9, 1952, in Orangeville, Illinois. Kenneth passed away on Dec. 7, 1996.

Iola was a 1945 graduate of Orangeville High School. She was a member of Pearl City United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She had farmed alongside her husband until they retired in 1980 and moved to Pearl City; she then worked for Liebenstein's Market in Pearl City for 15 years. She was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Iola enjoyed working in her vegetable and flower gardens, canning, baking, cooking and raising chickens for eggs and meat. She also loved to play bingo and watch her grandchildren's sporting events.

She is survived by her sons, Melvin (Jan) Voss of Pearl City and their children, Kimberly (Jayson) Williams, Brianne (Jay) Freedlund and Blake



(DeAnne) Voss, and Merlyn (Sheri) Voss of Kent; her daughters, Linda (Larry) Johnson of Pearl City and their children, Shane (Amy) Johnson and Darci (Justin) Keeling; Connie

(Ralph) Drane of Pearl City and their children, Becky (Aaron) Mueller, Kelly (Wes) Coker, Andrea (Brian) Peight and Stacy (Corey) McKee; Karen (Rick) Aurand of Pearl City and their children, Chris (Rob) Knoup, Tim (Colleen) Aurand and Tammy (Joe) Stephan; Michele (Scott) Sturtevant of Hudson, Wisconsin, and their chil-

dren, Heather (Marco) Graff and Justin (Carissa) Sturtevant; her 36 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her two granddaughters, Kristin Sturtevant and Ashley Johnson; her two brothers and three sisters; and her special nephew, John French.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff at Liberty Village, especially Garden Court, for their love and care and to FHN Hospice for their wonderful, gentle care.

Private family services will be held. Interment will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

## DELORES J. KUHLEMEIER

Delores J. Kuhlemeier, 86, entered her heavenly home on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020, at Pearl Pavilion. She was born in Freeport on Oct. 6, 1934, the daughter of Irvin and Irma (Koester) Kuhlemeier.

Her favorite activity was painting/coloring. She enjoyed shopping, going out to eat and family gatherings.

She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Johnson, of Stockton; and her brother, Roger Kuhlemeier of Freeport. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

Private arrangements are being made at Walker Mortuary. Interment will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport. Condolences may be shared at [www.walker-mortuary.com](http://www.walker-mortuary.com).



## MARI LYNN WHITE

Mari Lynn White, age 76, of Freeport, Illinois, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, Illinois. She was born July 31, 1944, in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, the daughter of Ellsworth "Ike" and Margaret (Buske) Haight. She was a 1962 graduate of Stockton High School.

Mari Lynn worked for Structo for 23 years. She also worked at the Stephenson Nursing Center, Burgess Battery and MicroSwitch. She enjoyed shopping, going to craft shows and collecting knick-knacks. Most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons, Troy White and Jamie (Cyndie) White,



both of Freeport; grandchildren, Jessica, Katie, Alicia, Alex, Jacob and Kelsey; great-grandchildren, Faith, Camden, Savannah, Carter, Riley, Rylynn, Kash and Addison; brother, Robert (Rhodora) Haight of Florida; and sister, Pat Werkheiser of Freeport. She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Trent; sister, Carole Suess; and brother-in-law, Dean Werkheiser.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

## JOHN M. SCHULTZ

John M. Schultz, 83, passed away Jan. 15, 2021, at his home in rural Gratiot, Wisconsin. John was born Oct. 19, 1937, the son of Chester T. and Beulah Belle (Clayton) Schultz. He was born in rural Warren, Illinois, the 12th of 12 children. John and Nancy Kohl were married July 26, 1957, in Orangeville, Illinois. He farmed all his life, for the last 55 years in Gratiot. He loved John Deere machinery, Ford trucks and farming.

John is survived by his wife, Nancy, of 63 years; daughter, Karen (Bob) McConaghy and her family of Phoenix; two sisters-in-law, Shirley Drake of Folsom, California, and Kathy (Bill) Greenwood of Okemos, Michigan; brother-in-law, Dave Wyss of Monroe, Wisconsin; special friend, Davie Kieler, and many others, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Delbert, Dale, Robert, Frederick and Sam Schultz; six sisters, Mae Trost, Ermadel Stietz, Jean Jones, Betty Cannova,



Mary Lou Price and Ann Kraft; sister-in-law, Joan Wyss; and nieces and nephews, Vicki Fernstead, Lynn Wyss, Staci Markham, Stanley Schultz, Shelly Jones, Roy Stietz and

Greg Klentz.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

A visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of services on Jan. 20 at the funeral home.

Burial will be Elmwood Cemetery in Warren.

Pastor Roger Bronkema will officiate the services.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Homeless Prevention/Housing Stability Assistance

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding through DCEO CSBG Program and DHS Homeless Prevention Program to assist families in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties who are in danger of becoming homeless or are homeless due to a recent financial crisis affecting their ability to pay housing costs including the COVID-19 Pandemic crisis.

Have you experienced one of the following crisis conditions:

- COVID-19 related loss of employment or reduction in work hours
- Loss of Employment or substantial reduction in work hours
- Current Medical Disability or Emergency
- Loss or Delay of some form of Public Benefit
- Natural Disaster
- Substantial Change in Household Composition
- Illegal Action by a Landlord
- Displacement by a Government or Private Action
- Some other condition which constitutes a hardship comparable to the ones listed above

You may be eligible for assistance if you:

- Can provide documentation of your financial crisis condition

Documents that are required to apply:

- Proof of Social Security numbers for all members of the household
- Proof of all income for all members of the household for the 30 days prior to the application date
- Current Benefit letter for household members receiving SSA, SSI or SSD income
- Copies of your current utility bills
- Medical Card
- Current Lease or Mortgage with contact information
- Third Party Documentation of Crisis

Please call our office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for information on how to apply.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Main Office is closed to the public and appointments at outreach locations have been suspended until further notice. We are in the office and continuing to take applications for NICA programs by phone, email, mail or fax.

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# Experts offer advice about insurance for organic crops

Experts at the Center for Rural Affairs have released a new educational guide about the crop insurance process and options available for organic production.

"Today, more than 80 certified organic crops can be insured, and there are a number of unique options and considerations for organic policies," said Kate Hansen, a Center for Rural Affairs policy assistant who worked with crop insurance agents and farmers to develop the resource guide. "We believe this resource will provide the information farmers need as they consider their insurance options for the coming crop year."

The guide features interviews with seven crop insurance agents who have experience with organic operations, and seven

organic farmers from across the Midwest.

Topics covered include insuring the higher value of organic crops using contract prices, the claims process, prevented planting, the crop insurance timeline over a given year, and advice for finding an agent.

"This guide would be a valuable read for many," Hansen said. "From beginning organic farmers to experienced organic producers looking to purchase crop insurance, to agents trying to better understand the perspective of their organic customers."

The guide, "Conversations from the Field: Crop Insurance for Organic Operations," is available by going online to [cfra.org/publications](http://cfra.org/publications).



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Corn production across the United States was up about 4% in 2020, with 14.2 billion bushels produced.

## Corn, soybean production up in 2020

Increased acreage and higher yields for corn and soybeans allowed both crops to return to more typical production levels, according to the 2020 Crop Production Annual Summary released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

U.S. corn growers produced 14.2 billion bushels, up 4% from 2019. Corn yield in the United States is

estimated at 172.0 bushels per acre, 4.5 bushels above the 2019 yield of 167.5 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain, at 82.5 million acres, is up 1% from 2019.

Soybean production for 2020 totaled 4.14 billion bushels, up 16% from 2019. With record high yields in Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey and Tennessee, the average soybean yield is estimated at 50.2 bushels per acre, 2.8 bushels above 2019, but 0.5 bushel below the Nov. 1 forecast.

For 2020, all cotton production is down 25% from 2019, at 15.0 million 480-pound bales. The U.S. yield is estimated at 825 pounds per acre, up 2 pounds from last year's yield. Harvested area, at 8.70 million acres, is down 25% from last year.

The full Crop Production 2020 Summary is available by going online to [nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://nass.usda.gov/Publications). The report contains year-end acreage, yield and production estimates for grains and hay; oilseeds; cotton, tobacco and sugar; dry beans, peas and lentils; and potatoes and miscellaneous crops.

The Crop Production report is published monthly and is available online at [nass.usda.gov/Publications/Reports\\_by\\_Release\\_Day/index.php](http://nass.usda.gov/Publications/Reports_by_Release_Day/index.php).



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### Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency

#### PY21 LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Assistance Program for income eligible households of Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties who are homeowners and whose existing heating systems are not functioning or have been red-tagged by their utility.

The purpose of the LIHEAP Furnace program is to restore heat to the household and is available from July 27th, 2020 through April 30, 2021 or until funds are exhausted.

All income eligible homeowners may apply for emergency furnace assistance. The household must have active service with both primary and secondary heating utilities. Households with disconnected utilities are not eligible for this assistance.

To qualify for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program, the household must first apply and be approved for LIHEAP or PIPP assistance. Please call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to receive an application packet. All applications will be taken by mail, email, phone or fax in response to COVID-19.

Income Guidelines:		
Family Size	DVP 30 Day Income	PIPP 30 Day Income
1	\$2,127	\$1,595
2	\$2,873	\$2,155
3	\$3,620	\$2,715
4	\$4,367	\$3,275
5	\$5,113	\$3,835
For each additional person add \$747		For each additional person add \$560

**\*\* The following documents will be required to apply for assistance. \*\***

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household. **No other document is accepted as proof of social security number.**
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days which includes the application date such as pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income
- Complete current heat and electric bills
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services
- Copy of real estate tax bill
- Copy of warranty deed, contract for deed, or quit claim deed (all of these must be stamped and registered with the county clerk); or Copy of current mortgage statement; or Copy of the original title if your home is a mobile home.

**The office is closed to the public and outreach appointments are suspended until further notice.**

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# • In my opinion

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arthritic fingers that reach from central city Chicago out into nearby suburbs, to pick up enough population to provide districts for incumbent Democratic members. See the map attached; are those districts compact?

As soon as the new census figures are tallied and reported to the states, redistricting will begin in earnest. In normal times, Mike Madigan would draw the maps; they would be contested in the courts by opposition Republicans who would scream foul, and the courts would say, tsk, tsk.

This past election, a group of us campaigned successfully to oust Democratic Illinois Supreme Court Justice Tom Kilbride, whom we believed had paid his union dues faithfully to his benefactor Mike Madigan, via highly partisan court opinions.

Immediately upon Kilbride's ouster, the other justices appointed a temporary appointment until 2022. They elevated the man Kilbride had been personally appointing to the state appellate court for 16 years. So, the court remains 4-3 in the hands of the Dems, and ready once again to support a gerrymandered map.

As I say, however, this year is different. First, Madigan and his fellow Dems are under an electron microscope, because the speaker is implicated in a brazen corruption scheme. Even if he loses his speakership contest in the coming weeks, the Dems who follow in his footsteps will be judged on whether they are just like Mike, or can be better.

Second, Gov. JB Pritzker has proclaimed repeatedly that he will support only a "transparent" map-drawing process that is thought to be fair.

So, what to do? Borrowing from an old adage about candidates, you can't beat a bad map with no map. Thus, I propose that good government groups like Change Illinois, the Better Government Association and the League of Women Voters get together to draw alternative maps that are based on the criteria used in neighboring Iowa, which is considered to have the gold standard in mapping. The legislature in Iowa turns the process over to its legislative research agency, which is prohibited from using factors of incumbency or political party in drawing new district lines.

Illinois is more diverse than Iowa, and courts and Congress have decreed that minorities must have a fair shot at electing their own. Further, in 2011 the Illinois Legislature added "communities of interest" to the criteria here, to protect Chinatown in Chicago from being fractured in such a way that the community could not elect one of its own.

Fortunately, there is widely available, off-the-shelf technology that allows citizen groups to draw the maps. They could direct a computer to maximize, as much as possible, population equality, compactness, minority

opportunities, communities of interest—and to avoid like the plague incumbency and partisan considerations.

The computer whirs for a while and then spits out one or more maps based on those criteria. I am sure independent-minded lawmakers can be found to introduce these maps into the legislature for consideration, along with the in-house gerrymandered version.

But, appreciate that few inside either party will like these nonpolitical maps drawn by outsiders, (probably using the same software as the gerrymanderers). And these maps won't alone transform the legislature from Dem to GOP majority control. The state is too Blue for that.

Independent, nonpartisan maps will, however, be drawn to the benefit of the voters, rather than the elected officials. And such maps would probably result in more competition, that is, more choices for the voters.

All of the above won't happen without relentless public pressure on lawmakers and courts to support nonpartisan maps. I never said democracy was easy.

*Jim Nowlan is a former state lawmaker, newspaper publisher and senior fellow at the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs.*

# Protect Alzheimer's patients from risks of wandering

Sixty percent of those with Alzheimer's disease will wander at some point during their diagnosis, which officials at the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter say poses a significant safety concern for the more than 230,000 people living with Alzheimer's in Illinois.

A person living with Alzheimer's or another dementia may not remember his or her name or address, and can become disoriented even in familiar places. In cold temperatures and winter weather conditions, wandering can be dangerous and even life-threatening.

The Alzheimer's Association recommends taking simple precautions to prevent an Alzheimer's patient from wandering.

- Carry out daily activities. Having a routine can provide structure. Consider creating a daily plan.

- Night wandering: Restrict fluids two hours before bedtime and ensure the person has gone to the bathroom just before bed. Also, use night lights throughout the home or facility.

- Locks: Place out of sight. Install slide bolts at the top or bottom of doors.

- Doors and doorknobs: Camouflage doors by painting them the same colors as the walls. Cover them with removable curtains or screens. Cover knobs with cloth in the color of the door or use childproof knobs.

- Monitoring devices: Try devices that signal when a door or window is opened. Place a pressure-sensitive mat at the door or bedside to alert of movement.

- Secure trigger items: Some people will not go out without a coat, hat, pocketbook, keys, wallet, etc. Making these items unavailable can prevent wandering.

When temperatures plummet and staying indoors is encouraged, planning ahead for your loved one can be crucial for his or her safety.

- Keep a list of people for the person with dementia to call when feeling overwhelmed. Have their telephone numbers in one location and easily accessible.

- Ask neighbors, friends and family to call if they see the person alone or dressed inappropriately.

- Keep a recent, close-up photo and updated medical information on hand to give to police.

- Know your neighborhood. Pinpoint dangerous areas near the home, such as

bodies of water, open stairwells, dense foliage, tunnels, bus stops and roads with heavy traffic.

- Know if the individual is right or left-handed. Wandering generally follows the direction of the dominant hand.

- Keep a list of places where the person may wander, like past jobs, former homes, places of worship or a restaurant.

Should a loved one go missing, especially in colder temperatures, experts recommend calling 911 as soon as possible so that an Illinois Silver Search advisory or other public notification can be issued. For more information about the Illinois Silver Search program, visit [silversearchillinois.org](http://silversearchillinois.org).

For more information, go online to [alz.org/illinois](http://alz.org/illinois) or call the free 24-hour help line at 800-272-3900.

## • Slices (Continued from page 2)

a photo of the gorgeous sunset or loons on the lake, but he chose to focus his camera on me, much like he focused his life on me. Now, looking back, this sentiment is even more breathtakingly beautiful than a sunset could ever be.

He loved me even when I wasn't looking. What more could a girl wish for or want than that?

I miss you, Thom. I treasure the photos you took. Thank you for doing that.

*Jill Perler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.*

## Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY21 LIHEAP, PIPP, and Weatherization Assistance Programs

**\*Assistance available for gas, propane, and electric bills\***

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist residents of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties with home heating utility costs (gas, propane, electric) through the Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) and Weatherization Programs.

The LIHEAP and PIPP programs for Program year 2021 began on July 27, 2020 and will end on June 30, 2021. All income eligible households are eligible to apply beginning July 27, 2020. Households affected by loss of income due to COVID-19 are encouraged to apply.

Applicants may apply for a DVP payment or the PIPP program. The Direct Vendor Payment (DVP) is a one time payment to gas or propane and electric utilities. Applicants with ComEd and/or Nicor Gas as utility providers may have the option of choosing the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) instead of the DVP. The PIPP program is a bill payment program that assists eligible customers by paying a monthly state benefit while the customer pays a percentage of their household income. PIPP applications will be taken on a first-come first served basis until March 31, 2021 or until funding is exhausted.

Please call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to receive an application packet. All applications will be taken by mail, email, phone or fax in response to COVID-19.

### Income Guidelines:

Family Size	DVP 30 Day Income	PIPP 30 Day Income
1	\$2,127	\$1,595
2	\$2,873	\$2,155
3	\$3,620	\$2,715
4	\$4,367	\$3,275
5	\$5,113	\$3,835

For each additional person add \$747      For each additional person add \$560

### \*\* The following documents will be required to apply for assistance. \*\*

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household. No other document is accepted as proof of social security number.
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days which includes the application date such as pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income
- Complete current heat and electric bills and disconnect notices you may have received.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt
- Proof of Homeownership (Title for Mobile Homes) and tax bill are required for weatherization assistance.

**The office is closed to the public and outreach appointments are suspended until further notice.**

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# Beef conference features market experts

The virtual Driftless Region Beef Conference, set for late this month, will host speaker Brenda Boetel.

Boetel is a professor and department chair of agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She also is agricultural marketing specialist with the UW-Madison Division of Extension.

Iowa State University Extension beef specialist Denise Schwab said Boetel will give viewers an insight on current market trends and the 2021 agricultural market outlook.

"The market outlook provides producers with market insight to make best management practices, and as 2020 markets have shown, it can be challenging to anticipate what future markets may have in store," Schwab said. "The market outlook allows producers to pre-

pare by having a better understanding of what the markets may have to offer and when may be the best time to buy or sell, as well as by considering different risk management options for alternative price scenarios."

The conference will feature two presenters each evening from Tuesday, Jan. 26, through Thursday, Jan. 28. All three sessions will run from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Other speakers, their affiliations and topics are:

- Shawn Darcy, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, "What Consumers Say They Need and Want"

- Frank Mitloehner, University of California-Davis, "Greenhouse Gas, Sustainability and Beef Cattle Production"

- Kevin Bernhardt, UW-Madison Di-

vision of Extension, "Building Farm Resiliency for Surviving Volatile Times"

- Dr. Paul Plummer, Iowa State University, "Antibiotic Resistance in the Beef Industry"

- Danelle Bickett-Weddle, Iowa State University, "Being Prepared for a Beef Cattle Pandemic/Secure Beef."

Registration and more information about topics and speakers is available by going online to [www.aep.iastate.edu/beef/](http://www.aep.iastate.edu/beef/). Preregistration is required. The conference fee is \$15.

The Driftless Region Beef Conference sponsors are ISU Extension and Outreach, University of Illinois Extension and University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension.

For more information or to receive a brochure, contact Schwab at 319-472-4739.

## • Questions (Continued from front page)

**Q. Who will receive the vaccine next?**

**A.** This is difficult to answer definitively as guidance from the CDC on this has changed several times already and continues to be modified. In addition, "guidance from the CDC" is just that: guidance. States and individual counties are not required to follow this guidance. Originally, the next planned phase was residents and staff of long-term care facilities like nursing homes. However, it is still up to states and then individual county health departments to make the determination of who will be next based on the supply of vaccine that is available to them, which is not consistent across the country. No de-

tailed schedule has been finalized in Stephenson or Carroll counties as the availability of the vaccine continues to be inconsistent.

**Q. Why is vaccine availability inconsistent?**

**A.** There is no really clear answer to this, as the media has reported on circumstances that vary widely throughout the country. It is best to keep current on the situation in your own county to learn when it will be available for you.

**Q. What is the availability of vaccine in Stephenson and Carroll counties?**

**A.** This cannot be answered broadly as the amount varies. In addition,

sometimes a supply is expected and then not received, which can happen for a variety of reasons, including rerouting it to other areas where incidence or death rates are higher.

**Q. When will mass vaccination events be scheduled for the public at large?**

**A.** There is no way to answer this now that can promise to still be accurate over the coming weeks and months, so as of now no mass public vaccination events are planned in Stephenson or Carroll counties. As vaccine becomes available, there will be opportunities to register for appointments for vaccinations. Please note that information being collected now by some entities in the region is not a promise of a vaccination at any particular time; in general, these queries are being conducted to help determine how many people are planning to be vaccinated as the vaccine is being rolled out. Vaccination appointments will then be offered as vaccine becomes available.

The public is encouraged to watch all media for updates. Additional information can be found online at the Illinois Department of Public Health, [dph.illinois.gov/covid19](http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19), and the CDC, [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov).



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## Learning to serve through Legion

Lena American Legion Junior Auxiliary members Riley Durling, left, and Evie Karnatz display the centennial patches they earned recently through the national office.

## College news

### Area students earn college dean's list status

Highland Community College officials have announced the dean's list for the fall semester.

Students who have completed 12 credit hours or more during the semester and have a minimum 3.25 GPA, based on a 4.0 scale, are included on the dean's list.

Highest honors are awarded to students with a perfect 4.0 GPA. High honors is given to students with a GPA of 3.50 to 3.99 and honors students have earned a GPA between 3.25 and 3.49.

Area students are listed by their hometown.

### Highest honors

- Lena: Cade Benson, Rebecca Edler, Kaidyn Sargent
- Orangeville: Zacharey Green, Jamie Watson
- Pearl City: Amanda Baldauf, Amber Baumgartner, Mackenzie Endress,

Zander Endress, Lydia Lott

- Winslow: Kaylee Meyer

### High honors

- Lena: Gabrielle Brinkmeier, Aidan Cruz, Adriana Curran, Grace Fox, Maileah Linden, Shelby Lobdell, Alivia Peight, Isabel Schoaf
- Orangeville: Raegan Bass, Madison Cahoon, Tori Corp, Megan Davis, Grace Edler, Kaitlynn Vogt
- Pearl City: Breann Adamson, Tia Clark, Amelia Huizenga, Madysen Stephan
- Winslow: Rachel Young

### Honors

- Lena: Alexandra Ertmer, Rosemarie Evans, Jessica Kaiser, Alexander Leamon
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## Briefs

### Lena church cancels pancake supper

Due to COVID-19 safety guidelines, organizers have decided to cancel the annual pancake supper at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena.

Organizers are looking ahead to hold the event on Feb. 12, 2022.

### Students show spelling skills at annual bee

The annual Lena-Winslow school district spelling bee is set for Tuesday, Jan. 26, (with an inclement weather date of Jan. 27).

Fourth- through eighth-grade students will participate in the spelling bee, however, no spectators will be allowed due to COVID-19 safety guidelines.

The two winners of the event will advance to the regional spelling bee. The winner from the regional spelling bee will then advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee competition in June in Washington, D.C.

### FHN offers virtual interviews

FHN is accepting applications and holding virtual interviews through Jan. 28 for certified nursing assistants, certified medical assistants, experienced registered nurses and behavioral health technicians.

Interested candidates may apply online at any time; qualified candidates will be contacted to arrange a virtual interview.

Candidates must complete a formal application online before the interview is conducted. For more information or to apply online, go to [www.fhn.org/virtualhiring](http://www.fhn.org/virtualhiring). Information is also available through FHN human resources at 815-599-6706.

### Highland grads earn degrees, certificates

Highland Community College recently announced the names of its 2020 fall graduates. Graduates were awarded associate degrees, associate of applied science degrees or certificates.

The graduates are listed by their hometowns.

- Lena: Kaversia Barber, auto body repair-associate of applied science, basic welding certificate and auto body repair certificate; Cade Benson, associate of arts; Rebecca Edler, associate of general studies

- Orangeville: Madison Cahoon, associate of arts; Dylan Dietmeier, agricultural production certificate, basic welding certificate, agricultural management, associate of applied science

- Pearl City: Amanda Baldauf, associate of science; Amanda Baumgartner, associate of arts

### Local student makes dean's list

Sophia Bayer of Lena was recently named to the fall semester dean's list at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. The list recognizes students who earn a GPA between 3.0 and 3.74.

Bayer is a freshman majoring in studio art.

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One common emergency is getting something caught between your teeth. The only thing you should use to remove anything caught between your teeth is floss. Do not poke with your fingernail, a toothpick or any sharp object. Keep in mind that if you scratch or cut your gums with one of these objects, bacteria can enter your bloodstream, cause serious infection and may damage your heart. If you cannot get it out with floss, see your dentist.

A toothache in the middle of the night really can be a nightmare. Try rinsing your mouth with warm salty water to clean it and decrease the inflammation. Alternate taking acetaminophen (generic/Tylenol) and ibuprofen (generic/Motrin/Advil, etc.) Do not put aspirin or any other painkiller on the tooth or gums. Remember, painkillers only treat the symptom, not the cause. See your dentist as soon as possible.



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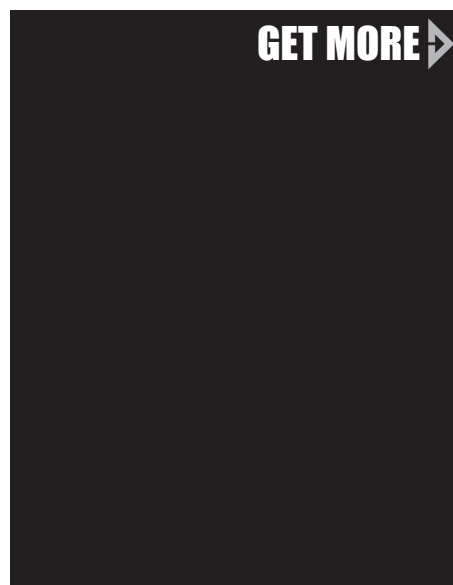
The first thing you must do is make sure that the victim is conscious, alert and does not require immediate medical assistance, such as a compromised airway, neck injury, suspected broken jaw or uncontrolled bleeding. If you do not need to call 911, the next step is to stop the bleeding. Once bleeding is controlled, examine the oral cavity for tongue or lip wounds and whether any teeth have been cracked, broken or knocked out. Collect any missing teeth and fragments. Do not touch the root of the tooth, only hold it by the crown. If the root is dirty, try to rinse it gently. Do not scrub it or remove any tissue fragments. If it is a permanent tooth, try to gently insert and hold the tooth in its socket as you rush to the dentist. Do not do this

if it is a primary or baby tooth, as it could harm the permanent tooth. If it is not possible to reinsert the tooth, you can put it in saline solution, saliva, milk or water for transport. If the child is old enough and alert you can tuck the tooth in between the jaw and the cheek as you head to the dental office. Bottom line: Time and moisture will greatly impact whether re-implantation will be successful.

Parents should be aware that falls are the most common cause of TDIs to primary teeth. Children who are just learning to walk and run (ages 1 to 3) are at the highest risk.

Sports-related injuries are the highest risk for ages 8 and above. Fractures, avulsions (complete displacement of the tooth from its socket) and subluxations (the tooth is attached, but out of place) are the most common injuries in sports. If your child participates in sports, it is imperative that they wear a mouth guard. A mouth guard not only protects the teeth and soft tissues in the mouth, it also stabilizes the jaw and acts as a shock absorber with impact trauma. Mouth guards also are recommended for non-contact sports and other activities that pose a risk for injury to the mouth, such as gymnastics, playing on a trampoline or skateboarding.

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



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# Stockton students earn honor roll status

Honor roll students were announced recently at Stockton High School.

## Second quarter High honor roll

These students earned all A's:

- Freshmen: Anthony Bilich, Dominick Bilich, Carson McPeek, Ashlyn Schubert, Camerin Vincent, Leah Warner
- Sophomores: Katherine Crome, Kyla Kurek, Dustin Oppold, Ryley Schultz
- Juniors: Maria Bender, Joseph Brudi, Brynn Haas, Ca-

## Birth

### Nora Lynn Wilson

Nora Lynn Wilson is the new daughter of Rob and Carlie Wilson of Lena, Illinois, born on Jan. 11, 2021, at FHN Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Ric and Cara Arand of McConnell, Illinois, and Joyce Lehman and Mike Wilson, both of Orangeville, Illinois. Great grandparents are Wayne and Lou Price of Orangeville, Jack and Bonnie Wilson of Cedarville, Illinois, and Richard Diefenderfer of Winslow, Illinois.

leb Mammoser, Diana Montalvo, Kayden Schubert

- Seniors: Elise Adleman, Lucas Crome, Adriana Curtiss, Case Harmston, Jason Hermann

## Honor roll

These students had at least a 3.0 GPA and no D's:

- Freshmen: Kristian Adleman, Lily Baker, Abby Chumbler, Jared Dvorak, Addison Ernst, Braden Freese, Bennett Graves, Lincoln Legel, Madalyn Marcure, Drake Offenheiser, Nevaeh Peterson, Gracie Raab, Maecee Rice, Lydia Schuldt, Colby Tucker, Mavrick Winters
- Sophomores: Morgan Blair, Dawson Broshous, Lily Broshous, Jackson Curtiss, Skylar Davis, Braelyn Fahrney, Madeline Harbach, Olivia Harnish, Noah Hess, Dayton Julius, Olivia Keeffer, Lauren Kehl, David Lancaster, Garrett Luke, Griffin Luke, Emily Paul, Kyleigh Reusch, Whitney Sullivan, Ella Wackerlin, Abigail Wilkinson
- Juniors: Jared Bergeman, Ian Broshous, Austin Chumbler, Matthew Cook, Ashton Davis, Hannah Deininger, Justin Eden, Va-

nessa Ernst, Keaton Graves, Owen Groshans, Jenna Haas, Kenze Haas, Morgan McPeek, Andrew Mensendike, Elijah Rice, Jamie Stocks, Kassadie Sullivan, Connor Vincent

- Seniors: Taylor Broshous, Mitchel Coffey, Madelynn Ertmer, Andrew Haas, Hunter Hille, James Hille, Hayley Johnson, Ivannie Jones, Gavin Keeffer, Madison Lara, Kaylee Luke, Patrick Mensendike, Alyssa Randecker, Chandler Reifsteck, Simon Rillie, Bryce Smith, Tiana Timpe, Kiersten Winters

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# Criminal justice reform package will head to governor

By Raymon Troncoso  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The Illinois Senate passed a criminal justice omnibus bill Jan. 13 after a grueling 20 hours of politicking during the lame duck session. The House then followed suit, clearing the way for the bill to head to the governor.

The legislation is made up of several provisions that touch all facets of the criminal justice system. The Pretrial Fairness Act, a longtime passion project to end cash bail in Illinois by Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago, and a complete overhaul of police certification crafted by Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul were both absorbed into the omnibus package.

The legislation, an initiative of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, was tied to a new amendment to House Bill 3653.

"Abraham Lincoln once said 'Plant your feet in the right place and stand firm.' We are standing firm," Sen. Elgie Sims, a Chicago Democrat who sponsored the bill, said in this closing speech before voting began. "We are fundamentally changing the way we do criminal justice in this state."

Many of the most debated aspects, such as ending qualified immunity for law enforcement, were reduced or removed from the bill following heavy opposition from law enforcement, labor unions, prosecutors and municipal representatives.

Points of contention were highlighted over three days of subject matter hearings in the House, where Rep. Justin Slaughter, D-Chicago, also a sponsor of the bill and chairperson of the Judiciary Criminal Committee, fielded testimony and criticism from Republicans on the committee and representatives from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois Sheriffs' Association.

Still, the scaled down version that made it to the Senate floor was attacked by Republican lawmakers who said its changes were too drastic and would negatively impact the safety of Illinois communities. Some Democratic senators joined Republicans in voting against the bill or didn't vote at all.

"It is bold, it is transformational, it is supposed to be," Sims said in response to challenges during Senate debate.

"The people of Illinois sent us here. They sent us here to do better by them, not by ourselves. This bill is not about who we are, it's about the Illinois we strive to be."

## Pretrial detention

Effective Jan. 1, 2023, all bail bonds and conditions of bail will be replaced by a system of pretrial release to be developed by the Illinois courts based on a detainee's alleged crime, their risk of not appearing for their court date and the threat or danger they may pose to the community if released.

"For too long, people in this state have spent time in jail only because they could not afford to pay their bail," Peters said in a statement. "The end of that practice is near. I'm thrilled that ending cash bail was part

of the package we passed today."

The original version of the bill abolished cash bail effective immediately, but that was extended by two years to accommodate the transition and allow for uniform standards to be developed, according to Sims.

## Use of force

According to the bill, the General Assembly intends to establish statewide use-of-force standards by 2022 while making changes to what are acceptable and unacceptable uses of force in Illinois statute.

The bill provides that use of force is permissible only when an officer has determined it is necessary to defend either themselves or others from bodily harm when making an arrest. When a suspect is attempting to escape, officers would not be permitted to use deadly force to stop them, unless that person cannot be apprehended at a later date and is likely to harm others.

The law prohibits certain uses of force. Chokeholds and restraints above the shoulders that can restrict breathing are banned, unless explicitly used as deadly force. It also prohibits using force as a punishment or in retaliation when it is not authorized; using non-lethal projectiles like tasers and rubber bullets on someone's head, groin area or back; firing rubber or any type of round into a crowd; and using tear gas and pepper spray without first allowing a crowd to disperse after being warned.

Before officers can use deadly force, they must make a reasonable effort to identify themselves as law enforcement and warn that they are about to use deadly force. Law enforcement can no longer use deadly force against someone for committing a property crime, unless that crime is tied to terrorism or to another

crime or action where deadly force is permitted.

Officers are also restricted from using deadly force against a person who poses a danger to themselves but does not pose an imminent threat to the officer or another person.

The police reform provisions also add two new duties to the Illinois statutes that officers must follow. The first requires law enforcement to give immediate medical assistance to an injured person, regardless of whether they were injured by the officer's use of force. The second is the duty to intervene when another officer uses excessive force and to file a report of that incident within five days.

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## Illinois state Rep. Justin Slaughter, D-Chicago, is swarmed after the criminal justice reform bill passes the Illinois House during the Jan. 13 lame-duck session for the Illinois House of Representatives at the Bank of Springfield Center.

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community for officers, eliminating their protection from liability in civil suits if they violated rights guaranteed in the Illinois Constitution.

Instead, the legislation creates a yearlong Task Force on Constitutional Rights and Remedies, an 18-mem-

ber body that will investigate and develop procedures to protect constitutional rights and remedies should those rights be violated. The task force will specifically look at qualified immunity as enjoyed by law enforcement.

A report with policy recommendations must be submitted to the governor's office and the General Assembly by May.

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"Supporting the presidential inauguration is a great opportunity for the Illinois National Guard to be part of history and represent the state of Illinois," Maj. Gen. Richard Neely, adjutant general of Illinois and commander of the Illinois National Guard, said in the release. "Our soldiers and airmen are highly trained and I have full confidence in their abilities to support local and federal agencies as needed."

About 100 Illinois Army National Guard military police soldiers from the 404th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade's 33rd Military Police Battalion will support the inauguration. The battalion is based in Bloomington with subordinate units in Springfield, Freeport and Fort Sheridan. In addition, a small medical team is being activated to support the military police.

About 45 security forces airmen from the 183rd Wing based in Springfield, the 126th Air Refueling Wing based at Scott Air Force Base and the 182nd Airlift Wing based in Peoria, will be activated to support the presidential inauguration. Another 30 airmen from the Illinois Air National Guard will be activated to provide communication, logistics and religious support.

About 10 soldiers with the 5th Civil Support Team, based in Bartonville, will support the District of Columbia National Guard's 33rd Civil Support Team.

The Illinois National Guard will assist federal and local agencies to ensure safety and security during the inauguration.

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a Certification Review Board determines they violated conduct guidelines.

An officer could be decertified if it is determined they committed a felony or a disqualifying misdemeanor, even if they were never convicted or charged. Other actions that could result in an officer being decertified include using excessive force; failing to intervene when another officer uses excessive force; tampering with dashboard cameras, body cameras or evidence; and committing perjury or engaging in "unprofessional conduct" such as deceiving or harming the public.

Under a new statute of Law Enforcement Compliance Verification, all officers must verify their certi-

fication with ILETSB every three years to prove they've completed all mandatory trainings and have not engaged in misconduct worthy of decertification.

No law enforcement agency can hire a person who is not ILETSB certified.

The certification also overhauls transparency and communication in the criminal justice system, creating three databases maintained by ILETSB relating to officers.

### Body cameras

Under this new legislation, the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act is amended so that all law enforcement agencies must

eventually use body cameras.

The largest agencies must have body cameras in place by 2022, while all agencies, no matter how small, must have body cameras implemented by 2025.

Originally, this provision was touted as the "defund the police" bill by law enforcement groups opposing the Black Caucus legislation due to a non-compliance penalty that reduced how much state funding municipalities received for each year law enforcement agencies under their control violated the mandate.

Now, compliance is rewarded and the penalty has been removed, with ILETSB giving preference in grant funding to agencies following the mandate.

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petition that forced the House to form a special investigating committee to probe Madigan's role in a bribery scheme involving utility giant Commonwealth Edison and determine whether disciplinary actions should commence.

But it was Welch who chaired that committee and made sure it did not recommend disciplinary action.

Madigan, who on Monday announced he was suspending his bid to remain speaker, issued a statement congratulating Welch as "speaker-elect" minutes before lawmakers were set to make the vote official.

"As I prepare to pass the speaker's gavel to a new generation of Democratic leadership, I want to thank the people of my district and the members of the House Democratic Caucus for the faith and trust they have placed in me over the years," Madigan said in the statement. "I want to thank my staff for their hard work on behalf of every member of this caucus. It has been the honor of a lifetime to help bring people of different experiences and backgrounds together to serve our state."

"It is time for new leadership in the House. I wish all the best for

Speaker-elect Welch as he begins a historic speakership. It is my sincere hope today that the caucus I leave to him and to all who will serve alongside him is stronger than when I began. And as I look at the large and diverse Democratic majority we have built — full of young leaders ready to continue moving our state forward, strong women and people of color, and members representing all parts of our state — I am confident Illinois remains in good hands."

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