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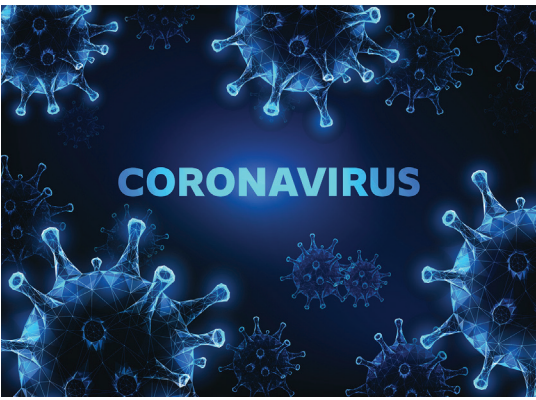
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## First case reported in county

**OGLE COUNTY**—Ogle County has identified its first positive case of novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The health department is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The individual is an adult in their 50s. Further details about the individual will not be released to protect the privacy of the individual and their family. Both the individual and their close contacts are being monitored by the Ogle County Health Department.

“As anticipated, this case confirms the presence of COVID-19 in our county. This case reinforces the importance of actions the public can take to protect themselves and prevent the spread in the community. The Healthcare partners in Ogle County are working closely with IDPH, the CDC, and regional partners to monitor, respond, and help limit the spread of the disease,” emergency



preparedness and health coordinator Cherie Rucker stated in a press release sent out by the Ogle County Health Department just after 3 p.m. Monday. “Unless it is an emergency, we advise individuals who think they may have COVID-19, or have had close contact with someone diagnosed or under evaluation for possible exposure, to stay home and call

their healthcare provider for further direction. (Close contact means having been within 6 feet of that person for an extended time or being exposed to their cough or sneeze.) Do not go to the emergency room, a walk-in clinic, health department, or to your doctor’s office. Call ahead and follow your healthcare provider’s instructions. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough (or other cold or flu-like symptoms), difficulty breathing and/or shortness of breath.”

**What the public can do:**

Stay calm. You are not alone in this, your community is here to support you. Talk to your friends and family and let them know if you are having concerns.

Stay apart. Keep at least 6 feet away from others.

**See CASE page 4**



**BY ANDREW HEISERMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** – A Rochelle Township High School senior used her time at home to re-write the lyrics of a popular song, to send a powerful message to her fellow seniors.

Kaylee Brown is a senior at RTHS and like many other students in the state, is currently learning from home. Since she has been spending most of her time at home, she and her friends had been expressing their emotions of not being able to finish their senior year. They are missing out on events such as track season, prom and the many memories that would have been formed.

Last Thursday night, Brown had been feeling extra emotional about her senior year and was unable to sleep. So, at 3:30 a.m., she

**“I just wanted to put this message out there and hopefully help some people out. We are all going to get through this, so stay strong.”**

**Kaylee Brown**

decided to write a song, pouring all of her feelings and emotions into it. The message behind the song is for all her fellow seniors to remember they are in this together, to stay strong and to remember that they still have the summer to make memories.

“I want people to know how all of the seniors are feeling, as well as give a hopeful message,” said Brown. “In the beginning, I described how we were feeling and at the end, I tried to lift their spirits and say hey, we are going to get through this and we have

more time to make the memories we are missing out on.”

The song she chose was Hey There Delilah by The Plain White T’s. She chose this song because when she was searching, she saw the title and thought “Hey There Seniors” and she knew right away.

From start to finish, Brown says the song only took her about 15 minutes to write. She knew she wanted to do a cover to a song, because for her, writing the lyrics comes easier than writing the beat or melody.

Brown has always had a background in music, taking choir her first two years in high school and vocal jazz her sophomore year. She also plays the ukulele, the guitar and makes music videos. She has even auditioned for the T.V. show The Voice, two times and plans to audition for American Idol this year.

Brown has written a few different songs for herself that she has not performed or shared with anyone yet. But, for this song, she felt she needed to share the message behind it.

“I just wanted to put this message out there and hopefully help some people out,” said Brown. “We are all going to get through this, so stay strong.”

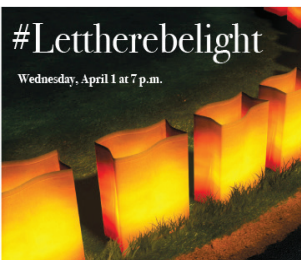
Check out Brown’s song at [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=10221983355756200&id=1329574407](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10221983355756200&id=1329574407).

## Light a luminary in support of medical community

**BY ANDREW HEISERMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

**ROCHELLE** – Many communities, including Rochelle, are lighting a candle or turning on a light to show appreciation for all the medical workers battling the current COVID-19 outbreak.

On Wednesday, April 1 at 7 p.m., members of the



community will be lighting a candle or any kind of light and placing it outside their homes or in their window.

The lights are meant to show appreciation and support for the many doctors, nurses and medical professionals working to aid others through the COVID-19 outbreak.

Many communities throughout the state are participating in this event named #Lettherebelight. While it is unknown where the event started, a

flyer has been circulating around social media and was brought to the attention of the city by a local resident.

This resident is also the creator of the Rochelle Quarantine Scavenger Hunt Facebook page, helping keep the community connected during these times of social distancing. Once the city

heard about the event, they thought it was a great idea as well.

“I was sent the flyer, shared it with a couple other people and we all thought it was a great idea and decided to participate,” said Jenny Thompson, director of marketing, public relations and tourism.

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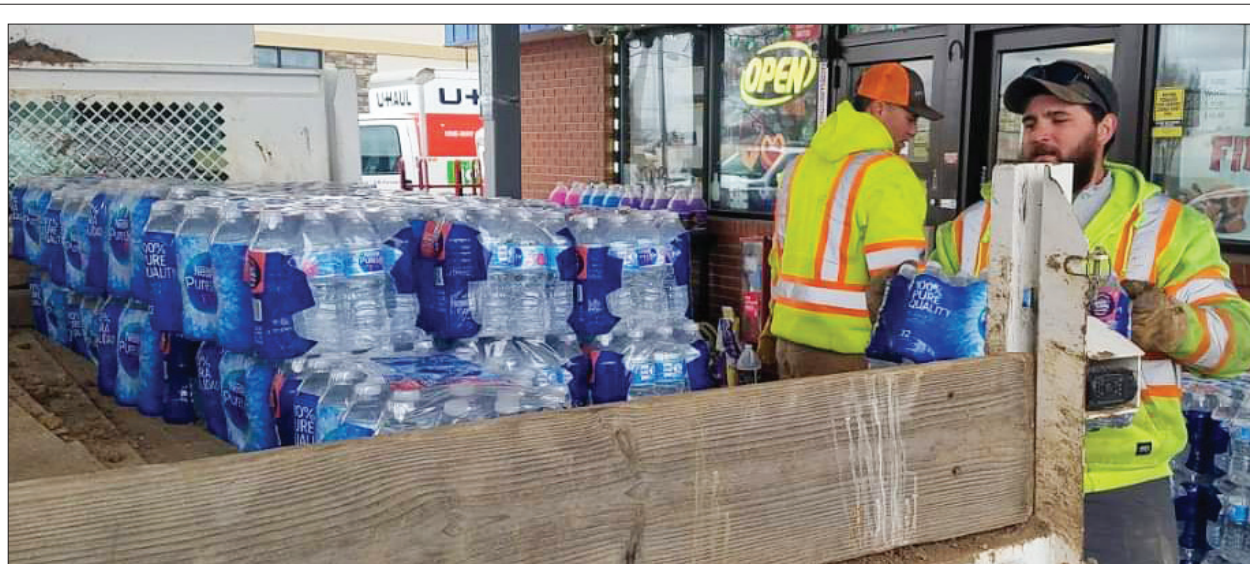
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# LOCAL NEWS



**Small towns stick together. When Clark Gas Station owners Umesh and Sonal Patel heard that the Rochelle Christian Food Pantry was out of bottled water, they quickly came to the rescue with the donation of 75 cases of water. City of Rochelle Street Department crew Nate Timm and Nick Spears collected the donation and delivered it to the pantry Tuesday.**



## Construction work expected to begin Thursday

**DIXON** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced Tuesday that weather permitting, construction work is to begin on Thursday, April 2 on Illinois Route 38 from Phill Road to Interstate 39 in Rochelle.

G.M. Sipes Construction, Inc. will be completing concrete patching on the \$198,000 project. Lane closures will be utilized to complete the work with one lane open in each direction and all lanes open over the weekends. The project is anticipated to be completed within two weeks.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered.

## Experiencing God’s power in everyday life

**A**FTER I became a Christian, there were many years when I had no victory in my everyday life. I was miserable because I still had wounds in my soul from the past that made me insecure, angry, suspicious of others, and hard to get along with.

Even though I loved God and went to church every week, I had no idea that there was power available to me to overcome the hurts from the past and the struggles of everyday life. And everything that came along that was hard to handle, defeated me.

But I was so grateful when I found out in God’s Word that not only is He powerful, but He wants to fill us with His power. He promises in His Word that we can have abundant life in Christ because He has overcome the world. (See John 10:10; 16:33.)

The truth is, as believers in Christ, we don’t have to live weak, wimpy, pitiful, pathetic, barely-getting-by lives. We can have God’s power working in us to enable us to do whatever we need to do in life.

more thoroughly acquainted with Him, understanding the remarkable wonders of His Person more completely] and [in that same way experience] the power of His resurrection [which overflows and is active in believers], and [that I may share] the fellowship of His sufferings, by being continually conformed [inwardly into His likeness even] to His death [dying as He did]” (AMP).

This is an amazing and encouraging promise from God, because we all face problems and have weaknesses we can’t overcome in our own strength or effort. But if we are determined to trust God in every situation, all the time, we can fight the good fight of faith by His grace.

**Religion**  
By Joyce Meyer



## Being more than a conqueror through Christ

Romans 8:37 (AMP) says: “Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors and gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us [so much that He died for us].” I love this phrase “more than conquerors.” But what does it really mean?

Being more than a conqueror means that before you ever have a problem, you are confident that you have whatever it takes to overcome it through your relationship with Christ. In other words, you know you have the victory before you ever get the problem.

Now, in order to “qualify” for the power of God, we must first come to the place where we recognize that in and of ourselves, we are weak and we have limitations without God. If we didn’t have any weakness, we wouldn’t realize we need Him. And one of the best prayers we can ever pray is “God, I need You, and I’m nothing without You!” (See John 15:5.)

It’s so important for us to understand this because if we wait until we have a problem that’s too big for us to handle before we rely on God’s strength, then we’re setting ourselves up to fail.

The best thing we can do to live this life in victory is to continually seek God with our whole heart, realizing we’re desperate for Him all the time. Spend time with Him in prayer and studying His Word every day. Then, when the storms of life happen, you will be confident that in Christ, you already have everything you need to overcome them...and you’ll experience the power of His resurrection as you rise above them.

## No such thing as a problem-free life

Some people have the misconception that when they give their lives to Jesus, they will no longer have any problems. It would be nice if this were true, but in this world, we will have trials and tribulations. The good news is we can cheer up anyway because Jesus has overcome the world.

In John 16:33 (ESV), Jesus says, “...In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

No one can promise you a problem-free life, but God promises that if you will put your trust in Him, He will give you a faith that enables you to rise above the problems you face. And when you get through them, you’ll be stronger on the other side than you were before you had them.

## The truth about God’s power

Knowing you can have power from God to live in this world is one thing, but learning to believe this truth and walk in it is the key to having victory over the trials and suffering you face. I love Philippians 3:10 because it says we can actually experience the same power that raised Christ from the dead.

In this verse, the apostle Paul says his determined purpose was to “know Him [experientially, becoming

### Services At-a-Glance During COVID-19

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Tornado makes path from Oregon to Stillman Valley

**OGLE COUNTY** — Severe storms traveled through parts of Ogle County late Saturday, specifically through Oregon and Stillman Valley, leaving downed power lines and reports of a tornado outside of Oregon.

According to Illinois Storm Chasers, a super-cell storm produced a tornado in Ogle County just north of Oregon and continued northeast and rotation quickly weakened. The storm crossed the warm front into the more stable air mass.

The tornado that struck Ogle County Saturday night appears to have damaged or destroyed 24 structures, according to Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle.

He said that the tornado took a path just east of Weld park, southwest of Stillman Valley, and the



path was about 7 miles long.

VanVickle said power lines were damaged along Illinois Route 64, German Church Road, Limerick Road, Hol-

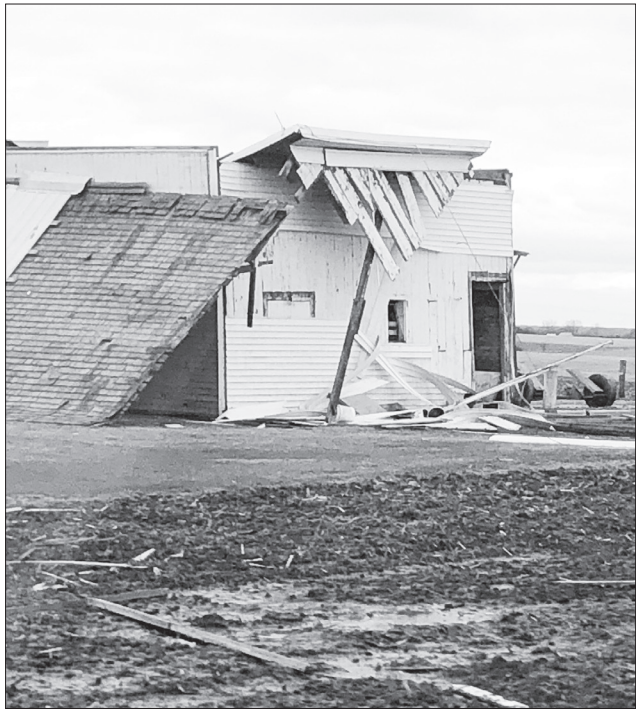
comb Road and Marrill Road.

The National Weather Service classified this as an EF1 tornado.

No serious injuries were reported.



Above, crews work to repair utility poles that were moved due to the storm Saturday night. At right, strong winds uprooted a tree.



These pictures were taken on German Church Road between Oregon and Stillman Valley.

### 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.

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**Ryan Dale Haenitsch**



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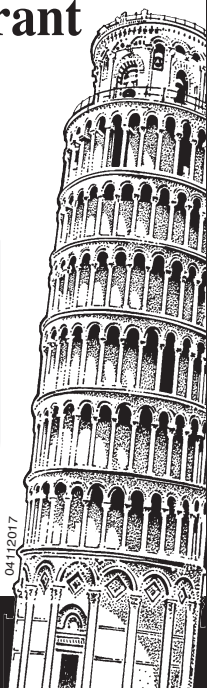
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## Obituaries

### Catherine “Kit” Hakanson

**FRANKLIN GROVE**—Catherine “Kit” T. Hakanson passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2020 in Franklin Grove.  
Arrangements are pending with the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com).

### Joseph Johnson

**ROCHELLE**—Joseph Johnson passed away Monday, March 30, 2020 at his home in Rochelle.  
Arrangements are pending with the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com).

### Raymond Rippy

**ROCHELLE**—Raymond Rippy passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at his home in Rochelle.  
Arrangements are pending with the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com).

### Tom Winebaugh

**ROCHELLE**—Tom Winebaugh passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at his home in Rochelle.  
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## White encourages residents to use online services during office closures due to COVID-19

Driver Services facilities closed statewide through April 30; online transactions will help alleviate the rush when Driver Services facilities reopen

**SPRINGFIELD** — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding the public that many online services are available at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) while Driver Services facilities are now closed to the public through April 30 following Governor Pritzker’s extension of the “Stay at Home” order.

“Online services, such as renewing your vehicle registration sticker, allow customers to conduct transactions with my office from the comfort of their home,” said White. “Furthermore, people who conduct these online transactions now will be helping to alleviate the rush of face-to-face transactions that will occur at facilities once they reopen.”

Some of these online services include:

- renewing a vehicle registration;
- applying for a vehicle title and registration;
- obtaining a duplicate driver’s license or ID card;
- obtaining a driving record abstract;
- renewing a standard driver’s license with the Safe Driver Renewal program.

Since mid-March, online vehicle registration renewals have increased by 64 percent compared to last year. In addition, more than 49,000 vehicle titles and 154,000 driver’s licenses have been mailed since Secretary of State offices and Driver Services facilities closed March 17.

White reiterated that expiration dates for driver’s licenses, identification cards, vehicle registrations, and other transactions and document filings will be extended at least 30 days after Driver Services facilities reopen.

Expert advice, news and events involving the COVID-19 virus will continue to influence the reopening date of offices and Driver Services facilities.

“My commitment is to do everything we can to help protect the health and safety of our residents, while still providing services to the people of Illinois,” said White. “This will, and must, continue to be the guiding principle of our decision making.”

## CASE: People urged to stay put

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• **STAY PUT:** Stay home, keep non-essential trips to a minimum. In an effort to slow down the spread of the COVID-19 disease, Governor J.B. Pritzker issued an order for Illinois residents to remain in their homes starting Saturday, March 21. This state-wide order means residents will only be able to leave the house for basic needs, including visiting the doctor or buying groceries, medicine, gasoline or similar supplies.

For more information about coronavirus (COVID-19), and the latest updates and guidance please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or for local resources visit <https://coronavirus-response-ogle.hub.arcgis.com/>

For general questions about COVID-19, call the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov).

## LIGHT: Coming together

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“Hopefully people will light a candle or put a light in their yard, so our medical professionals know that we are so thankful that they are on the front lines of this.”

Residents can use either a candle or any type of light they are comfortable with and it can be placed out front of the house or in

the window. Rochelle City Hall will be placing candle lights in many of the building’s windows. While this gesture shows support for all the medical workers, it also brings the community together.

“It is great to see people come together and support each other through difficult times like this,” said Thompson.

### New procedure



(NEWS-LEADER STAFF PHOTO)

Beginning Wednesday morning, Walmart implemented procedure to help customers remain the recommended 6-feet apart. A line was formed outside the store allowing for customers to safely enter to get a cart without crowding the entryway.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Pritzker says feds sent wrong health equipment in latest PPE order

Illinois converting convention center into COVID-19 field hospital

BY BEN ORNER  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

**SPRINGFIELD** — As state leaders try to gather as much personal protective equipment (PPE) as possible to distribute to health care workers treating COVID-19 patients, Gov. JB Pritzker says the federal government sent Illinois 300,000 of the wrong type of mask.

In his daily press briefing about the novel coronavirus disease outbreak Monday in Chicago, Gov. JB Pritzker said the state's third shipment of relief supplies from the feds arrived Sunday, but likely includes 300,000 surgical masks instead of the N95 respirator masks Illinois requested.

"While we do not have a final count on this yet, I can say with certainty that what they sent were not the N95 masks that were promised, but instead were surgical masks, which is not what we asked for," Pritzker said.

Made of thin fabric and held loosely onto the face, surgical masks do not provide as much protection against COVID-19 as N95 masks, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Surgical masks create a loose barrier for the mouth and nose against coughs and sneezes, while tight-fitting N95 masks are able to "filter small particles from the air and prevent leakage around the edge of the mask when the user inhales."

"PPE is the first line of defense for our health care workers. It's not a luxury that they should have to



**Gov. JB Pritzker gives an update on the state's responses to the coronavirus update during a press event Monday in Chicago. (Credit: blueroomstream.com)**

ration," Pritzker said.

A consistent critic of the federal response, Pritzker added that the size of the latest federal shipment "still pales in comparison to our requests and appears to be even smaller than our previous two shipments."

"I can't emphasize enough how much we need the federal government to step up and amplify the size of their PPE deliveries to Illinois and, frankly, across the nation," Pritzker said.

Other than receiving federal shipments, the state is responsible for buying its own PPE on the open market, often negotiating against other states, nations and even the U.S. government. By the end of this week, Pritzker said, the state will have received 5.5 million N95 masks and 5.55 million surgical masks from shipments it purchased.

"In the absence of aggressive action from the federal government, my team will continue to run down every possible lead to get what we need," he said.

### Convention hall turned hospital

Pritzker announced Monday that Chicago's McCormick Place convention center will soon be converted into a field hospital for COVID-19 patients with mild symptoms who do not require intensive care.

As Chicago and Cook County continue to be hotspots for the disease with more than 3,700 combined cases, Pritzker said using the convention center as a medical facility will help free up space at traditional hospitals.

"McCormick will be dedicated mostly to non-acute COVID-19 patients,"

Pritzker said, "people whose condition could benefit from the care of medical professionals but who are not likely to need a formal ICU."

Using \$15 million of funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Illinois National Guard is working with FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers to set up 3,000 beds by the end of April. Pritzker said he expects 500 to be set up by the end of this week.

"The first place we are directing our patients is to existing hospital beds, maximizing our underutilized hospitals first," Pritzker said. "If we never have to go beyond our existing facilities, we will all be extremely happy. But since we can't guarantee that, and in fact, we don't have the data yet to suggest otherwise, we're actively building out capacity."

Because this pandemic is "an evolving situation," the governor said, "if our experts determine down the line that McCormick Place should be dedicated to a different set of criteria, we will shift our mission."

The federal government will also foot the bill for the National Guard for the next month. President Donald Trump on Monday directed FEMA to cover all costs of the National Guard in Illinois, Michigan and Connecticut for the next 30 days.

Workers are also in the process of setting up temporary beds at closed hospitals in the suburban Chicago cities of Blue Island and Elgin.

### Prisoner among

### 8 new deaths

A male prisoner at Stateville Correctional Center in Crest Hill was one of eight new deaths from COVID-19, the Illinois Department of Public Health announced Monday. As the death toll rose to 73, the number of cases in Illinois rose by 461 to 5,057 in 52 counties.

"There are 12 men who were incarcerated at Stateville who are now hospitalized, several requiring ICU and ventilator support," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike.

She said 77 additional inmates and 11 staff members have symptoms and are being isolated at the facility.

Ezike said the Illinois Department of Corrections is taking steps to control the spread of the virus inside prisons, including having all staff wear PPE and getting their temperatures checked daily, as well as locking down some prisons.

"Correctional centers with a confirmed case are placed on lockdown, which means that there will be no movement around the facility except for medical care," she said.

When someone shows symptoms, they are normally told to quarantine alone. In a prison setting, however, Ezike said, officials are considering grouping multiple laboratory-confirmed cases together.

The eight deaths reported Monday are people in their 50s through 70s in Cook, DuPage, Kendall and Will counties.

Monday's increase in cases is much lower than the 1,105 new cases reported a

day ago. Officials said that decrease, however, is not indicative of Illinois flattening the curve. Instead, it is because different labs take different amounts of time to report test results.

Ezike said only long-term trends will show any bending of the curve.

"The truth is, the number of cases will continue to increase. Unfortunately, as will the deaths," she said. "The cases that I report do not capture all of the people in Illinois with COVID-19. Many of you know that you may have been ill but didn't have a test to confirm it."

Pritzker said health officials are working to confirm the number of people who have recovered from COVID-19. The state has officially reported only two recoveries: a Chicago couple who were the first Illinoisans to contract the virus in January.

Pritzker, though, said "there are quite a number" of people in Illinois who have recovered.

"The experts are coming to the conclusion that people who've had it and recovered are likely to have developed antibodies that make them somewhat immune to COVID-19 going forward," he said. "And we think that's a positive sign anyway for what could happen on the other side of the peak that we're likely to see."

For all personal protective equipment (PPE) donations, email [PPE.donations@illinois.gov](mailto:PPE.donations@illinois.gov). For health questions about COVID-19, call the hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov). Medically trained professionals able to volunteer are asked to sign up at [www.illinoishelps.net](http://www.illinoishelps.net).

## Deputies arrest woman for domestic battery

On March 29 at approximately 3:30 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies responded to a residence in the Village of Davis Junction in regard to a domestic dispute. Following an investigation, Caylee Toepfer, 22, of Stillman Valley, was arrested for domestic battery. Toepfer was taken to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On March 29 at 9:30 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one vehicle roll over crash on Meridian Road near Brick Road. Ogle County Sheriff's deputies were not able to locate a driver at

the scene of the crash. At 11:30 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a suspicious person at a residence south of the crash. After an investigation Prescott Piaz, 26, of Rockford, was arrested for driving while license revoked and criminal damage of property. Piaz was transported by Ogle County Sheriff's deputies to the Rochelle Hospital to get treatment of injuries he sustained in the crash. Piaz was I-bonded on all charges and given a June court date.

On March 30 at 6:48 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's

deputies responded to the area of 200 E. Chicago Ave. in Davis Junction for a driving complaint. After a brief investigation deputies arrested Curtis Palmer, 38, of Stillman Valley, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Palmer was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On March 30 Dennis Vineyard was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for criminal trespass to residence. Vineyard was unable to post the \$50,000/10 percent bond and was scheduled to appear in court March 31.

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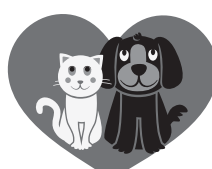
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# LOCAL VIEWS

## Guest column

# Effects of virus hits home

THE coronavirus pandemic hit home Sunday. No, I'm healthy and so is my family. I'm grateful for that. But an artist I've long admired is ailing. I learned on Sunday that singer and songwriter John Prine was infected with the virus, was in critical condition and on a hospital ventilator.

A Prine album was the first I ever owned. It was a Christmas present given to me when I was about 12, courtesy of my Uncle Jim and Aunt Judy. I didn't own a stereo, so I played it over and over again on my record player. I drove my mother nuts partially because she didn't particularly like Prine's music and almost certainly because I'm incapable of singing on key.

In fact, when I was in grade school our music teacher used to holler at me because she believed I was feigning ineptitude in order to ruin choral singalongs. (Sorry to disappoint, Ma'am. That's just the way I "sing.") So, what attracts someone like myself to Prine's work? He could write well.

I've been writing professionally for more than 30 years and have a master's degree but I bow in wonderment to Prine, a man who started writing songs while working as a letter carrier in the Chicago area shortly after being discharged from the Army.

His songs appeal to my libertarian aversion to hollow acts of patriotism. Take for instance this chorus he wrote at the tail end of the Vietnam War:

But your flag decal won't get you  
Into Heaven any more.  
They're already overcrowded  
From your dirty little war.

Now Jesus don't like killin'  
No matter what the reasons for,  
And your flag decal won't get you

Into Heaven any more.  
And sometimes he would touch a nerve about the neglect of the elderly. This week, I have been thinking about his song "Hello in There" as older folks are hunkered down in the homes trying to ride out the pandemic without visits from their families. The lyrics evoke strong emotions:

We had an apartment in the city  
Me and Loretta liked living there  
Well, it'd been years since the kids had grown  
A life of their own left us alone  
John and Linda live in Omaha  
And Joe is somewhere on the road  
We lost Davy in the Korean war  
And I still don't know what for, don't matter anymore  
Ya' know that old trees just grow stronger  
And old rivers grow wilder ev'ry day  
Old people just grow lonesome  
Waiting for someone to say, "Hello in there, hello"

Some of his songs weren't so heavy. My brother Danny loved the song "Spanish Pipe-dream." As a teenager, he'd play this song on his stereo. As he stretched out on his bed, he would literally kick up his heels every time this chorus was played:

Blow up your t.v. throw away your paper  
Go to the country, build you a home  
Plant a little garden, eat a lot of peaches  
Try and find Jesus on your own  
At age 10, I can remember peeking in my big brother's room as he sang on the bed. I'd dutifully report, "Mom, Danny is doing it again." Mom would just roll her eyes and shake her head as the music thundered

down the stairs.

The first concert I ever attended was a John Prine performance in Ames, Iowa. I went by myself because in an era of Bruce Springsteen and Billy Joel, none of my peers had even heard of a man named Prine.

Like Springsteen and Joel, Prine sang about the trouble Vietnam veterans had reintegrating into society. But his words in "Sam Stone" are more somber and evoke a greater sense of desperation than Springsteen's "Born in the USA" or Joel's "Goodnight Saigon." I prefer the revised lyrics Prine wrote for Johnny Cash over the original words, which are blasphemous. The Johnny Cash version goes like this:

Sam Stone came home  
To his wife and family  
After serving in the conflict overseas  
And the time that he served  
Had shattered all his nerves  
And left a little shrap-

nel in his knee  
But the morphine eased the pain  
And the grass grew 'round his brain  
And gave him all the confidence he lacked  
With a Purple Heart and a monkey on his back  
There's a hole in daddy's arm  
Where all the money goes  
Daddy must of hurt a lot back then, I suppose  
The lyrics go on to share how Sam Stone turned to crime to sup-

port his drug habit while his kids ran around in "other people's clothes."

The song written in 1971 resonates today as our nation struggles with an opioid epidemic and again seeks to reintegrate soldiers returning from distant battlefields.

I was thinking about all of these things as Prine fights this virus. On Monday, his wife reported that the 73-year-old, two-time cancer survivor had been upgraded to stable condition. But he is a long way from

out of the woods.

It's hard to know what Prine might advise during this stressful time. Perhaps it would be;

Blow up your TV throw away your paper  
Go to the country, build you a home  
Plant a little garden, eat a lot of peaches  
Try and find Jesus on your own

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## VOICE ON THE STREET

### Question:

***In keeping with social distancing practices, we will not be asking the weekly Voice on the Street question in person; however, we will be posting the question on our Facebook page. This week's question is: Since sheltering in place orders were given what types of fun activities have you been doing at home? Have you taken the time to try new recipes?***

***"Last week I taught my daughter how to make cream puffs. This week we'll make bread."***

Angie Rubeck Ward

***"We have been planning for and participating in a weekly activity day. Last week we did a whole day to celebrate Tolkien Reading Day including food, school work, readings, decorations, all the works. We're looking forward to a circus day tomorrow."***

Kara Prewett

***"Puzzles, spring cleaning, painting and cooking."***

Dave and Mary Helfrich



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# COMMUNITY



Phyllis Witzel Bauer

## Witzel Bauer to turn 100 years old April 9

**BEND, Ore.** – Phyllis Witzel Bauer was born on April 9, 1920, in Ashton, to Adam and Annie Witzel. Adam had a filling station in the eastern part of Ashton and also drove a school bus. Annie was a busy mom, handled Modern Woodmen Insurance and was a very active member of the local Woman’s Club. Phyllis reports they were they greatest parents.

Phyllis had a sister, Betty Witzel Wirth and a brother, Kenneth “Peanuts” Witzel. The family all attended St. John’s Lutheran Church regularly.

Phyllis attended Ashton Schools and then went on to the University of Illinois. She moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she was a dietician at a local hospital. It was there she met and married Dr. Donald Bauer.

The Bauers lived in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, and then moved on to cities in California and Oregon. Don passed away in 1993. Phyllis is the mother of five children now residing in Jekyll Island, Georgia, California and Oregon. She has eight grandchildren and 17 great- grandchildren. She also has a nephew Jon Wirth of Freeport and a niece, Terri Witzel.

Over the years she has remained connected to Jon and Nancy Reed of Salem, Oregon and Barbara Reed Eaton of San Rafael, California. She enjoys the Ashton Gazette, especially the Lest We Forget column and news they share.

Due to the current virus health concerns, celebrations may have to be changed to a later date.

Phyllis would enjoy hearing from Ashton friends. Cards may be sent to:

Mrs. Phyllis Bauer, Whispering Winds Retirement Center No. 328, 2920 N. E. Conners Ave., Bend, OR, 97701

### CALENDAR

#### Sat., April 4

The annual spring clean-up at the White Rock Cemetery will be held. Any decorations or accessories that you would like to keep must be removed before April 4.

#### Fish stocking cancelled

Rick Melton from the Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club was in contact with Logan Hollow Fish Farms and Pete from Logan Hollow advised they were going to cancel any sales during the virus outbreak.

Be advised that any orders that have been processed now will be issued a refund check by return mail from the club. All other orders that have been sent in but not processed will have your original check sent back to you by return mail. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

#### Cancellations

- These support groups WILL NOT be meeting at Rochelle Community Hospital until further notice:
  - Alcoholics Anonymous
  - Group Hope
  - Narcotics Anonymous
- Also, the community presentation “Your Foot Health is Important” scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 has been canceled.

- Lodge rentals at the Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club will be suspended for the month of March and April.

- The monthly meeting the Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club has been cancelled.



### FROM THE HEART DAILY CASH WINNERS

March 13 - Melissa Stacy, Byron, \$25
March 14 - Tom Remsen, Rockford, \$25
March 15 - Gary Bunger, Ashton, \$50
March 16 - Steven Truckenbrod, Rochelle (CHS), \$25
March 17 - Robert Eckhardt, Rochelle, \$250
March 18 - Bettye Chadwick, Rochelle, \$25
March 19 - Glenda Bloomingdale, Davis Junction, \$25
March 20 - Madeline Hogan, Leaf River, \$25
March 21 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25
March 22 - Martha Miller, Rochelle, \$50
March 23 - Angie Agnos, Rochelle, \$25
March 24 - Adam Burch, Rochelle, \$25
March 25 - Mike Dale, Edgerton, Wis., \$25
March 26 - Mike & Sarah Wiseman, Latham, NY, \$25
March 27 - Cathy Cox, Rochelle, \$25
March 28 - George Bigelow, Kings, \$25
March 29 - Christine Kyler, DeKalb, \$50
March 30 - Chris Harrington, Hazel Crest, \$25
March 31 - Dan Harper, Rochelle, \$25
Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month

(Submit items for the Community Calendar to [jsimmons@rochellenews-leader.com](mailto:jsimmons@rochellenews-leader.com))

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- April 3**  
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- April 4**  
Clarissa Dodillet
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Timothy Avila
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by Linda Thistle

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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: **H** equals **R**

KV DSJ’HF MSBN MS ES VKTN ZTN  
KTMFHQKFR Z YFQFT-VSSM EJD,  
K’N YZD KM’Y Z MZBB SHNFH!

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Answer

4	5	9	7	1	2	3	8	6
7	3	8	5	6	9	2	4	1
8	6	2	3	9	4	1	7	5
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2	9	8	4	3	1	5	6	7
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7	4	8	9	2	5	6	1	3
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Answers

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# LOCAL NEWS

## State gives guidance on mortgage payments, student loan debt, banking

### Repossession, evictions on hold during COVID-19 crisis

BY JERRY NOWICKI  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

**SPRINGFIELD** — The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation issued guidance for lenders and borrowers Monday regarding debt collection during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Evictions are suspended for homes and rental units in Illinois per an executive order by Gov. JB Pritzker, and IDFP is urging all mortgage servicers to defer payments for 90 days for those suffering hardship as a result of the pandemic.

The department also highlighted a recent executive order suspending repossession of vehicles during the duration of a disaster declaration for COVID-19.

The Illinois Attorney General's office is fielding complaints about unfair business practices at <https://ccformsubmission.ilattorneygeneral.net/>, while more information on banking complaints can be found at IDFP's website at <https://www.idfp.com/admin/banks/DoBcomplaints.asp>.

For questions or complaints about licensed consumer lenders, Illinoisans can visit <http://www.idfp.com/DFI/DFIComplaintForm.asp>.

### Mortgage and rent

Foreclosure sales and evictions have been suspended for single family and multifamily home loans financed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and the department noted some may be eligible for forbearance or reduction of mortgage payments for up to 12 months.

Evictions and foreclosures are also suspended for 60 days on Federal Housing Authority single-family home loans and reverse mortgages for seniors.

Per IDFP, affected homeowners or renters should contact their landlord and mortgage servicer immediately to learn about mortgage relief programs. Certified housing counselors through

the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development can be found at [www.HUD.gov](http://www.HUD.gov).

The department also urges renters to contact legal assistance agencies, and they urged visiting <https://www.carpls.org/client-services/> for free legal advice.

Veterans with questions about mortgage options can call the St. Paul VA Regional Office at 1-877-827-3702; the Illinois Attorney General's Mortgage Helpline is available at 1-866-544-7151; and IDFP can be called at 1-888-473-4858.

### Student loans

Interest rates on federal student loans held by the U.S. Department of Education have been reduced to 0 percent until Sept. 30, and repayment on those loans is suspended until the same date. Involuntary collection on federal student loans, including wage garnishments and offsets, will be suspended until that date as well. Credit reporting will take place as if the borrower were making timely payments.

Borrowers can find out if a loan is a federal student loan by visiting the Department of Education's National Student Loan Data System at <https://studentaid.gov/> or by calling 1-800-433-3243 or 1-800-730-8913 (TTD).

Borrowers are urged to contact their student loan servicer as quickly as possible if they are having trouble making payments. Those having trouble with their student loan servicers are encouraged to call the IDFP Division of Banking at 217-785-2900 or the Attorney General's Student Loan Helpline at 1-800-455-2456.

### Banks and Credit

### Union guidance

In its guidance for banks and credit unions, IDFP "strongly urges" the entities "respond to borrowers affected by the current economic environment, such as small businesses, hourly workers, and independent contractors," according

to a news release.

IDFP is encouraging all banks and credit unions to offer payment deferment at no cost while eliminating fees such as late payment, ATM usage and overdraft charges, and increasing daily ATM withdrawal and credit card limits.

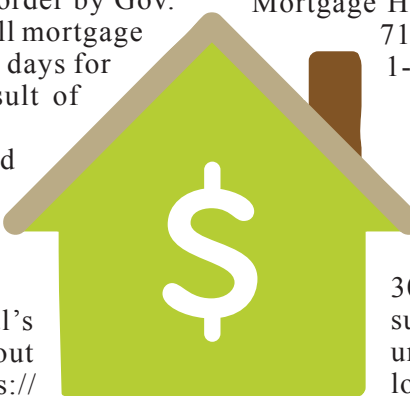
The department also guides banks and credit unions to: provide new loans on favorable terms; ease restrictions on check cashing; alert customers to the heightened risk of scams; remind customers to contact their financial institutions before entering into unsolicited financial assistance programs; and ensure that consumers don't experience service disruptions should the institutions close their offices.

If a lender closes its doors for health reasons, they must provide notice to IDFP and provide reasonable ways to ensure borrowers can make payments to avoid delinquency, per the release.

### Debt collection

IDFP noted that debt collection is not listed as essential businesses under Pritzker's stay-at-home order, although debt collectors may continue to operate remotely.

The department is encouraging debt collectors and debt buyers to work with consumers to accommodate hardships, including by suspending collection activity for at least 60 days.



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# SPORTS

## MAKING A COMEBACK

RTHS grad Cody Johnson is working his way back from Tommy John surgery.

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## RTHS Softball

# Kishwaukee combo

### Dueringer, Roush share brief reunion with Lady Kougars

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

WHILE their reunion with the Kishwaukee College softball program has been brief, former Rochelle Township High School players Emilee Dueringer and Faith Roush are looking ahead and preparing for what lies next in their respective academics and athletics.

With a limited roster, the sophomore Roush had been primed to take on a significant role for the Lady Kougars, and the freshman Dueringer was aiming to step up as a first-year collegiate player. Their season was unable to take off, however, after a shortage of players forced the team to cancel all of its nonconference games and the continuing coronavirus pandemic required the NJCAA to cancel all spring athletics across the country.

“It was a tremendous letdown,” Dueringer said. “My first year with the program has been a roller-coaster ride. We struggled to keep our numbers up, even during the fall, and there were moments where

I wasn’t sure if we would have a team. But overall, we grew closer as a team and we formed a much stronger connection with each other on and off the field. The thing I have enjoyed most is the bond our team has. Everything has felt right.”

“When I heard that our season was canceled, it was pretty disappointing because it’s tough not being able to do one of the things I love most,” Roush added. “My second year with the team was pretty good. My teammates have all been great and we are a really close group so we always had a good time, even when we were conditioning at 6 a.m.”

The Lady Hub graduates will now take steps apart, as Roush will transfer to Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas to continue her education and Dueringer will remain at Kishwaukee College for her academics and athletics. Roush plans to study wildlife, sustainability and ecosystem sciences at her new school, but before she takes off, she’ll be working her second season as a coach with the Kishwaukee Valley Storm softball program this summer.

Former Rochelle softball players Emilee Dueringer (left) and Faith Roush (right) are preparing for the next steps in their academic and athletic careers after seeing their season cut down by the coronavirus pandemic.

“I’m going to miss my teammates and being at practice every day,” Roush said. “I thought I improved quite a bit this year. My pitching was really getting there and I was really excited for that. My hitting was also back to where I wanted it to be, and I hit the ball fairly consistently

during the fall. I felt my fielding improved a lot as well since I was practicing at multiple spots.”

Dueringer will look to become a leader for the Kishwaukee College team as a sophomore next season. The former RTHS first baseman will be reuniting with two former team-

(PHOTOS COURTESY OF KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE)

mates as well, as current RTHS seniors Abby and Ally Reish expected to join the team in the fall.

“I definitely improved over the time we had together this year,” Dueringer said. “During the fall, I saw different pitchers with faster speeds and a range of pitches which

helped me adjust. I’m looking forward to next season not only because of the number of recruits, but because of the comeback that Kishwaukee softball is going to make... With the extra downtime, I have an opportunity to do some extra hitting, tee work and fielding drills.”

## RTHS Softball

# Meyers moving on after JUCO career concludes

### Lady Hub graduate to pursue nursing degree, mountain rescue career

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

Former Rochelle Township High School softball player Jessie Meyers transferred from Kishwaukee College this past year to further her academics and her athletics. Meyers found her new home at Bryant & Stratton College in Wisconsin, and although her second NJCAA season was stopped short due to the coronavirus, Meyers has continued progressing with her academics, and she’s ready to begin her nursing clinicals next term.

“I felt that Bryant & Stratton had a better nursing program for me,” Meyers said. “I loved the season and the girls I played with. What I enjoyed most was that we were a family, and we were also able to travel to Arizona to play softball. Playing softball motivated me to be orga-

“Playing softball motivated me to be organized and stay on top of my academics...”

Jessie Meyers

nized and stay on top of my academics because there is so much practice and dedication involved in collegiate athletics and being a nursing student.”

The former Lady Hub catcher and infielder spent her freshman season at Kishwaukee College primarily at those two positions. When she transferred to Bryant & Stratton College, however, Meyers was preparing to spend more time in the outfield in addition to continuing on behind the plate. In limited season play, Meyers appeared in two games, recording one run and one stolen base against Madison College on March 7.

Meyers added one walk against Triton College, and the team went 1-2 over

its only three games. With her two-year NJCAA career now behind her, Meyers said she plans to start her clinicals next term with the goal of pursuing a mountain rescue career somewhere out west.

“This year I was an outfielder and a catcher,” Meyers said. “My time with Bryant & Stratton differed from Kishwaukee in that I had more opportunities to play in the outfield, where I think I improved the most because I was never really an outfielder before. Being pushed to play that position motivated me to hammer down and focus on what I needed to do. I will definitely miss being with my girls and being around my friends all of the time.”

(PHOTO COURTESY OF BRYANT & STRATTON COLLEGE)

Former Rochelle softball player Jessie Meyers transferred to Bryant & Stratton College after one season with Kishwaukee College. Meyers saw her second JUCO season canceled due to the coronavirus.





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## HUB SPOTLIGHT

# Johnson working his way back from Tommy John surgery

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was like any other Summer League baseball game for Rochelle Township High School graduate Cody Johnson. But suddenly, everything changed with one pitch.

Johnson was on the mound for his summer team, Next Level Baseball, when he felt immediate discomfort in his throwing elbow after throwing a pitch during a tournament game in Elgin. The pain was severe enough that Johnson couldn't throw a baseball anymore, and when Johnson eventually had his elbow examined further, doctors confirmed the worst-case scenario, that the former Hub pitcher had torn his UCL and would require Tommy John surgery.

"When it happened, I was pitching and I felt a pop in my elbow," Johnson said. "When I was diagnosed with a torn UCL, I wasn't surprised since I knew what the injury was."

Fortunately, Johnson underwent successful surgery this past October, and since then, Johnson has been rehabbing his elbow to get back to full health. The RTHS alum had initially signed to play baseball for Kishwaukee College this season, and although he would have missed the 2020 season anyway in light of the coronavirus, the injury led Johnson to withdraw from the team.

However, Johnson remains optimistic about his return to baseball, and the former Hub standout hasn't given up on his dream to play Division I baseball someday. Johnson also said he's made significant progress since beginning his rehab process this past November. Tommy John surgery typically requires 12-to-18 months for a full recovery.

"The rehab process has been really good," Johnson said. "The biggest challenges I faced were not being to use my arm how I usually do and getting my full range of motion back. I'm planning on returning to baseball, although I'm not



(FILE PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)  
**Former Rochelle student-athlete Cody Johnson is working his way back from a torn UCL he suffered this past summer.**

sure if I'll be going to Kishwaukee or not. My biggest goals when I return are to hopefully throw harder and play Division I baseball someday."

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### Team Event

1. Team Lyles (Jim Lyles, Shannon Forney, Michael Jordal, Joey Johanning, Dustin Bell) — **3,421**
2. Two Jimmy's, Two Gingers and a Jordal (Jim Lyles, Heath Mickley, Michael Jordal, Jim Erickson, Dustin Bell) — **3,402**
3. T-Byrds (Allen Dodson, Charles Reints, Chris Doering, William Aniston, Randy Adams) — **3,388**
4. Broomes (Brandon Dodrill, Laura Holzlander, Janie Navarro, Zach Avalio, Ricky McMinn) — **3,304**
- T5. Tuesday Virgins (Jim Lyles, Josh Harding, Denny Harding, Shannon Forney, Michael Jordal) — **3,276**
- T5. Pit Stop Bar & Grill (Service) (Ernie Topping, Baise Horner, Dan Wyka, Bruce Elder, Brian Elder) — **3,276**
6. Pit Stop Bar & Grill (Classic) (Rodger Griffith, Josh Grove, Dan Wyka, Randy Albrecht, Joe Norris) — **3,273**

### Doubles Event

1. Sam Johanning/  
Rich Elliott — **1,419**
2. Bruce Elder/  
Scot Watson — **1,386**
3. Don Mannel/  
Ron Hall — **1,366**
4. Doug Koch/  
Todd Haggstad — **1,359**
5. Matt Schmidt/  
Joey Johanning — **1,352**
6. Jim Lyles/  
Joey Johanning — **1,343**

- T7. Michelle Galvan/  
Nestor Anaya — **1,340**
- T7. Caleb Bryan/  
Jake Rippentrop — **1,340**
- T8. Nick Person/  
Jeremy Person — **1,338**
- T8. Mark Danekas/  
Kix Johanning — **1,338**

### Singles Event

1. Danny White — **725**
2. Todd Haggstad — **723**
3. Rodger Griffith — **722**
4. Kathleen Chisamore — **720**
5. Sarah Westlake — **708**
6. Shannon Forney — **704**
7. Don Mannel — **702**
8. Luke Primrose — **693**
9. Jim Lyles — **688**
10. Caleb Bryan — **685**
11. Kix Johanning — **677**
- T12. Laura Holzlander — **673**
- T12. Joey Johanning — **673**
- T12. Michael Jordal — **673**
- T12. Heath Mickley — **673**
- T12. Johnny Roe — **673**

### All Events Scratch

1. Joey Johanning — **2,028**
2. Bruce Elder — **2,006**
3. Scot Watson — **1,978**
4. Michael Jordal — **1,970**

### All Events Handicap

1. Todd Haggstad — **2,087**
2. Michael Jordal — **2,069**
3. Chris Doering — **2,059**
4. Shannon Forney — **2,054**
5. Scot Watson — **2,050**
6. Eric Widick — **2,037**
- T7. Michelle Galvan — **2,033**
- T7. Danny White — **2,033**
8. Joey Johanning — **2,028**
9. Bruce Elder — **2,006**
10. Janie Navarro — **1,975**

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The Downstate Small Business Stabilization component has been established to provide working capital funds to community's businesses economically impacted by the COVID-19 virus. All interested parties will have an opportunity to express their views on the proposed Illinois Department of Commerce Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program (Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure Grant). The proposed resolution may be added to, revised, or eliminated as a result of the Public Hearing.

PETITIONER: City of Rochelle

The proposed

resolution is on file and available for examination in the office of the Community Development Director, 333 Lincoln Highway, Street, Rochelle, Illinois during normal business hours.

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Sue Messer, City Clerk  
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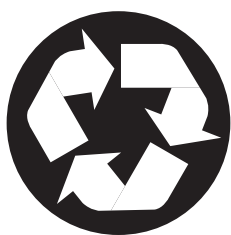
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# ON THE FARM

## Planting intentions 2020: Farmers see corn as safe-haven

Market volatility, economic uncertainty roils farmer planting decisions this spring

BY JACQUELINE HOLLAND

While investors flocked to bonds for safety amid COVID-19 fears in recent weeks, farmers are resorting to their own version of a safe-haven asset: planting more corn acres.

According to Farm Futures' latest survey, U.S. farmers intend to plant 96.4 million acres of corn during the 2020 planting season as a record number of 2019 prevented plant acres come back into 2020 production. Acreage projections for the 2020 season are the second highest planting on record after 97.3 million corn acres were planted in 2012. The USDA releases its Annual Planting Intentions survey next Tuesday, March 31.

Our result is over 2 million more corn acres compared to USDA's forecast of 94 million acres, released February at USDA's Annual Outlook Forum. In the time between the two forecasts, the COVID-19 pandemic upended the global economy. Increased economic uncertainty, historically cheap input prices, and weakened soybean demand from China appears to have made corn the most optimal production choice amid limited options for Midwest farmers.

Survey respondents expect U.S. corn plantings to increase 6.7 million acres from last year's planted acreage. Using a five-year average yield from 2014-2018, 2020 production could top out at a record-high 15.2 billion bushels, inflating domestic supplies following a lackluster year of exports.

### Soybeans up as well

Farmers responding to the March 2020 Farm Futures survey also expect to plant 82.7 million acres of soybeans in 2020, up nearly 6.6 million acres from 2019 plantings. Survey results were 2.3 million acres shy of USDA's February Outlook projection as farmers exhibited strong preferences for corn acreage in lieu of soybeans. But that could easily shift in the next couple

weeks, depending mainly on weather factors.

The benchmark soybean-corn ratio has hovered at or near the pivotal 2.4 mark for much of the year. At its current level below 2.4, the markets favor corn acreage. But corn prices have lost strength in the last week amid corn basis collapsing across the Corn Belt last week on reduced ethanol demand.

The ratio is increasingly moving towards a preference for soybean acreage as ethanol plants across the country make downward production adjustments to offset shrinking profit margins. Potential purchases from China as part of the Phase 1 trade deal could further strengthen soybean prospects in 2020.

Weather will continue to be the dark horse in the race for 2020 planting acreage. Farmers in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan are still scrambling to harvest the last of 2019 crops left in the fields following a cold and wet 2019 harvest season.

If early showers continue to saturate Midwest soils in upcoming weeks, soybean acreage and corn prices alike may get a boost; farmers may be further delayed finishing 2019 harvest and beginning 2020 planting. If rain continues to plague the Midwest, corn and soybean acreage may both end up lower this year.

### Wheat gets demand boost from pandemic

Respondents also expect to plant more wheat acres. Those surveyed indicate 31.7 million acres of winter wheat had been planted, half a million acres more than USDA's official estimate. Surveyed growers expect to plant 14.2 million spring wheat and durum acres, up 1% from last year. Farm Futures' final wheat estimate of 45.8 million acres is approximately 800,000 acres more than USDA's February Outlook estimate of 45.0 million acres.

Wheat demand received an unexpected boost in recent weeks from panic buying as consumer stockpiling increased demand for bread, pasta, and flour. An unexpected Chinese purchase of 12.5 million bushels of hard red winter wheat last week was a strong windfall for the wheat markets.

The uptick in demand could position 2020 wheat acreage as an alternative to corn and soybean acres as winter wheat plantings remain at the second-lowest acreage in history amid record high global stocks.

### Outlook for other crops

Sorghum estimates from the March 2020 Farm Futures survey placed 2020 planting intentions at 6.5 million acres, up nearly 1.2 million acres from 2019 plantings following a rebound in Chinese exports.

Global cotton manufacturing was an early casualty in the initial days of the pandemic and its bleed will likely continue through the 2020 growing season. Cotton growers in the Farm Futures survey projected a 2 million acre drop in 2020 acreage to 11.7 million acres as the industry recovers from the simultaneous supply and demand shocks incurred by the pandemic.

Forecasts in February could not have predicted the economic collapse witnessed in the past several weeks. With that in mind, remember that next week's report is merely an indication of what farmers want to happen, not necessarily what will happen. Markets are at the mercy of uncertainty and volatility, which means significant factors today may shift by the time the 2020 crop is put into the ground.

The Farm Futures March survey was administered to 1,083 respondents on March 4-20 via an email questionnaire. During that time, the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc on global markets and commodities. The U.S. energy and biofuel industries have become casualties in an oil price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia within the same period.

## Practice recommendations from the CDC

UNPRECEDENTED planting and growing season last year; unprecedented times we live in today. I'm sure that Webster's new word for 2020 will be "social distancing."

In all seriousness folks be careful out there. Practice what the CDC recommends and hopefully we can all get through this sooner than later.

I'm praying for us all.

The department of transportation extends Governor's Executive Order to now include livestock and feed haulers.

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Interstate and intrastate carriers providing direct assistance in support of emergency relief efforts related to the COVID-19 outbreaks are relieved from the paragraphs contained in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. The relief under this paragraph is valid for the duration of the motor carrier's assistance in the relief effort or until April 12, 2020.

Movements are authorized 24 hours per day, 7 days per week except during inclement weather, effective immediately through April 12, 2020. Please

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The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed in landslide votes in both the Senate and House last week.

Deemed the largest economic aid package in U.S. history, the CARES Act will bring more than \$2 trillion in relief to families, workers and employers.

President Donald Trump signed the bill last Friday afternoon.

"Illinois Farm Bureau applauds Congress and the Trump administration for their rapid response to write and pass a historic bill that begins to address the financial insecurity farmers and this nation face during these uncertain times," said IFB President Richard Guebert Jr.

"The coronavirus impact has exacerbated already low commodity prices and has factored into additional pressure on the already tight margins

of ethanol producers. A relief package of this magnitude helps prop up the economic well-being of farmers and support the supply chain needed to feed America's families and our international customers."

In addition to USDA emergency resources to support livestock producers and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) replenishment, other provisions aimed at benefitting agriculture and rural America include boosting broadband for learning and telemedicine services, ensuring continued USDA food inspection services and providing economic injury disaster loans for small businesses.

Specifically, almost \$15 billion is dedicated to CCC to ensure the 2018 farm bill will continue being implemented. For specialty crop producers, direct retail farmers and livestock operators, \$9.5 billion is allocated for assistance.

Qualified individuals will receive direct

cash payments and taxes paid by many farm and ranch businesses will be reduced or delayed.

The bill also creates a temporary Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program through the end of 2020 to support those not traditionally eligible for unemployment.

In addition, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act was signed into

law March 18. This bill addresses federal nutrition programs, employment benefits, insurance coverage and tax credits.

Since Jan. 21, more than 100,000 coronavirus cases and nearly 1,300 related deaths have been identified in the U.S. As the economy is rocked, more than 3 million Americans have filed for unemployment in March alone.



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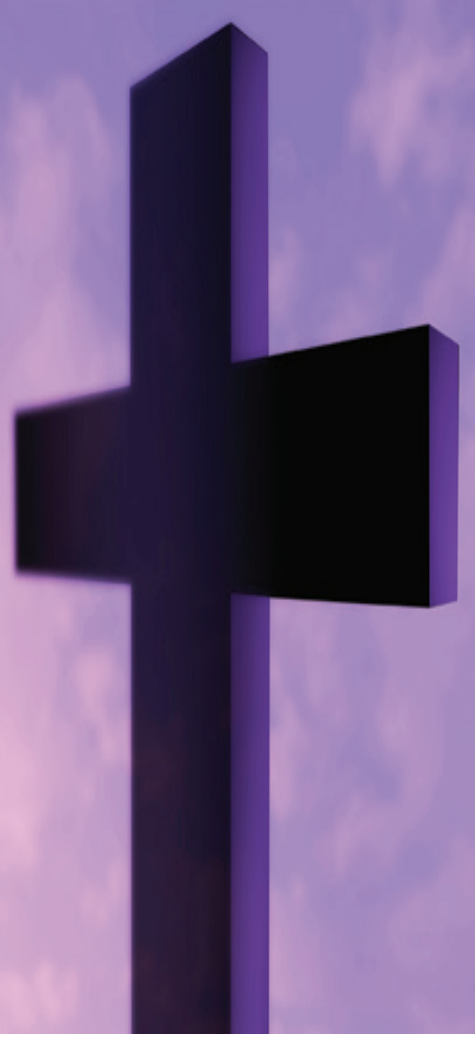
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April 11	No Saturday Eve Worship	
April 12	SON Rise Easter Worship	6:30 a.m.
	Youth Sponsored Easter Breakfast	7-9:00 a.m.
	Resurrection Celebration Worship	9:00 a.m.



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**April 9th**  
7pm (Bilingual Mass)

**Good Friday**  
**Passion of our Lord**  
**April 10th**  
3pm Service in English  
6pm Service in Spanish

**Easter Vigil Mass**  
**Saturday, April 11**  
7:30pm

**Easter Day**  
**Sunday, April 12th**  
9am English  
11am Spanish

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**Friday, April 10th**

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# Coronavirus Stimulus Guide

How the \$2 trillion CARES Act will assist local residents, businesses



## The CARES Act

- \$250 billion to make unemployment insurance available to more categories of workers and to extend the duration of benefits to 39 weeks from the 26 weeks typical in most states. It would also provide an extra \$600 a week for four months.

- \$301 billion in direct payments to households.

- \$349 billion in loans to small businesses, with the amount spent on payroll, rent or utilities converting into grants that don't have to be repaid.

- \$500 billion for loans, loan guarantees or other aid to businesses, states and municipalities—including the possibility that the government will take direct equity stakes in distressed companies. Of the total, \$29 billion is set aside for cargo and passenger airlines, and \$17 billion is for businesses deemed critical to national security, such as Boeing. The remaining \$454 billion would go to backstop losses in lending facilities established or expanded by the Federal Reserve.

- \$32 billion in grants to cover wages at passenger air carriers, cargo air carriers and contractors.

- \$150 billion in direct aid to states, distributed according to population size. A municipality could apply to receive aid directly, reducing the amount available to the rest of the state.

- \$221 billion in a variety of tax benefits for businesses, including allowing businesses to defer payroll taxes, which finance Medicare and Social Security, for the rest of the year. It would also temporarily allow businesses to claim deductions using today's losses against past profits to claim quick refunds for cash infusions.

- \$340 billion in supplemental spending, which includes \$117 billion for hospitals and veterans' care. It also includes \$25 billion mostly for public transit to make up for revenue lost because of dwindling ridership.

## Households and Workers

### Individual checks

The CARES Act provides for direct payments of \$1,200 to adults and \$500 per child to American households, structured as tax refunds to allow the Internal Revenue Service to distribute the funds quickly.

There is no provision for future direct payments in the event the economic disruption lasts into the later spring. The direct grants are phased out for upper income brackets, starting with \$75,000 of

individual income.

The grants aren't available at all, for example, for individuals without children making more than \$99,000 and married couples without children making more than \$198,000.

### Unemployed workers

The CARES Act would extend the duration of jobless benefits to 39 weeks from 26 available in most states, and includes a \$600-a-week increase for the first four months, with the bonus payment avail-

able through July 31.

These benefits would be extended to contract workers, freelancers and other nontraditional workers, who lack benefits in some states. The aim is to replace lost wages as completely as possible.

### Freelancers

The CARES Act expands some benefits and grants to independent contractors, such as Uber drivers and freelance film editors, that normally go only to employees or small businesses. For example, it extends unemployment benefits to self-employed

workers, including independent contractors, freelancers and other nontraditional workers who are unemployed, partially unemployed or unable to work because of COVID-19.

It includes a \$600-a-week increase on top of current levels of unemployment benefits for four months. Independent contractors also can apply for the \$10 billion set aside for emergency EIDL—economic injury disaster loan—funds, which are normally available only to a narrower category of small businesses.

## Personal Financing and Taxes

### Bankruptcy

According to the CARES Act, the law ensures that people who file for bankruptcy don't have to use stimulus checks to repay past debt, and it extends the time that bankrupt people have to repay a portion of their debt as a condition to getting a fresh start. The current repayment time limit is five years; the bill extends the repayment time frame to seven years.

bearance of up to 360 days to borrowers who say they have been harmed by the coronavirus outbreak. Servicers are prohibited from initiating foreclosure and processing foreclosure-related evictions for 60 days beginning March 18. Owners of multifamily properties can request a forbearance of up to 90 days, during which tenants cannot be evicted for nonpayment of rent or other fees.

### Retirement

According to the CARES Act, the law temporarily loosens the rules on hardship distributions from retirement accounts, giving people affected by the crisis access to up to \$100,000 of their retirement savings without a 10 percent penalty. The law doubles the amount 401(k) participants can take in loans from an account for the next six months to the lower of \$100,000 or 100 percent of the account balance. (IRAs don't permit loans.)

For retirees, the law suspends for 2020 the mandatory distributions the government requires most



to take from tax-deferred 401(k)s and individual retirement accounts starting at either age 70½ or age 72.

### Student loans

Per the CARES Act, the law would allow most Americans with federal student loans to suspend their monthly payments through Sept. 30, 2020, without any interest accruing. It would also enable employers to make tax-exempt contribu-

tions toward their workers' student-loan payments.

### Taxes

Under the CARES Act, people who don't itemize their deductions would be able to claim up to \$300 for charitable contributions. Businesses get the ability to apply losses from 2018, 2019 or 2020 to past years' profits and claim refunds. Restaurants and retailers would benefit from the

fixing of a mistake in the 2017 tax law that curbed their depreciation deductions on renovations.

Employers would be able to defer paying their share of 2020 payroll taxes. They could then make half of those payments in 2021 and the other half in 2022. In addition, the bill creates a new tax credit for retaining employees that's aimed at companies that are too large to benefit from the

small-business assistance elsewhere in the bill.

Those employers would be able to get a tax credit equal to 50 percent of payroll. That is limited to \$10,000 per employee per quarter, and for employers with more than 100 employees, it is available only to those companies and nonprofits that had their businesses limited or closed by government actions.

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# Businesses and Industries

## Airlines

Under the CARES Act, for passenger airlines, the bill includes \$25 billion in direct funding for worker salaries and benefits, as well as up to \$25 billion in loans and loan guarantees. The bill hews to what airlines had been asking for. Carriers had lobbied aggressively for direct grants rather than just loans, warning that without an immediate infusion of cash, they would have to make sharp job cuts.

The bill also includes \$3 billion in assistance to keep paying contract workers that provide airline catering, baggage loading, ticketing and check-in, and other services at airports. Cargo airlines will be eligible to receive \$4 billion in loans and guarantees, and \$4 billion in payroll assistance.

In exchange for the payroll grants, carriers must agree not to furlough, lay off or cut pay for employees until Sept. 30. Assistance also hinges on companies agreeing not to buy back shares or pay dividends, and to limits on executive compensation.

The package also allows the Transportation Department to direct airlines to maintain specific flights based on their schedules on March 1, before carriers had instituted the deepest cuts to their flying. This would include services to rural communities and to support delivery of health-care-related cargo.

## Banks

The CARES Act delays implementation of a new accounting rule that would have required banks to sock away reserves for any estimated loan losses all at once, instead of spreading them out over the life of the loan. The Act gives the office of the comptroller of the currency the authority to allow banks to make loans that would typically trip up size restrictions. Smaller community banks with less than \$10 billion in assets get more lending flexibility through a higher maximum leverage ratio and more wiggle room if they exceed it. Banks will also get more leeway on how they account for troubled consumer loans,



allowing them to work with struggling borrowers who have fallen behind on their payments.

## Energy

The CARES Act contains no major provisions to specifically aid the U.S. energy industry. Beleaguered U.S. oil producers had sought a range of remedies, including preferential tax treatment, direct subsidies and a \$3 billion purchase of oil by the federal government for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The renewable energy industry had sought extensions to tax provisions that would have helped wind-and-solar developers secure valuable tax credits even if there were construction delays.

## Farmers

The CARES Act directs more than \$48 billion to agriculture and nutrition programs, helping cushion the blow for producers reeling from the latest in a string of hits to the U.S. farm economy, as prices sank for corn, soybeans, wheat and cattle. The law designates \$14 billion to replenish the Commodity Credit Corp., a Depression-era program designed to stabilize farm

incomes, and \$9.5 billion to support producers of specialty crops, livestock and dairy, as well as those who supply farmers markets, restaurants and schools.

## Health industry

The CARES Act adds \$27 billion to an emergency fund that could give a boost to dozens of projects by pharmaceutical companies and academic groups developing drugs and vaccines against coronavirus. The emergency fund received a smaller amount of funding under a coronavirus response act signed earlier in March. There is no COVID-19 vaccine, but dozens are in development. The package allows the government to take steps to ensure that products developed with the emergency funding will be "affordable in the commercial market," but that these steps shouldn't delay development of the products.

The bill also includes provisions to increase reporting of potential shortages from drug manufacturers and companies that make active pharmaceutical ingredients, which are the building

blocks of prescription drugs. Many of these raw materials are produced overseas and drawn more attention during the virus outbreak. Companies that make respirators and other medical devices would be required to report to the federal government potential supply chain interruptions.

## Hotels

The hotel industry last week asked the White House for a \$150 billion financial-aid package, targeted specifically for hospitality companies. What it got instead from the CARES Act is a patchwork of loans, grants and tax help, much of it through the \$350 billion in loans and grants for small businesses. The majority of U.S. hoteliers qualify as businesses with fewer than 500 employees, making less than \$35 million in annual revenue.

The lodging industry even scored a victory in getting language in the Senate bill that defined each individual hotel as its own business. Hotel owners with several properties had been concerned that they would not qualify as a small business because taken together, all their properties would have

pushed them over the current Small Business Administration's definition.

The federal boost in unemployment insurance will help the many hotel employees who have been furloughed across the U.S. Larger hotel companies can apply for loans through the Treasury Department's economic stabilization fund. But few in the lodging industry expect travel to bounce back by late spring, or even soon after.

## Postal Service

Under the CARES Act, the financially strained U.S. Postal Service is getting a \$10 billion Treasury loan to help the mail carrier during the pandemic. That should be welcome news for Amazon.com Inc., United Parcel Service Inc. and, to a lesser extent, FedEx Corp., which rely on postal workers for last-mile delivery in certain places.

The Postal Service is only allowed by law to raise its net debt by \$3 billion a year, so the bill loosens that restriction. But it does come with some strings attached. Mainly, the Postal Service can only use the financing for operating expenses and not to pay down outstanding debt. The bill also requires

the Postal Service to prioritize medical shipments and allows temporary delivery points to protect workers and recipients of mail.

## Private equity

According to the CARES Act, private-equity firms will likely find it a challenge to get access to stimulus funds. Based on available details of the stimulus package, private-equity-owned businesses wouldn't be explicitly barred from receiving assistance. But government lending requirements could prevent them from unlocking the aid, say lawyers, lobbyists and regulatory experts.

## Railroads

Per the CARES Act, national passenger railroad Amtrak secured about \$1 billion to cover revenue losses related to the coronavirus. The railroad industry won enhanced unemployment benefits that account for its workers not being covered under traditional state-run unemployment programs. Railroad workers instead receive unemployment benefits under a program administered by the Railroad Retirement Board.

The bill removes a seven-day waiting period to collect unemployment and provides \$50 million to cover the benefits tied to that waiver. It also provides \$425 million to double biweekly unemployment payments to \$1,200 through July.

## Small

## businesses

The CARES Act would allow businesses and nonprofits with up to 500 workers in a single location to apply through qualifying banks for loans backed by the Small Business Administration. The loans would convert into grants that don't have to be repaid for amounts spent on items such as payroll, rent or utilities, with the grants reduced when workers are laid off. The loans would be capped at \$10 million and cover wages up to \$100,000 a year.



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