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## Quiz Bowl winners

River Ridge FFA Chapter team successfully defeated Lena-Winslow in the final round to take home the championship trophy. Pictured are David Buck, Katie Cobine, Laiken Haas, Kayla Diehl and Ty Spahn.

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# Without changes, patients risk 'going over the telehealth cliff'

By Tammie Sloup  
FARMWEEK

For many patients and health care providers, telehealth has become an indispensable piece of the health care system, especially in rural areas.

More than 400 telehealth advocates sent a letter to congressional leaders this past summer stressing the need to take action to extend emergency measures approved during the pandemic.

"Many of the telehealth

flexibilities are temporary and limited to the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency," the letter from 430 trade associations, hospitals, insurers and other groups said. "Without action from Congress, Medicare benefi-

ciaries will abruptly lose access to nearly all recently expanded coverage of telehealth when the COVID-19 (public health emergency) ends. This would have a chilling effect on access to care across the entire U.S. health care system, including on patients that have established relationships with providers virtually, with potentially dire consequences for their health."

There's been some movement in Congress—several bills introduced in the House and Senate outline measures that would make some of the loosened regulations and expanded access to telehealth permanent. Telehealth refers to medical personnel providing health care through telecommunications, typically through the internet or a phone call.

A recent Senate hearing examined the importance of telehealth access and how to structure future policy to

address the needs of underserved communities. While the underlying theme centered on expanding broadband access, discussion also focused on payment parity, improving digital literacy and removing geographical restrictions.

U.S. Sen. Ben Luján, D-New Mexico, who chairs the subcommittee on Communications, Media and Broadband, said telehealth visits increased more than 2,300 percent and nearly one in three health care visitors now use telehealth services.

Before the pandemic, about half of U.S. health care facilities were not equipped to offer telehealth services; today, that number is less than 5 percent.

"It is not enough to simply expand access to broadband," said Dr. Sterling N. Ransone Jr., president of the American Academy of Family Physicians. "Congress must ensure that patients in need can access end-user devices,

such as tablets, to connect to digital health tools and invest in training and assistance so patients can confidently use those tools to ensure we don't further marginalize and disenfranchise them."

Ransone said the AAFP also recommends preserving access to audio-only telehealth and adopting coverage and payment policies that support physicians' and clinicians' ability to choose the most appropriate modality of care.

"No two patients or cases are alike, and I should be able to choose how to care for them based on my clinical judgement, not based on arbitrary insurance rules," he said.

Deanna Larson, president of Avel eCare and founder of the American Board of Telehealth, urged the committee to extend telehealth regulatory flexibilities.

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# News briefs

## Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater to produce Christmas on High Street

Christmas on High Street, an original holiday show, will feature Santa's sneaky Elves, a Christmas bakeoff, and Mary's story of the miracle of Christmas. Holiday music will be performed by all the cast.

Cast members include Makenna Wheeler, Haylee Dearmin, Aaiyah Poss, Brook Lillage, Jenn Bessert, Sandy Sweitzer, Paula Fulton, Sue Wichman, Doug Bessert, Sheri Novak.

Performances will be held Nov. 28 and Dec 5 at 2 p.m. and on Dec. 3 and Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by phone at 815-819-1310, email mightyrichlandplayers@gmail.com or visiting mightyrichlandplayers.org

The show is all ages and costs \$20 per adult and \$15 per child under 12. The Show is a replacement for Little Red School House Christmas.

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited on Nov. 21 to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for an All Saints Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated in worship. The service can be joined in-person or via Facebook Live. Christ the King will be worshipped on Sunday by wearing a hat. The reading will be from John 18:33-37. Choir practice will

be at 11 a.m. and Chime Choir practice will be at 5 p.m.

The state and CDC guidelines for gathering will be followed. For the safety of everyone it is encouraged that everyone wear masks and practice social distancing inside the building.

On Tuesday, Nov. 23 Bible Study group will meet at 10 a.m. The reading is from Genesis and everyone is welcome to join.

On Wednesday, Nov. 24, Piece Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience necessary. Come and tie the quilts and make a difference in the world.

All the services will be recorded and are available on the church's Facebook page and website at <http://goodshepherdlena.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL>. Please contact the church office with any questions at 815-369-5552. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is located at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL.

## Shop local at the Carroll County Help Center Thrift Shop

To celebrate small business Saturday on Nov. 27, all regularly priced clothing, except for coats, is 50 cents. Each purchase includes a free kid's toy while supplies lasts.

The Thrift Shop is located at 126 South 4<sup>th</sup> St. Savanna Regular Friday hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Money earned at the Carroll County Help Center Thrift Shop is used to help with

emergency needs of those in Carroll County as well as funding one scholarship for each High School in Carroll County. Monetary donations to the Carroll County Help Center may be directed to our Treasurer Carol Gloor. As a 501 c (3) not for profit organization, donations to the Carroll County Help Center are tax deductible.

## Salem United Church of Christ

Kari Fernstaedt will be with Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road, Lena, to deliver the message on Sunday, Nov. 21. The Wednesday morning Breakfast Group will meet at Stella's in Stockton. Thanksgiving Eve Service, with communion, will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 6:30 p.m.

## Community blood drives in Warren and Elizabeth

The American Red Cross is offering two community blood drives this holiday season. The drive in Warren is on Tuesday, Dec. 7 from 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall located at 811 Anson St. The drive in Elizabeth is on Thursday, Dec. 16 from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Building located at 402 North West St.

Presenting donors will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card via email. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search either sponsor code; Warren IL or Elizabeth.



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## Little Blackhawks winners

Congratulations to the Little Blackhawks from the Stockton Elementary and Middle Schools for being honored during the week of November 8. Great job everyone!

## Highland Gallery hosts visual art faculty exhibit

The Highland Gallery features work by current Highland Visual Arts faculty members from Monday, Nov. 8 through Friday, Dec. 3 at the Ferguson Fine Arts Center. This annual event shows recent works by faculty that are on display and available for contemplation, stimulation, and discussion as a featured exhibit for the Fall 2021 semester.

This exhibit allows the community to observe Highland art faculty in their role as artists as opposed to the well-known role as faculty.

"Faculty members of the Highland Visual Arts program are professional artists, as well as instructors, working within a diverse range of media, content, and image concerns," explains Highland Gallery Director Robert Apolloni. "Their individualized style and approach create an exhibit showcasing traditional as well as contemporary concerns. A faculty art exhibition, comprised solely of works created by faculty members, is scholarly – and this exhibit illustrates the commitment of HCC Visual

Arts faculty to pursue continued research and artistry outside of the classroom setting."

This exhibit will feature the works Robert Apolloni, Alex Jansen, and Loretta Swanson.

This exhibit is partially sponsored by SOVA and HCC Activities.

Highland Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information about the gallery or Highland's Visual Arts program, contact Robert Apolloni at 815-599-3479 or [apolloni@highland.edu](mailto:apolloni@highland.edu).

## FHN offering pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations

FHN has opened online self-scheduling for a limited number of Pfizer COVID-19 immunization clinics for children aged 5 - 11.

The free vaccinations

will be available at two separate clinics to be held in the Pediatrics Department at FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills, 1010 W. Fairway Drive in Freeport.

Registration is required, and a parent or legal guardian must stay with the patient for the vaccine to be administered.

Appointments are available from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18 (patients will be scheduled for a second shot Dec. 9). More information is available and appointments can be scheduled at [www.fhn.org/vaccination-children-signup.asp](http://www.fhn.org/vaccination-children-signup.asp). Patients must plan to stay for 15 minutes after receiving the vaccination (30 minutes for persons who have had immediate reactions to vaccinations such as flu shots, or regularly need to carry an EpiPen). There is no cost for a COVID-19 shot.

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# Incidentally; Nutrition and your oral health

By Dr. Stephen Petras  
ILLINOIS LICENSED GENERAL DENTIST

As discussed in previous columns, your oral health and your overall health have a co-dependent relationship. Poor oral health has a significant negative impact on your overall health and poor overall health can lead to poor oral health. The same co-dependency is seen between nutrition and oral health. Malnutrition can lead to poor oral health and poor oral health can lead to malnutrition. Today I would like to focus on some nutritional foods that support proper dental development and maintenance of oral health.

Dairy products, with their elevated levels of calcium, are critical for the proper development and maintenance of both bones and teeth. In fact, your body stores over 99% of the calcium you ingest in your bones and teeth to maintain their strength. Calcium is also a critical factor in many vital metabolic processes. While there are a variety of foods that contain calcium, your body more readily absorbs the calcium found in dairy products. Dairy products contain proteins that strengthen the enamel against damage from the acids formed by food and oral bacteria. The calcium and phosphorous in dairy products help remineralize damaged enamel. Dairy products also stimulate saliva production which helps neutralize acids. Cheese has been shown to directly lower the pH of these acids as well. Yogurt not only contains calcium but provides important levels of protein needed for mucosal (the moist inner lining of the mouth, as well as other organs and body cavities) development. It also contains probiotics that can keep disease-causing bacteria in check. It is important to choose sugar-free or low-sugar yogurt, as the high sugar levels found in most yogurts will cancel out the benefits.

If you are unable to eat dairy or choose to follow a vegan diet, make sure you choose calcium and vitamin D-fortified soy, almond or rice milk. Other foods that contain calcium include chia, pumpkin and

sesame seeds, tofu, figs, white beans, broccoli, broccoli rabe, edamame, kale, sweet potatoes, butternut squash, spinach, orange juice and nuts, such as almonds. All of these provide other essential nutrients as well.

It is equally important that your diet provides an adequate amount of vitamin D, as vitamin D is necessary to absorb calcium. Vitamin D can be found in fortified milk, orange juice and cereals, egg yolks, salmon, herring, sardines and wild mushrooms. You can get vitamin D from sunlight, but it is often difficult to achieve adequate sun exposure (especially in winter.)

Crunchy vegetables and fruits, such as apples, celery, carrots, jicama and peppers, help to remove plaque from your teeth, increase the production of saliva and stimulate good jaw growth.

Water is critical for all body functions and processes, which includes digestion. Water helps break down the food you eat, so the nutrients can be absorbed by your body. Drinking fluoridated water is one of the best things you can do to promote nutrition and oral health. It hydrates your oral tissues, removes food particles and strengthens your teeth.

Onions and garlic contain antibacterial, antiviral and antifungal properties that can help prevent decay and oral disease. Shitake mushrooms contain lentinan, which supports the immune system and breaks down plaque-building bacteria. Nutrition plays a key role in the body's immune system and ability to fight disease. As digestion and absorption of nutrients begin in the mouth, promoting oral health through proper nutrition will support overall health.

## Class of 1965 celebrates 56th year reunion



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**Back Row:** Mary Reel, Gloria (Brevoort) Barrick, Jim Hansen, Jannie (Crain) Reel, Linda (Johnson) Hutson, Bob Haring, Richard Runkle, Pam Block, Duane Lobdell, Jim Noller, Alan Wernicke, Donna (Werkheiser) Cannedy, and Marsha (Peterson) Noller.

**Front Row:** Anita (Brinker) Bonebright, Lee (Amendt) Cox, Judy (Scheider) Rampenthal, Lynne (Shippee) Howe, La Rae (Moore) Gothard, Barbara (Watson) Wire, Celia (Niemeier) Zimmerman, and Darlene (Derr) Barr

## Highland to feature Big Band Concert and Madrigal Dinner

The Highland Community College Big Band will take the stage beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, in the Fine Arts Theatre at the Ferguson Fine Arts Center, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, Ill.

Highland Big Band Director Bill Petersen and his ensemble will feature jazz selections from "I left My Heart In San Francisco," arranged by Quincy Jones for The Count Basie Orchestra; "All the Things You Are," arranged by Gerry Mulligan for The Stan Kenton Orchestra; "I'll Be Seeing You," arranged by Willie Maiden for the Maynard Ferguson Big Band; "Intermission Riff" for the Stan Kenton Orchestra; "Fables of Faubus," composed by Charles Mingus for his band, and featuring a dramatic monologue by Lafrancine Baker, and "Freckle Face," composed by Sammy Nestico for the Count Basie Orchestra.

The Big Band Concert is free

and open to the public. Masks are required in all Highland buildings. Due to COVID-19, performance information is subject to change. The latest updates to guidance are available at [highland.edu/hcc-advisory](http://highland.edu/hcc-advisory).

The 11th annual Madrigal Dinner featuring the music of the Royal Scots and Chamber Singers will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 3 and 4 in the Masonic Temple Ballroom, 305 W. Stephenson St., Freeport, Ill. Take a step back in time to the 16th century, where Renaissance costumes and harmonious music herald in the Christmas season with a traditional dinner accompanied by a concert of acapella carols. Experience the recreation of an Olde English Yuletide Feaste, complete with Jester and Wassail Lord, noble Courtiers, Ladies in Waiting, Knights, and a magnificent meal.

Join the Wassail Lord as his

noble guests in the Great Hall of the Manor, and feast with all the trimmings: Wassail (hot mulled apple cider), the Boars Head course (roast pork or roasted quarter fowl), and of course, the renowned Flaming Plum Pudding. The meal is being specially prepared by Krogull Custom Catering, with chef Jeff Krogull recreating the historic recipes. Special dietary needs may also be accommodated if requested at booking.

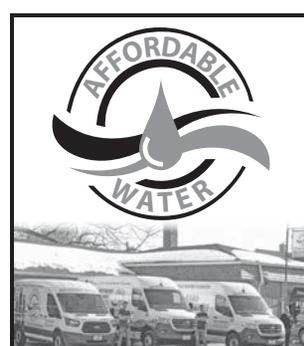
Randy Haldeman, choral director at Highland Community College, said this is an event steeped in traditions dating back to 1340 at Queen's College, Oxford. Scenes are woven among the courses of the meal and set up the sweet messages of the ancient and familiar Christmas carols. There will be plenty of toasts, jokes, comic performances, and radiant costumes throughout the evening, and together they present a thoughtful reflection on

the meaning of the Christmas spirit.

Tickets are \$40 and must be reserved by 5 p.m. on Nov. 24. Please call 815-599-3718 for phone orders, in-person tickets sales are available in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center box office, on the campus of Highland Community College, open 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To order online, visit [highland.edu/boxoffice](http://highland.edu/boxoffice). Multiple COVID mitigation measures will be in place for the safety of the audience and performers, for more information please contact the box office.

This event is made possible through the generous donations and support of the Valley of Freeport Masons, HCC Friends of the Fine Arts, the HCC Foundation, and patrons.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

As I sit at the computer writing my column, the wind is whipping the leaves around in my yard. The wind chime in my neighbor's back yard is twinkling away. It has been a gray until now, and the sun is shining. Fall is definitely here, and we have the fall cooking recipes to show you..

## Chunky Blue Cheese Dip

If you are looking for an easy appetizer, this cheese dip is very cooking friendly. You do everything in the food processor. The flavors make the dip extra good with veg-

gies and pretzels. You could substitute Greek yogurt for the sour cream to make the dip more figure friendly.

*1/4 C. finely chopped green onions*

1 t. minced garlic

2 T. lemon juice

*1/4 C. sour cream*

*1/2 C. mayonnaise*

4 oz. blue cheese, crumbled

5 dashes Tabasco sauce

Salt and pepper to taste

3 T. minced fresh chives (or 3 t. dried chives)

Place the onions, garlic, lemon juice, sour cream, mayo, and blue cheese, Tabasco, 1 t. salt and 1/2 t. pepper in the food processor fitted with the steel blade. Pulse the processor about 12 times, until the mixture is almost smooth, but still a bit chunky. Add the chives and pulse two more times until combined. Serve with crackers or vegetables.

## Sweet Candied Carrots

These beautiful carrots are the perfect side for a holiday meal. You need to buy regular carrots and not the baby carrots. Regular carrots are much sweeter and taste a lot better. This vegetable dish will be a hit at your holiday table, and they are pretty too!

2 lbs. carrots, sliced

*1/4 C. butter*

*1/4 C. packed brown sugar*

*1/4 t. salt*

1/8 t. white pepper

Fresh parsley, optional

Place carrots in a large saucepan; add 1 inch of water to the pan. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and cover. Simmer until crisp-tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Drain and set aside. In the same pan, combine the butter, brown sugar, salt and pepper; cook and stir until butter is melted. Return carrots to the pan; cook and stir over medium heat for 5 minutes or until glazed. Sprinkle with parsley.

vor than chicken breasts. Fix a salad and serve with a piece of crusty bread. You will dine like royalty.

4 T. butter, plus more for the baking dish

1 1/2 lbs. skinless, boneless chicken thighs, cut into large chunks

2 1/2 C. chicken broth

6 cloves garlic, (4 crushed, 2 chopped)

3 wide strips lemon zest, plus 1 T. lemon juice

2 sprigs rosemary

2 bay leaves

1 lb. penne pasta

6 C. broccoli florets cut into small pieces

2 C. whipping cream

1 1/4 C. grated Parmesan cheese

*1/4 C. chopped fresh parsley*

2 C. shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat the oven to 400. Butter an 11 x 14 pan or a 4 qt. baking dish. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Put the chicken in a Dutch oven or other large pot, then add the chicken broth, crushed garlic, lemon zest, rosemary, and bay leaves. Cover and bring to a simmer over medium-low heat. Cook, partially covered, until the chicken is tender, 20 to 22 minutes. Strain through a sieve or fine mesh strainer

## Chicken Alfredo Casserole

Are you looking for a different chicken dish? This pasta dish with a cream sauce is a good one for a cold fall night. It uses chicken thighs which I think have more fla-

reserving the broth. Set the chicken aside to cool. Make sure you have at least 2 C. of broth from the browning; add water to make 2 cups. When the chicken is cool enough to handle, tear or shred into small pieces. Wipe the Dutch oven clean.

Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook until al dente, adding the broccoli during the last two minutes of cooking. Drain the pasta and the broccoli in a colander and rinse with cold water to stop cooking. Let drain in the colander while you make the sauce.

Melt the butter in the Dutch oven over medium heat. Add chopped garlic and cook until sizzling, about 30 seconds. Sprinkle in the flour and stir to make a paste; cook until the flour is no longer raw, one to two minutes. Whisk in the reserved 2 C. cooking liquid and the heavy cream; season with 1 t. salt and 1/2 t. pepper. Return to a simmer, whisking to make a smooth sauce. Cook over low heat until thickened, 3 to 4 minutes.

Remove the pot from the heat. Stir in 1 C. parmesan, the parsley, and lemon juice. Add the chicken, pasta and broccoli and stir to coat. Transfer to the baking dish and sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 C. parmesan cheese and the mozzarella. Bake until the top is golden and the edges are bubbly, about 25 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

## Beef and Veggie Stew

It is colder out, so it is time for some heartier recipes for the main course. This stew

is easy to assemble and when you walk in the door at night, it is ready to eat. You can add more beef broth for the wine if you don't have any. The last time I made vegetable soup, I bought stir fry beef at A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats. It turned out to be really tender. Enjoy this fall supper that doesn't take hours to prepare.

8 oz. sliced mushrooms

4 carrots, halved, lengthwise, cut crosswise into 1/2 inch slices

1 onion, chopped

2 T. tomato paste

*1/4 C. red wine*

1 T. chopped fresh thyme or 1 t. dried

1 1/2 C. beef broth

3 T. flour

2 T. tomato paste

2 lbs. beef stew meat, cut into 1 1/2 inch cubes

*1/4 t. salt*

8 oz. sliced mushrooms

Add vegetables, wine, tomato paste and chopped thyme to 6-qt. slow cooker which has been sprayed with cooking spray. Add 1 1/2 C. broth to cooker. Toss beef with flour and salt; place over vegetables. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours.

## Carrot Bundt Cake

If you are looking for a great Thanksgiving dessert, this fall cake is beautiful to serve. It has a wonderful cream cheese filling and cream cheese frosting too. It is easy to prepare because it has as its base a spice cake mix. Enjoy this Bundt cake as a special dessert.

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## Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency (NICAA)

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### CSBG Employment Transportation Assistance Program

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, through the Community Services Block Grant has funds available through NICAA for residents of Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties to provide assistance with payment of registration fees and/or insurance for the client's vehicle to eligible clients who are employed or going to school to improve employability.

In order to be eligible for this assistance, the applicant's household income must be equal to or less than the following chart:

#### Income Guidelines

Family size	30 Day Income	Family Size	30 day income
1	\$2,147.00	6	\$5,930.00
2	\$2,903.00	7	\$6,590.00
3	\$3,660.00	8	\$6,737.00
4	\$4,417.00	9	\$6,883.00
5	\$5,173.00	10	\$7,029.00
		11	\$7,285.00

For more than 11 household members add \$568 for each.

The following documents will be required to determine eligibility:

- Social security cards for all household members
- Proof of 30 day income for all household members
- Proof of address (lease and utility bills)
- Proof of employment or school attendance
- Proof of applicant's ownership of vehicle
- Applicant's valid driver's license
- Proof of insurance on vehicle

Client Steps to apply for assistance:

1. Contact the CSBG intake worker to explain their need for transportation assistance and to request an application packet to apply.
2. Ensure all of the necessary documentation is provided to the intake worker to determine eligibility.
3. Provide insurance quote and registration documentation.
4. Provide copies of paychecks for 30 days following assistance to document continued employment.
5. Provide attendance sheet, midterm, or final grades to document continued school attendance.

COVID-19 mitigation procedures are in place so in-person appointments are not being scheduled at this time. We are taking applications for NICAA programs by phone, mail, email, and fax. Please call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 from 8:00 to 3:30 Monday through Friday for more information on applying.

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## Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY22 LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Assistance Program for income eligible households of Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties who are homeowners and whose existing heating system is not operational (fails to operate, fails to produce adequate heat, operates in an unsafe manner) or has been red-tagged by their utility.

The purpose of the LIHEAP Furnace program is to restore heat to the household and is available from September 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 or until funds are exhausted.

All income eligible homeowners may apply for emergency furnace assistance. The household must have active service with both primary and secondary heating utilities. Households with disconnected utilities are not eligible for this assistance.

To qualify for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program, the household must first apply and be approved for LIHEAP or PIPP assistance. Please call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to receive an application packet. All completed application packets and documents must be submitted by mail, email, drop-box, or fax. Limited appointments may be made for special needs, depending on current conditions.

#### Income Guidelines:

Family Size	30 Day Income	Family Size	30 Day Income
1	\$2,147	6	\$5,930
2	\$2,903	7	\$6,590
3	\$3,660	8	\$6,737
4	\$4,417	9	\$6,883
5	\$5,173	10	\$7,029
		11	\$7,285

For each additional person add \$568

\*\* The following documents will be required to apply for assistance. \*\*

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household.
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days prior and including the application date such as pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD income, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income.
- Complete current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days.
- Copy of real estate tax bill
- Copy of warranty deed, contract for deed, or quit claim deed (all of these must be stamped and registered with the county clerk); or Copy of current mortgage statement; or Copy of the original title if your home is a mobile home.

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# Obituaries

## BURRILL E. COPPERNOLL, 100

Burrill E. Copperrnoll, age 100, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 at Manor Court in Freeport, IL. He was born on Mar. 26, 1921 at his home in rural Stockton, the second son of Walter L. and Cora (Belk) Copperrnoll. He attended Roe's Corners one room school house located near East Stockton for 8 years, graduating in 1934. He then attended Stockton High School, graduating in 1938. He farmed with his father on the home farm for 16 years. He married Della Mae Dosssey at her home near Moberly Missouri on Aug. 16, 1947 and they moved to a home on the Copperrnoll Farm where he continued to work with his father and Della taught in the Stockton Grade School, a position she held for 20 years. Burrill and Della Mae shared a love of the rural life and together they used this love to build their own home on the farmland they purchased near Stockton.

Burrill attended the old Morseville Methodist Church as a child and after his marriage to Della Mae, he transferred to



the Wesley United Methodist Church in Stockton. He served in many capacities there in committee service, taught the men's Sunday school class, the high school age class for many years, and when any needs appeared, he was among the first to volunteer. He was a fifty year member of Plum River Masonic Lodge #554 where he served at different times as master and secretary. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Freeport, and a fifty year member of Stockton Chapter of the Eastern Star #330, where he served his chapter as an officer and worthy patron. As a pilot, he was a member of the Rockford Hanger of QB's, a member of both the AOPA and the EAA. He joined the JoDavies County Farm Bureau in 1947 and still maintains his membership.

He is survived by his two children, Mrs. Michael (Nancy) Redig of Tallahassee, FL and William (Lisa) Copperrnoll

of Freeport, IL; his grandchildren, Courtney Copperrnoll, Keegan Copperrnoll, Keelie Oswald, Jaylynn Copperrnoll, JaydaRae Copperrnoll, and Jaxyn Copperrnoll; his great grandchildren, Mylah, Derion, Jamir, and Akira.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 64 years, Della Mae; his brothers, Donald Copperrnoll and John Copperrnoll; his nephews, Larry Copperrnoll and Scott Copperrnoll; he leaves many friends both in his home town of Stockton but also throughout the state of Illinois who became friends of his through the years of his association with the pilots and aircraft owners of the state.

The funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton at 11:00 a.m. There will be a visitation on Monday, Nov. 15, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a Masonic Service at 6 p.m. also at the Funeral Home. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

## IRA ELDON LOGEMANN, 87

Surrendering to dementia, chronic diabetes and bone problems, Ira Eldon "Shorty" Logemann, age 87, passed away peacefully at his family farmhouse on Nov. 11 in Yankee Hollow in Stockton, IL. His beloved farm was a challenge to him since 1960. He was born to Ira Claude and Estella Darnell Logemann on Aug. 12, 1934. Nine siblings and Eldon were all born at home in the Stockton area. He became good friends with Wayne Wand while working on farms in the Elizabeth area.

He is a 1952 graduate of Stockton High School. One Christmas day during his high school years, he fell on a patch of ice. The fall fractured his hip and left him in a body cast and crutches for quite some time. Due to his resulting hip issues, his brother Bruce called him "Shorty". With his big smile, he carried that name for the rest of his life.

In 1962, Shorty married Mary Lou Gaston (Sparkie) at the Middle Creek Presbyterian Church in Winnebago, IL. Shorty and Sparkie raised 5 wonderful children on their Yankee Hollow farm near Stockton. Along with pig farming, he worked 30 years at Atwoods in Stockton where he was a union president for some time. Shorty and Sparkie were members of a Euchre club



for 55 plus years, and a New Years Eve card party bunch. His Euchre groups kept a big smile on his face. He also enjoyed his extremely helpful Yankee Hollow neighbors and farm families.

Even with his loss of mobility and continued dementia, his final wish was granted as he was able to spend his final days at home in the continuous care of wife Sparkie and son Eric.

A big thanks to Dr. Tawfik and his staff.

Survivors include wife Sparkie, daughters Ann (Bob) Rogers and Lois (Jeff) Stultz and son Eric. Grandchildren Brant Rogers (Sarah), Clint Rogers (Megan Gross), Anicka Stoikes (Will), Jenee, Tomi-

ya, and Nevaeh Stultz. Two great-grandsons and soon-to-be great-granddaughter. His many nieces and nephews were like siblings to him also.

Shorty was pre-deceased by all nine of his siblings, son Craig in 1991, and daughter Dana in 1995.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Visitation will be held Saturday, Nov 20 from 9am to 11am at Stockton Calvary Methodist Church in Stockton. A short service will follow. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).



## RUDOLPH BILGRI, 78

Rudolph Bilgri, 78 of Orangeville, IL passed away on Oct. 29, 2021, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford, IL. He was born on Dec. 7, 1942, in Monroe, WI, the son of Joseph Sr. and Anna (Hummel) Bilgri. He married Sandra Foulker on Feb. 1, 1964.

After high school he went to a trade school at Universal Trades in Omaha, NE. After graduation he worked for the IC railroad out of Freeport as a brakeman in 1963. Eventually he went to school and became a locomotive engineer, which he was until he retired after 32 years on the job. Rudy was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He always enjoyed spending time with family and going to the grandchildren's events. He enjoyed going to the Oshkosh Air Show with his brother Dave and going to the gambling boat with his brother Alois. He was very proud of the experimental home-built plane that he built from scratch and flew. He also enjoyed going to coffee with the guys at Boco and breakfasts



he liked to work in the shop.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Sandra of Orangeville, two sons Greg (Naleta) and Jason both of Orangeville; two grandchildren, Alyson (Joshua) Harbaugh of Dubuque, IA, and Ethan (Air Force, deployed); Three brothers, Alois (Carol) of Scales Mound, IL, Bernie of Olympia, WA, and Dave (Jan) of Beaver Dam, WI; Sister-in-laws Sandy Bilgri of Lena, IL and Larry Ellison (Dave) of Cave Creek, AZ; also, many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Albert Bilgri and Joseph Bilgri Jr. Sister, Gertrude.

A private family service will be held.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13,

from 1 to 3 p.m. for friends and family at the Beltline Café in Freeport Illinois.

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

### Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Housing Stability/ Homeless Prevention Program/Rental Mortgage/Water Assistance

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding through DCEO CSBG Program and DHS Homeless Prevention Program to assist families in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties who are past due on their rent, mortgage, and/or water payments and are in danger of becoming homeless or are homeless due to a recent financial crisis affecting their ability to pay housing costs including COVID-19 related conditions.

Have you experienced one of the following crisis conditions:

- COVID-19 related loss of employment or reduction in work hours
- Loss of Employment or substantial reduction in work hours
- Current Medical Disability or Emergency
- Loss or Delay of some form of Public Benefit
- Natural Disaster
- Change in Household Composition
- Illegal Action by a Landlord
- Displacement by a Government or Private Action
- Some other condition beyond your control which constitutes a financial hardship

You may be eligible for assistance if you:

- Can provide documentation of your financial crisis condition

Documents that are required to apply:

- Proof of Social Security numbers for all members of the household
- Proof of all income for all members of the household for the 30 days prior to the application date
- 2020 income tax return
- Current Benefit letter for household members receiving SSA, SSI or SSD income
- Copies of your current utility bills (electric, gas/propane, water)
- Current Lease or Mortgage with contact information
- Eviction Notice or Past Due Letter from landlord, mortgage, and/or water company
- Third Party Documentation of financial hardship condition

Please call our office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for information on how to apply.

COVID-19 mitigation procedures are still in place so in-person appointments and outreach appointments are not being scheduled at this time. We are in the office and taking applications for NICAA program assistance by phone, mail, email, and fax.

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### Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency announces the PY22 Energy Assistance Program

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency, as administrator of the Home Energy Assistance Program in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties, is pleased to announce that funds are available to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane, and electric bills, and LIHEAP eligible homeowners with furnace assistance.

The program began September 1, 2021 for all income-eligible households. Applications will be taken on a first-come first-served basis through May 31, 2022. There will be no priority groups this program year. All households in need are encouraged to apply. Propane customers are encouraged to apply when the program opens in September to take advantage of lower propane prices.

Applicants may apply for a DVP payment or the PIPP program. The Direct Vendor Payment (DVP) provides a one-time benefit payment for income eligible households to gas or propane and electric utilities and for reconnection assistance.

Applicants with ComEd and/or Nicor Gas as utility providers may have the option of choosing the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) instead of the DVP. The PIPP program is a bill payment program that assists eligible customers by paying a monthly state benefit while the customer pays a monthly payment based on a percentage of their household income. PIPP applications will be taken on a first-come first served basis until March 31, 2022 or until NICAA has reached maximum capacity of households for the program.

Please call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to receive an application packet. Completed application packets and documents must be submitted by mail, email, drop box, or fax. Limited appointments for special needs may be made, depending on current conditions.

#### Income Guidelines:

Family Size	30 Day Income	Family Size	30 Day Income
1	\$2,147	6	\$5,930
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5	\$5,173	10	\$7,029
		11	\$7,285

For more than 11 household members, add \$568 for each one.

\*\* To submit an application, you MUST submit ALL of the required documents. \*\*

- Proof of Social Security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all household members. Individuals without an SSN or ITIN can still apply and NICAA will advise
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days prior and including the application date such as pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD income, pension/retirement statements, unemployment reports, child support, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance, self-employment reports and proof of zero income.
- Complete current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days.
- Copy of current lease if any utilities are included in the rent payment

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# Elizabeth Township Public Library is hosting a COVID-19 vaccination clinic

The Illinois Department of Public Health Vaccination Programs and the IEMA are partnering with the Elizabeth Township Public Library for a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. The clinic is scheduled for Nov. 18, 2021 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The library is located at 210 E

Myrtle Street in Elizabeth. The Moderna vaccine booster and first dose will be administered by the Illinois Department Public Health Vaccination staff. A second clinic will be held on Dec. 9, 2021 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are recommended but

not necessary. Please call the library at 815-858-2212 prior to arrival.

All library services will be suspended on Thursday, Nov. 18 to allow for the protection and privacy of those receiving the Moderna vaccination or booster.



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The Leadership Training School was held in conjunction with the quiz bowl competition. Pictured are Cora Dittmar, Heaven Brotherton, Kari Conklin, Emma Boop, Ashley Carroll, Avery Engle, Lucas Holland and Cora Ritchie.

# River Ridge FFA wins Agronomy and Greenhand Quiz Bowl Career Development Event

Twelve members of the River Ridge FFA Chapter competed in the section one Agronomy Career Development Event (CDE) on Nov. 3 and brought home top honors. They placed first in the section out of nine schools. In this CDE students were tasked with identifying crop seeds, weeds in both their juvenile and mature states, insect identification, agriculture machinery and also took a written test on agronomy. Avery Engle was the overall high scorer at the contest, winning the tiebreaker against Josh Er-

ickson from the Durand FFA Chapter. Other members who scored in the top ten included Haven Brotherton (3<sup>rd</sup>), Cora Ritchie (4<sup>th</sup>), Izzy Haring (5<sup>th</sup>) and Cora Dittmar (6<sup>th</sup>). The Warren FFA Chapter hosted the CDE. Greenhands (1<sup>st</sup> year FFA members) also represented their chapter well in winning the Section One Quiz Bowl competition out of eleven teams. In Greenhand quiz bowl students use buzzers in a head-to-head competition. They answer questions on FFA

trivia and history. Do you know when FFA was founded? (1928) Do you know what year women were first allowed to join FFA? (1969). These are just some of the questions that students had to answer in the double elimination competition. The Championship round came to down to Lena-Winslow vs. River Ridge and River Ridge brought home the winning plaque. Members of the winning team were: David Buck, Katie Cobine, Laiken Haas, Kayla Diehl and Ty Spahn.



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## Agronomy champions

Members of the River Ridge FFA Chapter bring home top honors, placing first out of nine schools. Pictured are members (back row) Emma Boop, Avery Engle, Laiken Haas, Ian Wachter, Heaven Brotherton, Izzy Haring, Lucas Holland, Arthur Horn, (front row) Cora Ritchie, Brynn Fry, Cora Dittmar and Gracie Vanderheyden.

## College news

### Emily Raab inducted into Kappa Delta Pi honor society

Emily Raab of Warren was inducted into the Iota Chapter of the Kappa Delta Pi In-

ternational Honor Society in Education at Wartburg College on Nov. 8.

Kappa Delta Pi was founded by William Bagley, Truman Kelly and Thomas Edgar Musselman in 1911 at the University of Illinois to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching. The founders chose the name from the Greek words knowledge, duty and power.

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# River Ridge student earns American FFA Degree

Connor Brown, a 2019 graduate of River Ridge high school, received his American FFA Degree at the 94<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in Indianapolis at the end of October. This is the highest honor an individual can earn in The National FFA Organization, and only a small percentage of students exhibit the dedication and work ethic required to earn this degree. Connor is just the 13<sup>th</sup> member of the River Ridge Chapter to earn this high distinction. Conner is currently the owner/operator of Brown's Baling and Hay based in Elizabeth.



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**Connor Brown is the 13th member of the River Ridge Chapter to earn the American FFA degree.**

# Turkey Tournament schedule

**November 15, 2021**  
6:00 Morrison vs Orangeville  
7:30 Warren vs East Dubuque  
Bye: Galena

7:30 Orangeville vs Galena  
Bye: Warren

**November 23, 2021**  
6:00 Warren vs Morrison  
7:30 East Dubuque vs Galena

Bye: Orangeville  
The team listed first will be the home team and wear white. Please send roster and entry fee of \$250 as soon as possible. Locker rooms will be provided, but shared. Warren High School is not responsible for personal items.

**November 17, 2021**  
6:00 Orangeville vs East Dubuque  
7:30 Warren vs Galena  
Bye: Morrison

**November 19, 2021**  
6:00 Warren vs Orangeville  
7:30 Morrison vs Galena  
Bye: East Dubuque

**November 22, 2021**  
6:00 East Dubuque vs Morrison

The roster will serve as the pass gate list. A hospitality room will be provided for coaches, bus

drivers, and officials. The 7:30 game will start early if possible. There will be plaques for the first and second place teams and overall record will determine place. Dates for 2022 Tournament are Nov. 14. And Nov. 22.

Note: With Orangeville Broncos winning 8 man to advance to the state tournament, the girls tournament game of Orangeville vs Warren moves to Thursday night at 6:00 instead of Friday night at 6:00 so all students can go to the state game. The second game Friday night will move to 6:00.



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# LEGAL NOTICES

## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

**Orangeville CUSD #203**      **201 S Orange St. Orangeville IL 61060**      **815-789-4450**      **7:30 AM to 4:00 PM**  
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Also by **January 15, annually** the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021**, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ **www.isbe.net**.

**SUMMARY:** The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

### Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2021

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	1,994,006	307,409	191,027	160,754	100,133	0	29,228	32,129	49,208
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	1,194,443	547	0	164,485	1,671	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	364,892	9,134	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues</b>		<b>3,553,341</b>	<b>317,090</b>	<b>191,027</b>	<b>325,239</b>	<b>101,804</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,228</b>	<b>32,129</b>	<b>49,208</b>
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>3,263,617</b>	<b>290,768</b>	<b>416,075</b>	<b>231,755</b>	<b>83,367</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>32,129</b>	<b>0</b>
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		-225,583	0	225,583	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020</b>		<b>295,355</b>	<b>200,308</b>	<b>6,719</b>	<b>180,052</b>	<b>104,403</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>719,701</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41,372</b>
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021</b>		<b>359,496</b>	<b>226,630</b>	<b>7,254</b>	<b>273,536</b>	<b>122,840</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>748,929</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90,580</b>

### GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

**Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000** Carolyn Anderson; Holly Banghart; Bonita Bowles; Kristi Buss; James Dusing; Ashley Hayes; Marsha Helderman; Nancy Jogerst; Julie Johnson; Ann Kitch; Ben Korth; Julie Kunce; Tim Mulhall; Melissa Owens; Bridget Ryan; Jennifer Schultz; David Unger; Robert Vines **Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999** Mitchell Dean; Josh Fahs; Jayne Kleckler; Joseph Piscioti; Chelsea Shellhause; Collin Zier **Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999** Toby Golembiewski; Raizel Hanson; Tonya Heldt; David Hoshaw; Tina Howard; Kari Janecke; Erica Kraft; Elizabeth MacKenzie; Julie Maurer; Sharon McDivitt; Amber Misesk; Christopher Moore; Lon Scheuerell; Steven Snider; Katie Wells **Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999** Stacey Brown; Julie Cahoon; Heather Hanson; Danielle Hoshaw; William Meier; Kelly Scheuerell; Stacey Schulz **Salary Range: \$90,000 and over** Douglas DeSchepper; Andrew Janecke

### GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

**Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000** Julie Behrends; Jessica Blassingham; Joseph Davis; Benjamin Delp; Cheyanne Doyle; Jason Doyle; Patricia Doyle; Terry Elgin; Lauren Enzinger; Dale Gullickson; Austin Guy; David Jordan; Elaine Keeffer; Rachel Klein; Alan Lenoir; Jennifer Lepka; Sabrina Lewis; Donald Longamore Jr; Kendra Love; Heidi Rackow; Garilynne Reed; Stephanie Riedel; Abigail Rillie; Adam Rodebaugh; Duane Rosemeier; Adam Scherer; Paul Schindler; Kendahlyn Schlueter; Leslie Schmidt; Gerald Schneiderman; Patricia Schneiderman; Scott Setterstrom; Jessica Smith; Ryan Smith; Gregory Stamm; Tammy Stark; Melissa Stiefel; Paula Tessoroff; Joshua Wallin; Melissa Walsh;

Catherine Williams; Cathy Wilson; Alice Wise **Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999** Tonya Doyle **Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999** William Guy, Rachel Heck, Cindy Wells  
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 Finance of America Reverse LLC PLAINTIFF  
 Vs.  
 Dixie Davis; Roxanne Gordon; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Roger Busch; United States of America - Federal Housing Commissioner; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Roger Busch (deceased) DEFENDANTS

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# Slices of life

## Welcome to aphantasia

Ever feel lost? Welcome to my life. Quite literally.

Ever since I can remember, I've had trouble with directions and all things spatial. I described myself as geographically challenged.

I can't find my way out of a paper bag. I used to routinely get lost in a familiar mall. I thought it was normal.

I was right, and wrong, at the same time. I am normal, but not like most people. My normal involves a living with condition called aphantasia, which is the inability to voluntarily create a mental picture—or map—in your head. People with aphantasia are unable to picture a scene, person, or object, even if it's very familiar.

It took me until now to even know I had a condition, so while I am lacking in ability to visualize, I never knew it because it's how life has always been for me.

And it probably would have stayed that way.

In the last year, I started meditating. I loved the idea of calming and focusing my mind, but I found soon, within the practice, that I was challenged—in an extreme way—in any meditation that employed the basic technique of visualization.

Simply put, visualization involves seeing something inside your mind. It might be a sunset, a beach, path leading into a forest or any other usually positive outdoor scenario that might put you into a good mind space.

I loved meditating because it put me in a peaceful place. I found I was nearly an expert at breathing; it was almost like I'd been doing it my whole life. I am also able to focus my mind for at least 30 consecutive seconds at a time, which is just slightly short of the recommended amount of 12 to 14 minutes.

I found an infinite reservoir of peace and calm residing within my being. I found myself valuing people and life like never before. I began to understand the importance of truly living in the moment.

There was only one problem.

I was unable to visualize. Completely. When I close my eyes, I see... nothing.

You close your eyes and are able to envision a beach or palm tree? I can't. I see the light that trickles through my eyelids. I see nothing except maybe a yellow or orangish glow, if it is a bright day.

I never knew I was lacking. I never knew I was unable to visualize; I never knew I was mind-blind. I



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

never knew aphantasia was a thing.

For the most part, it wasn't. Although initially discovered more than 140 years ago, the condition has been relatively unstudied in scientific and medical circles. Renewed interest in occurred in 2005 when a professor from the University of Exeter named Adam Zeman sort of rediscovered the whole phenomenon; it took another 10 years for someone to come up with a name for it—aphantasia.

The opposite is extreme vivid imagery capabilities and is called hyperphantasia. It's estimated that 2.6 percent of people are in this hyper state, while less than 1 percent experience aphantasia.

Lucky me. I'm rare and groundbreaking all at the same time.

Honestly, I almost wish I'd never discovered my deficit. But now that I have I can't go back. I can unsee what I can't see. I don't wish the same one you. Still, if you are with me, I want you to know you aren't alone. We are in the dark together. Quite literally.

If you're part of the less-than-1%, I'm glad

we're in this together. Our commonality might even prove to be enlightening. I just can't visualize it, but then again, neither can you.

*Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. She invites readers to follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.*



## In my opinion

# America needs Trump - without Trump

The recent election of Republican Glenn Youngkin to be governor in Democratic stronghold Virginia displays emphatically that Trump conservatism fares better—without Trump.

The conundrum for Republican Party leaders, a weak lot, is how to double down on this fact in 2022, and keep former President Donald Trump off the ticket in 2024.

Youngkin upset former Democratic Virginia Governor and national Democratic Party leader Terry McAuliffe by capturing significantly greater percentages of independent as well as women voters than did Trump in 2020—while apparently keeping the support of the Trump base.

This suggests strongly that campaigning on Trump-like



By **JIM NOWLAN**

issues while downplaying connections to Trump could help the GOP take back a sizable majority in the House in 2022 and win the presidency in 2024—without Trump.

An anti-Trump Republican, I find much of the Trump program positive, straightforward:

- Make "Made in America" great again;
- Orderly immigration;
- Stand up to China;
- Strengthen the American family;
- Safe streets.

I would add "fiscal integrity," something out of favor in both the Trump and Biden administrations.

Yet the man himself is a pathological narcissist, dangerously obsessed with self; everything else—everything—is subservient.

But, as is obvious, Trump dominates the Republican Party right now. After all, he was there to speak loudly for his base in 2016 and 2020, while the GOP before him had only mealy-mouthed nostrums to offer.

The Trump base may have been rallied to come out for Youngkin—even though the governor-elect rarely mentioned him—because opponent McAuliffe incessantly advertised a Trump-Youngkin connection,

which was, in fact, rather weak.

And, can dissatisfaction with the Democrats' big spending, quite liberal messaging be enough alone to bring out Trump voters, if Trump is not front and center?

Related, what can GOP leaders at the national and state levels do, if anything, to keep the Trump excitement alive—without Trump?

Maybe nothing, which would be tragic.

Or, maybe the following:  
• The "chattering class," even those like me with small megaphones, hammers away, as follows: Trumpism does better without Trump. Over time, the message might

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FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2021

REVENUE SUMMARY: PROPERTY TAXES - \$14,098, Interest Income - \$140.61, Total Revenues: \$14,238.61

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Compensation under \$15,000 – Laura Busch, Donna Ernst, Diane Rogers, Renee VanRaalte, Ben Wooden, Steve Wulfekuhle. \$950. Assessor: \$11,955.29.

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: TOTAL VENDORS: \$863.20.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

Beginning Fund Balance, Retained	
Earnings, April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	\$19,479.33
Revenues	\$14,238.61
Expenditures	\$13,768.49
Ending Fund Balance, Retained	
Earnings, March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2021	\$19,949.45

I, Garrett J Toay, Clerk-Treasurer of the Nora-Rush-Warren Multi-Township Assessment District, Jo Daviess County, IL, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Subscribed and sworn this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

Garrett J Toay, Clerk-Treasurer

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# •Kitchen (Continued from page 4)

2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened  
 1/3 C. sugar  
 4 eggs  
 1 1/2 t. vanilla  
 1 pkg. spice cake mix  
 1/3 C. oil  
 1 1/2 C. grated carrots  
 1 C. finely chopped pecans  
 3/4 C. sweetened coconut  
 1/4 C. powdered sugar  
 2 T. milk

Preheat oven to 350. Generously coat a 10 C. Bundt pan with baking spray with flour. On medium, beat 1 1/2 pkgs. Cream cheese and granulated sugar until smooth, about 1 minute. Beat in egg and 1 t. vanilla until blended. Transfer to a bowl; reserve.

On low speed, beat cake mix, remaining three eggs, oil and 1 C. water for 30 seconds; on medium, beat the mixture for 2 minutes. Fold in grated carrots, pecans, and coconut. Reserve 2 1/2 C. batter. Spread remaining batter

in pan. Carefully spoon reserved cream cheese mixture on top, leaving at least a 1/2 inch border along the outside and inside edge of the pan. Gently spoon reserved 2 1/2 C. of batter on top to completely cover cream cheese mixture. Bake until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean, 40 to 45 minutes. Let cool on rack 1 hour. Transfer from pan to rack. Let cool.

On medium speed, beat powdered sugar and remaining 1/2 pkg. cream cheese and 1 1/2 t. vanilla until smooth, about 1 minute. Add milk and beat until blended. Place cake on serving plate or cake stand. Drizzle with icing, letting some drip down the side. Top with pecans and coconut if desired.

## Chocolate Cake Mix Cookies

I guess I was in the mood for using cake mixes this

week. This easy chocolate cookie recipe uses devil's food cake mix as its base. You can use seasonal colors for the sprinkles. Try this easy cookie recipe that even the kids can make.

1 devil's food cake mix  
 1 t. baking powder  
 2 eggs  
 1/3 C. oil  
 2 t. vanilla

3/4 C. sprinkles (yellow and orange for Thanksgiving or red and green sprinkles for Christmas)

Preheat the oven to 350. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Whisk the cake mix and baking powder in a large bowl to get rid of any lumps. Add the eggs, oil, and vanilla; mix well to combine. Cover and refrigerate until the dough just begins to firm up, about 30 minutes.

Spread the sprinkles in a shallow bowl. Scoop and roll the dough into balls (about 2

T. each), then roll the balls in the sprinkles. Place on the baking sheets, about 2 inches apart. Bake until the tops of the cookies are slightly puffed and cracked and the edges are set, 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes on the baking sheet, then remove to racks to cool completely

## Final Thoughts

I guess cold weather really has arrived. We had some teasing last week with warmer temperatures, but the wind and rain ushered in a real November week. I feel bad that everyone is focused on Christmas before we celebrate Thanksgiving. However, retailers are anxious for everyone to buy early. I get to go to my second and last craft show of the season at the end of the week. I loved to go to a lot of them when they were around, but COVID and my limited ability to walk

have curbed most of them. I am off to make some pumpkin bars. I really like them at all times, but they are especially tasty at this time of the year. I am taking them to a get together of my "Pod" and will have some left over to share with others. I can't keep them around my house because I have no will power! We continue to look for holiday recipes for both Thanks-

giving and Christmas. We are in the market for recipes that use cranberries, apples or pumpkins. We are also in the market for some seasonal side dishes and some soup recipes that use fall veggies. If you would like to share, contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *Shopper's Guide* at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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bring some Trump backers to conclude this as well, and;

• GOP leaders quietly encourage even-keeled political types like Youngkin to contest congressional seats next year in many suburban districts across the country. Dems are vulnerable in the 'burbs, and Trump is far less popular there than in rural and small-town America. If highly successful next year in the suburbs, the GOP would send a strong message to all that to win in 2024, do it with a Trump-like platform—

but without Trump.

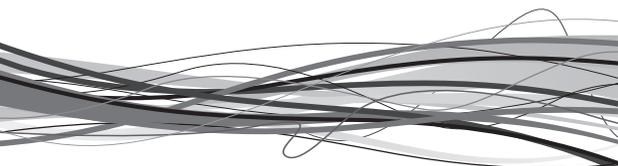
Even this might not be enough to dislodge The Donald from candidacy, yet I feel it must be tried. After all, GOP party leaders, and even the Trump base, I would hope, want to win, even if just on the issues, even without Trump.

*Jim Nowlan is a former state legislator and aide to three Illinois governors. A retired professor of American politics, he writes a newspaper column on Understanding Illinois.*

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“Without this support, patients will lose access and we could run the risk of going over the telehealth cliff. The ability to provide modality-neutral telemedicine, such as phone-only care, asynchronous care, and remote patient monitoring, has proven especially valuable.”

While the benefits of telehealth are clear, regulatory and connectivity challenges remain, said Brendan Carr, commissioner with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The FCC played a key role in launching the Connected Care Pilot Program, which helps cover the cost of broadband connectivity, among

other things, for low-income or veteran patients to access connected care services. The FCC also launched the COVID-19 Telehealth Program and Rural Health Care Program, and is in charge of doling out billions to boost broadband access.

But there's more the FCC can and should do, he added. The biggest challenge ahead is implementation. Funding, specifically for broadband expansion, has traditionally been spread across different departments, and they “need to move in a coordinated way.”

The other key issue is the broadband mapping, which entails gathering and analyz-

ing broadband accessibility data; the maps are needed to deploy millions of dollars of funding for telehealth services. Carr said he initially hoped the mapping would be completed this fall, which will not happen.

Luján also criticized the Biden administration for not yet appointing a fifth commissioner to the FCC and nominating a chairperson, saying the lack of urgency is “inexcusable.”

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