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## Apples are just the beginning

Family-owned orchards grow market for local products

By Katelyn Black  
CORRESPONDENT

As colder weather sets in, orchards all around the area are kicking their fall festivities into full swing.

Those festivities are getting underway for the first time at Orchard Landing in Hanover, where there's a new on-farm apple market.

According to Karen Greiner, one of the owners at Orchard Landing, the dream for the orchard itself started back in 2015. That year, Karen, her husband, Nathan, and their two sons began planting the first 400 trees and sold the resulting apples at a roadside stand in the corner of their airplane hangar.

Now, 1,000 trees later, that roadside stand is about to become the Apple Barn.

The barn will include a retail store, cider press and kitchen for making cider donuts. On top of selling apples and baked goods, Orchard Landing has honey made on-site, jams, jellies, pumpkins and a landing strip right on-site that is often used by local pilots.

For Greiner, owning the orchard with her family has been nothing short of rewarding.

"It's very rewarding to grow food for yourself and others. It has also been very enjoyable working as a family over the years," she said. "We have taught our sons a lot about hard work, and we have all learned about apple farming along the way."

"Our repeat customers also make it rewarding. It supports the whole idea that we are providing something that people want and enjoy when they come back every year or every weekend."

The grand opening for the Apple Barn is set for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10 and Oct. 11. The Greiner family is asking that everyone wear masks in the store and practice social distancing.

Not too far from Orchard Landing is Dittmar Farms & Orchard in Elizabethtown.

The farm was founded back in



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**Dittmar Farms & Orchard offers apples, pumpkins, hayrides and more during the busy fall season.**

1854 and ran as a dairy farm until the mid-1990s. Now, the family still farms, but they're focused on growing things like field corn, alfalfa, pumpkins and apples.

The Dittmar family officially opened their pumpkin patch in 2014, and the orchard followed a few years later.

Unfortunately, according to the Dittmar Farms & Orchard website, all the apples grown for this year have been picked already. They plan to grow more next season to meet the increasing demand.

Still, there are lots of other things for visitors to enjoy, such as homemade baked goods, the pumpkin patch and the new Arrowhead Treehouse.

This tree house can be rented out

by up to six people. It includes amenities such as heat and air conditioning, water and Wi-Fi.

According to the Dittmar Farms & Orchard website, the tree house is the perfect spot for families to enjoy the land in a safe and isolated way.

And for Dittmar Farms & Orchard President Michael Dittmar, getting to show off the beauty of the land surrounding his orchard is the most rewarding part.

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The Ponce family visited Apple River last weekend and stopped by the Thriving Thistle Market and Bistro for lunch. The Thistle offers outside dining, curbside service and home delivery by calling 815-594-2080.

## Positive test rates spur changes for bars, restaurants, gatherings

COVID-19 mitigation measures are back in effect for the nine-county region including Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties after a seven-day infection positivity rate of 8 percent or above for three consecutive days.

Officials from the Illinois Department of Public Health noted the resurgence in a Sept. 29 announcement and the increased restrictions went into effect Oct. 3.

The increased mitigation means that bars and restaurants are not allowed to offer indoor service. Establishments can offer outdoor service only, and only until 11 p.m.

Social events are limited to 25 people or 25 percent of overall room capacity.

Party bus operations must cease, and gaming establishments must close at 11 p.m., and are limited to 25 percent capacity.

These mitigations do not currently apply to schools.

"The concerning uptick in Region 1's positivity — jumping more than two percentage points in two weeks even as the majority of Illinois continues to see downward trends — demands increased efforts to stop the spread in our northwestern counties," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a news release.

Specific rules for bars include:

- No indoor service

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

If you were like me last weekend, you had to make a decision of what to try to save and what was going to fade away to the large compost pit in the sky. I really didn't save much. I have two beautiful hibiscus that someone can adopt if they want to. I guess that the frost really propels us into fall. Our fall cooking has begun in earnest.

## Watermelon Rind and Cucumber Relish

Some of the best relish is made at the end of the growing season. This relish uses the throwaway part of a watermelon and the last of the pickling cucumbers. Enjoy this relish that can be used as a condiment for most meats and as a topping for vegetables.

- 1½ C. watermelon rind, peeled and cubed
  - 1 lb. pickling cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped
  - 1½ C. apple cider vinegar
  - 1½ C. sugar divided
  - ½ C. distilled water
  - 2 fresh bay leaves
  - 2½ t. dry mustard
  - 1½ t. ground ginger
  - 1 t. ground coriander
  - ½ t. salt
  - ¼ t. turmeric
  - 1½ t. powdered pectin (Sure-Jell)
- In the work bowl of a food processor, pulse watermelon rind until finely chopped. Remove rind. Repeat

procedure with cucumber. In a large stockpot, bring vinegar, 1¼ C. sugar, ½ C. distilled water and bay leaves to a boil over medium heat. Add watermelon rind. Stir in dry mustard, ginger, coriander, and salt; cook until rind is mostly tender, about 20 minutes. Add cucumber and turmeric; cook for 10 minutes.

In a small bowl, whisk together pectin and remaining ¼ C. sugar. Stir pectin mixture into relish, and cook for one minute. Remove from heat. Transfer relish to 5 small sterilized glass jars, leaving ½ inch of space from top of jars. Wipe rims with a clean cloth and secure lids and bands. Let jars cool to room temperature; refrigerate for up to three months.

## Roasted Veggie Stuffed Potatoes

If you are looking at a different way to top plain baked potatoes, this tasty vegetable topping makes for a whole meal. You can quickly assemble it, but it does require some baking time. It is a great vegetarian recipe. I suppose you could substitute some other vegetables for the squash and peppers.

- 4 baking potatoes (about 6 oz. each)
  - ½ of a yellow squash or medium zucchini, cut into ¾ inch pieces
  - ½ medium red pepper, cut into ¾ inch pieces
  - ½ medium onion, cut into ½ inch wedges
  - 1 t. oil
  - ½ t. dried oregano, crushed
  - Dash of salt
  - Dash of pepper
  - ¼ C. sour cream
  - ¼ C. crumbled feta cheese
  - 2 T. pine nuts, toasted
- Scrub potatoes and pat dry. Prick each with a fork and wrap in foil. Place potatoes in 4 qt. slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for four hours or on high for two hours.

In a medium bowl, combine the squash, peppers, onion, olive oil, oregano, salt and pepper. Transfer to a piece of heavy foil. Bring up two opposite edges of foil; seal with a double fold. Fold in remaining ends to completely enclose, leaving space for steam to build. Add to slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for four hours or on high for two hours.

Unwrap potatoes and cut in half lengthwise, cutting to but not through the bottoms. Fluff potatoes with a fork. Carefully open vegetable packet to release steam. Top potatoes with sour cream and vegetables and sprinkle with cheese and pine nuts.

## Slow Cooker Sesame Chicken

You can put this meal together very easily in the morning and pull supper together quickly after work. I think I have mentioned before that I always use low-sodium soy sauce. Enjoy this tasty chicken slow cooker recipe.

- 1½ lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into ¾ inch pieces
- ½ C. honey
- ¼ C. chopped onion
- ¼ C. soy sauce
- 1 T. tomato paste or 2 T. ketchup
- 4 t. cornstarch
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ t. crushed red pepper
- 2 C. water
- 1 C. uncooked rice
- 2 t. sesame seeds

Chopped green onion  
Spread chicken in bottom of a 4-quart slow cooker that has been sprayed with cooking spray. In a bowl, stir together honey, onion, soy sauce, tomato paste or ketchup, cornstarch, garlic and crushed red pepper. Pour over chicken. Cook, covered on low, for 2.5 to three hours.

In a saucepan, bring water with rice to a boil; cover. Reduce heat to low and cook for 20 minutes. Stir chicken and sauce mixture; sprinkle with sesame seeds. Serve over warm rice and garnish with green onions.

## Pork and Apple Meatballs

October is always pork appreciation month. Apples have always been a traditional complement to pork. Who hasn't served applesauce with pork roast or chops? This tasty meatball recipe blends the two together. You can serve these as a main entree if you make them a bit bigger or use them for an appetizer. Kraft makes a very reasonably priced sesame dressing.

- 1 lb. lean ground pork
  - 1 C. panko bread crumbs
  - 1 C. finely chopped apples
  - 2 finely chopped green onions
  - 1 T. Worcestershire
  - 1 beaten egg
  - ¾ C. Toasted Sesame Dressing
  - 2 T. Grey Poupon mustard
- Preheat oven to 375. Cover rimmed baking sheet with foil; spray with cooking spray. Mix pork with panko crumbs and chopped apples. Add green onions and carefully mix in. Mix in Worcestershire and beaten egg just until blended. Shape into 24 meatballs using about 1 T. meat mixture for each meatball. Place on prepared baking sheet. Bake 20 minutes or until done (160). About five minutes before meatballs are done, in a large skillet, bring sesame dressing and mustard to boil, stirring frequently. Add meatballs to dressing mixture and cook three minutes or until sauce is slightly thickened, stirring occasionally to evenly coat all sides of meatballs with dressing mixture.

## Apple-Oat Muffins with Pecan Streusel

These muffins are a good way to use your extra apples. They make a great brunch addition or even a dessert muffin after a nice meal.

- Streusel Topping**
- ½ C. flour
- 1/3 C. finely chopped toasted pecans
- 3 T. brown sugar
- 3 T. butter, softened
- ¼ t. salt

## Muffins

- 1½ C. flour
  - ¾ C. sugar
  - ½ C. rolled oats
  - 2 t. baking powder
  - ¼ t. cinnamon
  - ¼ t. salt
  - 1 (8 oz.) bottle vanilla-flavored nutrition drink (Ensure)
  - 1 egg
  - 2/3 C. chopped apple
- Preheat the oven to 375. Line a 12 C. muffin tin with liners. In a small bowl, combine flour, pecans, brown sugar, butter and salt together. Rub together until crumbly. Set aside. In a medium bowl, whisk flour, sugar, rolled oats, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. In a separate bowl, whisk Ensure and egg. Stir into dry ingredients just until combined. Fold in chopped apple. Divide batter evenly among prepared muffin cups. Top with streusel. Bake 20 minutes or until muffins spring back when touched lightly in center. Cool in pan for five minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and cool completely.

## Carol's Pumpkin Bars

Every year someone always asks me for my pumpkin bar recipe. It was always a favorite for October and November birthdays at school. This recipe was from my mom's good friend and co-worker at the bank, Carol. She has been gone a long time, but every time I make these, I think of her. I always try to give credit to anyone who gives me a really good recipe. I try not to take credit for good things other people have given to me; therefore, I always give this recipe away as "Carol's Pumpkin Bars."

Now to the really hard part of anything pumpkin this year. Did you know that pumpkin has replaced toilet paper as the "can't get COVID item" this fall? Every store you go to is out of pumpkin. I have several great stock boys at Sullivans, and I asked one of them if they had any pumpkin. He said no, and he said they have been blindsided because they didn't know there would be a shortage. Illinois is the pumpkin capital of the world. Shouldn't we be able to get pumpkin? So, if you have pumpkin and want pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving, keep that one can

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I wish to thank everyone who sent me a birthday card on my 99th birthday. Thanks also for the food, visits, flowers and phone calls. They were all very special. Thank you, Opal Weick

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We are thankful for each and everyone's kindness and support during this difficult time.

The family of Mary Ann Kloss Morhardt

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Marian Binns and family of Norme A. Binns wish to thank you for calls, cards and donations of memorials. A special thanks to Pastor Chuck, the girls from hospice, Peggy K. and Becky R., the American Legion for the military service.

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# Girl Scouts learn entrepreneurship during fall sale

Girl Scouts in northern Illinois recently kicked off their fall product program with online sales of nuts, candies and magazines. The program teaches girls to navigate the virtual marketplace and set up a website.

Each entrepreneur customizes her site by:

- Showing her goal and what she wants to earn
- Writing a description to explain to customers how funds earned will be used
- Adding her preferred image
- Providing ways customers can safely connect to her products using her website, emails, text, social media, QR code or printable business cards
- Creating her own personalized virtual avatar

Customers can order items through

girls' individual websites. Each customer can order, pay, and receive direct shipments of items with girls receiving full credit for the purchase.

Girl Scouts are currently offering the fall products virtually and may choose to sell in-person with parent permission and following all Girl Scout health and safety rules through Oct. 24.

To be connected to a local Girl Scout's small business, call Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois' product program hotline at 847-214-9295, e-mail orders to [cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org), or visit [www.girlscoutsni.org/buynutscandymags](http://www.girlscoutsni.org/buynutscandymags).

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois serves 16 counties, including Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties. For more information, go online to [girlscoutsni.org](http://girlscoutsni.org) or call 844-476-4463.

# Webinar examines dollar store impact on rural Illinois communities

The University of Illinois Extension is co-hosting a free online webinar that will examine the impact of dollar stores on rural Illinois communities. The session is intended "to provide local officials, economic development professionals and plan commissions a comprehensive look at both positive and negative impacts dollar store development can have on rural economies," according to a news release.

The webinar is set for noon on Thursday, Oct. 8. Registration is required by going online to [go.illinois.edu/DollarStoreImpact](http://go.illinois.edu/DollarStoreImpact).

"Against the decline of retail in rural areas, the Dollar General chain has expanded significantly," said Nancy Ouedraogo, Illinois Extension community and economic development specialist. "Before approving new rural development of dollar stores, we encourage local decision-makers to inspect the whole-community impact dollar stores

could have on a healthy local business sector."

Presenters Adee Athiyaman and Chris Merrett will describe the expansion of dollar stores in Illinois, provide a market profile of communities that host Dollar General stores, explore the profile of consumers who shop at these kinds of stores and examine positive and negative impacts these stores have on rural Illinois communities.

Athiyaman is a professor of public policy and economic development at Western Illinois University.

Merrett is director of the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University and serves on the board of directors at Rural Partners of Illinois. Rural Partners is a member-driven forum that links individuals, businesses, organizations, and communities with public and private resources to maximize the potential of rural Illinois.

# Program clarifies signs of Alzheimer's

On Saturday, Oct. 10, the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter will deliver the "10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's" educational program online and by phone at several times throughout the day. Two of the programs also will be available in Spanish.

The warning signs of Alzheimer's disease are often dismissed as normal age-related memory changes. Participants can join the program to learn more about memory loss, dementia and the resources available through the Alzheimer's Association. Experts also will address commonly held misconceptions about Alzheimer's.

The program will teach people how to recognize the warning signs in themselves and others and why

early detection matters.

To register for the free program, call 800-272-3900 or go online to [https://www.alz.org/illinois/helping-you/education/know\\_the\\_10\\_signs](https://www.alz.org/illinois/helping-you/education/know_the_10_signs).

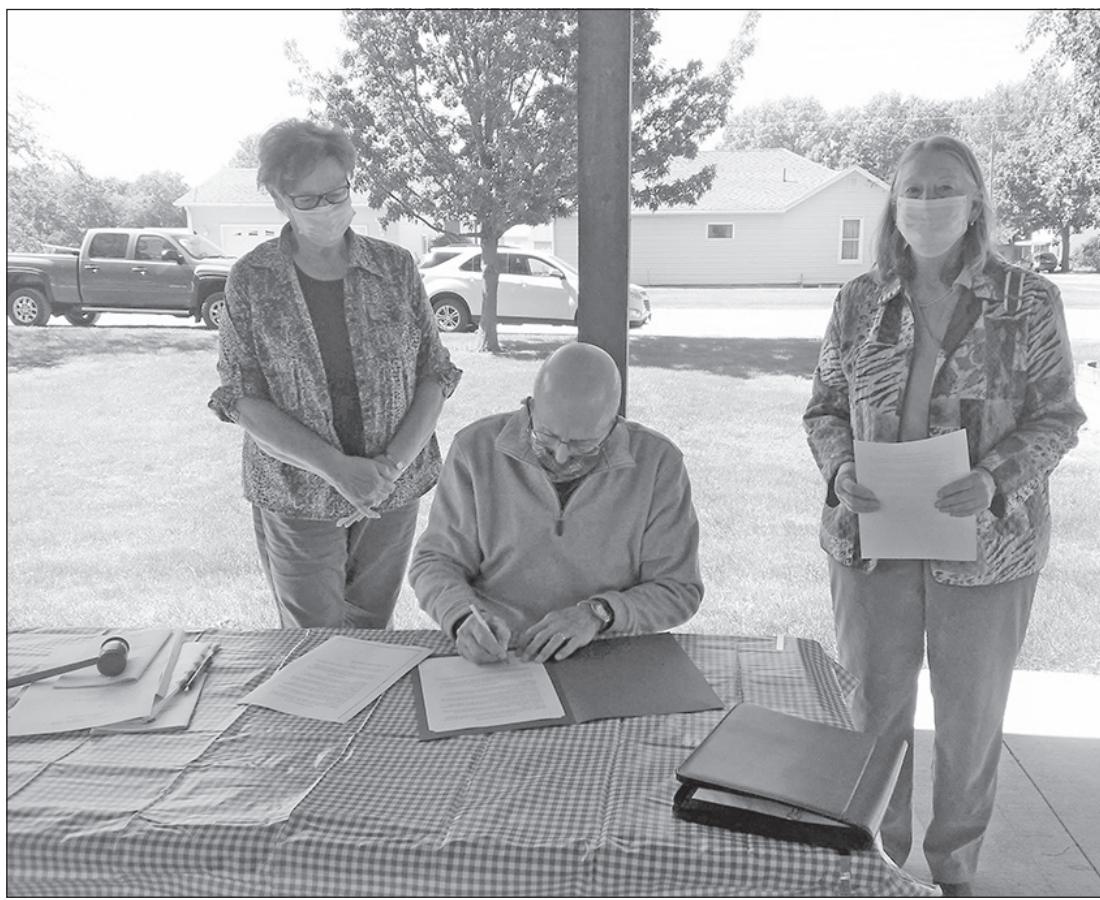
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# DAR recognizes Constitution Week

Carroll Jo Daviess Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter Regent Linda Thayer, left, and First Vice Regent Connie Foster, right, watch as Lanark Mayor Ken Viglietta signs a proclamation recognizing Sept. 17 through Sept. 23 as Constitution Week. Sept. 17 marked the 233<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the drafting of the U.S. Constitution by the Constitutional Convention in 1787. DAR members held an outdoor meeting at Lanark City Park. The chapter has about 70 members from Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Carroll counties.

# Learn about genealogy in Zoom program

"Getting (Re)Started in Genealogy," a program designed for those new and familiar to genealogy, will be presented by professional genealogist Terry Feinberg via Zoom. The informational session is set for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, and is sponsored by the Senior Resource Center.

"The program will connect you to the best places to find documents that will get you started or move you along," according to a news release.

The program will last for about 45 minutes, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Call Julie at 815-235-9777, extension 254, or email [jhilliger@srcnr.org](mailto:jhilliger@srcnr.org) to receive the link to the Zoom program.

For those who haven't used Zoom, all you need is your computer with speakers and internet connectivity or a smartphone. Microphones are not necessary but will allow you to speak rather than type any questions or comments.

The Senior Resource Center offers programs, education and activities for people 50 and beyond, their families and caregivers in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties. For more information, call 815-235-9777 or go online to [seniorresourcecenter.net](http://seniorresourcecenter.net).

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## Slices of life

# Enough, already: No one needs a lecture over masks

I wear a mask when out in public because that is what I (and we) are asked to do. The experts tell us that masks help stop the spread of COVID-19 and I usually follow the advice of experts; they often know more than I do.

I have my opinions on masks, but I'll try not to share them here. I am not anti-mask, or non-anti-mask. I am opposed to polarized opinions about masks.

Let's be straight. We all believe what we believe. We have opinions. That's OK.

I read the online posts about masks,



By **JILL PERTLER**

Contributor

and quite frankly, I think both sides have good arguments.

For the mask wearers:

You care about others. You want to protect the vulnerable. You listen to the experts and believe what they say. You do what you have to because it is

what is asked of you. You want to stop COVID, so you wear a mask.

For those who choose a non-mask appearance:

You don't always believe the information you receive from the media. You feel you live in an area where you can social distance safely without affecting others. You don't want anyone to get sick, but you feel you can keep yourself and others safe without a mask.

Everyone believes they have their own valid points. Please read that sentence a second time to let it sink in. Everyone is imbedded in his or her own belief system.

You. Me. Us. We are all living out our own truths.

Can we leave it at that? Please?

Like I alluded to earlier, I am in the middle of the road. I'm not super this or super that regarding masks. I do what I need to do to protect myself and others. One day that may look one way and on another day (and in other circumstances) it may look another.

I'm doing what I need to do.

You are doing what you need to do. My needs may differ from yours and vice versa, but I think we can agree on one thing: No one wants

to be lectured. Especially on social media. We didn't enjoy lectures from our parents when we were teenagers, so why would we want to subject ourselves to them now?

Quick answer: We don't. None of us.

So here goes. I'm sorry if I am about to offend anyone. It is not my intention.

Please quit lecturing. You who believe masks are the weapon of a controlling government, I hear your pain. You who believe masks save lives, I hear your quest. But I do not want to be lectured on the subject from either of your well-intended, strongly felt sides.

Lectures were meant for college. We paid for them then, but don't want them for free now. Social media is full of cut-and-pasted long (long!) posts regarding masks. These posts are filled with quotes from experts. They are meant to sway your opinion regarding this subject.

By and large, they fail. Pro mask wearers will not change their opinion based on an anti-mask post and vice versa. Please quit copy and pasting ideas written by others. If you want to create a post filled with your own

words (much like I did with this column), I welcome your thoughts. But don't simply rely on the words (and ideas) of others — no matter how eloquent.

And please, if it sounds like a lecture, it probably is.

With that, I apologize for this column. I'm lecturing against lectures while I likely lecture; I acknowledge that. My intention is not to sway you to one side or another. You can keep your side and your mask or lack thereof.

My intention is to bring us together. Because beyond masks, beyond lectures, beyond COVID, beyond our own personal beliefs and opinions, we all need to come together now more than ever before. Let's support each other, not tear one another down. Our country was built on differing beliefs and opinions.

Let's not lose sight of that. Take care everyone. Stay safe.

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## Farm to School month promotes local, healthy eating

By Justin Carter  
CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS

Fall is here and once again, folks across the nation are focusing on local food for our school districts. October is Farm to School Month, which provides a chance for teachers and administrators to inspire and educate students on where their food comes from.

This seems all the more important in 2020 as the pandemic has shown that our food systems are not always stable. Supply chain disruptions can result in shortages and increases in food prices. Our schools can be a part of positive change by making local food purchases and expanding on-campus cultivation to benefit agriculture education and provide fresh food to cafeterias.

During the month of October,

schools can kick off their farm to school activities by participating in a crunch-off. For example, the Mountain Plains region of Nebraska, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Kansas, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota compete in a crunch-off to see which can get the most crunches into local foods. Apples have been the most popular food for students to crunch into. The crunch-off is not just for in-person classes; families participating in online learning are also encouraged to take part.

Now is the time to connect with local schools to promote healthy eating and locally produced foods. You can learn more by going online to the Center for Rural Affairs website at [cra.org/f2s](http://cra.org/f2s).

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## FHN opens acute respiratory clinic

*Patient isolation and rapid services are key, officials say*

FHN has opened an acute respiratory clinic designed to speed up the diagnosis and treatment of respiratory illnesses such as the flu and COVID-19 this fall and winter.

"The ARC at FHN is set up exclusively for patients with acute respiratory symptoms such as those resulting from influenza, COVID-19, or respiratory syncytial virus (RSV);

patients with chronic, ongoing respiratory conditions should consult their traditional providers," according to an FHN news release.

The special clinic allows for FHN to keep patients with respiratory symptoms separate from other patients, the release said.

"The isolated location and design of the clinic and its processes will

limit the exposure of patients, the public and our staff to patients with symptomatic respiratory droplets," said Kathryn J. Martinez, executive vice president and COO/chief nursing officer. "During an appointment at the ARC, the provider will provide a quick physical assessment, which can then be followed up with a flu test or a COVID-19 test as needed.

"Without leaving the clinic, the provider can order medications, do blood work if needed for these conditions, and then direct follow-up care for the patient's FHN primary care provider."

The special clinic is located on the east side of the lower level of FHN Specialty Care – Harlem Avenue, 25 N. Harlem Ave., Freeport, and will be open for appointments seven days a week.

The clinic has three separate treatment rooms and a limited-space waiting room area. Staff members will wear full-isolation personal protective equipment and all patients must wear a mask and adhere to social distancing requirements at the ARC.

If ARC patients need a COVID-19 test, they will receive it outdoors at a covered area.

ARC patients must have an FHN primary care provider and can make appointments to be seen at the ARC through that provider or by calling 815-599-7672 or 815-599-7673.

FHN is a regional health care system with 19 locations in five counties in northwest Illinois. Go online to [fhn.org](http://fhn.org) for more information.

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# Obituary

## DAVID MELVIN ROLING

David Melvin Roling was born to eternal life Monday, Sept. 28, 2020, surrounded by his family. He was born Feb 12, 1955, the sixth of eight children born to Melvin and Maleta (Pfohl) Roling. While growing up, the family lived on farms in the Menominee, Zwingle and Belmont areas. He graduated from Belmont High School in 1973, married his high school sweetheart, Vickie Greene, and together had three children.

Dave wore many hats during his life, including farmer, auto body repair, security, law enforcement, carpenter and antique tractor restoration. He studied criminology at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and while working security at Galena Territories. Sheriff Specht offered him a job with the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department. He completed training at the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield. During his 15 years with Jo Daviess County, he worked in patrol and as a detective, corporal, administrative sergeant and chief deputy. He also served on numerous county committees and task forces with other agencies. When entreated, Dave would regale family with stories and memories from his law enforcement days. In the 1990s he returned to farming, later taking a job with Terra Ag and subsequently F/S-Stephenson Service Co. While at F/S he did nearly every job in the company — applications, structures, LP, fuel oil, Lena plant manager; his final position was compliance and safety officer



until his health necessitated his retirement in 2015.

He gracefully navigated seven years of colon cancer, abandoning unpleasant traditional treatments that could not offer a cure, enjoying his last five years on his own terms.

Dave was the strong, silent type, more of a doer than a talker, who liked cooking and taking care of family, friends and co-workers. He was a "fixer of things" and he loved being outdoors, as well as antique vehicles, especially muscle cars, antique tractors, motorcycling, auctions and animals.

He would be seen driving around the area in his pick-up with his white German shepherd, Andre, in the back. He loved karaoke, saying it was the most fun you could have without taking your clothes off. Karaoke is how he met Joyce, his beloved wife and love goddess. He especially loved his family and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Joyce (Hobb/Wirtjes) of Lena; three children, Richelle (Ron) DeCuir of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Seth (Allyson) Roling of Shannon, Illinois, Keshia (Shaun) Bennett of Stockton Illinois, and their mother, Vickie (Greene) Nash; three step-children, Brandon (Marsha)

Wirtjes of Rockford. MSG Ryan (Amanda) Wirtjes of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Hannah (Rich) Hagedorn of Monroe Wisconsin; 11 grandchildren, Abrielle and Zachary DeCuir, Layla, Zoey and Jackson

Roling, Alexis and Blake Bennett and Eliza, Oliver, Kyler and Jaxsen Wirtjes; a brother, Richard Roling of Shullsburg, Wisconsin; sisters, Juanita Roling of Milwaukee, Pam (William) Shomler of Slinger, Wisconsin, and numerous nieces and nephews, several claiming to be "his favorite."

He was predeceased by his parents; brother, Donald; sisters, Shirley (Anthony) Hughes, Pat Olson and Donna (David) Seng; and nephews, Mark Hughes and Karl Olson.

Visitation was held Friday, Oct. 2, at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, Illinois. Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 3, at Leamon Funeral Home. Father Mike Morrissey officiated the services.

Private family burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Galena, Illinois.

A special thanks to friends, neighbors, F/S and the F/S family for their acts of kindness and generosity during his illness and Father Michael and Monroe Clinic Hospice. There are no words to express our gratefulness to our family for their presence, devotion and unwavering support.

A memorial has been established in Dave's memory.

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

## Get to the bottom of mouth breathing

As humans, we are meant to breathe through our noses. Breathing through your nose, or nasal breathing, filters impurities, assists in nitrous oxide production, adds warmth and moisture to inhaled air and increases the flow of air to the lower airways in the lungs. All of these serve to enhance the lungs' ability to absorb oxygen. Nose breathing provides optimal position of the tongue and lips to promote facial development, bone growth, chewing, swallowing and clear speech.

If you are a parent of a child who habitually breathes through their mouth, rather than their nose, then the following information is crucial for your child's health. Signs that your child may be mouth breathing include sleeping with their mouth open, drooling on their pillow, snoring, dysfunctional sleep, constantly having their head forward and mouth hanging open and air hunger when they eat, as demonstrated by noisy breathing and gasping. Your child may also be excessively tired or inattentive throughout the day. Conversely, dysfunctional sleep patterns may lead to hyperactivity and impulsive or antagonistic

behaviors. Therefore, it is critical to report signs and symptoms of mouth breathing to your child's physician.

The first and most crucial step is to find out why your child is mouth breathing. It does not make sense to treat symptoms without diagnosing and treating the cause. Early diagnosis and intervention are crucial for healthy craniofacial growth and the formation of optimal airway structure. Chronic mouth breathing during your child's formative years can lead to a number of negative compensatory physiological changes, which can set up a domino effect of lifetime respiratory problems, craniofacial deformities and orofacial disorders. These include an abnormally long face, recessed chin and jawline, dysfunctional bite, overcrowded teeth, pain in the temporomandibular joint, headaches, facial pain, postural problems and swallowing and sleep and speech disorders. Early diagnosis and prevention of irreversible damage will require a collaborative effort between a number of health providers which may include any or all of the following: pediatrician, dentist, ear, nose and throat physician, allergist and a medi-

cal speech-language pathologist.

Some of the underlying health conditions that can lead to mouth breathing include: chronic inflammation of the inner lining of the nose that lasts for more than four weeks, deviated septum, infected and swollen tonsils and adenoids, congestion from allergies, an over-reactive immune system or having a congenitally small mouths and/or narrow palate. Treatment of the underlying cause and intervention to return to optimal function and nasal breathing will depend on the extent of damage.

While this column has focused primarily on children, you should be aware that mouth breathing can negatively affect the health and well-being of adults. If you or a family member experience any of the signs or symptoms of mouth breathing, report these to your health care provider. Diagnosis, treatment and prevention of damage from a compromised airway will greatly enhance your health and quality of life.

*Dr. Stephen Petras is an Illinois-licensed general dentist at the Stockton Dental Center.*

## Distracted driving can be deadly

*Talking, texting and other behaviors contribute to lack of focus*

October is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and nationwide, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that nearly 3,000 people are killed in crashes involving a distracted driver, contributing to the 36,560 lives lost to crashes on U.S. roadways in 2018.

"Anything that diverts attention from driving — eating and drinking, adjusting the navigation, or picking your next podcast can result in a fatal injury," Nick Jarmusz, director of public affairs for AAA — The Auto Club Group, said in a news release. "Looking away from the road for just two seconds doubles the risk of a crash."

In 2018, there were 2,839 people killed in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers, and of those killed in crashes involving a distracted driver, over 17 percent (495) were between the ages of 25 and 35. Additionally, there were 400 pedestrians and 76 cyclists killed in distraction-related crashes.

"In regards to hands-free capabilities, motorists need to understand it is not risk-free," Jarmusz said. "Even with your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel, you are not safe unless your mind focuses on the drive."

Here are AAA's top tips to avoid distractions while driving:

- Prepare for your drive. Set vehicle systems like GPS, seats, mirrors, climate controls and sound systems before hitting the road. Decide on your route and check traffic conditions ahead of time. Finish dressing and personal grooming at home — before you get on the road.

- Don't drive intoxicated or "intoxicated." The consequences of alcohol-impaired driving and texting while driving could be the

same: Put aside electronic distractions and never use text messaging, email, video games or internet functions, including those built into the vehicle, while driving. Stow your smartphone away, turn it to airplane mode, or activate call/text blocking features.

- Stay focused. Do not let anything divert your attention. Be sure to actively scan the road, use your mirrors, and watch out for pedestrians and cyclists. If you have passengers, enlist their help as a "designated texter." Ask them to answer your calls, respond to texts and program the navigation.

Some state laws specifically forbid driving "composing or sending an electronic text message or an electronic mail message" and talking on a hand-held cell phone while driving in a construction zone. And cell phone use of any kind — even hands free — is prohibited for teens drivers, except to report an emergency.

All of these are primary enforcement laws, which means law enforcement officers may stop motorists suspected of these offenses.

### Sobering statistics

- Looking away from the road for just two seconds doubles the risk of a crash.

- Five seconds of reading an email or text is like driving across a football field while blindfolded.

- Mental distractions last longer than you think and can cause a dangerous crash or fatality. Mental distraction can last up to 27 seconds after dialing, texting or changing the radio station.

- New teen drivers are three times as likely as adults to be involved in a deadly crash.

For more information, go online to [AAA.com/dontdrivedistracted](http://AAA.com/dontdrivedistracted).

## River Ridge notes school board nomination papers available

Nominating petition forms are now available for the spring election of school board members in River Ridge Community School District #210. Forms may be obtained at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena or between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days at the school district office, 4141 Illinois Route 84 South, Han-over.

Four seats on the seven-member school board are up for election in April. New board members will serve four-year terms expiring in April 2025.

A school board candidate's petition must be filed at the county courthouse between Dec. 14 and Dec. 21.

For more information about becoming a candidate and the duties of board members, contact Brad Albrecht at 815-858-9005.

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# Fellow Democrat to challenge Madigan as speaker, House GOP pushes for subpoenas

By Jerry Nowicki  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The longest-serving state legislative speaker in U.S. history will have a challenger from his own party in January.

The Oct. 1 announcement that Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, D-Oswego, would challenge Chicago Democrat Michael Madigan as Illinois House Speaker came just an hour before Republicans called a news confer-

ence to lay out their next steps in a noncriminal legislative probe of Madigan.

Kifowit's challenge to the speaker, who has held the position for all but two years since 1983, comes months after utility giant Commonwealth Edison admitted in a court agreement to handing out jobs and contracts worth \$1.3 million to close Madigan associates in an effort to curry his favor for legislation that benefitted the

company.

After the ComEd news broke in July, Kifowit and a handful of others in the House Democratic caucus called on the speaker to resign his leadership position in the House. But Madigan reportedly called caucus members and said the "candid conversations" produced "positive feedback" which demonstrated "continued support for me and my leadership roles."

At the beginning of each two-year General Assembly, the House chooses its speaker. A candidate would need a motion and a second to be considered by the body, and the speaker is elected by a majority vote of the 118-member House.

Madigan's support for the position has been near-unanimous in his party through the years, and when the speaker received a lone present vote in each of the 2017 and 2019 re-elec-

tion processes, the events made headlines for their rarity.

If House Democrats maintain a supermajority after November elections, Madigan could lose votes from more than 10 Democrats and still have the necessary threshold to get re-elected.

"Based on my values, I was compelled on July 30 of this year to write a letter to Speaker Madigan stating that the right thing for him to do is to step down as speaker for compromising the integrity of the office and undermining the public trust," Kifowit said in a news release. "The response from Michael Madigan was to double down and has remained. It is clear to me that he doesn't hold the same values that I do and falls short of what the public expects from an elected official."

Kifowit's comments echoed those of House Republicans who launched a Special Investigating Committee in late August to probe the speaker's ComEd ties. While Madigan has not been criminally charged and has denied wrongdoing, the House Republicans are seeking to prove through the committee that the speaker has participated in "conduct unbecoming to a legislator or which constitutes a breach of public trust."

Others in Madigan's party — including the three Democrats named by Majority Leader Greg Harris, D-Chicago, to the investigating committee — have proven to still be supportive. Reps. Emanuel "Chris" Welch of Hillside, Elizabeth Hernandez of Cicero and Natalie Manley of Joliet have pushed back on claims that Madigan's conduct was inappropriate.

Welch also resisted a Republican motion to subpoena various players in the ComEd scandal — including Madigan — calling the move premature and "out of order" as he had not seen the subpoenas Republicans were requesting. Madigan has declined to testify before the committee voluntarily, and the first substantive committee hearing heard testimony

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## Church briefs

### St. John's sets community meal

St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City will hold the October community Grace Meal at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. The menu will be brats, potato or pasta salad, chips and dessert.

The Grace Meal will be curbside pickup only. All meals must be ordered by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, by calling the church at 815-443-2215 or sending an email to prshadmin@gmail.com.

Those who cannot attend worship services also may contact the church to receive copies of the bulletin and

sermon via mail or email. Online services also are in the works.

St. John's is located at 229 S. First St. in Pearl City.

### Church invites all for music, fellowship

Morseville Church will hold its fall service at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18.

No Worries will provide gospel music. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the music.

Refreshments and fellowship will be offered in the church basement after the music.

The church is located at 12231 E. Morseville Road in Stockton.

### Fill up at Fall Luncheon in Stockton

Wesley United Methodist Church in Stockton will host its Fall Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. Meals will be carryout only and people may request for their food to be ready at a certain time.

The menu includes chicken and dressing, seasoned beef and barbecue sandwiches, as well as chili, chicken noodle soup, jellos, potato salad, calico beans, pies and other desserts.

To request a pickup time or for more information, call 815-947-2541. The church is located at 127 E. Benton Ave.

### Lena church invites attendees in sanctuary or parking lot

"The Permission Givers" is the title of the sermon based on Exodus 32:1-14 that will be presented by the Rev. Randal Nicholas during the Oct. 11 service at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road, Lena.

The service will begin at 9:30 a.m. both in the sanctuary and over the radio at 90.7 FM in the church parking. Those who wish to attend in-person are reminded to wear a protective face covering and maintain social distance in the church.

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 • *Children's Church - during church service*  
 • *Prayer Shawl Knitting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.*  
 • *Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.*



# Orchards (Continued from front page)

"I think just sharing it with visitors (has been the most rewarding part). We have a great story. We have a 20-minute hay ride that goes down through the valley and we just kind of give a tour of our family and what we do here," Dittmar said. "People love it, and the best part is our hay ride and sharing what we have with everyone else."

Dittmar Farm & Orchard is not requiring masks during most activities, however, the hay rides will be limited to 10 people and all riders are required to wear masks. There also will be added safety measures around the orchard, including 6-foot distancing marks and glass coverings at the concessions stand.

According to the Local Foods and Small Farms Educator at the University of Illinois Extension, Grant McCarty, According to Grant McCarty of the University of Illinois Extension, orchards like Orchard Landing and the Dittmar Farms & Orchard are more than just the source of a fun family weekend.

"They are helping to educate people who did not grow up farming or have no connection with agriculture through the use of apples, pumpkins and other agricultural crops," said McCarty, local foods and small farms educator at the extension. "So not only are they enriching the agricultural base in Jo Daviess County, but they are providing an essential need in education to consumers."

"One of the other great things is that it allows for family farms to bring in additional generations of their family that can be a part of this business. Not only are they growing the crops, but family members are involved in marketing, creating value-added products, managing the day-to-day operations, and finding other opportunities within that business."



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**A landing strip is a unique feature of Orchard Landing in Hanover. The family-run business is holding a grand opening for its new apple barn on Oct. 10 and Oct. 11.**

## Test rates (Continued from front page)

- All outside bar service closes at 11 p.m.
- No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed)
- Tables should be 6 feet apart
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting
- No dancing or standing indoors
- Reservations required for each party
- No seating of multiple parties at one table

For restaurants, the mitigations specify the following:

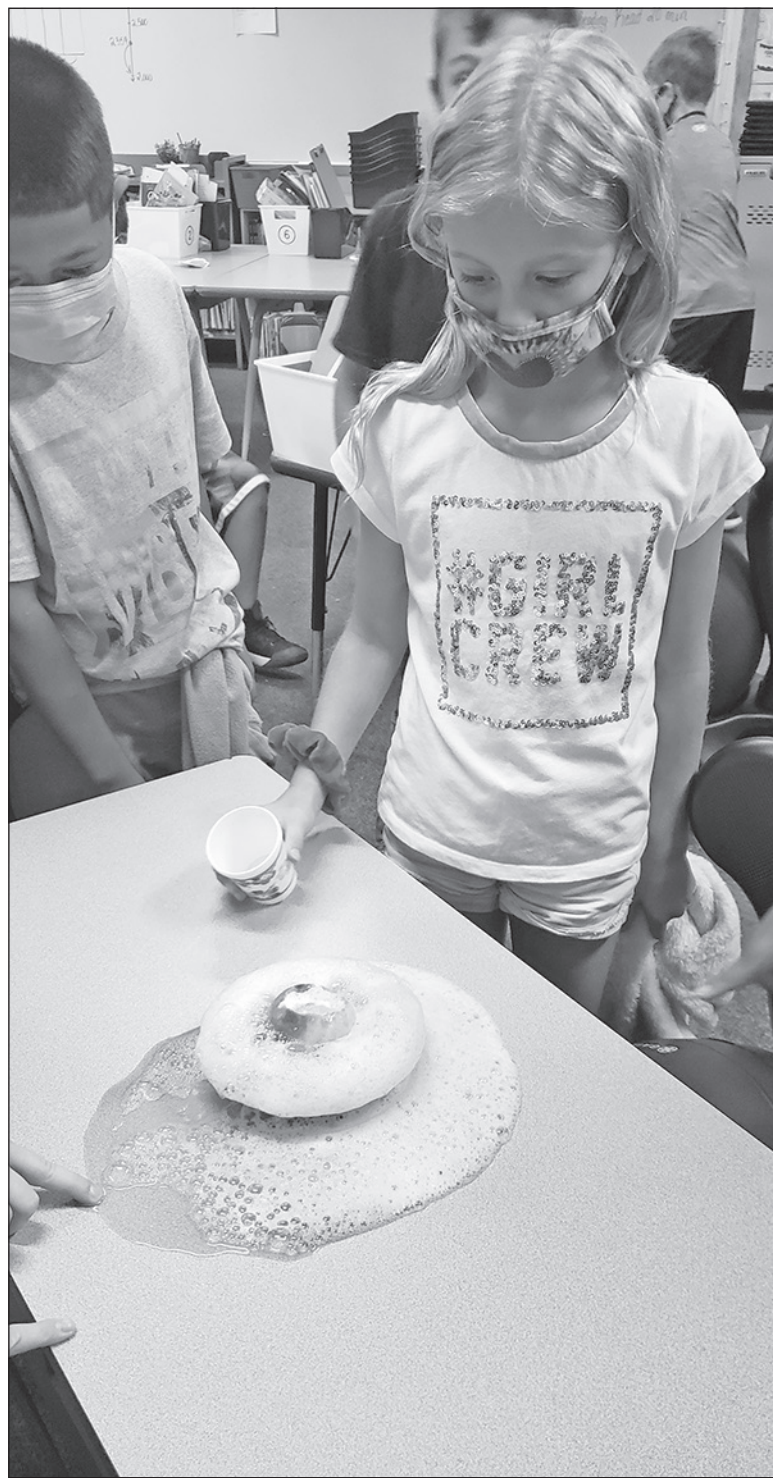
- No indoor dining or bar service
- All outdoor dining closes at 11 p.m.
- Outside dining tables should be 6 feet apart

- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting
- Reservations required for each party
- No seating of multiple parties at one table

Public health officials will track the testing positivity rate for a 14-day period to determine if mitigations can be relaxed in the region. If the rate averages less than or equal to 6.5 percent for three days, the region will return to Phase 4 mitigations.

Region 1 includes the northwest part of the state from the Rockford area to the western edge of Illinois.

Capitol News Illinois contributed to this report.



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## Enjoying a fruitful science experiment

Pearl City Elementary School fourth-grader Sophia Boyer observes the result of an "apple volcano" experiment using vinegar and baking soda. The fourth-graders were performing science experiments with apples for Johnny Applesed Day. Another exercise, the "germy apple" experiment, helped demonstrate to students the importance of hand-washing.

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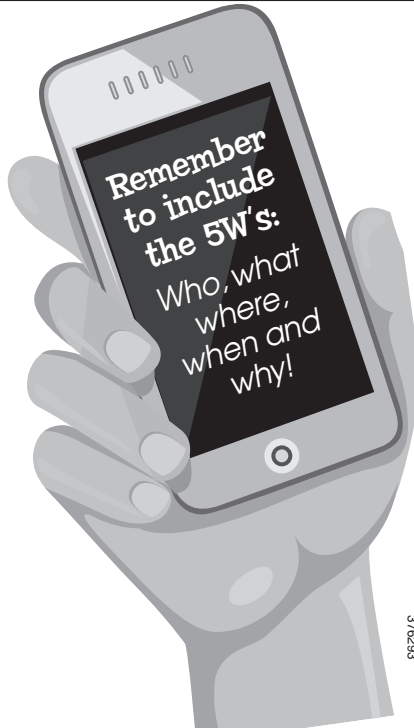
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## Monroe Clinic adds providers

Officials at Monroe Clinic recently welcomed two new providers.

• Dentist John Moser will see patients at Fowler Dental Clinic.

Fowler Dental Clinic is a fully staffed, grant and donation funded free dental clinic serving financially eligible children ages 1 to 18, who live in Green or Lafayette counties. The clinic is located at 411 22nd Ave. in Monroe. Appointments may be made by calling 608-328-9404.

• Taylor Mills is a doctor of pharmacy. Mills works with physicians to help patients manage complex medication regimens and assists patients who want to quit using tobacco. To make an appointment, call 608-324-2259.

Monroe Clinic is a not-for-profit health care network serving communities in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. For more information, go online to [monroeclinic.org](http://monroeclinic.org)

## More than 2 million mail-in ballots requested in Illinois

By Jerry Nowicki

CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

More than 2 million Illinois voters have requested vote-by-mail ballots and more than 26,000 such ballots have already been returned, according to the Illinois State Board of Elections.

ISBE reported that 2,077,594 ballots were requested, with 26,872 returned and 55,751 persons having voted early.

The number continues to grow as public health guidance advises against congregating in indoor places due to concerns about the spread of COVID-19. Earlier this year, state lawmakers passed a law requiring election authorities to send applications for vote-by-mail ballots to registered voters who voted in recent elections.

Applications must be sent back to the election authority to receive a mail-in ballot. Many of the applications already have been distributed to voters, and vote-by-mail and early voting periods began last week.

Once the ballot is received, it must be sent back to the election authority to be counted. While the new law for the 2020 election allows an election authority to install drop boxes for the return of ballots, a spokesperson said only 54 of the state's 108 election ju-

risdictions have such a drop box.

Those who have requested mail ballots but change their minds and would like to vote in person instead have avenues to do so, according to ISBE spokesperson Matt Dietrich, who said there are safeguards in place to ensure no double voting occurs.

A voter who received a mail ballot but wishes to cast a ballot in person must surrender the ballot at an early voting location or polling place on Election Day and will be given a regular ballot.

A voter who does not surrender the ballot must cast a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots are not counted until all the mail ballots have been processed and it is assured that the voter's ballot is not among them.

According to Dietrich, if someone has requested but not yet received their mail ballot and wants to vote in person, the voter can sign an affidavit at the polling place or early voting location attesting that they have not received a mail ballot. The voter will then be given a regular ballot.

"This happens most frequently with voters who request their mail ballot very late in the process and don't receive it as of Election Day,

See **BALLOTS**, Page 16

# New health care business opens in Lena

Partners offer chiropractic, Oriental medicine services

By Tony Carton  
CORRESPONDENT

As co-owners of a new business in Lena, Tanner Magee and Sabina Kozodaj are like-minded wellness professionals working together to focus on the health and well-being of their patients. Midwest Modern Health opened Sept. 7 on East Main Street.

Magee is a chiropractic physician, rehab specialist and exercise trainer. He graduated from National University of Health Sciences in 2019, and provides services in the areas of acute/chronic pain, sports injuries and performance, and pediatric assessments on young children.

"I utilize a specific form of assessment called mechanical diagnosis and therapy, which is used to differentiate certain types of conditions. It involves moving people through specific directional ranges of motion to see which direction makes them feel the best," Magee said. "My rehabilitation services are based on dynamic neuromuscular stabilization which mimics basic movement patterns that are similar to baby movements. Babies move phenomenally, so I try to take them back and teach them the very basic components of movement."

He said chiropractic is one of the safest forms of alternative medicine.

"It's inexpensive when compared to other forms of health care," Magee said. "So, having a relationship with a good primary care provider such as a chiropractic doctor is a great tool to utilize."

Kozodaj, who holds a master of science in Oriental medicine, graduated valedictorian summa cum laude from National University of Health Sciences in 2020. She will be practicing Oriental medicine, which encompasses acupuncture, herbal therapy, cupping and Tui Na massage.

"A large focus of Oriental medicine would be pain management and mental health (stress, anxiety, depression, addiction)," Kozodaj said. "Cupping and Tui Na massage are also very effective for pain management and stress."

She said her massage technique is not traditional and prefers the term Tui Na massage which is basically Asian bodywork.

Tui Na (pronounced twee-nah) massage originated in ancient China and is believed to be the oldest system of bodywork. Its philosophy and principles are based on traditional Chinese medicine, and focus on the flow of qi, which is the body's energy, to promote balance within the body using similar principles of acupuncture.

"If someone has trauma like a sports



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**Doctor of Chiropractic Tanner Magee and Sabina Kozodaj, master of science in Oriental medicine, have opened Midwest Modern Health, an alternative medicine health care clinic located at 306 E. Main St. in Lena.**

injury, cupping can help promote blood circulation and release tension 3 to 4 inches deep within a muscular layer," Kozodaj said. "It's kind of like deep tissue massage, but you're not using your hands, you're using a cup."

She said cupping therapy is primarily used for muscle tension and stress issues.

"Acupuncture offers a wider range of things you can do and is an effective treatment for lower back pain, injuries or pain management," she said. "It can help with mental health and digestive issues as well."

She said a lot of people think of acupuncture and they automatically think

of needles like when you get a flu shot, but actually the needles are as thin as a single hair strand.

"Honestly, a lot of people don't know all the good acupuncture can do," Kozodaj said. "I would say if it's your last option before surgery or pain medication, try it. It won't hurt you; it's about a half hour of therapy and it is a safe and viable alternative."

To learn more about the services offered at Midwest Modern Health or to schedule an appointment, call Magee at 815-291-2282 or Kozodaj at 630-415-6096. Or visit the facility on Facebook or Instagram by searching Midwest Modern Health.

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18-007-249-00	PLUMB, LAURA H TRUSTEE	118,991	18-009-148-00	TIMMERMAN, GARY L & SHERRI	72,455	18-012-284-00	MICHELINI, WILLIAM J TRUS	143,102
18-007-250-00	KASS, STEVEN A & JACQUELIN	98,520	18-009-149-00	ILLINOIS BANK & TRUST 447	83,267	18-012-285-00	STONER, DAN L & CATHERINE	110,577
18-007-252-00	CADY, PHYLLIS TRUSTEE	80,105	18-009-150-00	NYHUIS, JON P & MADONNA J	113,636	18-012-298-00	DIBIE, JACK S & ELAINE	179,985
18-007-254-00	ARZBAECHER, JOAN THERESE	101,074	18-009-151-00	MONSON, JOHN P & SERBUS,	93,277	18-012-351-10	APPLE CANYON LAKE PROPERTY	1,667
18-008-053-00	WOODBINE, KENNETH A & LUBA	19,131	18-009-152-00	RALEY, PAUL TRUSTEE	34,997	18-013-003-00	ROSINSKI TRUST, CHRISTINE	171,443
18-008-055-00	HOGAN, DIANE M & GEORGE F	13,799	18-009-159-00	HAZEN TRUST, VAUGHN & SU	103,732	18-013-029-00	KESTLER, SHAWN P	116,989
18-008-193-00	VANZANT, JAMES T & JANET M	87,739	18-009-184-00	VASEN, MICHAEL E & DEBORAH	77,884	18-013-030-00	HUYVAERT, LENORE G TRUSTEE	97,387
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18-008-200-00	LANTERO, MAUREEN C TRUSTEE	84,090	18-010-076-00	LUCKY G INVESTMENTS LLC	66,090	18-014-046-00	MAGEE LIVING TRUST, JOHN E	52,443
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18-008-205-00	PETERSON, ERIC & CATHERINE	127,572	18-010-078-00	CURTISS LIVING TRUST, STEP	103,220	<b>WARDS GROVE TOWNSHIP</b>		
18-008-208-00	WELBES, MICHAEL & CARRIE	72,380	18-010-079-00	ROSEMEYER, JAMES A & LORET	115,534	PARCEL NUMBER	OWNER'S NAME	TOTAL
18-008-209-00	WERTZ, R MICHAEL & DIANE L	66,234	18-010-082-00	BELLINO, SAMANTHA ESTATE	121,372	20-000-022-00	BADGERLAND ENTERPRISES LLC	39,934
18-008-240-00	RYAN III TRUST, EDMOND M	152,632	18-010-129-00	CAMPBELL, CRAIG ALLEN & JU	38,783	20-000-022-10	NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS INC	422,198
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18-008-257-00	HANIACEK, JOHN A & DONNA A	94,790	18-012-068-00	HANCOCK, BRYAN & SAMANTHA	583	20-000-193-00	HASTING, SHARON R	13,194
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18-009-067-00	FARBER, DUSTIN D & ANNIE C	150,149	18-012-134-00	WARE, WILLIAM M & JODY L	81,297	<b>(Published in The Scoop Today Oct. 7, 2020)</b>		
			18-012-249-00	GEE, WILLIAM E & DORIS J	51,555	382486		

## LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS - GALENA, ILLINOIS NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING; Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH W. DUERR AND LISA M. DUERR FKA LISA M. VOLLING; Defendants,

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### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the office of James J. Nack, 106 North Main Street, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT NUMBER THREE (3) IN BLOCK NUMBER FOURTEEN (14) IN THE ORIGINAL VILLAGE OF STOCKTON, AS THE SAME IS NUMBERED ON THE PLAT OF SAID ORIGINAL VILLAGE OF STOCKTON, RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, KNOWN AS 315 SOUTH WARD STREET IN SAID VILLAGE OF STOCKTON, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 17-001-095-00.

Commonly known as 315 South Ward Street, Stockton, IL 61085.

The improvement on the property consists of a vacant property.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT

be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, 225 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 236-0077. File Number SMS000137-20FC1 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3156275 (Published in The Scoop Today Sept. 23, 30 & Oct. 7, 2020)

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### Invitation to Bid for Snow Removal Stockton CUSD #206 Scope of Work

- Snow removal at all of the District's parking lots and sidewalks including Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and Bus Garage
- Must be available 24 hours a day and be able to respond quickly to snow emergencies, often more than one time per day

- Must be able to communicate and be on call with superintendent 24 hours a day
- Must be able to sufficiently salt parking lots and sidewalks
- Must be able to push and pile great amounts of snow to the west of the Middle School and High School and south at the Elementary School

- Must be able to move snow with 14 foot blade or similar equipment
- Must be able to clean sidewalks with 7 foot track loader or similar equipment
- Must have sufficient back-up equipment in case of breakdown

### The following are bid requirements

- Bid can be for one or two years.
- Submit bid by the hour-one flat hourly rate for all work
- Must include bid per 50 pound bag of salt
- Must provide written proof

of insurance with bid as well as workman's compensation insurance

- Must be able to provide written proof or pictures of equipment requirements

### Send or drop off sealed bids to:

**Superintendent James Bunting  
Stockton CUSD #206  
540 N Rush Street  
Stockton, IL 61085**

**Deadline for bids: 3:00 PM  
Friday, October 16, 2020  
Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Stockton Board of Education on Monday evening, October 19, 2020**

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### PUBLIC NOTICE PLEASANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the Candidate Petitions for Pleasant Valley Township are now available from Rena Eden, Pleasant Valley Township Clerk, by calling (815)947-3338.

The Consolidated Election will be held on April 6, 2021 for the following:

- (1) 4 year term for Supervisor
- (1) 4 year term for Clerk
- (1) 4 year term for Road Commissioner

Completed nomination papers will be accepted beginning Monday, December 14, 2020 through Monday, December 21, 2020 by appointment.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Stockton Community Unit School District #206 has a vacant seat on its Board of Education. The seat must be filled by a resident of the District who does NOT live in Township 27

North Range 4 East due to statutes that limit the number of members who can serve on the Board from a specific township to three (3).

Procedure to fill vacancy:

1. Send letter of interest and any relevant credentials to: Superintendent James Bunting, Stockton CUSD #206, 540 North Rush Street, Stockton, Illinois 61085 by Friday, October 9, 2020.

2. The Board will interview prospective candidates on the evenings of Tuesday, October 13, 2020 and Wednesday, October 14, 2020. The Board will then install the new member at its regular meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020.

*Prospective candidates can call James Bunting at 815-947-3391 or email james.bunting@stocktonschools.com with questions*

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-RP1

Plaintiff,

-v.-

CARLA A. COPPOTELLI, et al

Defendant

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### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a

Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 10, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on November 10, 2020, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOTS NUMBER ONE (1), TWO (2) AND THREE (3) IN BLOCK NUMBER TEN (10) IN THE CITY OF GALENA, ON THE EAST SIDE OF GALENA RIVER, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 401 PARK AVENUE, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 06-500-035-00

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments,

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# LEGALS

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 or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
 Case Number: 17 CH 00019  
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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 17 CH 00019  
 I3157386  
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### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

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Dated: September 29, 2020  
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from a ComEd official who joined the company after the alleged bribery scheme.

While Welch has said he is taking GOP subpoena requests under advisement, in a virtual news conference Oct. 1, Republicans on the investigating committee charged that Welch "seemed intent on raising obstacles to proceeding with subpoenas."

The three GOP committee members said they had prepared 10 subpoenas for Welch's perusal ahead of the next hearing — for which Welch has not set a date — citing authority in the Illinois Constitution.

Rep Tom Demmer, of Dixon, a deputy minority leader in the House and minority spokesperson on the committee, said the GOP members would also like to see documents referenced in testimony at the previous hearing by ComEd Executive Vice President of

Compliance and Audit David Glockner.

Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, R-Elmhurst, said the testimony of Glockner showed disparities between Madigan's accounts of limited involvement in his alleged recommendation of Juan Ochoa to the ComEd board of directors and what actually occurred, according to ComEd. Glockner testified before the committee that he is "aware of an email" from an office manager in Madigan's district office to former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore with a note saying "Speaker Madigan asked me to send this to you."

"So right now our committee is looking at a profound disparity between what the speaker has said, and what ComEd has testified to under oath," Mazzochi said. "And there's many other things that we need to confirm or deny that relates to Speaker

Madigan and his knowledge, his authority or lack thereof, and it needs to be done in person, and under oath."

Madigan, Pramaggiore and Ochoa all appear on the Republican subpoena list, along with others indirectly referenced in the ComEd court document.

Asked about Kifowit's candidacy, the GOP members said she should be applauded for her "courage" and "desire to see Illinois improved," but they said they also expect others fed up with Madigan to throw their hat into the ring for the speakership.

Mazzochi said this would be a "great opportunity" for Kifowit to show leadership.

"Get your members together, show that you actually have enough of a force that can join with Republicans to say, all right, we've got 71 votes, we're overruling Chris Welch's decision to not issue subpoenas. Let's go. Let's bring everything forward so we can get this process moving again," she said.

The Republican also said having a new speaker will not mean much if House rules are not amended to give more power to rank-and-file members and less to those in leadership.

"Unless and until I see from the Democrats a full commitment as well that they are going to actually revise the rules so that we can truly have bipartisan legislation come forward, I have concerns about that because what I don't want to do is change the figurehead and then not change the underlying political structure," Mazzochi said.

Kifowit gave initial support to empowering rank-and-file members in a news conference announcing her candidacy Oct. 1 in Chicago.

"Members will no longer be marginalized, intimidated, bullied, coerced, subject to microaggressions, gaslighted, you name it," she said. "Representatives should not be subject to that, and they won't be when I am speaker."

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# •Kitchen

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- ¼ t. salt
- 2 t. cinnamon
- 1 t. pumpkin pie spice
- 2 C. sugar
- 1 C. salad oil
- 4 eggs
- 16 oz. can of pumpkin
- 1 C. pecans (optional)

## Frosting

- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 3½ C. powdered sugar
- 1 t. of vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350. In a mixing bowl, mix ingredients together on medium speed in order and blend well. Bake in a jelly roll pan that has been sprayed with cooking spray for 25 minutes at 350. For frosting: Cream together the butter and cream cheese; carefully add the powdered sugar and mix until blended; add the vanilla and mix again. Frost when cool. I think they are better if they have been refrigerated for a while. (If you have any left, refrigerate the rest.)

## Final thoughts

It is hard to believe we already are heading to the middle of October. I still have one or two Halloween things to put out. I try not to put those decorations out until the first of October. I have no new decorations because there have been no craft fairs this year. I have more money because I haven't been anywhere to spend any. That is a plus for the virus — one of the few! We have gone a step backward in our fight for normalcy. If it is possible for you, I hope we all support our local businesses as some of them are going to outdoor dining and carryout only. I have heard of people whom I know who have tested positive, and I am trying to be careful not to be one of those statistics. Stay safe and well and have a good week.

If you have found any fall recipes you think we would like, contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide, 213 S. Center St., Lena, IL 61048 or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

# Birth

## Hadley Blake Elsasser

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## • REAL ESTATE •

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NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING;  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JOSEPH W. DUERR AND LISA M. DUERR FKA LISA M. VOLLING;  
Defendants,

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Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-RP1  
Plaintiff,

-v.-

CARLA A. COPPOTELLI, et al  
Defendant

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though a voter can do this anytime as long as they haven't received the ballot," he said.

Voters using this method are instructed to discard the mail ballot if it arrives, but if they do sign and return it for voting, they're committing vote fraud and are subject to Class 3 felony charges, Dietrich said.

Gov. JB Pritzker was asked at a virtual news conference if he had any concerns about rhetoric from President Donald Trump in which Trump continued to raise questions about the validity of a November election that has already smashed mail-in voting records in many states.

Pritzker said he would feel "confident in the system we have" if he were voting anywhere in the state, noting that the new law has made the process "safer and easier."

"We've had vote-by-mail in Illinois for some number of years," he said. "And so there's, I think, a reasonable high confidence level of people who have done it have done so successfully. We have not had situations of voter fraud in Illinois caused by vote by mail."

All mail-in ballot requests must be received by Oct. 29 ahead of the Nov. 3 election, but officials recommend submitting requests earlier to ensure a ballot is received by Election Day.

Returned ballots must be post-marked by Nov. 3 and received by the local election office by Nov. 17 in order to be counted.

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# Briefs

## School district: Keep kids home while awaiting test results

Officials in Lena-Winslow Community Unit School District #202 cautioned parents about keeping students home while awaiting COVID-19 test results after reporting two positive student cases in late September.

According to a message posted from Superintendent Tom Chiles, one positive case each was confirmed at the junior high and at the high school.

In wake of the positive cases, the Stephenson County Health Department advised that if a household member has taken a COVID-19 test for any reason, all household members should stay home until the test results are returned.

"Please do not send your children to school if a household member is awaiting results," the superintendent's post said. "We know this is an inconvenience, however, it will be necessary for school to be able to maintain in-person classes."

## Legion auxiliary sets October meetings

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Lena American Legion, 316 W. Main St. A potluck meal will precede the business meeting.

District President Amanda Akins will be attending the meeting and members of the McConnell and Orangeville units are invited to attend. Attendees will make tray favors for hospitalized veterans and collect school supplies.

New members are always welcome.

The auxiliary's junior members will meet at the Legion hall at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, for a service project and Halloween bingo.

## Pearl City puts trick or treat on the calendar

The Pearl City Village Board announced recently that trick or treat hours will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Those participating in the Halloween fun should only go to houses that have the outside lights on, the village noted in a Facebook post.

"This gives everyone an option to participate or not," the post said.

## Nomination materials available for potential board candidates

Petitions can be circulated now for Pearl City School Board seats up for election in April.

Four seats with four-terms will be on the April 6 ballot.

Interested candidates may pick up nomination paperwork at the Stephenson County clerk's office at 50 W. Douglas St. in Freeport. The petition packet and candidate guide also are available by going online to <http://www.co.stephenson.il.us/clerk/elections2020.asp>.

The school board elections process is governed by the Stephenson County clerk and all required candidate documents must be turned in to the county clerk.

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