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## Stockton moves forward with Superintendent search

By Tony Carton  
EDITOR

At a special meeting Tuesday, March 23, the Stockton School Board heard presentations from companies seeking to conduct a Superintendent search on behalf of the district.

During the meeting, Job Search Representative Gary McAndrew of McPherson & Jacobson presented his group's ideas and method for conducting the requested search.

McAndrew joined McPherson & Jacobson in 2010 and has been involved with over 20 Superintendent searches. He has over 35 years of Human Resources experience working with both large and medium sized companies. His focus in Human Resources has been on recruitment, training and employee relations.

McAndrew said he would use the information the board has gathered to help with interview questions he has put together.

"I do a screening and then I come to the board with information on every candidate," he said. "I would tell you why I think they're strong and what their weaknesses might be. Then I would present the top one."

McAndrew said he would focus on three questions during a preliminary interview:

- 1) What is the candidate's background?
- 2) What has he or she previously accomplished that they are most proud of?

### Stockton opens Superintendent selection survey

The Stockton School District 206, Board of Education, Stockton, IL, is soliciting input in the superintendent selection process. To find more information and to fill out the online survey please follow the link below.

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StocktonIL>

\* The survey will open on Friday, April 3, 2020

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3) What is their 90-Day Entry Plan if they become the new Superintendent or Superintendent and Principal in Stockton?

"I'm aware that sometimes it's easier looking at video instead of just looking at a resume, so I would attend a meeting with the board and share my interviews, my references, and I would do a different summary for each candidate in whichever format the board members would request," said McAndrew. "That way the board could watch the video interviews from each of the top candidates. Again, I would present whatever number of candidates we have and give the board the ones that I think best fit the position. If the board asks for another one I may not have selected, I would answer, 'It's your call. If you want to choose that person as your final candidate you're welcome to do that.'"

He said it would not be his first experience with a board wanting someone that wasn't among the top candidates he selected.

"The bottom line is that the board is directing the interview and hiring process," said McAndrew. "I'm just trying to come up with good candidates, screen them, and provide as much information to the board as possible, but it all comes down to the board's call as to whom they select."

He said another thing he typically does is meet with stakeholder groups.

"I probably won't be able to meet with them in person this time unless things drastically change, but I normally talk with those groups and include them in the process if the board wants them to be included," said McAndrew. "I would bring in those final candidates and meet with community groups or parent groups. I don't know if that's something the board is looking to do or not, and in this day and age we may have to shift some of that because it's just not physically possible at this time. Given the current circumstances, we just don't know."

He said he would normally meet in person with those groups, but with today's health concerns the board might have to go with something like a survey to help with the stakeholder part of the interview process.

"Again, we just don't know how that will develop, but normally stakeholders are involved in the interview process," said McAndrew, adding he is available to begin new searches and could start the interview process at any time.

Stockton School Board Chair Neil Cahill said the presentations given the board were excellent and they would do well to hire either company to do the interview process; following a discussion on costs, Cahill polled each of the board members.

John Raab replied, "All things considered I'm leaning towards McPherson & Jacobson." Board member Ni-

cole Haas said, "I was happy with both vendors and I'm fine with McPherson Jacobson." The conference call connection with Todd Vincent was lost. Scott Hayes said, "I would be fine with McPherson Jacobson. Board member Rachel Phillips said, "I like both presentations, but I thought McPherson Jacobson was a little bit better." Stephanie Broshous said, "McPherson & Jacobson would also be my selection."

Cahill then called for a motion to approve the proposal hiring McPherson & Jacobson to conduct a Superintendent search on behalf of the district at a fee of \$6,500. Board member

Raab submitted the motion and it was seconded by Phillips

By unanimous vote, the Stockton School Board voted to hire McPherson & Jacobson, L.L.C. to conduct a Superintendent search on behalf of Stockton School District #206. The cost of the project will range from \$6500 to \$8100 depending on the amount of advertising required and the number of times prospective candidates will have to be processed and recommended to the board.

The next Stockton BOE meeting is scheduled for April 20, at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the school for an updated meeting format.



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### Eisfeller heads to Loras

Surrounded by a "virtual" host of friends and "real time" family members, Stockton's Lizzie Eisfeller signs to attend and play basketball at Loras College in Dubuque.

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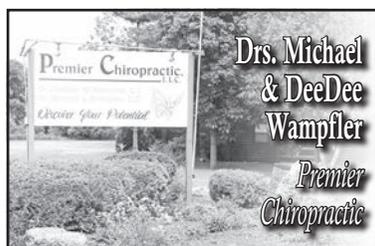
# Politics, religion, and your health

I was told never to talk about politics or religion in the office. I'm going to bend those rules today because politics and religion in our current crisis is probably affecting your health.

A wise man recently gave me some practical advice; while reading, listening to, or watching the news, which changes by the minute, read God's word, which never changes, to help give you an eternal perspective. Psalms and Proverbs read along with the news can give you a better perspective and help your emotional state. However, you don't have to just read Psalms and Proverbs. You can start at the very beginning in Genesis of the Old Testament or Matthew in the New Testament and go on from there.

Let's move on to our physical health. I have found some lung health and immune system information to help us all be more proactive with what's going on. The healthier we are, the faster we will get through this. The following article was taken from Dr. Chestnut, who is always on the cutting edge of research and applying it to our health. He is one of my go-to sources for how my family utilizes diet and exercise to help us maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Dr. Chestnut's Research Review April 2020 – The novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is having enormous effects on all aspects of our society. The focus of medical and public health authorities is, understandably, on trying to find the best ways to determine who has



the virus, how to reduce the spread of the virus, and how to treat those who become very ill with the virus. However, what is also required, is a focus on what measures can be taken to reduce the number of people who become seriously ill and require hospitalization. This is the most important variable determining the overall impact of the pandemic. The level of crisis will be determined by the level of overburden on the hospital system which results in a lack of available beds and a lack of available ventilators. The system simply cannot handle huge numbers of people requiring hospitalization and/or ventilators at the same time and, if the available beds and ventilators all become occupied, there will be people who could have been saved that will end up dying as a result of the

lack of these resources. This scenario represents the real threat and the real source of tragedy – and the real source of panic.

The real impact of the pandemic on the population, on the healthcare system, and on the financial system, will ultimately be determined not by the number of people who become infected and become seriously ill and require hospitalization. This ratio is EVERYTHING because it is what determines whether the healthcare system will become overburdened and this is what will determine the level of panic in the population, in the healthcare system, and in the financial markets.

The ultimate question then, is what are the best ways to reduce the percentage of people who become infected who become seriously ill, or to put it another way, what are the best ways to increase the percentage of people who become infected, yet who do not become seriously ill. I heard a representative from the CDC on the news state that the level of baseline health and immune function status are the most significant variables determining whether or not those who get infected become seriously ill and require hospitalization or recover without any such burden on the healthcare system. The CDC has been adamant from the beginning that those who are at most risk of serious illness from COVID-19 are those who are either immunocompromised from pre-existing illnesses or who have reduced immune function due to old age.

I submit that it is not simply age that is the determining factor, but immune function. Though it is true that many elderly do indeed have

reduced immune function, there are also many elderly who have adequate immune function. A recent report published in The Lancet concluded the fatality rate from COVID-19 is about 13% for those over 80 years of age, about 6% for those between 60 and 80 years of age, and about 0.66% overall (Verity, R. et al. Estimates of the severity of coronavirus disease 2019: a model-based analysis. Lancet Infect. Dis. March 30, 2020 [https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099\(20\)30243-7](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(20)30243-7)).

Clearly age itself cannot be the determining factor of immune function, or immune defense status with regard to protection from serious illness and/or death from COVID-19. The real question is, what variable(s) are determining why the VAST majority of people infected with COVID-19, in all age groups, including the elderly, recover without the need for hospitalization or a ventilator while a small percentage require hospitalization and/or a ventilator and/or die?

The determining variable cannot be medical treatment; at the present time, there are no available anti-viral treatments or any other medical interventions for COVID-19 which have been shown to prevent hospitalization, prevent the need for a ventilator, or prevent death. What this means is that, regardless of age, the most significant determining variable with respect to the ratio of those who get infected and recover without serious illness vs those who get infected and do get seriously ill, require hospitalization and/or ventilators, and/or die, is the level of individual baseline health and immune function status of those who become infected. The question being begged is, are there any evidence-based or evidence-informed ways to improve baseline health and/or immune function status? The answer is, YES! Does this mean there are evidence-based interventions to decrease the severity of illness or death from the novel Coronavirus? NO! There just has not been enough time to conduct



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*Fred & Donna Domberger*

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A message from Paja Law Offices -

During these unusual times we are facing as a result of the covid-19 pandemic, I wanted to let the community and my valued clients know that my general practice law office is "open", though with some restrictions and modified hours.

Given that the Governor's Executive Order identified legal services as being essential, we're doing what we can to continue offering assistance to clients during the current circumstances. Anyone needing to reach the office can call 815-947-3396. If my secretary, Dee, isn't available when you call, please leave a message so that either she or I can return your call. Alternatively, I'm available by e-mail at [pajalaw@mchsi.com](mailto:pajalaw@mchsi.com). At present, I am working from home as much as possible since I'm in the greater "at-risk" category - age 60+ as well as being immune suppressed. As some of you may recall, I received a heart transplant in Oct., 2016, almost 3 1/2 yrs. ago. I've been blessed to have fully recovered with a return to practice full-time, that is, until the current pandemic. Staying safe and healthy are top priorities and from my perspective, we can't be "too cautious". There are just too many unknowns with the outbreak that ramp-up the stress and anxiety of the situation. When the Country was staring into the abyss of the Great Depression in the early 1930's, newly-elected President Roosevelt said "...the only thing we have to fear is fear itself..." Still sound advice for a worried and weary Country. Let's all be smart, keep our families safe and healthy, and do what we can to support our neighbors and communities through this ordeal.

Do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of service now or in the future. We can "meet" by telephone, exchange e-mails or use video conferencing tools such as Face Time, Google Duo or Zoom, to answer your questions, review your concerns and proceed accordingly.

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# Health (Continued from page 2)

any clinical studies so, at this point in time, there are no evidence-based interventions specifically relating to COVID-19. However, we do know how the immune system responds to viruses, we do know that the human immune system is, when not in a compromised state, capable of resolving infection from COVID-19 without serious complications. The data is clear, the VAST majority of humans who get infected with COVID-19 recover without serious complications.

Let's dive a little deeper. We know the COVID-19 virus is a constant; the same virus is infecting everyone. We know that immune status is plastic and can be in a state ranging from highly compromised function to optimal function. We know immune status is a significant determining

variable in immune defense against COVID-19 and all other viruses.

So, the most important questions are, what factors cause immunocompromised and what factors are required to improve current immune function and/or to express optimal immune function? Let's start with known factors that cause immunocompromised. The CDC is very clear that underlying health conditions such as chronic lung disease like COPD or asthma, heart disease, obesity, diabetes, kidney disease, and liver disease all cause immune system compromise. Further, many prescription medications such as corticosteroids, cancer treatment medications, and many others can cause immune system compromise. People who smoke or consume too much alcohol or other drugs are also of-

ten immunocompromised. We also know that air pollution is a major risk factor for respiratory infection and death; 7 million people die each year from air pollution worldwide. Emotional stress, sleep deprivation, poor nutrition, and sedentary lifestyle can also cause immune-compromise.

We also know that immune status can be positively influenced by lifestyle choice. The literature is clear that proper sleep, healthy emotional states, lowered emotional stress, proper nutrition, and sufficient exercise are all requirements for healthy immune function, and all have been shown to improve immune function status.

There simply is no scientific or logical reason not to make efforts to improve baseline health and immune function and to conclude that doing

so would be beneficial for those exposed to COVID-19; immune status is undeniably a major factor in determining how seriously ill any individual becomes when exposed to COVID-19. The next question being begged is, what can individuals do to reduce immunocompromised and/or to improve immune function? Well, as we are in an acute crisis it would not be a logical strategy to focus on reducing underlying conditions, prescription medication use, or air pollution. What is a logical strategy is to immediately implement emotional fitness and wellbeing strategies, healthy sleep strategies, physical fitness strategies, and healthy nutrition strategies. Everyone should be incorporating daily positive emotion or stress reduction activities, some physical activity, even if just going for a walk, and healthier eating strategies such as drinking more water, eating more raw fruits and vegetables, and eating less unhealthy foods.

One other thing people should be doing, is making sure they are getting sufficient intake of essential nu-

trients. Last month in my Research Review I went over some of the research which clearly shows that Omega-3 fatty acids, Vitamin A, and Vitamin D are all required for proper immune function.

This month I would like to look deeper into the research highlighting the importance of sufficient Vitamin D intake for proper immune function as well as the immunocompromising effects of deficient Vitamin D intake. I think the systematic review by Martinequ et al. published in the British Medical Journal in 2017 is an excellent focal point. The breakdown of this 2017 article can be requested by emailing me at: drmike@pchiropractic.com - It's a great article review of recent literature that is very timely with what's going on today.

Stay healthy. Get adjusted. We are still open serving the health needs of our community. If you don't have an appointment, please call first as we are extending our hours to be able to serve you better and maintain appropriate procedures.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

## Spicy Crab Dip

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- 2 T. dried minced onion
- 2 T. lemon juice
- 2 T. white wine or white grape juice
- 1 T. minced garlic
- 1/2 t. cayenne pepper (opt.)
- 1/2 t. hot pepper sauce (opt)
- 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, cubed
- 1 lb. imitation crabmeat, chopped

In a food processor, combine the first 8 ingredients. Cover and process until smooth. Transfer to a large microwave safe bowl. Stir in crab and mix well. Cover and microwave on high until bubbly, 2 to 3 minutes. Serve warm with crackers and vegetables.

This week I have another slaw recipe that uses a buttermilk dressing. It calls for an English cucumber, but you can use a regular slicing cucumber. You need to peel the regular cucumber because its skin is tough. Enjoy this great side.

## Creamy Cucumber, Radish, and Cabbage

## Slaw

- 1/2 C. buttermilk
- 1/2 C. mayonnaise
- 1/2 C. sour cream
- 2 t. chopped fresh chives
- 1 t. salt
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 1/4 t. garlic powder
- 4 C. thinly sliced red cabbage
- 2 C. thinly sliced green cabbage
- 1/2 English cucumber, halved, seeded, and sliced
- 1/2 C. thinly sliced radishes

In a large bowl, whisk together the buttermilk, mayo, sour cream, chives, salt, pepper, and garlic powder until smooth. Stir in all cabbage, cucumber, and radishes until well combined.

If you want to jazz up your typical tuna salad sandwiches, try this green goddess recipe. The green goddess recipe is homemade, but I suppose you could use the bottled one if you are short on time. I like to toast my English muffins under the broiler before assembling the sandwich.

## Green Goddess Tuna Salad Sandwiches

- 1/4 C. basil leaves
- 1/4 C. parsley leaves with tender stems
- 1/4 C. tarragon leaves
- 1/4 C. mayonnaise
- 1/4 C. sour cream
- 1 t. finely grated lemon zest
- 2 T. plus 1 t. fresh lemon juice
- 2 T. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 can (5 oz.) tuna in water, drained
- 1 celery stalk, finely chopped
- 1 small garlic clove, finely grated
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Purée basil, parsley, tarragon, mayo, sour cream, lemon zest, 2 T. lemon juice, and 2 T. oil in a blender until very smooth and pale green. Transfer dressing to a medium bowl, reserving one teaspoon, and add tuna. Using a fork, break up tuna and incorporate into dressing. Mix in celery, shallot, and garlic; season with

salt and lots of pepper. Make sandwiches on English muffins; spread dressing that you reserved on each and place lettuce on muffin; spread tuna on each half. Either serve open faced or place two muffins together.

The other meatless entrée for this week is a vegetarian enchilada. This dish can be eaten all year long and is a good one for a quick supper meal.

## Vegetarian Enchilada Bake

- 1 C. shredded zucchini
- 1 T. finely chopped red pepper
- 1 t. olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 3/4 C. frozen corn
- 3/4 C. black beans, rinsed and drained
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3/4 C. salsa
- 2 T. minced fresh cilantro
- 3 corn (6-inch) tortillas
- 3/4 C. shredded cheddar cheese
- Sour cream

Preheat oven to 350. In a large skillet, sauté zucchini and pepper in oil until pepper is crisp tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Add the corn, beans salt and pepper. Sauté 2 to 3 minutes longer. Stir in salsa and cilantro.

Place a tortilla in the bottom of a 1 1/2 qt. round baking dish coated with cooking spray. Spread with 2/3 cup vegetable mixture; sprinkle with 1/4 cup cheese. Repeat layers twice. Bake uncovered, until heated through and cheese is melted, 20 to 25 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve with sour cream.

In honor of Easter, I thought this lemon pound cake would be really pretty on a cake stand. You use a fluted Bundt pan. It is moist and delicious if you like lemons.

## Lemon Lover's Pound Cake

- 1 C. butter, softened
- 3 C. sugar
- 6 eggs, room temperature
- 5 T. lemon juice

- 1 T. lemon zest
- 1 t. lemon extract
- 3 C. flour
- 1/2 t. baking soda
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1 1/4 C. sour cream

## Icing:

- 1/4 C. sour cream
- 2 T. butter, softened
- 2 1/2 C. powdered sugar
- 3 T. lemon juice
- 2 t. lemon zest

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in lemon juice, zest and extract. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt; add to the creamed mixture alternately with sour cream. Beat just until combined.

Pour into a greased and floured 10-inch fluted Bundt pan. Bake at 350 until a toothpick inserted near the center of the cake comes out clean, 55 to 60 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack to cool completely.

Icing: in a bowl, beat sour cream and butter until smooth. Gradually add powdered sugar. Beat in lemon juice and zest. Drizzle over cake. If desired top with additional lemon zest. Store in refrigerator.

This decadent peanut butter bar is just the thing for a snack. I think that you could put half chocolate and half butterscotch chips if you wanted. The salted peanuts give it a great taste. You do have to pay attention when you are baking the marshmallows; they could get too brown fast!

## Chewy Peanut Butter Bars

- 1/2 C. butter, softened
- 2/3 C. packed brown sugar
- 2 egg yolks, room temperature
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 1/2 C. flour
- 1/2 t. baking powder
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 t. baking soda
- 3 C. miniature marshmallows
- 2/3 C. light corn syrup
- 1/4 C. butter
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) peanut butter chips
- 2 t. vanilla
- 2 C. Rice Krispies
- 2 C. salted peanuts

In a bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add egg yolks and vanilla; mix well. Combine the flour, baking powder, salt, and baking soda in a separate bowl. Add to creamed mixture and mix well. Press into a greased 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 until golden,

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### PATRICK JOSEPH BRUNNER

Patrick Joseph Brunner, 53, died suddenly at home in Lena on March 31, 2020.

He was born March 2, 1967 to Freeman Gerald and Mary Suzanne (Sue) Niemeyer Brunner at Freeport Memorial Hospital.

Patrick was their youngest son, 10th child of 11. He graduated from Stockton High School in 1985 and attended Highland Community College.

As a youth his "education" was augmented by working on Harry Koepp's fence building crew.

One memorable summer he worked with his brother Michael in the business office of an outdoor amusement company as it traveled throughout Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio.

Later he worked as a journeyman electrician at Highland Electric, Freeport, as maintenance supervisor at Modern Plating, Freeport, and then as maintenance supervisor at KJ Finishing, Rockford.

He married Donna Lee Mauer Davis on Oct. 3, 1998 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lena. He is survived by his wife and their children Timothy Davis, Joshua (Kiley Kampmeier) Brunner, and Elizabeth Brunner as well as by their grandchildren Aubree Eva Knoup, Liam Tyler Patrick Davis, Oaklynn Jolyse Brunner, Kaylee May Davis, and Brexlynn Grayce Brunner.

His surviving brothers and sisters are Norman (Joanne Knutson) Brunner, Ingleside; Michael (Sandi Tyndal) Brunner, Crossville, TN; Constance (Don) Hill, Lena; Gerald (Amy Schlichting) Brunner, Stockton; Thomas (Darcy Connolly) Brunner, Freeport; William (Darlene Wampfler) Brunner, O'Fallon, IL; Barbara (Jon) Kerns, Oelwein, IA; Theresa (Randy) Risser, Davis; Deborah (James) Nobis, Hanover as well as brother-in-law Norman Kunz, Stockton. Also surviving are 36 nieces and nephews, 51 great-nieces and great-nephews, and 16 great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Also surviving are his father-in-law



Daniel (Mary) Mauer, Bellevue, IA and his brothers-in-law Daniel Mauer, Jr., Dubuque, IA; Roy Mauer, Freeport, and Troy Mauer, Freeport.

Patrick is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Sylvia (Norman) Kunz, his niece Cindy Sue Aurand, and his mother-in-law Sandy Mauer.

Patrick was incredibly hard-working and always strove to put his family first. He and Donna bought a house boat/cabin cruiser several years ago as a pleasant home away from home.

His greatest joy was attending his children's musical, theatrical, and sports activities. His children's talents and abilities always amazed him, and he was very proud of their achievements and the caring adults they became. Each will miss his advice, guidance, and support but will forever cherish their memories of him as a caring, humorous, and practical parent.

Patrick was happiest when he was able to dote on his grandchildren as he had had so much practice after raising three children and spending quality time with his 30+ nieces and nephews throughout his life.

His laugh was infectious, especially when one of his siblings was telling a "true" story from their youth.

Growing up in Stockton as the youngest boy in a large family, he collected Matchbox toys and rode his bike all over town. With the advent of social media, he loved to send random "Remember When?" texts.

His nieces and nephews often referred to him as the "favorite uncle" for his ability to be a kid at heart. Whether it be lifting them high enough to touch the ceiling, showing them how to throw or hit a ball, displaying "proper" golfing technique, forcing them to pick wild black raspberries,

or teaching them the finer points of driving, Patrick loved to horse around with his kids and his multitude of nieces and nephews.

Each looked up to him as a role model and a friend. The sparkle in his eye and the smile on his face that he exuded while interacting with them will live in their memories forever.

He never missed a birthday party, a graduation party, a senior night sporting event, or any other "big game". He would always stop over after the game to offer his opinion on the play, the coaching, and even the officiating. As a natural athlete (He holds at least one track record that still stands at Stockton High school and tried out for the Cincinnati Reds in the early 1990's), he had a competitive, yet jovial spirit.

Patrick had a beautiful baritone voice and was known for singing at wedding ceremonies of his family and friends. He and daughter Elizabeth had been practicing duets for later events.

Patrick continues to assist the wider community because he signed as an organ donor.

He was known to help anyone at a moment's notice, and his family, friends, and community will miss him deeply. As TJ put it, Patrick was the best dad anyone could have ever asked for.

Final arrangements are in the care of Walker Mortuary, Freeport. Condolences may be shared at [www.walker-mortuary.com](http://www.walker-mortuary.com).

### ALTA R. WUTHRICH

Alta R. Wuthrich, 87, of Orangeville, IL passed away at Monroe Clinic Hospice Home with family by her side on March 27, 2020. She was born on Nov. 14, 1932 to Earl and Ruth (Kneller) Kubatzke in Ridott, IL. She graduated from Orangeville High School. Alta married Gene Wuthrich on Nov. 22, 1951 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Freeport, IL. They were married just one day shy of 64 years after Gene's passing on Nov. 21, 2015. For the majority of those years, Alta worked alongside of Gene on their second generation farm and raising five children. Alta was a very active member of the Orangeville United Methodist Church. Alta loved the beauty of the outdoors and was known for her beautiful flower beds and her bountiful vegetable gardens. As a busy farmwife and mother, she did find time to enjoy her hobby of collecting items for all of her numerous collections. Alta was an animal lover and cats were at the top of her list. Every night there was a large group of neighborhood cats waiting for her specially prepared gourmet meals. Alta loved the holidays and she always made each one a big production. One of her most noted productions was her exciting Easter Egg hunts for all her grandchildren and then great-grandchildren.

Alta is survived by her five children Cindy Phillips of Winslow, IL, Sandy (Michael) Kint of Vero Beach, FL,



Candy (Mark) Keltner of Brodhead, WI, Andy (Tana) Wuthrich of Orangeville, IL, and Aaron (Tracie) Wuthrich of Brodhead, WI, 12 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren,

10 great-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren, and one step great-great-granddaughter, sister Marjorie Damon of Freeport, IL, brother-in-law Glen (JoAnn) Wuthrich of Berlin, WI, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Jane Cummins, Doris Last, brother Bill Kubatzke, and her husband Gene.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Burial will take place at Oneco Cemetery.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

**More obituaries are found on page 11**

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# Eagle Nature Foundation office to remain open

The Eagle Nature Foundation, announces as of March 28, its office at 300 East Hickory Street in Apple River will remain open during these turbulent times. ENF is a service organization, as well as being a non-profit foundation. The organization has postponed its 25th Annual Meeting, to be held on March 28, and will reschedule it, when a proper time comes. The office is open on Mondays and Fridays, or other days by appointment.

The 50/50 drawing, which was to be conducted on March 28, presently has a total of over \$1,100 and will remain open until the Annual Meeting is conducted. Anyone interested in still participating in this drawing, may send their check to ENF's office for how many \$5 tickets they would like to donate. A person does not need to be present at the time of the drawing to be a winner.

ENF was scheduled to have a silent and noisy auction when it had the Annual Meeting. Some of the items that were donated for these auctions are time sensitive, so ENF will be offering them in a virtual auction. For a list of these items and their basic value, please contact ENF's office. The virtual auction will be open until May 1. If you would like an item on the list you must send your bid for an amount greater than the value listed. If you are the highest bidder for that item by May 1, ENF will notify you. Then when we receive your check, the item will be shipped to you.

ENF's Spring Bird Seed Sale is still scheduled to be held on April 4. We must receive your order by March 28 and then on April 4 you must come to Mr. Ingram's home, 8384 North Broadway, Apple River between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to pick up your order.

Many birds rely on bird feeders for their sustenance until spring and summer. Birds need their food and bluebird houses need to be either cleaned out, or erected, as bluebirds will be coming back very shortly looking for nesting sites. ENF still has bluebird houses for sale at \$5 each for members, or \$10 each for non-members. A person who is not a member may join ENF at the same time they purchase their house or houses.

When coming to ENF's office a person can also purchase Apple Creek Apiaries honey, which is a natural food that contains many essential ingredients that help fight any infection or virus. Honey is a natural treatment for burns and wounds, because it goes straight to the damaged skin cells without needing to go through a person's digestive system. Apple Creek Honey has no added ingredients, like corn syrup, that is found in most Chinese honey. Apple Creek Honey comes straight from the bees to your table.

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ENF's other planned exciting summer in July and fall in September activities are being put on hold to see what develops before then. Hopefully, we will have all this confusion behind us before we get to those scheduled activities.

For more information contact: Terrence N. Ingram, Exec. Director, Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory St., Apple River, IL 61001 Phone 815-594-2306.



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Thank you to these awesome ladies for helping to distribute materials and collect work from the Stockton Middle School students/families.

# Stockton schools deal with remote learning issues

By John Day  
CORRESPONDENT

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker issued an Executive Order mandating that all schools, public and private, close. Closures became effective March 17. The original mandate ordered schools to remain closed until March 30. Since then, as the Covid-19 crisis worsened, the length of the closure has been extended to April 30.

In order to continue to provide classes to students during this time, local school districts have been authorized to develop their own off site or remote learning programs.

Stockton, like schools across the state has begun remote learning. While taking classes online is not new, on-line classes at this level, across all age groups has never been done before. Cory Walters, District Social Worker at Stockton Schools said, "So far, we have had many positive responses from students and parents about the remote learning programs. This is all new to everyone. Students, families and teachers are learning more each day about what works best."

He said the district had an advantage, having had a Teachers Institute Day to establish plans prior to the school closure.

"This allowed us to establish a plan and review it as well as review the process with our students," Walters

said. "Nevertheless, stress levels are heightened and we're doing our best to support our students and families."

As for technical issues or problems, Walters said, "Again, this all new. Teachers, students and families are learning more each day. We've done our best to remove any barriers to student learning. Now, more than ever, students have more autonomy. They have a greater responsibility to complete work and communicate with teachers. This may involve more family support for students who need hands-on assistance."

An issue overlooked all too often is the availability of a Wi-Fi connection. Obviously, the remote learning programs being adopted are relying almost exclusively on internet access.

"Luckily, the majority of students have internet access in their homes," Walters said. "The school has done a tremendous job in trying to identify which students do not have internet access and have provided hotspots for students to access the school's internet service. For families that have a poor internet signal in their home, teachers have provided a pencil/paper option for learning. "This plan has been fluid as the State Board guides us with each changing week."

Dr. Carmen Ayala, Illinois Superintendent of Education, (ISBE) has been given authority by Pritzker to define and give guidance to local school

districts on matters of remote learning. On Line Classes, Home lessons or E Learning are terms often used, as well as Remote Learning, when referring to classes being taken by students during the school closures.

Ayala wrote in a recent letter posted on the ISBE website that the remote learning recommendations, "Strongly encourage local school districts to adopt grading models of "pass or incomplete" that embrace the principle of doing no educational harm to any child."

Additionally, Ayala's letter stated, "Emergency rules covering remote learning must be approved by the local district Superintendent. Any plans must take into consideration a student's access to online instruction and reflect State learning standards when applicable. The program should provide the means for a student to confer with an educator and provide for the needs of students in special populations. Local plans should provide for transition from remote learning to on site learning when regular classes resume."

There is no doubt that over the next several weeks the remote learning program will undergo some changes. There are, as well, many unanswered questions about issues such as academic standings and so forth. However, at this time, Stockton schools and the students are making the grade.

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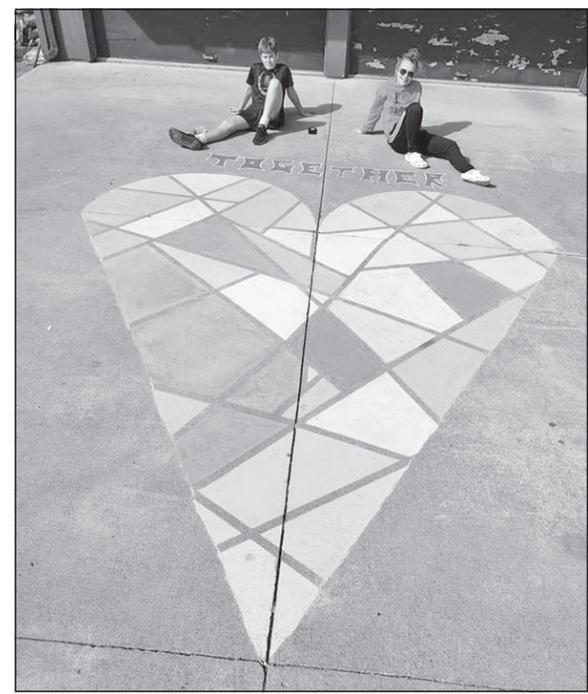
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VS.  
KAREEM STEWART A/K/A KAREEM A STEWART;  
RACHEL L STEWART A/K/A RACHEL LYN RYBAKOWSKI, A/K/A RACHEL L RYBAKOWSKI, A/K/A RACHEL LYN STEWART,  
DEFENDANTS.

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1314 SOUTH FLOAT AVENUE FREEPORT, IL 61032  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on January 28, 2020, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on May 5, 2020, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the

County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

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PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3148633

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### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal residents of the Township of Stockton in the County of JoDaviess and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL MEETING of said Township will take place on **Tuesday, April 14, 2020** being the second Tuesday of said month. The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Township will be held at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. on said day at Stockton Park House and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Meeting Times, Financial Reports, Authorize Transfer of Funds.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

DAYLE NAGEL  
Town Clerk

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## •Kitchen (Continued from page 4)

about 12 to 15 minutes. Sprinkle with marshmallows; bake until the marshmallows begin to puff, 2 minutes. Cool.

Combine the corn syrup, butter, chips and vanilla in a large saucepan; cook and stir over low heat until the chips are melted and the mixture is smooth. Remove from the heat; stir in cereal and peanuts. Spread warm topping over the marshmallow layer. Chill until set.

Do you need an easy and pretty dessert for Easter? This "pie" or rather cheesecake is made with crushed ice cream sugar cones. It gives the base a great flavor. There are also some alternative bases at the end of the recipe. This dessert is really a pretty one to serve, and it goes along with the spring season.

### Confetti Pie

2¾ C. crushed ice cream sugar cones  
2 T. plus ½ C. sugar, divided  
½ C. butter, melted  
1 envelop unflavored gelatin  
¼ C. cold water  
2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened  
2 C. heavy whipping cream  
2 t. butter flavoring  
1 t. almond extract  
1/3 C. assorted sprinkles  
Preheat the oven to 350. In a bowl, combine crushed sugar cones, 2 tablespoons sugar with melted

butter. Press cone mixture onto the bottom and up the sides of a greased 9-inch deep-dish pie plate. Bake until set, 12-15 minutes. Cool completely on a wire rack. (Variations for crust: mix 2¾ C. crushed pretzel sticks with ¾ C. melted butter and ¼ C. sugar. Bake for 12-15 minutes. Or use a chocolate graham cracker prepared crust!)

Sprinkle gelatin over the cold water in a separate bowl, and let stand for 5 minutes. Beat cream cheese and remaining ½ C. sugar until smooth in a mixing bowl. Add the gelatin. Slowly beat in the cream, butter flavoring, and almond into the cream cheese mixture. Fold in the sprinkles, and transfer filling to the crust. Refrigerate, covered, until set. About 3 hours. Top pie with additional assorted sprinkles.

As we go into our thirty-day countdown, remember to stay safe and be careful. We are beginning the last lap in this race (I hope). Soon we can get back to church; I hope kids can get back to school; and I can roam around a grocery store that has full shelves! Keep busy, enjoy some sunshine, and keep the faith. If you have any spring recipes you think we would like, contact us by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email us at [scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com](mailto:scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com).

## Stephenson County Fiber Art Fair cancelled

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## Scary stuff

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## Proficiency Winner

High School Junior Conner Tippet was selected as the District FFA Proficiency Winner in Diversified Crop Placement. Shown here are River Ridge FFA junior members Andrew Pratt and state qualifier Tippet.



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## Reading matters

River Ridge second grader Kali is working hard on her Magic Tree House Book! Who else has been reading?



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