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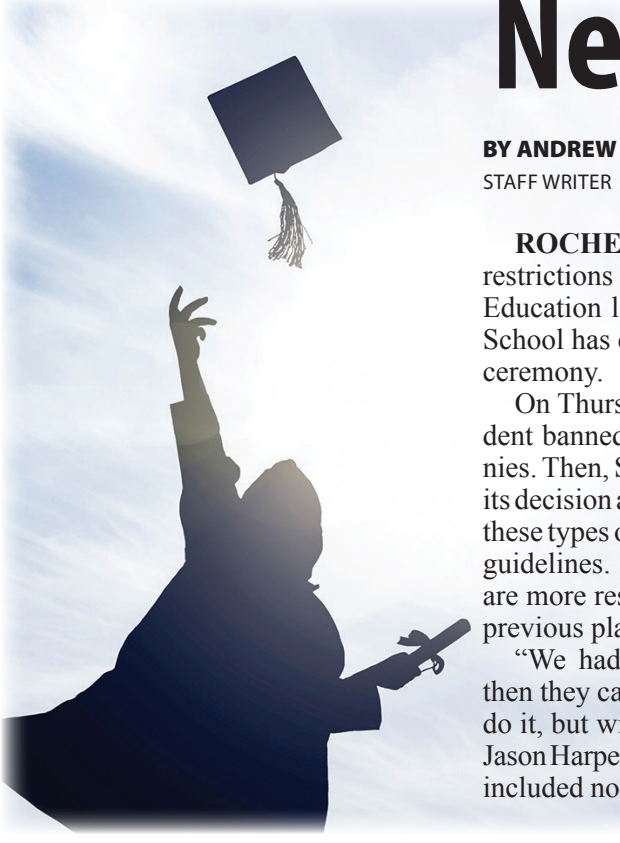
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New graduation plans

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – With new guidelines and restrictions set by the Illinois State Board of Education last week, Rochelle Township High School has created new plans for its graduation ceremony.

On Thursday, April 30, the ISBE superintendent banned any in-person graduation ceremonies. Then, Saturday evening, the ISBE reversed its decision and gave schools the freedom to have these types of celebrations if they follow the new guidelines. RTHS believes the new guidelines are more restrictive and would not allow for its previous plans.

“We had plans for the drive-up ceremony, then they cancelled it and now they said we can do it, but with very restrictive guidelines,” said Jason Harper, district superintendent. “Guidelines included not being allowed to ‘give’ the student

their diploma due to social distancing and only family members living in the home of the student being allowed to come to the ceremony.”

These strict guidelines would make the drive-up ceremony impossible and restrict family members such as grandparents and divorced parents from attending. Due to the inconsistency of regulations by the state, as well as trying to accommodate all students and families, RTHS has plans to host a new graduation ceremony on Aug. 1, at 10 a.m. The school will continue to monitor and follow all CDC and ISBE guidelines set at that time.

After conversations with students, parents and staff over the past couple of weeks, many students have expressed wanting to receive their diplomas in May. So, the school will be hosting diploma pick-ups at RTHS on Thursday, May 20, from 3-5 p.m., and Friday, May 21, from 9-11 a.m.

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Two-vehicle accident

On Tuesday at 4:48 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies responded to the intersection of Flagg Road and Skare Road for an injury accident. Upon arrival, it was determined that William Bishop, 52, of Stillman Valley, failed to yield at the intersection and was struck broadside by a car driven by Adrian Daughtery, 26, of Dixon. Both drivers and the passenger of Bishop's car, Marcia Kelly, 58, of Stillman Valley, were taken by ambulance to Rochelle Community Hospital for non life threatening injuries. Bishop was cited for failing to yield at a stop intersection. Firefighters from Rochelle and Ogle-Lee stations were on the scene to assist.

(NEWS-LEADER STAFF PHOTO)

Pritzker unveils reopening plan based on regions, phases

BY REBECCA ANZEL
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker on Tuesday announced a five-step, regional plan to reopen Illinois after months of restrictions put in place to combat the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The governor's Restore Illinois plan comprises of five phases that health regions — the 11 districts the Illinois Department of Public Health breaks the state into, grouped into four separate regions — can move through as data proves they are meeting certain thresholds.

When the novel coronavirus pandemic was beginning to affect the state, each region was in the first phase, called “rapid spread.” The number of residents testing positive



Gov. JB Pritzker talks about his Restore Illinois plan for reopening parts of Illinois in phases while giving his daily COVID-19 update Tuesday in Chicago. (Credit: blueroomstream.com)

for COVID-19, and being hospitalized for treatment, were increasing. Pritzker instituted stay-at-home and social distancing restrictions statewide.

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Local health departments release results from Rochelle Foods testing

ROCHELLE – The local health departments in the Northern Illinois Rockford Region have collaborated to address the outbreak of COVID-19 among workers at Rochelle Foods and Saturday afternoon released the final numbers of positive cases identified through testing conducted following the plant's closure in April.

Through the cooperation of Rochelle Foods, over 800 employees were tested and 123 positive cases have been identified throughout the Northern Illinois Rockford region with a 14 percent positivity rate. The LHDs in the region have conducted contact tracing and isolated all positive cases to prevent further transmission in our communities.

Rochelle Community Hospital and KSB Hospital in Dixon provided the testing.

Rochelle Foods has implemented recommendations to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in its facility and plans to reopen the facility Monday, May 4 as state in a press release from Hormel Foods Saturday morning.

All workers returning to work are encouraged to stay healthy and take action to protect themselves, their co-workers, and their workplace — precautions also protect family and community.

All essential workers should take the following steps to help stay healthy and safe while at work:

- Wear a face mask/face covering when out in public and you are unable to keep a 6-foot distance from others (when entering and exiting the building, when in hallways)
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reside in your household.

Wear all personal protective equipment provided to you by your employer and notify them if the equipment needs to be replaced from tears and/or soil.

Remember to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet including during lunch and breaks

Wash hands frequently with soap and water.

Notify your supervisor immediately if you become sick while on the job

Do not go into work if you are sick, follow your workplace policies

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LOCAL NEWS

Northwest Illinois church appeals ruling upholding stay-at-home order

Judge said public health outweighs right to gather in public

By **PETER HANCOCK**
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD — Attorneys for a northwest Illinois church said Monday that they have appealed a federal judge's ruling that upheld Gov. JB Pritzker's stay-at-home order as it applies to worship services.

The announcement came one day after U.S. District Judge John Z. Lee ruled against a petition by Beloved Church in Lena and its pastor, Stephen Cassell, to block the order, saying the public interest in preventing the spread of COVID-19 outweighed their First Amendment right to hold a public service with large numbers of people.

"Governor Pritzker's arbitrary 10-person limit applies only to churches but not to the many other businesses open in Illinois today, from liquor stores to lawyers to pet groomers," Peter Breen, vice president and senior counsel for the Thomas More Society, which represents the church, said in a statement late Monday. "Our Constitution requires that churches receive at least equal treatment as any secular enterprise. Pritzker's latest threat of jail for people of faith is outrageous, and we will seek immediate relief from the court of appeals to defend our clients."

In his ruling Sunday, Lee acknowledged that freedom of religion is a fundamental right, "[b]ut even the foundational rights secured by the First Amendment are not without limits; they are subject to restriction if necessary to further compelling government interests — and, certainly, the prevention of mass infections and deaths qualifies," Lee wrote. "After all, without life, there can be no liberty or pursuit of happiness."

The judge noted that more than 60,000 Americans have died from COVID-19, "more than the number of people who perished during the 9/11

terrorist attacks, Pearl Harbor, and the Battle of Gettysburg combined."

The suit was filed on Thursday, April 30, against Pritzker, Stephenson County Sheriff David Snyders, Lena Police Chief Steve Schaible and Craig Beintema, administrator of the Stephenson County Department of Public Health. It sought to permanently block enforcement of Pritzker's latest, revised stay-at-home order, which went into effect May 1 and extends through May 30.

Revised order

Under that revised order, churches may hold public services in groups of 10 or fewer as long as they follow social distancing requirements. Despite that, the church reportedly held its regular service on Sunday. WREX-TV in Rockford reported that a public relations firm representing the church said churchgoers were provided hand sanitizer and family units were spaced 6 feet apart.

As of Monday, according to the state's COVID-19 website, there have been 63 cases of the disease in Stephenson County, but so far, no deaths.

The Beloved Church case is just one legal challenge seeking to overturn the stay-at-home order. Republican Reps. Darren Bailey, of Xenia, and John Cabello, of Machesney Park, are both challenging the order in state courts.

A circuit court judge in Clay County last week ruled in favor of Bailey's complaint that the order violated his civil rights. But while that case was being appealed, Bailey asked that the order be vacated and the case returned to circuit court, where he plans to file an amended complaint.

Cabello's suit challenges the legality of the order as a whole and is seeking to have it overturned statewide. A hearing in that case is scheduled for May 14 in Winnebago County.

Kishwaukee College Foundation welcomes Tricia Myers as new foundation coordinator

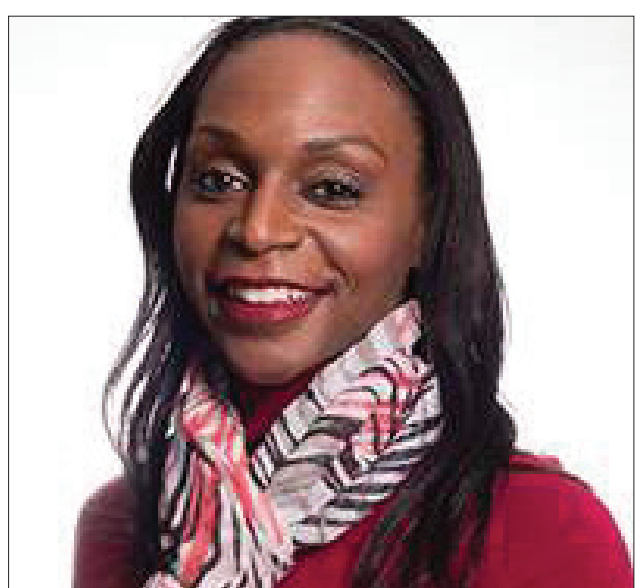
MALTA — Tricia Myers of Sycamore recently accepted a position as foundation coordinator with the Kishwaukee College Foundation.

As part of her role, Myers will help advance the Foundation's mission, manage scholarships and assist with event planning and donor relations. Myers has worked for Angie's List and USA Track & Field, Inc. and most recently held the position of development assistant at the Kishwaukee Family YMCA.

"We are excited to have Tricia as our new foundation coordinator. In her short two months with the Foundation, she has proven herself to be a tremendous asset," says Kayte Hamel, executive director of the Kish Foundation.

Recently, Tricia helped organize and launch the new COVID-19 Student Relief Fund to assist Kish students who are facing financial hardships due to the pandemic.

Myers earned her bachelor's in psychology from the University of Notre Dame and was a member of the track & field team. She currently serves on USA Track & Field's (USATF) Board of Directors as the elected youth representative and is the organization's elected national chair of the USATF youth athletics division.



Myers

"I hope to continue to bring more awareness to the Foundation and its great work," Myers comments. "Improving operations, customer service and fundraising will be on-going efforts to create more visibility and enhance the development for students, programs, facilities and the Kishwaukee College community."

In the role, Myers will provide vital support to help progress long term Foundation projects. "The Foundation and Kish College provide significant opportunities for the community. I like being able to make an impact in people's lives through development initiatives and projects," says Myers.

The Kishwaukee College Foundation is the

philanthropic branch of the College and plays an integral role in supporting the College's mission to improve lives through quality, affordable education. Through the gifts of donors, contributions are used to ensure community members, regardless of circumstances, have access to educational opportunities.

"Tricia is exactly what we needed in the Foundation. Her professional background and knowledge of our communities will greatly benefit the Foundation and help us achieve our goals," Hamel adds.

For more information on the Kishwaukee College Foundation, visit www.kish.edu/foundation.

Young named interim president at Rock Valley College

ROCKFORD — Rock Valley College Board of Trustees appointed Beth Young as interim president during the April 28, 2020, board of trustees meeting. Young was delegated as acting president by outgoing President Dr. Doug Jensen on March 30. The vote by trustees transitions Young from acting president to interim president.

Young has served as the College's Chief Operating Officer (COO) since December 2019, and previously held the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for RVC since 2016. Prior to RVC, Young was the dean of business affairs at Kishwaukee College. She started her career as a math teacher at Burbank High School in Burbank, California, and later taught math for two years at Sycamore High School in Sycamore. She graduated with a mathematics degree from Indiana University. Young will continue to perform the duties of the COO in addition to her role as interim president until a new president is hired.

"Beth Young has done great work for the college with its budgeting process over the last few years in her role as CFO and has had the opportunity to oversee a number of critical areas of the college," said RVC Board Chairman Patrick Murphy. "Her experience with ICCB [Illinois Community College Board] policies and her knowledge of the College's finances

will be invaluable in helping the college navigate the current COVID-19 crisis as we search for a new president."

Dr. Jensen was named RVC's seventh president in September 2016 and began his duties at the college on Oct. 10, 2016. He immediately helped the college navigate challenging fiscal year budget planning due to the State of Illinois budget crisis, stabilizing the college financially without reliance on state funding. Due to his leadership, the college implemented crucial regional initiatives, including Linking Talent with Opportunity and Pathways, the latter of which helped strengthen the college's partnerships with K-12 schools in the RVC district.

"The board appreciates how Dr. Jensen led us through some very difficult financial challenges from the outset of his presidency," said Murphy. "He was instrumental in balancing our budget under extremely difficult circumstances when the college was receiving little or no state funding. We wish Doug and his family the best in North Dakota."

Dr. Jensen accepted an offer to become the next president at Bismarck State College in North Dakota. His start date at Bismarck State is set for July 1. RVC Trustees also voted to approve a separation agreement with Dr. Jensen that will pay him through June 30.

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LOCAL NEWS

Pritzker reports modest hospitalization progress

Says local authorities will still be key stay-at-home order enforcers

By **JERRY NOWICKI**
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker said the state is making modest progress in terms of COVID-19 hospitalizations and that his stay-at-home order will continue to be enforced at a local, not statewide, level.

The Illinois Department of Public Health on Monday reported 2,341 new cases, bringing the state's total to 63,840. IDPH also reported 46 additional deaths — the lowest daily number since April 19 — related to novel coronavirus, bringing that total to 2,662.

"As to the number of fatalities today, I would just encourage everybody to look at these things on a multi-day basis, taking maybe a three-, five-, or seven-day average," he said Monday during his daily COVID-19 briefing in Chicago. "When I saw this number today, I was hopeful that this was the beginning or, you know, a continuation of a trend that I've been praying for. ... But I think one day is not a helpful number to look at."

In the past 10 days, the state has recorded death totals of 79, 59, 50, 142, 90, 140, 102, 102, 59 and the 46 announced Monday by Pritzker.

"I want to remind everyone that snapshots in time alone are not enough to offer a full understanding of where we are, but together they can offer some indication of how things are trending," Pritzker said.

The governor noted that health department data shows the state is making progress on hospitalizations and ventilator use. The number of people hospitalized in Illinois with COVID-19 peaked at 5,036 on April 28, according to IDPH data, and dipped to 4,493 on Monday — the lowest total since April 18.

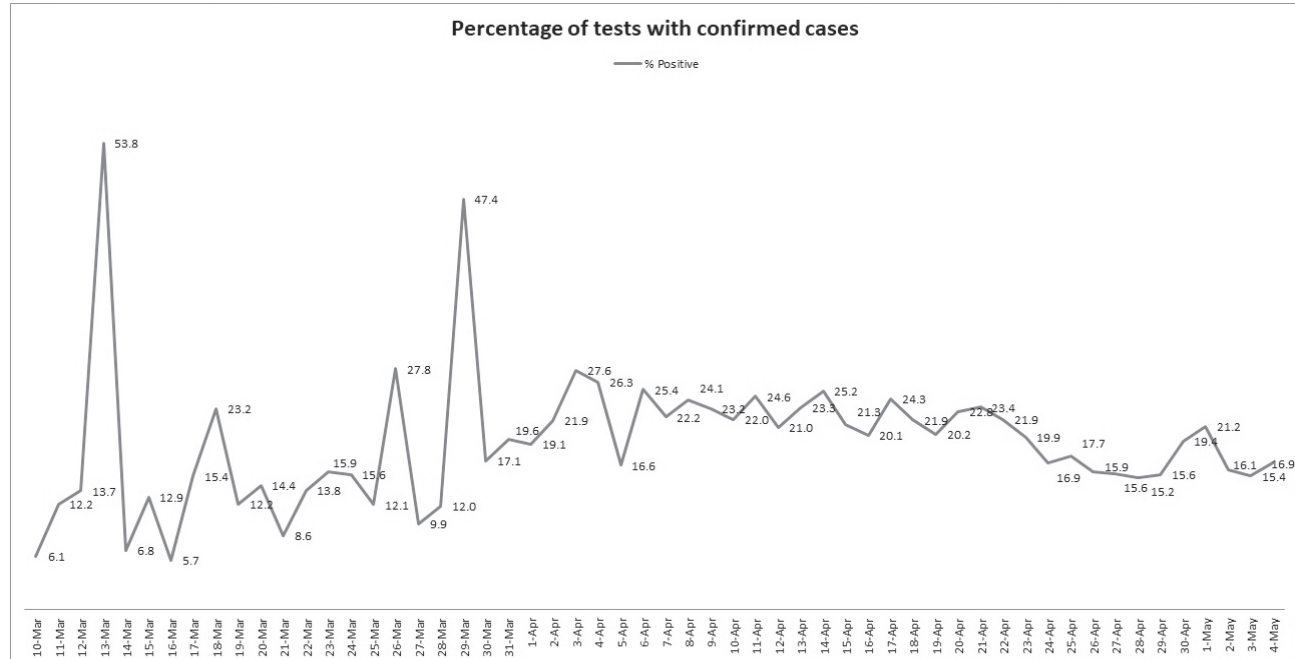
Additionally, the percentage of intensive care unit beds occupied by COVID-19 patients has decreased from 40 percent on April 19 to 33 percent on Monday. That is due in large part to an increase of more than 500 available beds during that span, as the COVID-19 ICU patients on April 19 numbered 1,239 as opposed to 1,232 Monday. The highest ICU hospitalization number thus far was 1,290 on April 28.

On April 6, 29 percent of ventilators were in use by COVID-19 patients as opposed to 22 percent Monday, although capacity grew by more than 500 ventilators over that span. There were 763 ventilators in use by COVID-19 patients Monday, which remained well within the daily average of the past month.

Regional capacity, testing

Pritzker also laid out hospital capacity in the state's various medical regions — an indicator he said he uses to inform his decisions as to when to reopen certain sectors of the economy.

There were 86 ICU beds, or 51.5 percent, available in the Rockford region as of midnight; 40.2 percent or 101 beds in the Peoria region; 54.3 percent or 82 beds in the Springfield region; 27.5 percent or 25 beds in the Edwards-



The percentage of COVID-19 tests with positive results daily in Illinois from March 10 to May 4. Data from the Illinois Department of Public Health. (Credit: Jerry Nowicki of Capitol News Illinois)

ville region; 27.5 percent or 41 beds in the Marion region; and 44.9 percent or 62 beds in the Champaign region.

In Cook and the collar counties, available beds ranged from 11 to 18 percent, except in the northwest suburbs, where 38.3 percent of beds were available.

Pritzker said areas that don't have many beds are of particular concern when considering economic plans.

"If there's a significant spike in that area, 25 is not a big number," he said. "And so what we want to make sure is that we were able to handle a spike, because that's what you know potentially could occur if we reopen things too fast."

There were 13,834 new tests for the virus completed in the past 24 hours, IDPH reported. That is a statewide positivity rate of about 17 percent, meaning it has reached into the 20s only once in the past 12 days. Prior to that span, between 20 and 26 percent of those tested each day from April 6 to April 22 were positive.

The state has reported more than 10,000 test results daily since April 24, although on Monday Pritzker said that despite that number being a long-stated goal, it is still not enough.

Pritzker said more testing is still needed in nursing homes, homes for the developmentally disabled, and other congregate settings such as prisons. He also said the amount of testing in Illinois is not enough to produce R-naught values — which show how many individuals one carrier of the virus infects — per region of the state.

While he said the existence of widespread contact tracing in the state is not a precondition for reopening the economy, he said it is "critically important" to limiting the spread of the virus.

Economy and stay-at-home order

Pritzker also said while he is concerned that large gatherings — such as one reported at the Beloved Church in Lena over the weekend — will lead to spikes in cases of the virus, his priority is to still have local authorities enforce the stay-at-home order. A federal judge ruled this weekend that Pritzker did not overstep his authority in applying the order to churches in limiting worship to 10 or fewer people.

"We have always asked local law enforcement local officials to enforce these orders," Pritzker said. "And the best way to do that of course is a reminder to the pastor and to the parishioners that they're putting themselves and others in danger by holding a service like this."

He added that the priority is to disburse the crowds.

"It's not an intention that people will go to jail," he said. "I will say, however, that if people are persistently defiant, they can be put in jail. And I'm not suggesting that that's the best answer (or) the first answer, but it is something that's an option for local law enforcement."

Pritzker also discouraged Illinoisans from going to Indiana or elsewhere to utilize services that have opened there but not here, but he acknowledged "people are free to do what they want."

Pritzker said Illinoisans will not need to wait until May 30 for full details of future plans to reopen the economy and loosen social restrictions.

"Certainly we've been thinking about this and working on it for some time now, to make sure that we're going to give people a view into how the phases might work and how many phases there are and what would work in each phase," he said.

He also cautioned that business owners and local municipalities defying the order could be opening themselves up to civil liabilities.

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LOCAL NEWS

PLANS: Ceremony to be modified

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“We are planning on getting the kids their diplomas in late May through a pick-up process,” said Harper. “The kids will already have their caps and gowns, so they can celebrate and take pictures with their families as they see fit.”

RTHS would like to remind all students and parents that this ceremony could be modified, such as having limited attendance or even cancelled, all depending on recommendations of the CDC, ISBE and other health officials at that time. The school understands this has not been any easy journey for anybody involved and is doing its best to make plans that accommodate as many students as possible.

“I know this has been an emotional rollercoaster for many of you,” said Chris Lewis, RTHS principal, in an email sent to students and families. “This plan offers the opportunity for all our students and families to participate in options that work best for each student’s personal situation. Keep in mind that this is an ever-changing situation and we will respond the best we can, if and when any additional guidance is shared.”

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Obituaries

ROCHELLE — Nancy Joan (Barber) Bingham, 86, passed away Monday, May 4, 2020 at her home with her family at her side.

Nancy was born on Feb. 1, 1934 to James W. and Mae U. (Miller) Barber in Rockton. On Nov. 6, 1954, she married a handsome Irish man, James Alexander Bingham in Sycamore. After their marriage, they made their home in Rochelle and began a family that would grow in to seven children.

Nancy raised her seven children and they cared for their beloved handicapped daughter, Judy, at home for 35 years. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Nancy loved the outdoors and gardening, raising small animals and spent many hours knitting and crocheting various

items for her family. She helped operate Rochelle Dry Wall for many years and later opened a women’s clothing store, Nancy’s Great Fashions, in Rochelle, in which she owned and operated for 20 years. She was a member of the Rochelle United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, on June 8, 2013; daughter, Judith Ann Bingham on June 6, 2000; grandson, Chris Powell; great grandson, Leland Mueller; sister, Ella Austin; and brothers, James William Jr. and infant brothers, Eugene and Daniel.

Nancy is survived by her six children, James (JoAnn) Bingham, Jr., Joanie (Rick) Whaley

both of Rochelle, Kathy (Jim) Dutmer of Lincoln, Nebraska, Steven (Deana) Bingham, Sr., Nancy L. Bingham both of Rochelle, and Patrick (Amy) Bingham of Bloomington; three sisters, Ida Hinton of Mt. Morris, Bessie Cipriani of Barstow, California, and Judy Frowein

of Kissimmee, Florida; 16 grandchildren, Jackie (Brian) Ramsey, Jeanette (Ryan) Tartaglia, James (Jamie) Bingham III, Rachel (Matt) Mueller, Jason Whaley, Nicole (Tom) Wyatt, Amy (Lavarris) Gardner, Paul (Lauren) Dutmer, Danny (Stacey) Dutmer, Steven Bingham Jr., Erin (David), Joe (Kortney) Powell, Alex Bingham, Jacob Bingham, Sydney Garrels and Connor Bingham;

17 great-grandchildren, Aiden and Jackson Ramsey, Zeagan Tartaglia, Reed and Hunter Dalen, Addison and James IV Bingham, Marisa and Dylan Whaley, Noah and Ethan Wyatt, Clayton Mueller, Finnigan Powell, Braydan Dutmer, Bennett, Estelle, and Prescott Gardner. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

There will be a private funeral at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 7 with Pastor Karen Karczewski officiating. The service will be streamed live on the Unger-Horner Funeral Home’s Facebook page. Burial will follow the service at Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle.

Memorials may be made in Nancy’s memory to Unity Hospice or to the family.

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Nancy Bingham

Tricia Lodico

ROCHELLE — Tricia Ann Lodico, 47, passed away at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, on Friday, May 1, 2020 with her family and friends nearby. Tricia was born on July 29, 1972 to Carroll and Jean (Good) Cordes at the Rochelle Community Hospital in Rochelle.

In 1990, she graduated from Rochelle Township High School, in 1992 from Kishwaukee College with her associates degree, in 1994 from Augustana College with her bachelors in Biology and from Northwestern in 1997 with her masters degree in physical therapy.

Tricia married her high school sweetheart, the love of her life, Kent Lodico, on Aug. 3, 1996 in Rochelle. According to Tricia, “There are no words to describe how perfect he is!”

Tricia worked as a physical therapist in several places: Nelson-Debes Nursing Home in Rockford, Rockford Memorial Hospital, Rochelle Community Hospital/MOI, Rochelle Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and Infinity Rehab at Pinecrest Manor in Mt. Morris.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church since 1994, a Sunday School teacher for 17 years and an elder of the church serving on the Christian Education Committee. She attended Tres Dias in the

Spring of 2010 and was very active serving in various positions including on the Secretariat Board of Tres Dias.

Tricia was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, cousin, aunt, niece and friend. Her family was her everything. She loved watching and cheering on her kids, Riley and Bella, at their baseball, softball and basketball games. You could always hear her yelling her heart out, cheering her kids

on at their travel sporting events. Each summer, she cherished her time up north with her family. She enjoyed spending time at home watching all types of movies, especially Hallmark movies, with her family. Additionally, it gave her great joy to bless others with her tie blankets and banners for Tres Dias.

Tricia was servant hearted, always putting the needs of others before herself. She was a pillar in the Tres Dias community, leading and serving on numerous weekends. Additionally, Kent and Tricia served on R.O.C.K. weekends inspiring youth to love and live for Christ. She inspired others to love Jesus, count their blessings and look for joy in every situation.

She is preceded in death by her two grandfathers, Orville Good Sr. and Donald Cordes.

Tricia is survived by her husband of 23 years, Kent; two children, Riley and Isabella; parents, Carroll and Jean Cordes of Rochelle; brother, Brad (Karen) Cordes of Libertyville; mother and father-in-law, Marva Lodico of Rockford, and Joe Lodico of Rochelle; brother-in-law, Kurt (Rhonda) Lodico of Rochelle; sister-in-law, Kris (Terry) Dunn of Rockford; and grandmothers, Virginia Good of Rochelle and Donna Cordes of Galesburg. She is also survived by her aunts, uncles and cousins, Kathy (Bill) Pifer, Orville (Linda) Good Jr., Diane (Jeff Schene) Good and Judy (Warren) Johnson; nieces and nephews, Chase (Haley) Lodico, Ariana, Trey, Aubrielle and Jack Lodico, Liam and Brody Cordes; honorary niece and nephews, Claudia, Braden and Quinton Casey and her best friends forever and ever, Dave and Sheryl Casey.

The family would like to thank this incredible community for the outpouring of love, cards, texts, meals and generous monetary donations during Tricia’s three-and-a-half year battle with colon cancer. A gofundme account is currently being shared on Facebook.

There will be a visitation, unfortunately by invitation only, on Tuesday, May 5 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. A private funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6 at the First Presbyterian Church in Rochelle with Pastor Doug Forsberg officiating. The service will be streamed live via the Unger-Horner Facebook page.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date for all of her loving family and friends. Cremation care will follow the service. Memorials may be made to the Kent Lodico family.

Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.



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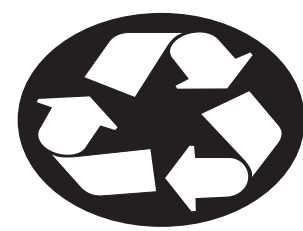
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Cleto Kingsbury

LINDENWOOD — Cleto Kingsbury, 47, of Lindenwood, passed away Sunday, May 3, 2020 at his home.

Arrangements are pending at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. Visit www.UngerHorner.com.



Read and Recycle

LOCAL NEWS



(Kelly Blue Book stock photo)

Police discover stolen vehicle

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – The Rochelle Police Department discovered a stolen car abandoned in a local parking lot early Sunday morning.

An officer found the 2005 Chrysler Pacifica parked in the lot of Unity Hospice, located at 915 Caron Road in Rochelle, at about 5 a.m. Sunday morning. The vehicle was reported stolen out of LaMoille in Bureau County last week.

Because the car had been processed multiple times in recent days, the police department thinks it was stolen prior to being recovered. No arrests have been made at this time. The police department had encountered a similar situation recently, when a car was stolen from Rochelle and discovered in a neighboring town.

“The owner is supposed to come and get it today,” said Deputy Chief Jeff Leininger. “It has been processed and is ready for release. Recently, a car with the doors unlocked and the keys left in it was stolen from town. Somebody took it for a joyride and it was later found in Rockford.”

Man cited for driving while license revoked

On May 2 at 12:22 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff’s deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 11,000 block of East Illinois Route 72. After an investigation, deputies cited Oscar Regalado, 26, of Stillman Valley, for driving while license revoked. Regalado was given an I-bond for his citation and released from the scene.

On May 2 at 3:58 p.m., following a traffic stop at First Avenue and Cherry Street in Forreston, deputies arrested Jason Erickson, 35, of Rockford, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Erickson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a \$3,000 I-bond with a return court date of July 29 at 9 a.m.

May 3

On May 3 at 12:29 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle/motorist assist in the area of 5000 East McCormick Road. After a brief investigation, it was determined that Emily Flentge, 25, of Rockford, had driven her vehicle off the roadway and struck a fence post. Flentge was not injured in the crash and re-

fused medical treatment. Flentge was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol. Flentge was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released on a \$3,000 I-bond.

May 4

On May 4 at approximately 5:45 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a one vehicle rollover accident in the 11,000 block of North Illinois Route 26. After an investigation it was determined that a silver Chevrolet Venture minivan being driven by Derek V. Driver, 22, of Freeport, was northbound on Illinois Route 26. Driver lost control of the vehicle when he over corrected the vehicle on the gravel shoulder. The vehicle crossed the roadway and rolled over one time coming to rest back on its wheels. The two passengers in the vehicle were transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital for minor injuries sustained in the accident. Driver refused medical attention at the scene. Driver was issued citations for driving without a license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He also had outstanding warrants issued by Ogle County. Driver is due to appear in Ogle County Court at a later date.

Report policy

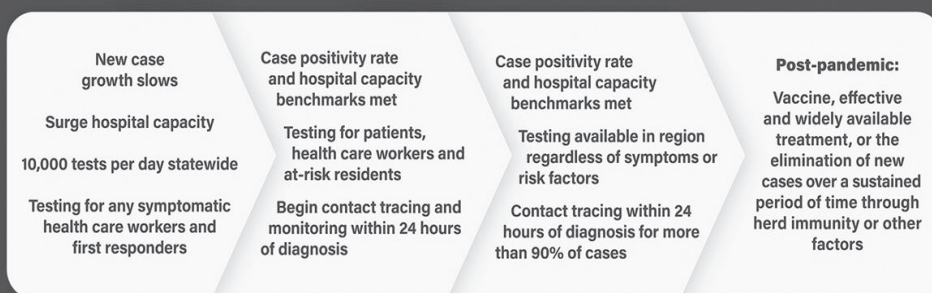
Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the Rochelle Police,

the Ogle County Sheriff’s Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

RESTORE ILLINOIS

A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

Phase 1 Rapid Spread	Phase 2 Flattening	Phase 3 Recovery	Phase 4 Revitalization	Phase 5 Illinois Restored
Strict stay at home and social distancing guidelines are put in place, and only essential businesses remain open.	Non-essential retail stores reopen for curb-side pickup and delivery.	Manufacturing, offices, retail, barbershops and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions.	Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health.	The economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing.
Every region has experienced this phase once already and could return to it if mitigation efforts are unsuccessful.	Illinoisans are directed to wear a face covering when outside the home and can begin enjoying additional outdoor activities like golf, boating & fishing while practicing social distancing.	Gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed.	Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.	Conventions, festivals and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures.



PHASE: Stages announced to reopen the state

From page 1

Illinois is now in the second phase, called “flattening,” Pritzker said. The curve is leveling, the rate of infection is increasing more slowly and restrictions are being lifted. Each health region is observing this trend “to varying degrees,” the governor added.

“I know that we all have a passionate desire to return to the sense of normalcy that we felt before the world knew of COVID-19,” Pritzker said during his daily update in Chicago. “Here’s the truth, and I don’t like it any more than you: Until we have a vaccine or an effective treatment or enough widespread immunity that new

cases fail to materialize, the option of returning to normalcy doesn’t exist.”

The next step regions are progressing toward is “recovery” — the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases as well as the number of residents hospitalized would be stabilizing or declining. Once this criteria is met, offices, stores, hair salons and others could reopen with new capacity regulations implemented, and masks would still be mandated when out in public.

Gatherings of up to 50 people could resume and restaurants, bars and schools could reopen in the fourth phase. Called “revitalization,” it is signified by a

continuing decrease in the number of confirmed cases.

The final, fifth phase would be reached when a vaccine or effective treatment is established, or when a region reports no new COVID-19 cases. At that point, regions could return to normal.

The plan was announced on the same day the IDPH reported the largest daily number of COVID-19-related deaths in Illinois. In 18 counties, 176 residents died over the past 24 hours, bringing the state’s total to 2,838.

Department Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike also reported 2,122 confirmed cases in the same period. There are now 65,962 COVID-19 cases in the state.

Gone, But Not Forgotten

Remember your loved one with
a special tribute this Memorial Day.

With Fondest Memories
David C. Andrews
July 10, 1961 – May 5, 1980

Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.

Love, Mom & Dad

In Honor of Memorial Day

The Rochelle News-Leader will publish memorials of those who are gone but not forgotten. This is a wonderful way to remember those dear to us, and share memories.

Tributes include your choice of verse from the right, and an optional photo if submitted.

To remember your loved one in this special way, send this form, a photo and \$15.00 per listing.

Deadline is Wed., May 20 at 4 p.m.

If you wish, select one of the following verses below to accompany your tribute.

1. We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
2. May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
5. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God’s heavenly glory.
6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
7. Though out of sight, you’ll forever be in my heart and mind.
8. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
10. May God’s angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
11. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
12. May God’s graces shine over you for all time.
13. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
14. We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
15. May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.

Fill out the form below and drop off or mail to:

Rochelle News-Leader, (Gone, But Not Forgotten), 211 Hwy. 38 East, Rochelle, IL 61068

Please Publish My Tribute In The Special Memorial Day Section On May 24, 2020.

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Relationship To Me: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____ Passing Date: ____/____/____

Additional Information _____

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Deadline is Wed., May 20 at 4 p.m.

LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

No place for hypocrisy

JUST because you can do something doesn't mean you should do it.

At least, that's the advice my mother used to dispense.

I was thinking about that axiom this past week, as I watched men carrying rifles descend on state capitols across the nation to protest shelter-in-place orders.



Scott Reeder

The states where they did this have "open carry" laws. So, the protestors point out they are just exercising their rights.

Having spent much of my life working in the Illinois statehouse, I can't help but roll my eyes. Do they really think these sorts of antics are going to help their cause?

If anything, they have marginalized their concerns and alienated themselves from lawmakers and much of the public.

A rather agitated acquaintance of mine demanded to know if I thought this was such a bad idea, just what I would do.

The right to petition our government for a redress of grievances is one of the most fundamental of rights.

And since I was asked, here is what I would do: Leave the guns at home, put on a shirt and tie and contact my lawmakers and share my concerns. I'd peacefully assemble in front of the statehouse — keeping 6-feet apart — and speak out.

And I sure as hell wouldn't show up at the rally with signs calling Gov. J.B. Pritzker a Nazi as protestors in Chicago and Springfield did this week. Name calling is never productive and it

is particularly offensive to use this slur against a Jewish person who helped create the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

It's hard to assess how well, or poorly, the governor is handling the state's response to the pandemic. Have we flattened the virus curve sufficiently? How well have the state's economic needs been balanced with the state's health needs?

One thing is certain. There is a lot of suffering.

A nursing home not far from my home has 70 percent of its residents infected with the disease and 10 have died. On the other hand, in the working-class community where I live, hunger is stalking the families of barbers, waitresses, cooks and other ordinary folks who have never experienced unemployment before.

There are no easy solutions. But everyone is sacrificing.

Well, almost everyone.

One can't help but ask: Are there different rules for the rulers than the ruled?

For example, the New York Times reported Ivanka Trump, President Trump's eldest daughter, traveled with her three kids from Washington to New Jersey in order to celebrate the first night of Passover with family. They did this despite a non-essential travel ban in Washington, D.C. where they live and work. And they did this despite the senior White House adviser's public statements for people to stay home.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot went to her hairstylist for a trim despite a state order closing down all salons.

And according to The Patch, Gov. J.B. Pritzker's wife and children traveled from Chicago to their \$12-million Florida

horse farm, despite the governor's order barring non-essential travel.

When questioned by a reporter on Monday, Pritzker said, "My official duties have nothing to do with my family, so I'm just not going to answer that question. It's inappropriate, and I find it reprehensible honestly that that reporter wrote a story about it."

Gosh, that doesn't sound like the governor is denying the accuracy of the story. It just sounds like he is angry that it was written.

Well, Governor, there is a lot of anger out there. Folks are angry that they are out of work, angry that their loved ones are dying and angry that they can't leave their homes.

We may not have the epidemical or economic data that the White House, governors and mayors use in their decision making.

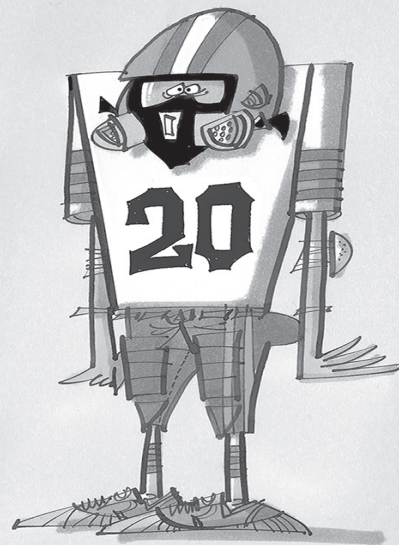
But one thing we can do is smell a hypocrite a mile away — even with our masks on.

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COMMUNITY

Kishwaukee College annual spring plant sale happening May 8 to benefit the COVID-19 Student Relief Fund

MALTA — The horticulture department at Kishwaukee College will be holding their annual Spring Plant Sale on May 8 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the greenhouse located on the north side of campus.

All proceeds from the plant sale will support the Kishwaukee College Foundation's COVID-19 Student Relief Scholarship Fund to help students facing financial challenges due to the pandemic. Patrons must secure a 20-minute timeslot reservation by making a donation via Eventbrite to shop in the greenhouse.

The Kish Foundation launched a COVID-19 Student Relief Scholarship Fund on April 20 with \$50,000 from the Foundation. The Fund provides scholarship support to students impacted by the pandemic. Proceeds from the plant sale will go to the COVID-19 Student Relief Scholarship Fund to support more students. To date, 88 students have applied, and the Foundation anticipates the number of applications to increase the longer the stay-at-home order is in effect.

All plant material was grown

in the College greenhouse by students, under the direction of the horticulture faculty, until the stay-at-home order was enacted.

"It is so cool — they literally grew scholarships," remarks Chase Budziak, dean of instruction. Rich Alde, assistant professor of horticulture, reports this is the best crop he has seen in all of his time at Kish.

The plant sale will include annuals, perennials, vegetables, and herbs. There are also hanging baskets and large bags of quality potting mix (2.8 cubic feet) for sale.

Timeslots must be purchased to shop the plant sale. There is no general admission. Social distancing measures and face masks will be enforced for safety. Four timeslots are available for reservation for each 20-minute interval. One patron per timeslot reservation will be allowed in the greenhouse. Additional guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles or outside and follow social distancing guidelines.

Individuals may purchase more than one timeslot at adjacent times to extend their shopping time. The

cost of timeslots decreases throughout the day as inventory decreases. Payment for plant material can be made by check or exact cash only. No change will be given.

Horticulture staff will be on site during the sale to assist patrons and answer gardening and/or planting questions. Members of the horticulture program can assist with plant selection to suit specific needs or wants.

Individuals who purchase timeslots should enter campus using the north (B) entrance on Malta Road and turn right. Directional signs will be posted. Arriving early is encouraged for prompt entrance. Patrons will only be permitted in the greenhouse during their reservation time.

To purchase a 20-minute timeslot for the Kish spring plant sale, visit <https://kcfplantsale2020.eventbrite.com/>

For more information about the annual plant sale benefitting COVID-19 Student Scholarships, contact Kayte Hamel, executive director of the Kish Foundation, at khamel@kish.edu.



**FROM THE HEART
DAILY CASH WINNERS**

April 13 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25

April 14 - Jessica Aldridge, Aurora, Colorado, \$25

April 15 - City of Rochelle, \$25

April 16 - Carol Hale, Rochelle, \$25

April 17 - Patricia Hansen, Rochelle, \$25

April 18 - Sharon Gardner, Rochelle, \$25

April 19 - From the Heart auction, Rochelle, \$50

April 20 - Nel Pitelka, Sandwich, \$25

April 21 - Robert Lindenmeyer, Sublette, \$25

April 22 - Scoops, Oregon, \$25

April 23 - Robert Ballard, Sycamore, \$25

April 24 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

April 25 - Wyatt Berogan, Dixon, \$25

April 26 - Anne Avery, Verdun, Quebec, Canada, \$50

April 27 - Chris & Marilyn Sanford, Earlville, \$25

April 28 - Ashlynn Tinsley, Rochelle, \$25

April 29 - Dulce Lopez, DeKalb, \$25

April 30 - Jaleesa Pernicek, Sycamore, \$25

May 1 - Brock Sutton, Rochelle, \$25

May 2 - Glen Hughes, Dixon, \$25

May 3 - Scott Eckhardt, Rochelle, \$50

May 4 - Joy Kohler, Davis Junction, \$25

May 5 - Joan Albrecht, Amboy, \$25

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month

NIU Community School of the Arts offers online music lessons this summer

DEKALB — The NIU Community School of the Arts offers online private music lessons on a wide variety of instruments beginning in June.

NIU music students and faculty teach private online lessons, as well as experienced community-based artists and music educators. Teachers and students select online

conferencing software prior to starting lessons and complete six weekly music lessons June 15 – July 24 from the safety of home and at a time convenient for both.


Community members of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate in private online music lessons, to brush up old skills or learn a new instrument.

Lessons are available on many musical instruments, including violin, cello, piano and guitar, plus clarinet, flute, viola, harp, saxophone, drums and more. All lessons are taught remotely using online conferencing software.

Visit csa.niu.edu to find summer 2020 information and online registration. Register for CSA summer online

music lessons by June 5.

The NIU Community School of the Arts offers year-round programming in music and the arts. Find more information, teacher biographies and registration forms at www.csa.niu.edu or by calling the NIU Community School of the Arts at 815-753-1450, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Coffee Break

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Kills, slangily

5 Make up your mind

8 Padlock fastener

12 Polio vaccine pioneer

13 Born

14 Sheltered, at sea

15 Reacted to sun glare

17 Hot dog holder

18 Sugar suffix

19 Charged bit

20 Chin indentation

21 Kreskin's claim

22 Montana or Namath

23 Baghdad resident

26 Feast

30 Frill for Fonteyn

31 Bear hair

32 Radius neighbor

33 In need of laundering

35 Bishop's headdress

36 Present

37 Corral

38 Engine

41 Fish's flipper

42 Fire residue

45 Pinnacle

46 Hotel chain

48 Enticement

49 Ostrich's kin

50 A bit too tight

51 Doctrines

52 "Gosh!"

53 Skillets

DOWN

1 — buco

2 Webpage list, often

3 Chimney channel

4 Tackle the slopes

5 Winning

6 Hammerhead part

7 Slugger Williams

8 Buffoon

9 Lotion additive

10 Ego

11 Hide

16 Unless, in law

20 Opposed

21 They occur in March and September

22 Pickle container

23 "Monty Python" opener

24 Trench

25 — standstill

26 Unopened flower

27 Last: Abbr.

28 Away from WSW

29 Pitch

31 Only a small number

34 Neither mate

35 Carte

37 Fit of resentment

38 Neighbor of Niger

39 Piece of work

40 Expression

41 Notoriety

42 Actress Paquin

43 Dazzle

44 Crones

46 Journey segment

47 AOL, for instance

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **C** equals **T**

UMZ ETCKWR CYLC KYQWUTKVME L
BLRTVG PXG'E LZBXV BLVV BQWR
PQLKM: "RG CYQMM ETUE."

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Answers

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Answers

King Crossword

New sitcom that chronicles a family guy's awful fall from grace: "My Three Sins."

CryptoQuip

LOCAL NEWS

AFC FFA member launches U-pick flower business

ASHTON — Andrea Buhrow, Ashton Franklin Center (AFC) FFA member, is excited to announce the opening of The Flower Patch, a small-scale U-Pick flower farm located at 1831 Midway Road in Ashton. The Flower Patch features cut flowers made for indoor enjoyment. It is self-service and open from dawn to dusk.

The Flower Patch is planning to provide flowers from spring to fall. These include daffodils, tulips, allium, dutch iris, lilies,



Buhrow

dahlias, sweet peas, and sunflower, among others. The tulips and allium are currently in bloom. Each stem, no matter the variety, is

priced at \$1. Payment is accepted through Venmo or in the cash box near the flower beds. Clippers, small containers, and water are provided.

Buhrow will be a sophomore at AFC Junior/Senior High School. The Flower Patch is her FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).

"An SAE is an integral part of a well-rounded agricultural education," AFC agriculture teacher and FFA advisor Kelly Vi-all said. "It's a perfect example of hands-on learning. The skills Andrea learns through this entrepreneurial experience will translate into all areas of her life."

Buhrow got the idea for The Flower Patch after participating in the annual 4-H floral design competition at the Lee County 4-H and Junior Show last summer and a much larger scale U-Pick flower farm in Michigan. She wanted to grow her own flowers for the next competition and decided that she could provide the extra to the community at a reasonable price.

Community members can learn more about The Flower Patch on Facebook. Search for The Flower Patch — Ashton.



Chana UMC to host annual blood drive

CHANA — The Chana United Methodist Church, located at 606 Main St. in Chana is hosting their annual Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 27. Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will draw blood between 2 and 6 p.m. In our current world situation, this year's blood drive is more crucial than ever.

The center's staff has stressed that all safety precautions will be in place, staff will be wearing masks, donors should wear masks, tables and chairs will be spaced 6 feet apart in all areas, and appointments will be needed to avoid crowding.

If you are at least 17 years old (16

with parental consent,) weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health, you should be eligible to donate blood. First time donors, please bring a photo I.D.

Be sure to have plenty to eat and drink before donating. All blood types are needed. Please help replenish the blood supply. It costs nothing and takes little time but can be a priceless give to another human. Please join us in sharing the Gift of Life for our community.

For more information or to schedule an appointment contact Carole at 815-595-4559 or visit RRVBC.org. Remember walk-ins will not be taken this year due to the social distancing restrictions.

Compeer Financial awards \$180K in county fair grants

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— Compeer Financial's Fund for Rural America, the Farm Credit cooperative's giving program, has awarded 62 grants as part of their County Fair Facility Upgrade Grant Program, totaling \$180,000. County Fair Facility Upgrade Grants support county fairs throughout Compeer's territory by providing a means to improve the facilities and experiences they offer to their rural communities.

"While the status of summer activities at fairgrounds are still unknown due to COVID-19, we know our county fairs are still in need of

building, equipment and grounds improvements," said Karen Schieler, senior corporate giving specialist at Compeer Financial.

Since the program was established in 2018, the Fund has awarded County Fair Facility Upgrade Grants to 181 agencies for a total impact of over \$524,500. This year, the grants will touch the lives of 1.7 million people. The Fund intends to offer this grant again in March 2021.

"These grants will help improve fairground facilities and positively impact rural communities for years to come," added Schieler. "We

hope to aid fairs in providing visitors with the best experience possible as they enjoy the timeless tradition of the county fair."

For more information about the County Fair Facility Upgrade Program, visit compeer.com/giving-back.

The 62 organizations in Compeer Financial's territory receiving support from the County Fair Facility Upgrade Grant Program include:

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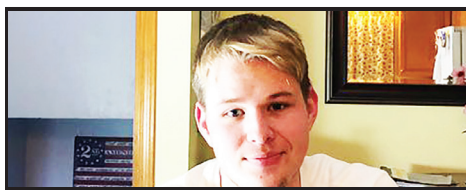
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SPORTS



RTHS grad Nick Stevens recently signed with the Kishwaukee bowling program.

See page 2 for more details

Running with the Saints

Baez commits to track, cross country programs at St. Francis University

Baez was the top cross country runner for the Lady Hubs this past fall, medaling at the Interstate 8 Conference Championships with an eighth-place finish and a personal-record time of 20:13.6. Baez helped lead Rochelle to the IHSA Sectionals three times throughout her four-year career, finishing with the team's fastest time in the 2019



Rochelle senior Britney Baez will be competing for the St. Francis University women's track and cross country programs next year. Baez said she plans to study nursing.

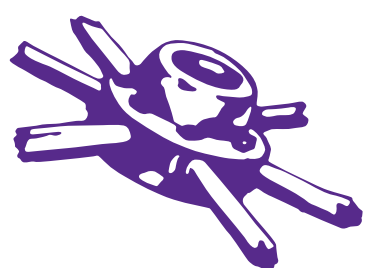
lead our distance runners this season. I know she will be fantastic asset to the St. Francis team and I'm looking forward to watching her continue to improve."

A basketball player in a white jersey with 'Racelle' and the number '11' is shown in a jump shot, holding a Wilson basketball above his head. The player is looking upwards with concentration. The background is slightly blurred, showing spectators in bleachers.



Rochelle cagers recognized with team, conference awards

Brown won the Defensive Player of the Year Award and was named an All-Conference Honorable Mention. Seth Gould received Academic All-Conference honors and took home the McFadden Award. Garrett Burdin, Spencer Warborg and Ben Hickey each earned Academic All-Conference recognition.



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(COURTESY PHOTO)

Former Rochelle student-athlete Nick Stevens has signed to continue his bowling career at Kishwaukee College next year.

Stevens signs with Kishwaukee College

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

While he didn't take up bowling until his senior year, former Rochelle student-athlete Nick Stevens has developed a passion for the sport, and he'll be carrying that interest over to the collegiate level when he competes for Kishwaukee College this coming season.

"I saw signing with Kishwaukee College as a great opportunity for me to meet new people and learn more about one of my favorite sports," Stevens said. "I bowled my senior year because I wanted to try something new and I was hooked instantly. My favorite things about the sport are competing with others and meeting new people that have similar interests as me."

Stevens signed with the Kougars this past month, becoming the third current or former RTHS student-athlete to commit to the new Kishwaukee College bowling

program and head coach Ranzy Collins. Stevens rolled with the Hubs for one season, earning his varsity letter before graduating high school and becoming a league bowler at Rochelle's T-Byrd Lanes.

"I'm looking forward to traveling with the team and improving my skills to become a better and more consistent bowler," Stevens said. "The Rochelle bowling program really taught me the basics of the sport and helped me learn how to be a team player. The men's league at T-Byrds has shown me that taking the sport seriously is great, but it's important to never let that competitiveness get in the way of having fun bowling."

Stevens, who was also a member of the RTHS marching band, said he's currently studying computers and technology at Kishwaukee College. He said he hopes to pursue a career in network management or computer hardware engineering after earning his degree.

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Nick Stevens



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Kishwaukee College

Kougars hire five new coaches for 2020-21 season

Golf, bowling and eSports programs beginning next year

MALTA — Kishwaukee College Athletics welcomes five new coaches for the 2020-21 season. Soccer, golf, bowling and eSports coaches have joined the Kougars, and each coach is actively recruiting student-athletes for next year's season. Recruitment information sessions for all sports at Kishwaukee will be held virtually on May 7.

Colby Newquist, men's soccer head coach, and David Parker, women's soccer head coach, are both seasoned coaches and former athletes themselves. Coach Parker grew up playing soccer in Northumberland in England. He played soccer at the College of St Mark & St John, Plymouth, where he also began his coaching career, coaching the college's second and third teams.

Upon graduation, coach Parker moved to the United States and settled in the Fox Valley in 1996. He has coached soccer from youth to college level in the Chicago area for 25 years and brings a wealth of experience of developing players. He is the franchise owner of Coerver Coaching in Illinois.

"Coach Newquist and coach Parker have both provided hardworking and positive direction to the soccer program since they began," said athletic director and director of student involvement Scott Kawall. "They bring an



(PHOTOS COURTESY OF KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE)

Kishwaukee College athletics welcomes five new coaches for the 2020-21 season for soccer, golf, bowling and eSports. Picture from left to right are David Parker, head coach women's soccer, Colby Newquist, head coach men's soccer, Ranzy Collins, head coach men's and women's bowling, Matthew Hixon, head coach coed eSports and Jessica Schultz, head coach men's and women's golf.

exciting new perspective to our already growing programs and we are confident they will take Kishwaukee Soccer to higher levels."

Coach Newquist is a graduate of Sycamore High School, alum of Kishwaukee College and earned a spot as one of the top 20 players in the nation while a soccer student-athlete at Kishwaukee. He played soccer at both Northern Illinois University and Aurora University and was voted All-Northern Athletics Conference Honorable Mention. Coach Newquist spent two seasons playing semi-pro club soccer for Aurora Borealis and was coached by former Chicago Fire legend, C.J. Brown. Coach Newquist co-founded the local semi-pro soccer team DeKalb County United.

Coming for fall 2020 are bowling, eSports and golf for women and men in each sport. DeKalb na-

tive, Ranzy Collins, is the new head coach for Kishwaukee's first men's and women's bowling teams. Coach Collins has extensive knowledge in developing a bowling program and launched Augustana College's bowling club team. He competed locally while a student at DeKalb High School and is active and well-connected with the bowling community in the area.

"When we added the new sports to our athletics program, we wanted to make sure we found the best coaches to build the program and inspire our student-athletes to excellence," said Kawall. "Our new coaches are passionate about their sport. They've each made many key recruit signings in their short time since coming aboard. We are excited to see the impact their new sports have on campus and throughout the community."

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Matthew Hixon will enter his first season as the eSports head coach and launch the inaugural intercollegiate team. Coach Hixon is currently a competitive eSport player for the Fighting Game Community (FGC) under the gamer tag 99centMcFury. Additionally, coach Hixon is an eSport freelancer for GinxTv and self-published the eBook *FGC Urban Glossary*. He is the founder and owner of Gamers Glorified in Waukegan.

Jessica Schultz is the head coach for men's and women's golf. She was a four-time IHSA individual state qualifier at Somonauk High School who medaled numerous

times downstate. Coach Schultz earned a Division I athletic scholarship to golf at Western Illinois University where she competed for the Leathernecks.

"I know what it takes to be successful in the classroom and on the course and I look to teach that to all my student athletes," said Schultz. "I am also from the area so I am very familiar with the surrounding high schools and the competitive nature of those programs and look forward to working with all the area golf coaches."

On May 7, Kishwaukee athletics is hosting two separate virtual recruitment information sessions via Zoom for students

interested in learning more about Kishwaukee Athletics. An eSports virtual information session will be held at 3:33 p.m. To register, visit https://kishkougars.com/sports/esports/recruit_questionnaire.

Those interested in one of the other 14 NJCAA sports offered at the College can join a Zoom meeting at 5 p.m. on May 7. Visit <https://kish.zoom.us/j/5075583538> or call 312-626-6799 to join the meeting at the stated time.

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Figure 6

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	On some topics newspapers tie for the lead with...					
Crime	36%		TV news 29%		Internet 12%	
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Community events	25%		Word of mouth 13%		Internet 12%	
Arts events	25%		Internet 17%		TV news 13%	
Local taxes	22%		TV news 9%		Internet 9%	
Schools	21%	Internet 18%	TV news 10%		Word of mouth 10%	
Housing	19%	Internet 17%	Word of mouth 4%		TV news 3%	
Government activities	19%		TV news 12%		Internet 6%	
Local jobs	17%	Internet 16%	Word of mouth 3%		TV news 3%	
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Source: Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism and Internet & American Life Project in partnership with the Knight Foundation, January 12-25, 2011 Local Information Survey. N=2,251 adults age 18 and older. Conducted in English and Spanish and included 750 cell phone interviews.

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LOCAL NEWS

Perennial gardening pointers

GARDENING is an engaging hobby that can provide a host of benefits, some of which may surprise even the most devoted gardeners. For example, the Harvard Medical School notes that just 30 minutes of gardening activities burns 135 calories, making gardening a fun and simple way to incorporate more exercise into your daily routine. In addition, scientists have long proven that gardening releases the hormones serotonin and dopamine in the brain, each of which are associated with improved mood.

Perennial gardens can be especially attractive to seasoned gardeners and novices. Perennials are plants that come back year after year, and committing to a perennial garden can ensure people stick with gardening for the long haul, reaping all of the rewards that come with making such a commitment.

Before planting a perennial garden, those new to gardening may want to consider these three tips.

1. Make a plan.



Local garden centers can be excellent resources for gardeners planting perennial gardens for the first time.

A perennial garden comes back year after year, which means any mistakes you make when planting are likely to haunt you year after year as well. Factors like space and location must be considered before planting. Many gardeners utilize garden planning applications like GrowVeg to make the process of planning a garden simpler and more organized. Such applications can be especially useful for novices.

2. Consider aesthetics. Gardens can be awe-inspiring, especially when gardeners consider aesthetics prior to planting. The DIY Network advises gardeners to consider scale before choosing which perennials to plant. Tall plants and wide beds tend to look best outside large homes, while short plants in small beds tend to look better outside small homes.

3. Work with a professional. Local garden centers can be excellent resources when planning perennial gardens. Representatives at such businesses can offer tips on native plants, which will be more likely to thrive year after year than non-natives. Such representatives also can help you choose the right plants based on the amount of sunlight the plants will likely get after being planted. Each of these factors can be easily overlooked by people without much gardening experience.

Perennial gardens can provide years of joy and inspiration, especially when gardeners give ample attention to certain details prior to planting.

What can and cannot be composted

AVID gardeners know that compost can add vital nutrients to soil used in gardens, container plants and lawns. The fact that compost is so versatile and nutrient-dense may not even be its most admirable quality. Made from items used in and around the house, compost costs just about nothing to produce.

The raw materials that make up compost come from organic waste. These can be disposables from the garden and kitchen, as well as other areas around the house. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, yard trimmings and food scraps add up to 20 to 30 percent of the municipal solid waste in the United States. Turning waste into compost not only helps the landscape, but also the planet.

Compost is relatively easy to make, and there are scores of materials that can be put into compost. But it is just as essential to know which ingredients cannot be used in compost.

Yes

Most organic materials, or items that were once living, can be used in compost. Plant-based items used in cooking, such as potato peelings, carrot skins, banana peels, cocoa hulls, coffee grounds and filters, corn cobs, apple cores, egg shells, fruit peels, kelp, and nut shells, can be added to compost.

Other items from around the house,

like unused kitty litter, hair, shredded newspapers and cardboard, leaves, flowers, paper, pine needles, ashes, and sawdust, can be successfully added to compost. Stick to items that are not treated heavily with chemicals.

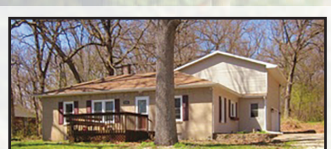
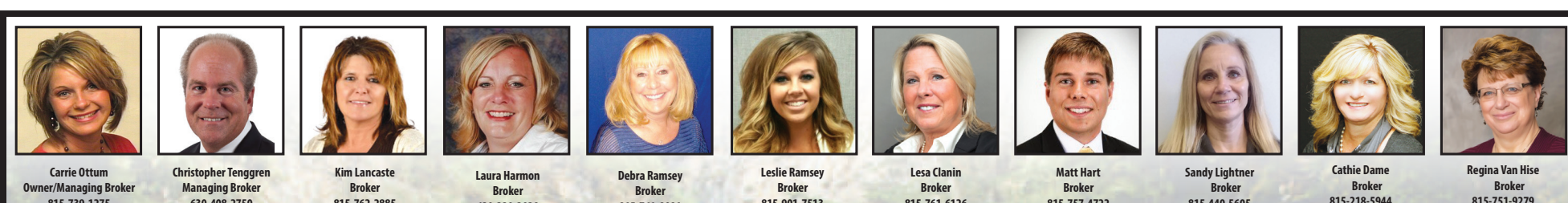
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Inorganic and non-biodegradable materials cannot go into compost. These are items like plastic, glass, aluminum foil, and metal. Pressure-treated lumber, although a natural material, is treated with preservatives and often pesticides that can be harmful if they leech into the garden.

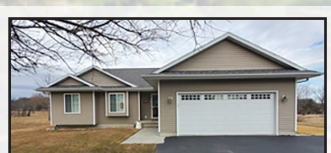
The small-gardening resource Balcony Garden Web indicates coated or glossy printed papers, such as those from catalogs, magazines, wrapping paper, marketing materials, and business cards, should not be added to compost piles because of the chemicals and inks used in these pages.

Planet Natural Research Center says to avoid pet droppings from dogs and cats. Animal products like bones, butter, milk, fish skins, and meat, may decompose and start to smell foul. Maggots, parasites, pathogens, and other microorganisms can form in the compost. These materials also may attract flies and scavenger animals. Plus, they decompose very slowly.

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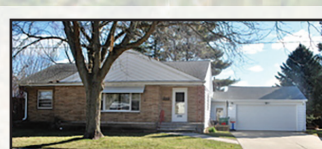
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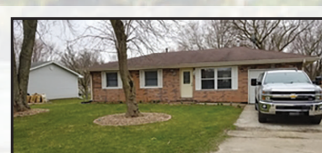
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ON THE FARM

Illinois temperatures and precipitation fluctuated in April

CHAMPAIGN — The first half of April had above average temperatures in Illinois, but the cold predominated in the second half, according to Illinois State Climatologist Trent Ford at the University of Illinois’ Illinois State Water Survey. The preliminary statewide average April temperature was 49.2 degrees, 3.4 degrees below the 30-year normal.

The preliminary statewide average total April precipitation was 4.36 inches, 0.58 inches above the 30-year normal. Average temperatures from April 1 to 10 ranged from 1 to 6 degrees above normal across the state. A strong cold front moved through the region between April 9 and 11 with unseasonably cold air. Average temperatures between April 11 and 20 ranged from 5 to 15 degrees below normal.

Overall, April average temperatures ranged from the low 30s in northern Illinois to the mid-50s in southern Illinois. April ended the consecutive four-month streak of warmer than normal months going back to December 2019.

As a result of the strong cold front that moved through the region in mid-April, minimum temperatures dipped below freezing as far south as Pope County. Stations in northwest Illinois recorded minimum temperatures in the teens on April 8.

Flowering trees, shrubs, and tender perennials broke dormancy and began to green in response to prolonged warm conditions throughout March and early April, which increased the vulnerability of Illinois specialty crops, such as peaches, strawberries, and asparagus, to the late-season freeze.

University of Illinois Extension reported some damage to specialty crops in most regions of the state as a result of the freeze event in mid-April. The extent of damage was likely curtailed by warming of the sub-freezing temperatures five to seven days prior to the event.

Precipitation

The first two-thirds of last month was somewhat to very dry across the state, with most areas experiencing less than 50 percent of normal precipitation by April 20. The prolonged dry conditions caused soils to dry considerably, which was quite a contrast to April 2019 and was beneficial for farmers to make planting progress.

A series of storms tracked across Illinois over the last week in April, generating very heavy rainfall and widespread 2- to 4-inch accumulations along the Interstate 55 corridor between the St. Louis Metro East and Chicagoland. The heaviest rainfall was in central Illinois between Mason and McLean Counties

The wettest point in the state last month was Havana in Mason County. The Havana station recorded just over 2 inches of precipitation in the first 22 days of April and experienced nearly a three-quarter-inch precipitation deficit at that time. Havana received nearly 6 inches of precipitation in the following seven days and ended the month with an all-time April record-breaking precipitation total of 7.8 inches.

Heavy precipitation in late April caused flash flooding across central and northeastern Illinois as well as inun-

dated fields and resultant planting delays. Additionally, many gauges along the Illinois River, Des Plaines River, and Mississippi River south of Hardin were pushed into the flood stage.

Most of the northern half of the state experienced measurable snowfall last month. April totals ranged from over 8 inches in north central Illinois to just over one-tenth of an inch along Interstate 72. A single storm in mid-April produced widespread 24-hour snowfall totals between 1 and 3 inches in central and northern Illinois, with a few much larger isolated totals.

Areas of Warren, Henry, Knox, and Mercer Counties received more than 6 inches of snowfall in a single day, including the third and fifth highest single day April snowfall totals in Kewanee and Galesburg, respectively.

The total 2019–2020 season snowfall ranged from over 50 inches in far northern Illinois to less than 1 inch in southeastern Illinois. Most areas of the state north of Interstate 70 experienced a snowier than average season.

Outlooks

Short-term 8–14-day outlooks from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Prediction Center show strongly elevated odds of both below normal precipitation and below normal temperatures across the state. Longer-term 30-day outlooks are similar to the 8–14-day outlooks, with continued, albeit weaker, chances of cooler and drier conditions, especially for the northeastern half of the state for May.

Coalition formed for environmental, economic stability

NOW that I’ve determined the last frost has passed (at least I hope) it’s time to get the tomatoes and peppers in the garden and wrap up my spring planting season. With a little rain, some ample sunshine and no pest problems I should be harvesting by late July.

Heading toward Memorial Day I can only hope that we have begun to return to our normal lives. One thing I know, gardening seems to improve my mood so I’m well on my way.

Twenty-one farm and ranch groups representing millions of U.S. farmers and ranchers are launching Farmers for a Sustainable Future, a coalition committed to environmental and economic sustainability. This coalition will serve as a primary resource for lawmakers and policymakers as they consider climate policies.

The coalition will share with elected officials, media and the public U.S. agriculture’s commitment to sustainability and the incredible strides already made to reduce agriculture’s environmental footprint. As policy proposals are

developed and considered, the goal is for the coalition and its guiding principles to serve as a foundation to ensure the adoption of meaningful and constructive policies and programs affecting agriculture.

Farmers and ranchers are committed stewards of the land, leading the way to climate-smart farming by promoting soil health, conserving water, enhancing wildlife, using nutrients efficiently, and caring for their animals. For decades, they have pushed past the boundaries of innovation thanks to investments in agricultural research and the adoption of practices that improve productivity, provide clean and renewable energy, enhance sustainability, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon.

FSF’s guiding principles call for policies that support science-based research, voluntary incentive-based conservation programs, investment in infrastructure, and solutions that ensure vibrant rural communities and a

healthy planet.

FSF members include American Farm Bureau Federation, American Pulse Association, American Sugar Alliance, American Soybean Association, National Association of Wheat Growers, National Barley Growers Association, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, National Corn Growers Association, National Cotton Council of America, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, National Farmers Union, National Sorghum Producers, National Milk Producers Federation, National Pork Producers Council, National Sunflower Association, Southern Peanut Farmers Association, United Egg Producers, U.S. Canola Association, U.S. Dry Bean Council, USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council, USA Rice.

More about the coalition members, guiding principles and sustainability achievements can be found at www.SustainableFarming.us.

Bayer and the American Farm Bureau Federation announce the transition of Bayer’s Farm State of Mind campaign, an initiative to raise mental

health awareness among the farming community, to Farm Bureau. The campaign aims to reduce stigma surrounding the topic of mental health in rural communities and to provide relevant information to farm families on this important topic. Farm Bureau plans to combine the Farm State of Mind assets with those of its ongoing Rural Resilience campaign, expanding the reach and effectiveness of its rural mental health initiatives.

Challenging weather, destructive pests, trade disputes, labor shortages and market volatility over the past few years have brought an unprecedented level of pressure on America’s farmers. A 2019 Farm Bureau survey shows that an overwhelming majority of farmers and farmworkers say financial issues, farm or business problems and fear of losing their farm negatively impact their mental health. In addition, 48 percent of rural adults said they are personally experiencing more mental health challenges than they were a year ago. Nearly one in three farmers doesn’t feel comfortable talking to friends or

family members about solutions for a mental health condition.

Complicating this issue is that many farmers are reluctant to talk about the effects of stress or seek help. The Farm State of Mind initiative provides farmers with resources, encourages conversations and reduces the stigma surrounding the issue of mental health. Transitioning this program to an organization as trusted as Farm Bureau will greatly expand its reach and effectiveness among farmers.

The campaign is

designed to encourage an open dialogue among farmers through social channels and offers a variety of tips, resources and referrals to address mental health needs. Farm State of Mind has already reached millions of farmers across the country and that number continues to grow.

Bayer is also providing Farm Bureau with a financial contribution to help support the transition and future success of the Farm State of Mind campaign.

Ron Kern is the Ogle County Farm Bureau manager.



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