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ISP Extends FOID, CCL Renewals State Police adds six months to current rules

The Illinois State Police (ISP) has filed emergency rules and extended the time to renew Firearm Owner Identification (FOID) and Concealed Carry Licenses (CCL) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The extension now gives FOID card owners and CCL holders whose card expired after March 9, 2020, eighteen months to renew after the state's disaster proclamation ends. These FOID card and CCL holders must still submit a renewal application during this time.

This change comes after ISP announced back in April that FOID card and CCL holders would have twelve months to renew after the state's disaster proclamation ends.

FOID card holders who submit their renewal applications will remain valid during the duration of the state's disaster proclamation and for eighteen months following the termination of the disaster proclamation, even if their renewal application is or was not submitted prior to expiration.

The CCL licensees, who submit their renewal application, will remain valid during the duration of the state's disaster proclamation and for eighteen months following its termination, even if their CCL renewal application was not submitted prior to expiration.

CCL licensees will not be required to immediately submit proof of the three-hour training with their CCL renewal application.

CCL licensees will need to submit proof of their three-hour renewal training within eighteen months following the termination of the state's disaster proclamation to maintain the validity of their CCL license.

The ISP Firearms Services Bureau encourages FOID and CCL holders to keep a copy of their confirmation from their submitted renewal application as additional verification of compliance.

President Trump Slams Radical Left at Conference on American History



President Trump spoke directly and boldly at the first White House Conference on American History, September 17, about the administration's new efforts to redress the radical Left's slanderous anti-American curriculum in public education and the universities. The following are excerpts from his important speech:

"Our mission is to defend the legacy of America's founding, the virtue of America's heroes, and the nobility of the American character. We must clear away the twisted web of lies in our schools and classrooms and teach our children the magnificent truth about our country. We want our sons and daughters to know that they are the citizens of the most exceptional nation in the history of the world.

"To grow up in America is to live in a land where anything is possible, where anyone can rise, and where any dream can come true—all because of the immortal principles our nation's founders inscribed nearly two-and-a-half centuries ago.

"That's why we have come to the National Archives, the sacred home of our national memory. In this great chamber, we preserve our glorious inheritance: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights.

"On this very day in 1787,

our Founding Fathers signed the Constitution at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. It was the fulfillment of a thousand years of Western civilization.

Our Constitution was the product of centuries of tradition, wisdom, and experience. No political document has done more to advance the human condition

or propel the engine of progress.

"Yet, as we gather this afternoon, a radical movement is attempting to demolish this treasured and precious inheritance. We can't let that happen. Left-wing mobs have torn down statues of our founders, desecrated our memorials, and carried out a campaign of violence and anarchy. Far-left demonstrators have chanted the words "America was never great." The left has launched a vicious and violent assault on law enforcement—the universal symbol of the rule of law in America. These radicals have been aided and abetted by liberal politicians, establishment media, and even large corporations.

"Whether it is the mob on the street, or the cancel culture in the boardroom, the goal is the

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A Memorable Walk Through History

Stories of the dead are brought to life at a local cemetery

by Jim Miller

With the recent onset of the COVID-19 virus and its consequences, I have taken to walking in the local Onarga Cemetery for exercise. It is one of my few escapes from the virus lockdown. The cemetery has level paths, no dogs, and no distracted drivers. Keeping social distance is also not a problem.

Everyone, and every family has a story. The town cemetery is a touchstone of all these memories and stories. The Onarga Cemetery was established in 1858. Most of Onarga's pioneer families are buried here.

When I tread past the family plot, in the old section of the cemetery, Harrison Lincoln Miller's stone (1822-1907) comes into view. Harrison is my great grandfather, who brought the family here from Peru, In-

almost didn't make it to adulthood, but his fifteen-year-old brother, Mordecai, saved his life in 1784 during an Indian attack on the Lincoln Kentucky homestead. Mordecai used a flintlock rifle to kill an Indian who was about to club 6-year-old Thomas. Thomas lived, and we had a President Abraham Lincoln. We celebrate Mordecai's marksmanship ability.

In the middle of the cemetery, just north of the old sextant shed, is another Lincoln connection. Here is the grave of Timothy Webster (1822-1862), who was an agent of the Pinkerton Detective Agency. Webster, along with Allen Pinkerton and female operative, Kate Warn, safely chaperoned President-elect Lincoln to his first inauguration in 1861 by foiling



in the Onarga Cemetery.

Detective and spymaster, Allen Pinkerton, was no stranger to Onarga; he owned a home and acreage just north of the village limits. Pinkerton's one-story villa had railroad siding and supposedly a tunnel from the siding to the house. The house had a cupola on the roof where a sentry stood guard with a Henry or Winchester rifle. Some of the outside walls of the wood building were filled with bullet-stopping masonry.

Pinkerton had good reason to be paranoid. In 1875, in an attempt to apprehend Frank and Jesse James, Pinkerton agents unsuccessfully raided the outlaw's Missouri homestead. The Pinkerton agents deployed an explosive device which severely wounded Jesse's mother and killed Jesse's stepbrother. *continued on page 8*

Harrison Lincoln Miller's mother was Phoebe Lincoln, a first cousin to Thomas Lincoln, the father of our sixteenth president.

diana, by covered wagon in 1857. Harrison was a farmer and a cooper by trade. His barrel-making tools still hang on a pegboard in my garage. Harrison's mother was Phoebe Lincoln, a first cousin to Thomas Lincoln, the father of our sixteenth president. Thomas

the infamous "Baltimore" assassination plot. Later, Webster was caught spying on the rebels, and he was tried, convicted, and executed by the Confederate government in 1862. Following the Civil War, Pinkerton had Webster's body returned to Illinois and buried with honors

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