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## New state laws taking effect 2022

*Minimum wage hike, pets in public housing among new changes*

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Minimum wage workers in Illinois will see a boost in their hourly pay to \$12 per hour starting Jan. 1, while tenants in affordable housing units will be allowed to keep pets.

Those are just some of the more than 300 new laws that take effect in the new year.

The minimum wage increase is actually the result of a 2019 law that phases in a state minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025. This year, it will increase by one dollar to \$12 an hour.

The law allowing public housing tenants to keep pets is the result of Senate Bill 154, by Sen. Linda Holmes, D-Aurora, and Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, D-Oswego. It provides that tenants of multifamily housing units that are acquired, built or renovated with money from the Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund may keep up to two cats or one dog weighing less than 50 pounds.

It applies to residents of housing units that are designated as affordable housing for low- and very-low-income families. The bill passed both chambers in its final form on May 30 and Gov. JB Pritzker signed it into law Aug. 6.

### Other new laws

Vehicle taxes: SB58 raises the private vehicle tax, which is a sales tax paid on the purchase of vehicles, by \$75 for each model year where the purchase price is less than \$15,000 and by \$100 for vehicles priced above that amount. However, the registration fee for trailers weighing less than 3,000 pounds will drop to \$36 instead of \$118.

College admissions: HB226, establishing the Higher Education Fair Admissions Act, prohibits public colleges and universities from requiring applicants to submit SAT, ACT or other standardized test scores as part of the admissions process, although prospective students may choose to submit them if they wish.

Drug prices: SB1682 requires pharmacies to post a notice informing consumers

that they may request current pharmacy retail prices at the point of sale.

FOID card changes: HB562 enacts several changes to the Firearm Owner Identification card law. Among other things, it provides for a streamlined renewal process for FOID cards and Concealed Carry Licenses for people who voluntarily submit fingerprint records. It also allows the Illinois State Police to issue a combined FOID card and Concealed Carry License to qualified applicants, and it establishes a new Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force to take enforcement action against people with revoked FOID cards.

Student mental health: HB576 and SB1577 allow students in Illinois up to five excused absences to attend to their mental or behavioral health without providing a medical note. Those students will be given an opportunity to make up any work they missed during the first absence and, after using a second mental health day, may be referred to the appropriate school support personnel.

Official flags: HB605 requires state agencies and institutions to purchase Illinois and American flags that are made in the United States.

Hair styles: SB817 prohibits discrimination in schools against individuals on the grounds of wearing natural or ethnic hairstyles, which include dreadlocks, braids, twists and afros.

Lemonade stands: SB119 prohibits public health authorities from regulating or shutting down lemonade stands or similar operations that are operated by children under the age of 16. Known as "Hayli's Law," it was inspired by 12-year-old Hayli Martinez, whose lemonade stand in Kankakee was shut down by local officials.

Juneteenth: HB3922 recognizes June 19, or "Juneteenth," as an official state holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. In June, President Joe Biden also signed a bill designating Juneteenth as a federal holiday.



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## Holiday tradition

The Canalles' Christmas tradition – the wonderful sound of giving for 15 years – continued Dec. 11 at the Johnsburg Walmart. Pictured (left to right) are Charlotte, Johnny and Lindsey Canalle.

## Driver Services facilities to close through Jan. 17

Due to an increase in COVID-19 cases statewide, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is announcing that all Secretary of State departments will not conduct in-person transactions—including Driver Services facilities—from Jan. 3, 2022, through Jan. 17, 2022. All departments and Driver Services facilities will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 18. White is encouraging the public to visit [ilsos.gov](https://ilsos.gov) for online services. Online transactions will remain open for all departments to conduct office services, including, but not limited to the following:

- Renewing a license plate sticker.

- Renewing a driver's license or ID card for those who qualify (individuals may call 217-785-1424 to confirm their eligibility or to obtain their PIN).

- Obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card.

- Obtaining a driver record abstract.

- Filing Business Services documents, such as incorporation and annual reports.

In addition, the Drivers and Vehicles Services hotline phone number will remain open at 800-252-8980. Customers with issues involving administrative hearings may email [adminhearings@ilsos.gov](mailto:adminhearings@ilsos.gov) or call 312-793-3722 or 217-782-7065. As a reminder, White has

extended all driver's license and ID card expiration dates to March 31, 2022. This extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL learner's permits.

"After careful consideration and out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to close all Driver Services facilities beginning Jan. 3, 2022, through Jan. 17, 2022, due to the spike in COVID-19 cases," said White. "The health and safety of employees and the public remains paramount, and face-to-face transactions potentially increase the further spread of the virus. Our goal is to safely reopen all offices and

Driver Services facilities on January 18 for face-to-face transactions."

In addition, White greatly expanded remote renewal for driver's license and ID card holders. Since this fall, White's office mailed letters to eligible customers with expired driver's licenses and ID cards requiring them to renew online, by phone or by mail. The office estimates that this helps to eliminate the need for approximately 1 million people to visit a facility.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

For more information, visit [ilsos.gov](https://ilsos.gov).



# VIEWPOINT

## Slices of life

# Reflections on 2021, stepping forward to '22

It's that time of year. Out with the old, in with the new. It would be an understatement to say that I welcome the new. It would more of an understatement that I still mourn the old. But I'm getting there.

It's been a year of hardship for me as well as a year of healing. Mostly healing.

When I look back to last January, I can honestly say I was walking around in a complete fog. It's a wonder I got out of bed, much less wrote columns—which I did. I didn't miss a one.

I think meeting those deadlines helped in ways I didn't understand at the time. They forced me to do something—anything.



By  
**JILL  
PERTLER**  
Columnist

That, in turn got me up each morning. It made me shower and get dressed and pretend to exert some normalcy in a life that was anything but normal at the time.

People were counting on me to tap out 600 or so words each week and I think that helped to keep me going. People were counting on me—at a time when I couldn't count on myself, when I couldn't—or

wouldn't—do something for me, because I didn't have it in me. I was exhausted. Beyond that, honestly.

There was no gas in the tank. I felt completely empty. Still do, sometimes, but the emptiness is slowly dissipating. The tank is slowly being replenished. It's been a process. It is a process.

And in the end, I have not only the growth and the renewal of my life, but I have my written words. Columns that came out of the depths of grief as well as the depths of healing and finding life anew. Columns demonstrating the miracle of hope. The miracle of the continuance of life.

My written words helped

keep me alive. I'm so glad they helped others, but just as much they helped me.

I guess what I'm trying to say is "Thank you." In so many ways, this column kept me going. Kind messages and emails from readers kept me afloat. They kept my head above water at a time when I wasn't sure whether I'd drown or not.

When I think about how far I've come, tears stream down my face. I can't stop them and don't think I'd want to. I've learned that tears can cleanse. Tears can heal. And 2021 has been a year of healing for me, as I hope it has been for others.

I hope I never have to repeat this growth, but now

that I'm on the tail end of 2021, I'm glad for all the lessons, all the heartache and all the pain. Because pain can become strength. Heartache can become joy. Lessons can help you become the teacher.

I can boldly say I am not the same person I was a year ago; she is but a shadow of me. I look no different from the outside, but my inside has changed most completely.

Would I go back to my old self, my old me? I'm not sure I could anymore. When you change, you change.

Would I want to live out the life I'd planned? Yes.

Of course I would. That got taken from me and that will never change. This life I am living is not what I planned;

it's what I have, still. And in looking ahead to 2022, I can say firmly and unabashedly that I look forward to the future.

I couldn't say that a year ago, but I can with resolute confidence now. Bring it on 2022. Let's grow together. Let's meet some new friends. Let's dance and laugh and live this life.

With that, I offer a huge thanks to all of you who have made this new me possible. Your support has been life-changing. Big hugs.

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

## Back in the saddle

# Local and virtual seminars, opportunities

By Ann Marie Cain, FBCM MANAGER, WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU

### Winter Seminars

For most Northern Illinois crop farmers, winter is a slower time of the year.

While the fieldwork is put on hold, many farmers are

cleaning and repairing farm equipment in preparation of next year's crop. Throughout the winter, farmers are also selling and hauling grain and making plans for the 2022 growing season. The winter months are also spent attending training sessions

and ag seminars. The following events are quickly approaching:

### Improved Opportunities to Protect Farm & Crops Seminars in 2022

There is always uncertainty around what spring,

summer and fall may bring. COUNTRY Financial and Illinois Farm Bureau remain ready to assist farmers through every season. The organizations are again teaming up for ten regional meetings across Illinois to share updates on improved

opportunities for farmers to protect their farms and crops in 2022.

"Every farm operation is different, and our goal is always to help our farm clients and Farm Bureau members reach their goals together with options and information from a trusted partner," said Doug Yoder, COUNTRY Financial Crop Agency Manager. "These meetings offer us the opportunity to connect with clients and members prior to the busy planting season, to make sure they have the most up-to-date information about federal crop and hail insurance options, learn about new coverage options from COUNTRY and gain a better understanding of changes in markets and government that they may need to consider, so they can make informed decisions for their operation."

Eight in-person and two virtual presentations will be held throughout January and February. All meetings will include:

- Crop Insurance Update, including changes to federal crop insurance and new private products offered by COUNTRY, the #1 crop hail insurer in Illinois. (Doug Yoder, Crop Agency Manager for COUNTRY Financial)
- Crop Claims Update (COUNTRY Financial Crop Claims Representative)
- Market Outlook (Tim Tresslar, Grain Origination Manager for Growmark)
- Legislative Update (Illinois Farm Bureau)
- Opportunity for Audience Q&A with presenters

The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 18, at DeKalb County Farm Bureau, starting at 8 a.m. Virtual Meetings will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan.

25, 2022, and at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, by logging into [www.myifb.org](http://www.myifb.org).

Registration is already open for each event. To register and reserve a seat for any of the ten events, call the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau office at 815-962-0653. Farm Bureau members may also register online at [www.myifb.org](http://www.myifb.org).

For updates and more information, visit on [ilfb.org/winter-agribusiness-seminars](http://ilfb.org/winter-agribusiness-seminars).

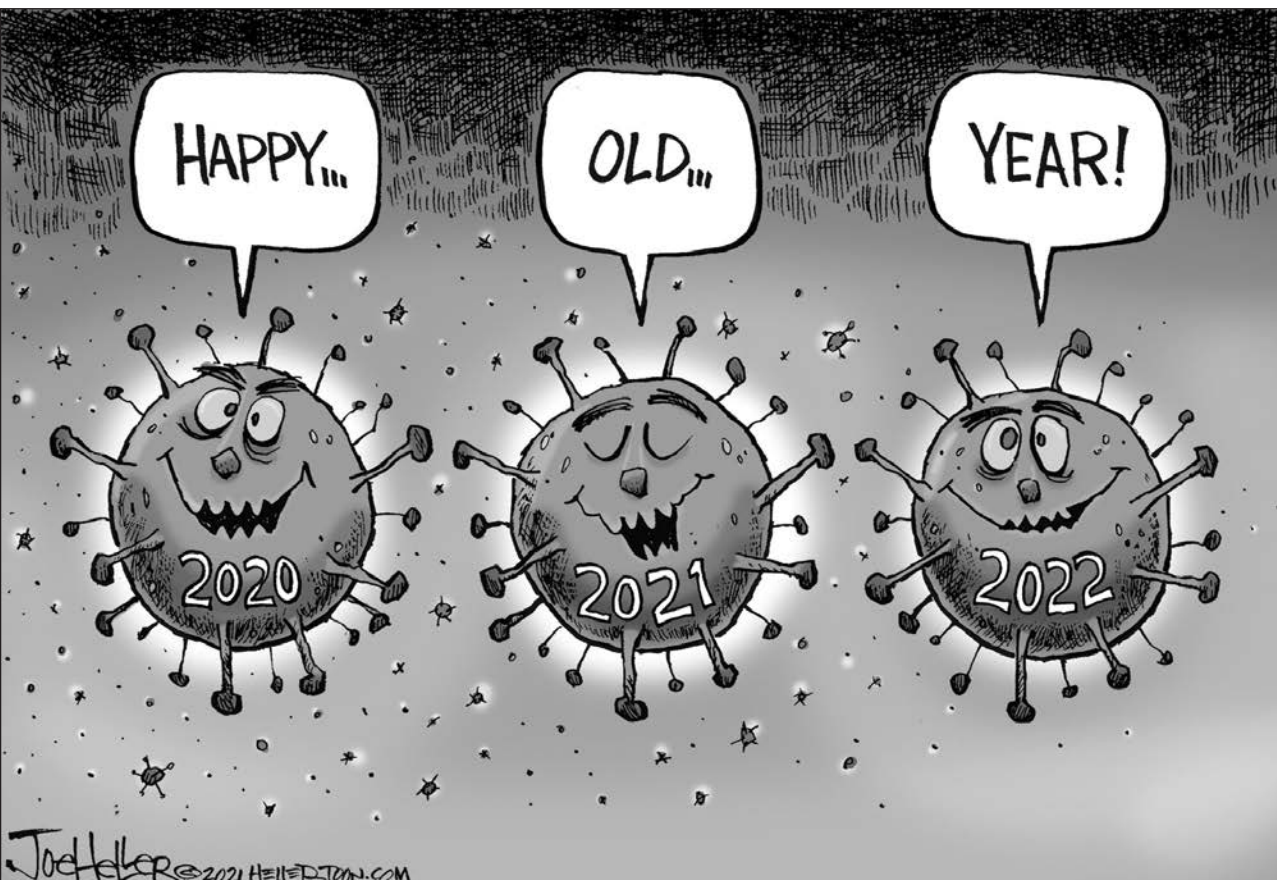
### Anhydrous Ammonia In-person Training Opportunities

Illinois Farm Bureau members are invited to enroll in upcoming statewide Anhydrous Ammonia Certified Grower Training sessions to fulfill state requirements on mandatory safety training. Free certified grower trainings will be offered on nine dates in winter 2022 through a partnership with Illinois Dept. of Agriculture (IDOA), Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB), and Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association (IFCA).

The following dates and locations will host the upcoming sessions. Training starts at 1 p.m. at all locations:

- Feb. 21: AsmarkAgricenter, Bloomington
- Feb. 22: Unique Suites, Charleston
- Feb. 23: The Pavilion, Marion
- Feb. 25: Effingham Events Center, Effingham
- March 1: Mendota Civic Center, Mendota
- March 2: Knox Agri Center, Galesburg
- March 3: Holiday Inn, Quincy

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**This year, instead of sending your tree to the dump, consider putting it outside to offer shelter and windbreak to birds and other wildlife.**

# Give Christmas trees a second life after the holidays

By Ken Johnson  
HORTICULTURE EDUCATOR, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION

Once holidays are over, the Christmas trees tend to come down. Instead of hauling this year’s tree to the dump or having the city pick it up, consider repurposing it in your landscape. University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Ken Johnson says one popular use for Christmas trees after the holidays is to use them to block wind that can hinder feeding birds.

“Trees can be used as a windbreak by placing them to the northwest of feeders to block where our prevailing winds come from this time of year,” Johnson says. “Not only will this help protect birds from the wind as they feed, but it can also prevent birdseed from blowing out of feeders.”

Additionally, trees can be turned into a large festive bird feeder. Anchor the tree to the ground using a steel fence post. Then decorate it with strings of popcorn and/or cranberries, as well as pinecones smeared with peanut butter and sunflower seeds, suet, or chopped fruit in a mesh bag.

“Christmas trees can also be used to create habitat for other wildlife in the form of brush piles,” Johnson says. “Place brush piles near field borders and in woodland areas along with other brush to provide cover for wildlife.”

Before building a brush pile, check for local ordinances that may prohibit them.

Another use for your Christmas tree includes providing habitat for aquatic wildlife. Trees can be sunk in ponds to provide shelter for fish and other aquatic life. A single tree won’t offer much habitat, so it’s best to group three or four together. Trees should be sunk vertically using rocks or concrete blocks as anchors.

In the garden, evergreen branches and needles can be used as mulches to cover perennial plants during the winter. These mulches are light and won’t pack or suffocate the roots of the plants they are protecting. Trees can also be chipped and used as mulch in the garden to help reduce weed problems, moderate soil temperature and retain moisture.

“Your Christmas tree can also be a good source of wood for an outdoor fire,” Johnson says. “The branches and needles are good for getting fires started, and the trunk can be used as fuel.”

Never burn a Christmas tree in a fireplace or woodstove. It may contribute to creosote buildup and could cause a chimney fire.

Finally, trees can be used in a variety of crafty ways. The needles can be used to make potpourri. When dry, the trunk can be cut into wooden discs and used as coasters or trivets, used to edge garden beds, or decorated and turned into ornaments.

Regardless of how a tree is reused after the holidays, make sure to remove all ornaments and tinsel.

# Winter Ag learning opportunities offered

University of Illinois Extension is offering several agriculture, environment, specialty crops, local foods, horticulture, and safety webinars this winter.

### Field Crop Production

Jan. 14, 9 a.m. to noon, Northwest Illinois Agronomy Summit - Stephenson County Farm Bureau Building, 210 W. Spring St., Freeport.

A collaborative effort by University of Illinois Extension and University of Wisconsin-Madison will provide strategies for weed, pest, disease, and nutrient management. Topics of the summit, Updates in Crop Management, include:

- Nutrient Management Under High Prices: Make the most of your input dollar by considering manure and cover crop credits, crop rotation, nitrogen management, and more. Presenter: Daniel Smith, Nutrient and Pest Management Specialist, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Illinois Variety Testing Program: Review recent University of Illinois corn, soybean, and hemp variety trials. Presenter: Allen Parrish, Director, U of I Crop Science Research Farm
- Tode Talk: Updates on Soybean Cyst Nematode Management: Learn new methods to help manage CSN. Presenter: Chelsea Harbach, Extension Commercial Ag Educator
- University Research Trials: Presenter, Phillip Alberti, Extension Commercial Ag Educator

### Field Crop Management Conference Multiple Locations: Jan. 19, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 2022 Crop Management Conference at Mt. Vernon, Doubletree by Hilton, Mt. Vernon

- Insect Management in Corn and Soybean
- Managing High-Priced Fertilizer in 2022
- Maintaining and Enhancing the USDA Soybean Germplasm Collection
- Group 15 Herbicides: Feb. 1 to March 14, Anytime: 2022 Crop Management Conference, online
- Introduction to the Dashboard for Agricultural Water Use and Nutrient Management project
- Controlling Soybean Cyst Nematodes in Soybean through Genetic Resistance
- Controlling Wheat Head Scab in Illinois: Separating Fact from Fiction

### Feb. 2, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.:

**2022 Crop Management Conference - Macomb Grand Ballroom, The University Union, Macomb**

- Insect Management in Corn and Soybean
- Managing High• Priced Fertilizer in 2022
- Maintaining and Enhancing the USDA Soybean Germplasm Collection
- Group 15 Herbicides
- Agriculture in a Changing Climate: What We Know, What We Don’t Know, and What We Can Do

### Feb. 8, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.:

**2022 Crop Management Conference - Champaign, I-Hotel, Champaign**

- Insect Management in Corn and Soybean
- Managing High-priced Fertilizer in 2022
- Maintaining and Enhancing the USDA Soybean Germplasm Collection
- Group 15 Herbicides
- Agriculture in a Changing Climate: What We Know, What We Don’t Know, and What We Can Do

### Feb. 15, 8 a.m.: 2022 Crop Management Conference – Sycamore Farm Bureau Building, Sycamore

- Insect Management in Corn and Soybean
- Managing High-priced Fertilizer in 2022
- Maintaining and Enhancing the USDA Soybean Germplasm Collection
- Group 15 Herbicides

### Illinois Pesticide Safety Education Program

January - Spring: All University of Illinois Extension Pesticide Safety Education Program training and testing is online through spring 2022. Online, on-demand training courses allow participants to complete the training on their own schedule and at their own pace within a 30-day access window. The courses, taught by PSEP specialists, are engaging and provide exam-preparation questions throughout. Participants may also purchase printed self-study training publications for each license category at Pubs Plus. The workbooks align with the manuals and provide sample questions.

### Currently Available

- Private Applicator Online Training (\$45), Testing (\$12)
- General Standards Training (\$45), Testing (\$12)
- Aerial General Standards Testing Only (\$12)

- Dealer Testing Only (\$12)
- Field Crops Training (\$25), Testing (\$12)
- Rights-of- Way Training (\$25), Testing (\$12)
- Vegetable Training (\$25), Testing (\$12)
- Demonstration and Research Training (\$25), Testing (\$12)
- Private Grain Fumigation Training (\$25), Testing (\$12)
- Grain Facility Training (\$25), Testing (\$12)
- Seed Treatment Testing Only (\$12)
- Turfgrass Training (\$25), Testing (\$12)
- Ornamentals Training (\$25), Testing (\$12)
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- Forest Testing Only (\$12)
- Fruit Crops Testing Only (\$12)
- Livestock Testing Only (\$12)
- Sewer Line Root Testing Only (\$12)
- Soil Fumigation Testing Only (\$12)
- Livestock Production

### Jan. 27-28: Driftless Region Beef Conference - Grand River Convention Center, Dubuque, Iowa

With nearly 2.5 million cattle in four Midwest states, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin Extension experts are teaming together to offer the Driftless Region Beef Conference.

- Keynote: Ron Gill, Professor and Extension Livestock Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- Value• added Cuts Meat Fabrication Demonstration: Terry Houser, Iowa State • University Meat Science Specialist
- Alternative Meats
- Consumer Trends
- Producer Panel: Value• added Opportunities
- Matt Ludlow, Rush Creek Ranch, Wisconsin, and recent winner of the National Stocker Award
- Feedlot operations and cow• calf producers breakout sessions
- Market Outlook

### Certified Livestock Manager Training

January - February: University of Illinois Extension is hosting 10 in-person Certified Livestock Manager Training workshops in addition to the 24/7 online training.

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# Pandemic fatigue and mental health

The first positive case of COVID-19 in the United States was confirmed in the state of Washington on Jan. 20, 2020. Nearly two years later, more than 50 million Americans have been infected with the virus and more than 800,000 have died.

Now COVID-19 cases are once again rising and the new omicron variant of the virus is sweeping the nation. As we look ahead at what could be another long pandemic-driven winter, health care experts are urging the public to stay the course and slow the spread.

The push to get everyone eligible vaccinated contin-

ues, and recommendations remain to wear masks and maintain physical distance in public spaces and to practice hand hygiene.

As the pandemic drags on, however, following COVID-19 prevention guidelines can feel like a challenge to maintain for many. A growing number of Americans are fed up and frustrated by the strain the coronavirus has put on daily life – also known as pandemic fatigue.

“Pandemic fatigue is really that we’ve existed in an environment where we’ve had certain restrictions that we had never had before. And I

think our ability to maintain that is really waning at this point,” said Cheryl Crowe, vice president of Behavioral Health for OSF HealthCare.

Crowe says pandemic fatigue is a normal reaction to such a major overhaul to the way we live every day. We are grieving our pre-COVID-19 lives, as we look ahead to a long winter and continued restrictions.

“We’re struggling because we have the desire to have those social connections, to get our normal life back again. So we tend to slip with our things like masking and being in smaller groups or staying out of a heavily

public area. We’re frustrated and we just want that normal back again. And so our ability to cope with those restrictions is a little bit strained at this point,” explained Crowe.

According to Crowe, the continued pandemic and the changes that come with it have also triggered a wave of mental health issues. Those dealing with addiction, depression, social isolation, and general stress have been hit hard.

Crowe says people who are struggling shouldn’t hesitate to reach out – whether that is to a friend, their physician, or a mental health professional. “Mental health right now

is probably more important than it’s ever been in a lot of ways. Our lives have been so disrupted and changed. Our social connections have changed. Our fear and anxiety related to this has really driven up a lot of mental health challenges for us, so don’t feel bad in reaching out to your primary care physician or seeing a therapist talking to the doctor about anxiety, depression and what you can do about it,” she said.

Crowe continued, “Those may be things we never thought we would need before, and it’s a different time now. We’ve experienced

through this pandemic a lot of grief and loss of our normal lives. And if that’s something we need to get us back on track, then that’s something to absolutely pursue because our mental health is just as important as our physical health.”

If you want to reach out for assistance, OSF HealthCare offers free behavioral health navigation services to help understand all resources available in your area. OSF Silver Cloud is also available. The free mental health digital support tool is available in communities served by OSF.

– OSF HealthCare



By Bob Balgemann  
REPORTER

Requests for one-year extensions on special use permits, issued in 2018 for three solar projects in unincorporated Boone County, have been denied in split votes of the county board.

The first request was referred to as Kish II on 30 acres in an A-1, agricultural preservation district in Flora Township, west of Wheeler Road and north of Rosetter Road. County Planner Izzy Mandujano told the board at its Dec. 16 meeting that a one-year extension—the board only may issue extensions of one year—had been issued last year. Should this one be approved, the new deadline for the project would be December 2022.

She explained that state legislation approved in September, known as the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, would create incentives for solar projects. “So, that means these projects will again be put into the (state) lottery, to see if they will be funded.”

Board Vice Chairperson Sherry Giesecke asked where that funding would come from.

“Federal government,” Planner Mandujano answered.

Opposition to granting a second extension immediately came from board member Jonathan Van Laar.

“I feel that I keep voting on extensions for these projects,” he said. “I will not be in favor of this. I think they either have to get the project in the ground, or stop.” He added: “Also, (project) is using prime agricultural land, which I love too much to put solar panels on.”

Board member Rodney Riley agreed. “I think we’ve kicked the can down the road long enough,” he said.

Mandujano said the proposals in question were community projects and quite a bit smaller than commercial. “They do rely on funding,” she said.

The motion to approve the one-year extension for Kish II failed in a 5-5 vote with newly seated board member Tom Walberg voting present. Board member Ray Larson was absent.

“Yes” votes were cast by board members Bill Robertson, Steve Schabacker, Cherie Bartelt, Freddy De La Trinidad and Chairman Karl Johnson. Voting “no” were board members Riley, Van Laar, Dave Wiltse, Ryan Curry and Vice Chairperson Giesecke.

Next up was the Ogdenville request on 33.5 acres in Bonus Township, west of Garden Prairie Road and north of Route 20.

“Is this the first or second extension?” Wiltse asked.

“Second,” Mandujano replied.

The motion to grant this requested extension also failed in a 5-5-1 vote, with the same breakdown of board members as in the first vote.

Illinoisans remain focused on health as New Year arrives

Delta Dental of Illinois survey shows increased awareness of oral and overall health during pandemic

A new year often inspires people to reprioritize their health and well-being. But New Year’s resolutions won’t be the only reason people may be focused on their health. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has played a large role in keeping overall health at the forefront of people’s minds.

More than three in four Illinois residents (77 percent) say the COVID-19 pandemic has made them more aware of their overall health, according to a recent survey by Delta Dental of Illinois.

“During the pandemic, we’ve all been focused on how to avoid getting sick,” said Dr. Sheila Strock, vice president of dental services and chief science officer at Delta Dental of Illinois. “The start of a new year is a great time to take this focus and use it to make a positive change in our lives. That includes continuing preventive steps to better take care of our oral and overall health.”

Oral health key to overall health

The Delta Dental of Illinois survey showed that almost all Illinois adults (95 percent) agree that oral health is very important to overall health.

Yet, about three in 10 said they didn’t realize there is a connection between their oral health and conditions such as dementia, stroke, high blood pressure, diabetes, and respiratory issues.

Visiting your dentist and physician for regular preventive checkups can identify issues with your health before they worsen. During a routine exam of your mouth and jaw, your dentist can potentially detect early warning signs of more than 120 diseases.

“Taking care of your teeth and gums can play a significant role in ensuring the health of your whole body,” Strock said.

Making oral health a priority

More than seven in 10 Illinoisans (72 percent) said they are paying closer attention to their oral health care habits at home as a result of COVID-19, according to the Delta Dental of Illinois survey.

Good home oral health habits include brushing twice a day for two full minutes each time and flossing daily.

A strong oral health regimen also includes routine dental checkups. While some Illinoisans said they weren’t comfortable visiting the dentist during the COVID-19 pandemic, the vast majority (92 percent) had planned to visit the dentist in 2021.

Regular dental checkups are important for both adults and children. As noted, they can help detect issues early, prevent problems from getting worse and avoid the need for more costly and complex treatments.

“If you haven’t scheduled your next dental appointment, the fresh start of a new year is the perfect reminder to do so,” Strock said. “Going to the dentist is safe. Dentists have always taken precautions to reduce the spread of infection, and they’ve taken additional steps during the COVID-19 pandemic to protect your health.”

Dental coverage provides added benefits

Having dental benefits can help with access to preventive care as most plans cover 100 percent of routine checkups and cleanings.

Dental coverage goes beyond oral health benefits, though. Not only can it help prevent or identify health issues, but there are also many emotional benefits.

Ninety percent of Illinoisans with dental coverage reported having peace of mind, relief from worrying about dental emergencies and the opportunity to lead a healthier life due to their dental coverage.

If you do not currently have dental coverage or are looking for an alternative, an individual dental plan can provide coverage for routine preventive visits, as well as other dental care needs. To learn more about individual dental coverage, visit [deltadentalil.com/individual-plans/plans-for-you-and-your-family](https://deltadentalil.com/individual-plans/plans-for-you-and-your-family).

In addition, people with diabetes, heart disease and other health conditions may benefit from extra preventive care. Some dental plans provide additional cleanings for those with specific health conditions. Learn about the Delta Dental of Illinois Enhanced Benefits Program at [deltadentalil.com/resources/ebp](https://deltadentalil.com/resources/ebp).

Seminars

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• March 4: Poe’s Catering, Springfield

• March 14: AsmarkAgriculture, Bloomington

Attendance is limited for each session. Growers may register at [www.ilfb.org/NH3](https://www.ilfb.org/NH3) to guarantee their seat and learn more information.

Illinois growers and grower farm operators who transport or apply anhydrous ammonia, or otherwise maintain anhydrous ammonia equipment, are now required by state regulation (8 IAC 215) to complete certified grower training. The full text of the current regulations is available at: [www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/008/0080215sections.html](https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/008/0080215sections.html).

Growers and grower farm operators have until April 1, 2022, to be initially certified and must participate in refresher training every three years. As a reminder, Anhydrous Ammonia Certified Grower Training can also be fulfilled online at [onenet.illinois.gov/page.aspx?item=128037](https://onenet.illinois.gov/page.aspx?item=128037). Questions and assistance with the training content can be answered by the Illinois Department of Agriculture at 217-782-3817.

Illinois Farm Bureau To Host “Rules For The Road” Trucking Seminar In McHenry County

Illinois Farm Bureau will host a series of two-hour trucking seminars, which will focus on transportation laws and regulations as they pertain to the agricultural industry throughout the state. Two of the events will be broadcasted virtually on Feb. 22 and 24, 2022. McHenry County Farm Bureau will host one of the in-person sessions on March 8, 2022, at 10 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, 22500 IL-173, Harvard.

“There are some trucking laws that have been reshaped in recent years, such as the Entry Level Driver Training Requirement that goes into effect on Feb. 7, 2022,” said Rodney Knittel, IFB assistant director of transportation and infrastructure. “These presentations are designed to take a closer look at these latest rules and provide an opportunity for farmers to ask those ag-related trucking questions that they can’t seem to find clear answers for.”

The Rules for the Road Seminar will cover recent changes and some of the more established but still misunderstood rules, such as the USDOT Number, UCR registrations, and driver’s license classifications, to name a few. Knittel specializes in farm transportation issues and will lead the seminar series, and he will be joined by Illinois enforcement agencies.

Rules for the Road seminars are open to all Illinois Farm Bureau members. Attendance is free, courtesy of Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau and Illinois Farm Bureau, but advance registration is requested. On March 8, Lunch will be served at noon. Please call the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau at 815-962-0653 or email [wbfmanager@live.com](mailto:wbfmanager@live.com) to reserve your place at the March 8 Rules for the Road Seminar by March 1.

For more information, contact Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau or Rodney Knittel at [rknittel@ilfb.org](mailto:rknittel@ilfb.org).

• Jan. 18, 9 a.m.: Certified Livestock Manager Training: Effingham

• Jan. 19, 9 a.m.: Certified Livestock Manager Training: Nashville

• Jan. 20, 9 a.m.: Certified Livestock Manager Training: Breese

Hybrid

Expo, Springfield: The Illinois Performance Tested Bull Sale is a leader in introducing Illinois seedstock breeders and commercial cow-calf producers to the latest evaluation technologies and practices. The sale offers the best performance-based genetics of the beef industry.

Home, Community, Commercial Horticulture

• Jan. 12: 3 p.m.: Dealing with Winter Wildlife Damage - Good Growing - Online

Wildlife can be fun to watch, but wild animals can also be very destructive to the home landscape. Learn about six mammals that may be causing damage to your yard or garden this winter and some tips to help protect your landscape. In this session we will discuss deer, rabbits, raccoons, squirrels, voles and mice.

• Jan. 25, 2022: 1:30 p.m.: Spring Ephemerals - Four Seasons Gardening - Online

These bulbs get their name because of their quick appearance in the environment in the early spring, flowering even before leaves have fully grown on deciduous trees. Horticulture Educator Gemini Bhalsod will guide you through the interesting diversity of spring ephemerals and how to grow them in your yard.

Specialty Crop Production

• Jan. 12, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Illiana Vegetable Growers Symposium, Teibel’s Family Restaurant, 1775 US 41, US 30/US 41, Schererville, Indiana

• Jan. 20, noon: Practical Agroforestry for Illinois Small Farms - Small Farms Winter Webinar - Online

Using real-world examples from working farms, we’ll explore agroforestry practices that are perfectly suited for small, diversified farms. See how to incorporate trees and perennials onto your landscape for conservation, profit, and beauty through multi-functional windbreaks, hedgerows, alley cropping, and riparian buffers. Savanna Institute and Canopy Farm Management staff will also provide opportunities for technical advising, resource connection, and implementation options for farmers and landowners.

• Jan. 27, noon: Regenerative Agriculture: Techniques Towards Sustainable Vegetable Production - Small Farms Winter Webinar - Online

Using ground covers and reduced tillage can decrease reliance on chemical inputs in vegetable production. Explore regenerative agri-

culture techniques and preliminary results from a field study on tomatoes. Presenter: Kacie Athey.

Environment

• Jan. 13, 1 p.m.: The Recent IPCC Climate Report - Everyday Environment - Online

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s Working Group 1 recently came out with a report detailing the most up-to-date physical understanding of the climate system and climate change. Come learn what the report says and what it means for our future. Presenter: Abigail Garofalo.

Health and Safety

• Jan. 14: Winter Hazards Training - Online

Learn about agricultural employee safety during the winter months from skilled industry leaders. The training is in conjunction with the Grain Handling Safety Council.

• Jan. 19, 8 a.m.: Mental Health First Aid for the Agriculture Community - Online

Farmers, ranchers, and agricultural workers have worse mental health than the general population. Give someone in your community a hand by learning how to recognize and respond when someone might need help. Gain skills to identify signs of mental health issues, learn how to communicate with someone experiencing them, and leave with resources to connect someone with help.

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The McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) will be accepting single-use alkaline batteries for recycling from Jan. 3 to Jan. 28 at the Division of Environmental of Health, located at 667 Ware Road, Suite 110, in Woodstock.

Battery sizes AA, AAA, C,

D and 9-volt from residential sources will be accepted at no cost to residents. Only single-use, non-rechargeable batteries will be accepted during this event.

Batteries may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the MCDH Division of Envi-

ronmental Health located inside the McHenry County Administration Building. Masks are currently required in the building.

MCDH is unable to accept any other types of recyclable materials or waste during this recycling program. To recycle other types of batter-

ies such as lithium-ion cell phones, laptops, rechargeable drills, other small appliance rechargeable batteries, vehicles or etc., review the McHenry County Green Guide for a list of recycling locations (fees may apply).

“We recycled 4,283 pounds of alkaline batter-

ies during a similar event in January of 2021. To visualize what that looks like, it is approximately 10-55-gallon drums full of batteries,” said MCDH Environmental Health Solid Waste Manager Kelli Boeckmann. “That’s over 2 tons of material that we were able to divert from the sanitary landfill.”

All batteries collected during this event will be shipped to Battery Solutions in Wixom, Mich. Battery Solutions is a U.S.-based

battery recycler where batteries are separated by chemistry and recycled into materials like zinc and manganese concentrate, steel, paper and plastic. Recycling is an easy way to reduce waste from disposal in sanitary landfills, improve sustainability efforts and protect the environment.

For more information, visit the Solid Waste Program page or contact Solid Waste Manager Kelli Boeckmann at 815-334-4585.

# Art contest deadline extended to Feb. 25

The McHenry County Historical Society & Museum has extended the deadline and reduced the fee for its 2021-22 art contest. Entries for “This Place Matters: Historic Structures and Landscapes of McHenry County” now are due on Feb. 25.

MCHS is marking the second year of its featured exhibit “Art of the Past: Discovering History Through McHenry County Artists” with a juried art show. Artists are invited to use their creativity and ingenuity to paint or draw historically significant buildings, structures and landscapes in McHenry County.

The McHenry County Historical Society hopes this art show will foster an appreciation for history and create an awareness to preserve these historic structures for future generations. If you’d like, download the contest flyer (available at mchenrycountyhistory.org) which includes complete entry guidelines. And, please share it!

The contest rules are as follows:

- Entries due online at GotHistory.org by Feb. 25, 2021.
- Up to three works may be submitted digitally. The entry fee of \$35 covers up to three

entries.

- Entries will be limited to two-dimensional paintings, drawings or watercolors.
- Entries must relate to McHenry County buildings, structures or landscapes.
- Maximum overall size is 24-by-36 inches, including mat or frame.
- Glassless or Plexiglass framing only, for safety.
- Submissions will be judged by Sandra Lang, retired MCC art gallery curator.
- Artists will be notified by letter regarding acceptance by March 11, 2022.
- Artwork must be dropped off at the museum in Union by

March 25, 2022.

- Art will be displayed and sold during the 2022 May-October museum season.
- Exhibit opening spring 2022.
- Artists may specify a reserve (minimum) price.
- Half of the proceeds from the painting will be paid to the artist, with the remaining half benefiting the McHenry County Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- The Best in Show submission will not be sold or returned to the artist but will become a permanent addition to the McHenry County Historical Society’s art collection.

## Crime news

*Patrick D. Kenneally, McHenry County state’s attorney, made the following announcements:*

### Robbery conviction brings five-year sentence

David O. Harper, 31, of McHenry, was sentenced to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by Judge Robert Wilbrandt after pleading guilty to robbery (Victim over 60), a Class 1 felony, on Nov. 23.

On May 26, 2021, Harper attempted to steal merchandise from Mariano’s in Crystal Lake. An employee of the store made efforts to stop Harper. Harper then pushed a shopping cart into the employee and pulled a knife out of his pocket. Harper escaped the Mariano’s parking lot but was detained nearby.

This case was investigated by the Crystal Lake Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Brian Miller of the McHenry County State’s Attorney’s Office.

### Guilty plea in delivery of controlled substance

Pablo Nieves, 59, of Chicago, pled guilty to delivery of a controlled substance, a Class 2 felony, before Judge Robert A. Wilbrandt on Nov. 23, and was sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

On Dec. 4, 2020, a 36-year-old victim was found unresponsive after ingesting illegal narcotics. An investigation into the overdose death by the Crystal Lake Police Department revealed that the deceased’s girlfriend had received the illegal narcotics from Nieves, and she then shared them with the de-

ceased.

The investigation was led by Detective Mattson and was prosecuted by Ken Hudson of the McHenry County State’s Attorney’s Office.

### Six years for aggravated criminal sexual assault

Christopher St. Georges, 24, of Crystal Lake, was sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of aggravated criminal sexual assault, a Class X felony. The defendant was sentenced on Nov. 30, by McHenry County Judge Coppedge following a plea of guilty.

This case was investigated by members of the McHenry County Sheriff’s Department. The case was prosecuted by Tyler Mikan of the McHenry County State’s Attorney’s Office.

### Defendant pleads guilty to drug induce homicide

Jose M. Perez, 61, of Chicago, pled guilty to the offense of drug induced homicide and was sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by McHenry County Judge Michael Coppedge.

Perez was arrested in March of 2020 arising from an investigation that revealed that he delivered cocaine to another that ultimately resulted in the death of the victim. Under Illinois Truth in Sentencing Guidelines, the defendant will be required to serve 75 percent of his sentence.

The case was investigated by the North Central Narcotics Task Force and the Algonquin Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State’s Attorneys Kyle Bruett and Brian Miller.



## Winter tree ID

**Sunday, Jan. 9, 2-3:30 p.m., Pleasant Valley Conservation Area, 13315 Pleasant Valley Road, Woodstock. How can you tell tree species apart in the winter when there are no leaves? Participants will take a hike and learn about tips and tricks to identify some of our common tree and shrub species in the cold months. Dress for the weather and hiking over rugged terrain. Ages 14 and up. Last day for internet registration is Jan. 7. Visit [mccd.district.org](http://mccd.district.org) for more information. There are eight openings left.**

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# Sustainability summit Jan. 31

The Waste Reduction Action Team of the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County will be hosting a Sustainability Summit for local leaders to discuss food waste and single-use plastic. This is a critical time for the county to take action that will lead to lasting change. A recent local study funded by the Defenders found microplastics in our water streams, and with the passage of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA), it is a ripe time for applying for grants and funding to help the county become more sustainable.

The action team has a mis-

sion to bring the community together to make goals and hold each other accountable. They have invited all local officials, school leaders and restaurant owners to discuss how to make these goals achievable. The Defenders are bringing in experts to lead the discussion and give examples of how waste reduction is possible.

Julie Schilf of US EPA will lead the discussion as one of the keynote speakers. Shilf is the lead coordinator for the Sustainable Management for Food programs for Region 5 of the EPA. Julie is also a Crystal Lake native and is excited to return and help her

community.

The second keynote speaker is Julie Brown, who is a zero waste specialist from Minnesota and has led the Twin Cities in implementing commercial organic programs.

The summit will have more local experts as well. Representatives from Seven Generations Ahead, McHenry County Schools Environmental Education Program (MCSEEP) and the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) will also be present. As of now, 60 participants have signed up and it will keep growing until the day of the summit. The summit has been made possi-

ble by a grant from the Aptargroup Charitable Foundation, and McHenry County College has generously offered their conference center to use as the venue for the Summit. The event will be Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All participants who attend in person will be offered a free breakfast, courtesy of Uprising Café and lunch by Duke’s Alehouse and Kitchen. If you are a local leader and have not received an invite, email the Waste Reduction Team at [wastereductionCL@gmail.com](mailto:wastereductionCL@gmail.com).

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With the official arrival of winter this week, the Better Business Bureau is warning consumers to be on guard against winter scams. There are several potential scams that would-be thieves could use to rip off consumers who are desperate to protect themselves from the cold.

“Scammers are quick to offer furnace inspections before the cold hits,” says

Dennis Horton director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau. “Suppose someone shows up at your door or calls and offers to inspect your furnace or heating system and demands cash up front. In that case, you are best served by turning down the offer.”

The same advice holds for those offering shoveling and plowing services during or

following a snowstorm. “If you need snow-clearing services, ask for invoices and never pay cash up front,” notes Horton.

Using freezing temperatures as their hook, con artists will masquerade as representatives from a utility company and demand money for a past due bill. Consumers should exercise caution if someone comes to their door, or they

receive a call.

Illinois utility companies are prohibited from shutting off service during inclement weather. Contact your utility company directly if you are concerned about an overdue bill. Always call the customer service number on your bill when dealing with any utility company.

To find reputable contractors for furnace maintenance

or repair and to avoid being a scam victim, follow these tips:

- Always check their ratings and reviews at BBB.org.
- Ask for references .
- Be extremely cautious of anyone reaching out to you unsolicited.
- Never pay cash up front or sign a contract until you have time to review the company.
- Never let anyone inside

your home without thoroughly checking their background and discussing it with trusted neighbors or family.

- Illinois state law requires a contract for any project costing over \$1,000.
- Report any scam attempts to the BBB’s Scam Tracker.

For more information, check out BBB.org or follow us @ChicagoBBB on social media.

# Rosecrance offers a fresh start in recovery through data-driven treatment

The start of a new year means the annual ritual of resolutions and promises to do better in 2022. For people in recovery, January 1 is a timely reminder that fresh starts can be life-changing moments.

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For others, the first steps

toward a transformed life may be moving to a different location, changing jobs, or finding new social circles. A fresh start also could mean finding a mentor or choosing to work on a couple areas of weakness. Rosecrance’s Alumni Program is available to connect people with a supportive community wherever they may live.

Rosecrance encourages anyone who wants to run the race of recovery to reach out anytime. Access counselors can be reached at 888-928-5278.

### About Rosecrance

For more information visit [rosecrance.org](http://rosecrance.org) or call us at 815-391-1000.

New laws will take effect in January

When the new year arrived on Jan. 1 brought with it nearly 300 new laws in Illinois—everything from addressing confidentiality for victims of human trafficking to lowering fees for trailer license plates.

Insurance companies will now be required to cover comprehensive testing for cancer predisposition, pancreatic cancer screenings and tests for diabetes and vitamin D deficiency. Parking will be made easier for expectant mothers in their third trimester as they will be eligible for a free placard to park in handicap-designated spots.

New laws in 2022 will help fund educational scholarships to military families, expand cottage food operations and promote awareness of sarcoidosis.

We’ve even fully legalized kids’ lemonade stands.

Best wishes to you and your family. I look forward to serving you in the new year as the Illinois House of Representatives returned to Springfield on Jan. 4 to begin the 2022 legislative session.

—Jeff Keicher, State Representative, District 70

## College news

### MSoE Dean’s List - Fall Quarter 2021

Milwaukee School of Engineering congratulates students named to the Fall Quarter 2021 Dean’s List.

#### Belvidere:

Corbin Gustafson was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering’s Dean’s List with High Honors for the 2021 Fall Quarter. Gustafson is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical

#### Engineering.

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the Dean’s List. Students who have maintained a 3.70 or higher receive “High Honors.”

### UMGC students named to Dean’s List

The following local students were named to the

Dean’s List for the fall term at University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC).

#### Belvidere:

Matthew List  
Poplar Grove:  
Eric See

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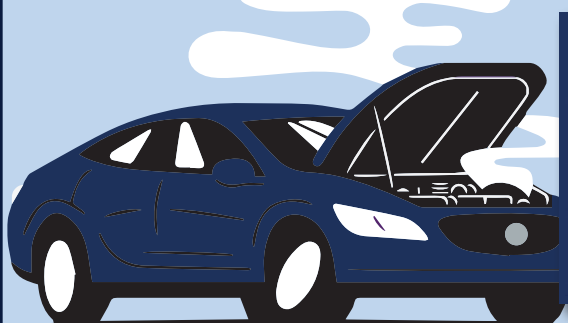
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