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## Lower tax on school supplies, of Pritzker 'Family Relief Plan,' to start August 5

The third part of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's Illinois Family Relief Plan will begin next week.

The relief plan, which began July 1, offers tax savings at points of purchase for Illinois shoppers for fuel, food and, from August 5-14, school supplies.

Sales taxes for qualified clothing and school-related items will be reduced from 6.25 percent to 1.25 percent under Pritzker's plan.

Qualifying clothing and footwear, with a retail selling price of less than \$125 per item, and eligible school supplies are allowed under the lower tax rate. School supplies are not subject to the \$125 threshold.

For Hoopeston Area families, needed supplies may be

found on the district website, [www.hoopeston.k12.il.us](http://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us).

Tax holidays were also approved for groceries, where the one percent sales tax was suspended from July 1 to June 30, 2023 and a planned increase in the motor fuel tax was delayed from July 1 to January 2023.

While state coffers will be affected by two of the three tax decreases, Illinois communities will be hit by all three.

Communities received part of the state's motor fuel tax to be used for road improvements. In Hoopeston, the biggest, most recent use of motor fuel taxes is the Thompson improvement plan, which was recently completed.

A portion of sales taxes are also rebated to communities.

All money collected from the one percent grocery tax, however, is returned to the community in which it was collected. Hoopeston finance committee Chairman Bob Porth estimated Hoopeston will lose about \$93,000 from that tax.

Before the state's new budget and the three tax holidays were approved, Pritzker said he would try to find other state money to reimburse communities for the grocery tax, but thus far, cities and towns will have to suffer the loss.

Pritzker's plan permanently expanded the state's earned income credit from 18 percent to 20 percent of the federal credit and expanded the number of households covered.

The State of Illinois is also providing property tax rebates for eligible homeowners in an amount equal to the property tax credit they qualified for on their 2021 Illinois tax returns, up to a maximum of \$300. The rebate is not allowed if a taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the taxable year exceeds \$500,000 for returns with a federal filing status of married filing jointly, or \$250,000 for all other returns.

Additionally, individuals who made less than \$200,000 in 2021 will receive \$50 income tax rebates. Couples filing jointly with incomes under \$400,000 will receive

\$100. Tax filers will also receive \$100 per dependent they claimed on their 2021 taxes, up to three dependents.

Income and property tax rebates will be automatically issued to all of the estimated 6.2 million taxpayers who qualify under the Family Relief Plan based on information included in their submitted 2021 tax returns. Comptroller Susanna Mendoza will issue the rebates and expects to begin to cut checks the week of September 12. Distribution will take roughly eight weeks after the rollout begins.

Taxpayers who *did not* file their 2021 IL-1040 individual income tax returns but want to claim the individual income tax rebate, both the property tax and individual

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## Letters to the Editor

### Officials debate using IPMC on owner-occupied houses

Communism here. I will be looking forward to the first municipal election, incumbents.

I suggest you get Casey's to do something with those two abandon gas stations all boarded up . I have seen similar scenery on the South side of Chicago.

I smell commies and, it is not the sewage plant. Damn, I believe it my be the city council. Are you turning Commie, city council? Are you going to tell us how we have to wipe our backsides next? Where does it end? Are you going to start taxing the air we breathe next? Last I heard, that air belonged to God. Are you God, city council ?

John Palmer  
Hoopeston

### Letters to the Editor policy

Just the Facts welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be signed by the author and must include a daytime phone number for verification. Letters must be in good taste and of general interest to readers. Letters may be mailed to P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942, or emailed to [publish@justthefacts.net](mailto:publish@justthefacts.net).

## Briefly

### Christmas in July

Help Hoopeston Jaycees stock their shelves for Christmas! The group is holding a Christmas in July toy drive until July 29. The Jaycees continue to sponsor Toys for Kids each Christmas season, which allows parents to shop for new toys for their children. We consistently serve more than 150 children each year. Take advantage of summer sales and toy clearances to make Christmas brighter for children in our community by shopping and dropping your donations at Hoopeston First United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main. Drop-off hours are 9 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday.

Thank you for your support!

### P.E.P. Potluck

Hoopeston United Methodist Church People Enjoying People potluck will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, at the church, 403 E. Main. Main dish, drinks and table service will be provided. Guests may bring a side dish or dessert to share, if they want. There is no cost.

Specials guests D. Lester and Debbie Dornon, mis-

### Relief continued from other side

income tax rebates, or solely claim the property tax rebate, can do so. The Department of Revenue will provide an online submission form via the website listed below.

Rebates were to be sent automatically using the same method original refunds were transmitted if they were sent directly to the taxpayer by the State of Illinois. If direct deposit was used, the individual rebate will be deposited directly into a taxpayer's account. If there was no refund or a paper refund was issued, the rebate will be mailed to the address on file. Taxpayers who did not receive a refund directly from the State of Illinois, such as those who received an advance of their refund from their tax preparer, will receive a paper rebate check mailed to the address on file.

For additional information, taxpayers may visit IDOR's website at [tax.illinois.gov](http://tax.illinois.gov). Taxpayer representatives can also provide assistance at 1- 800-732-8866 or 217-782-3336.

### Weather

Chance of showers today. High 78. Tonight, chance of showers, thunderstorms. Low 67. Tomorrow, chance of showers, storms. High 83, low 63..

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sionaries with the General Board of Global Ministries at the Tensen Hospital in Nepal. They will have several items from Nepal to display and a video.

### From the Blotter

Jalisa R. McGhee, 32, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 9:28 p.m. to Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy. There on another matter, officers recognized her, knew she was barred from the business. and charged her with trespassing. She was released on a notice to appear.

### Obituaries

**RIFE** - Nancy Jean (Tutwiler) Rife, 81, of Rossville, died at 7:14 a.m. Friday, July 22, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11:30 a.m. celebration of her life Wednesday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. She will be burial in Danville National Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Condolences may be shared at [www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com).

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Premier Cooperative is looking to fill a full time operations position at Rossville. Fall seasonal positions also available at Rossville, Ellis, Collison, and Reilly. Call 217-599-0310.

Seeking a bartender for weekdays and nights. Possibly a weekend day. Our hours are from 7a-7p. Must have a Bassett and Food handlers Cert within 30 days. Stop by Hubbard Trail Country Club or call 217-748-6521.

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

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