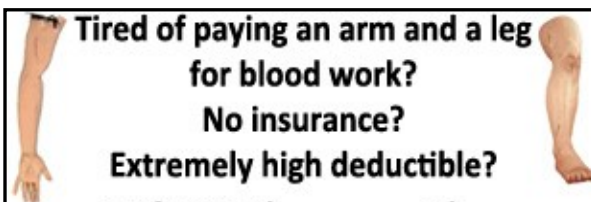




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Governor cancels State Fair, Du Quoin Fair over Covid-19

**Junior Livestock Expo in September;
general projects to get virtual judging**

SPRINGFIELD—Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. JB Pritzker will issue an Executive Order cancelling the Illinois and Du Quoin State fairs this year.

The announcement of the cancellations has prompted the Department of Agriculture to offer a safe, creative way to ensure youth exhibitors still get a chance to showcase their work. The annual state fairs, which attracted over 600,000 visitors combined in 2019, will return in August 2021.

"The Illinois and Du Quoin State Fairs have been some of my favorite opportunities to celebrate our agricultural communities and the residents who make Illinois so exceptional," said Governor JB Pritzker. "But it's because the fairs are such a treasure to so many thousands of people that my administration, like those of our neighboring Midwestern states, must make the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 state fairs in light of the risk posed by COVID-19. This is the right choice based on guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and other experts: we have to prioritize keeping our people safe."

Due to the cancellations of the fairs, the Department

of Agriculture will host a Junior Livestock Expo in Springfield in September, for Illinois exhibitors ages 8-21 to show their animals. The 4-H General Project Show will take place virtually, with premiums and ribbons to be distributed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Details regarding entry and operations are forthcoming.

The State Fair was previously cancelled from 1942-1945 due to World War II, as the fairgrounds were used as a U.S. Army Airforce supply depot. The Fair was also cancelled in 1862 due to the Civil War and was replaced in 1893 by the World's Columbia Expo in Chicago.

Last year, the Illinois State Fair set records for the Grandstand and near record numbers for attendance. Officials were optimistic 2020 would rival the success.

"We are obviously disappointed that we will not be able to hold the 2020 Illinois State Fair," said Kevin Gordon, Illinois State Fair manager. "Our staff has been working hard to top what we did last year, and we feel like we were on track to do so. With that being said, we also understand that this is an unprecedented event. We have fantastic vendors, fairgoers, partners and exhibitors that we will miss seeing this year on the Fairgrounds."

2020 marks the first time the Du Quoin State Fair has been cancelled since the state took over the grounds in 1986. No grandstand announcements had been made yet for the Du Quoin State Fair, but fair staff have been working diligently to put on another great fair in Southern Illinois.

Those who have purchased an Illinois State Fair mega pass, admission booklet or parking pass should contact the State Fair office at 217-782-6661 or email agr.fairinfo@illinois.gov.

The 2021 Illinois State Fair will run from August 12-22. The 2021 Du Quoin State Fair is scheduled for August 27-September 6.

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From the Blotter

A **60-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 8:17 a.m. Thursday that someone broke the back window of his vehicle. The damage occurred in the 300 block of East Penn.

Elbert W. Cannon, 66, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 4:45 p.m. Thursday to the 700 block of East Honeywell for a report of a man armed with a knife and threatening a 56-year-old Hoopeston man.

Cannon was unable to be found when officers arrived. He was mailed a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court on a charge of unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct.

A **15-year-old** girl was charged with battery after police were called at 3:27 p.m. Friday to the 700 block of South First Ave. The girl was charged with the crime on a complaint from a 23-year-old Hoopeston woman and was released to a parent on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Robin Irvin, 39, of Rantoul, was arrested after a traffic stop at 3:36 a.m. Saturday at Seventh St. and East Washington. She was charged with driving while license suspended and no valid registration, after police said the vehicle she was driving did not match the registration. She was also cited for operating an uninsured vehicle.

Irvin was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Orion Vaughn, 19, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 6:40 p.m. Saturday to the 200 block of West Maple for a theft that had just occurred. He was later located, charged with theft and possession of cannabis and released on notices to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Weather

Sunny today. High 79. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 59. Tomorrow, sunny. High 86, low 62.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Justin Cox, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after officers responded to a domestic disturbance, reported by a 34-year-old Hoopeston woman at 10:22 p.m. Saturday. When police arrived at the scene, in the 800 block of East Washington, Cox had already left, but an investigation turned up a possible address where he might be.

Vermilion County Sheriff's deputies found him and arrested him on preliminary charges of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, reckless discharge of a firearm, criminal damage to property over \$500, no valid FOID, child endangerment and domestic violence. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Obituaries

KARLOCK - Lois "Jean" (Piper) Karlock, 93, of Rankin, died at 2:10 p.m. Friday, June 12, 2020, at home. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Rankin Union Cemetery. Baier Family Funeral Services, Paxton, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at baierfuneralservices.com.

WISDOM - Jeffrey Scott Wisdom, 52, of Hoopeston,

died at 4:15 a.m. Saturday, June 13, 3030, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Due to current health concerns, he private family graveside service will be held Tuesday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Friends and extended family are encouraged to line North Market St. at 11 a.m. Tuesday to greet the family as they go to the cemetery. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

Briefly

Meetings

- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, remote meeting. Residents with questions or comments may put them in the drop box at the village office or email them to clerk@villageofrossville.org before 5 p.m. Monday. Residents may join the meeting by phone. To access the teleconference system, dial 1-408-418-9388, enter the access code 126 510 8767, then the passcode, 1234.
- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Hoopeston City Hall. Social distancing will be practiced for the meeting.

Slab hours changed

Effective June 15, the city slab will be open 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7 a.m.-noon Saturdays.

Library expands services

Hoopeston Public Library is now offering copying and faxing services to patrons on drop off/pick up basis. Residents may call the library, (217) 283-6711 to schedule a time to drop off information to be faxed or copied. Temporary hours are 10 a.m. -6 p.m. Mon.-Fri., and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat.

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