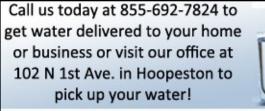


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Hoopeston Area schools modify Covid-19 policy in light of judge's restraining order

Some Hoopeston Area students breathed freer Monday after a Sangamon County Circuit judge on Friday issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) against Gov. J.B. Pritzker's Covid mandates.

Judge Raylene Grischow ruled against Pritzker, Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois State Board of Education and more than 140 school districts regarding mandated masking, providing weekly negative test results for school personnel who are unvaccinated, and refusing entrance to schools by teachers and students who are deemed to have been in "close contact" of a confirmed probable Covid-19 case without providing due process, if the person objects, unless the local health department deems the



Doc Ashton and the Root Canals Lorraine to host Doc Ashton, Root Canals Saturday night

The Lorraine Foundation has planned for a fun and truly entertaining event for Valentine's weekend.

Area and local favorite Doc Ashton and The Root Canals will be on stage at the historic Lorraine Theatre in downtown Hoopeston on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.

Doc Ashton and The Root Canals started several years ago as an instrumental jazz-pop group. They have evolved into a musical force that crosses several genres such as jazz, rock, pop, fusion and reggae, covering the Beatles, James Taylor, Adele, Elvis, Kenny G and Chuck Berry, just to name a few. This will be a perfect evening for you and your valentine, partner or a group of your gal pals.

Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased online at: www.thelorrainetheatre.com/tickets or purchase at the door the evening of the event for \$18.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and concessions will be available for purchase.

person a close contact after following approved procedures.

While not involved in the lawsuit, local schools have had to decide whether to obey the temporary restraining order or not.

Hoopeston Area Supt. Robert Richardson announced Sunday that while the district is not part of the lawsuit, but while the issue wends its way through the court system, the district will encourage Centers for Disease Control recommendations, including masking, social distancing and vaccinations. However, unmasked students will be offered a mask upon

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Thank You!

The Hoopeston Area FFA Alumni would like to thank everyone who made the FFA Scholarship a record night.

Thank you to all the businesses who donated items in record numbers. You are why we are able to have a successful auction.

Thank you to everyone who came to the auction to bid and enjoy the auction, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Larry Baugh and Jon Mowrey for doing a great job leading the auction, you made it happen.

Thank you to The Pit Stop Restaurant and Hoopeston IGA for their donations of food. The generosity of everyone in this area is amazing. We live in a great Community

Thank you!

Hoopeston Area FFA Alumni

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entering the school but unmasked students will not be excluded during this time.

Area schools have responded differently to TRO. Watseka Unit 9 issued a response similar to Hoopeston Area, while Danville schools went to remote learning on Monday and expected to return to in -person learning Tuesday after having time to consult with legal counsel on the order.

For other schools, like Armstrong, Bismarck-Henning and Georgetown-Ridge Farm, no changes were made.

Sports

Boys Basketball

The Cornjerkers took a loss on the road, dropping 45-39 to Milford in their conference matchup January 31.

Ben Brown was the only Hoopeston player to reach double digits in scoring, leading the team with 21. However, three Cornjerkers - Nick Hofer, Owen Root and Preston VanDeVeer - each made one trey. Junior Anthony Zamora added another three points, while Mason Rush contributed 2.

Brown was seven of 10 from the free throw line, while Hofer made four of four and Zamora one of two tries.

On February 2, the team dropped another away conference game, losing 68-40 to Iroquois West.

Brown again let scoring with 14, followed closely by Zamora with 13. Hofer added six, VanDeVeer had five and Rush had two on the night.

Hofer had two three-pointers and VanDeVeer had one.

Brown was four of four from the free throw line and VanDeVeer was 2 for two. Zamora hit one of two attempts.

Court Dispositions

December 8

Juan J. Lugo, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing in two general nuisance cases, \$100-per-day abatement order issued in each; status hearing January 12.

Kylie M. Schwartz, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to battery at trial, fined \$230; status hearing January 12.

Autumn L. Agramount, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for battery; case sent to state for further enforcement.

In issuing the order, Grischow wrote, "It is clear IDPH/ISBE were attempting to force local school districts to comply with this guidance without any compliance with rulemaking. This type of evil is exactly what the law was intended to constrain."

Grischow's entire order is available here.

In a press release issued Friday, Pritzker requested Attorney General Kwame Raoul issue an immediate appeal of Grischow's decision. Raoul is seeking an expedited appeal from the Fourth District Illinois Appellate Court. That process could take an estimated two weeks.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston, Wellington, Rossville and East Lynn/ Rankin departments, along with Hoopeston Police Department and Arrow Ambulance, were called to a structure fire at 3:03 a.m. Sunday at 4200 N/1700 E Rd. One person was taken to the hospital. The fire is still under investigation.

Letters to the Editor

A iob well done

I just wanted to say thanks for the notice about shoveling services in Just the Facts.

I got a call from my wife, who said there two young boys at our home wanting to know if they could shovel for payment. I said sure, saves my back and heart, do you know them? No! I said no matter, I will be home shortly,

I got home from a short trip north of Hoopeston, and they were both still at my home.

They were hard at work on the walkways, They dug out my path to my vehicle also, which I was really appreciative.

So the boys got done I went to pay them and thanked, I asked their names: Aden & Kyle

Hardest working, enterprising young men, and very polite. Well Aden and Kyle! Thank you very much.

Tom Bookwalter Hoopeston

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 37. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 26. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 37, low 21. For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/ weather/.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at: https://silgancontainers. mua.hrdepartment.com/ hr/ats/Posting/view/12464/0

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a full time water department employee. Must have CDL or the ability to get one. Potential for eventual supervisory role with proper training and certification. Applications are available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St., or at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

KSi is looking for qualified candidates for the seasonal position of Production Associate in our Cissna Park facility. This position is primarily responsible for mechanical assembly of conveyors and final units. Potential candidates should possess a beginner level of mechanical skills and have a strong work ethic. Position would be M-F workweeks up to 45 hours per week. Majority of work would be in heated shop for cold winter months. Fill out an application from our website, www.ksiedge.com, send inquiries to hr@ksiedge.com, or call 785-284-0600 ext. 1422. Applications may also be picked up at our location: 454 N State Route 49, Cissna Park, IL 60924.

Teasdale Latin Foods is hiring for a new temporary position. Competitive pay, 5-6 hrs./day, five days a week. Great for retirees, college students or someone laid off looking to work part time. Apply in person or online: https://teasdale-latinfoods.breezy.hr/

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Unicorn sighting

Last week's snow brought out a rare appearance of a rare multi-colored unicorn of the Carlus Ankenbrandus genus. The unicorn was found to have some human qualities, including the ability to run a snow blower along Rt. 9.