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Helping from Head2Toe

Lena company's T-shirt sales will go to help other area small businesses

Head2Toe Custom Apparel & Design has taken an idea from a screen printing company in Rockford and implementing it in Lena to help area small businesses.

"We wanted to find a way to help other small businesses during the time of COVID-19," Tamie Bardell said in an email. "We are making T-shirts with the small business logo on them and taking pre-orders online for \$20. We are getting prior approval from the companies before advertising their business. We will donate \$10 from each T-shirt sale back to the small local business."

As of press time, Head2Toe was working with 34 businesses from communities such as Stockton, Warren, Lena, Winslow, Pearl City, Freeport, Forreston, Dakota and Monroe.

"We are hoping to be as successful as the company in Rockford but need help in getting the word out to everyone," said Bardell, who runs the company with her husband, Todd.

"We are taking pre-orders for the shirts and will print them once the shelter in place is lifted," Bardell said.

The Lena company also is giving away a 55-inch Roku 4K television during this fundraiser.

"We are planning on keeping the online fundraiser open through the end of April," Bardell said. "We currently have sold approximately 160 shirts, so we will be giving at least \$1,600 back to these local small businesses."

Those interested can order at www.head2toedesign.com and click on "fundraisers."

Businesses that would like to be included should call 815-291-9083, email to head2toedesign@yahoo.com or visit its Facebook page.

For more information, visit head2toedesign.com. The direct link to the online store is <https://head2toedesign.com/fundraisers/help-your-local-small-business/>.



Tamie Bardell displays one of the T-shirts, from Burp & Slurp in Pearl City, that Head2Toe Design, of Lena, will be selling to help other small businesses.

United Way announces first round of COVID-19 funding

United Way of Rock River Valley announced it, in collaboration with the 815 Community Response Team, has awarded \$250,000 in the first round of grants from its COVID-19 Emerging Needs Fund to 33 nonprofit organizations in its four-county service area.

The grant recipients in Stephenson County were:

- Amity Day Care & Learning Center, \$7,100
- Boys & Girls Club of Freeport & Stephenson County, \$7,000
- CONTACT of Northern Illinois, \$1,800
- Faith Center, Freeport, \$5,400

- Freeport Area Church Cooperative, \$7,200
- Mother Hubbard's Kiddie Cupboard, \$800
- Public Health Foundation of NW Illinois, \$9,000
- The Salvation Army of Freeport, \$10,000
- Norman C. Sleezer Youth Home, \$5,500
- VOICES of Stephenson County, \$2,500

The donations are from the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund, a collaboration between the United Way of

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In spite of COVID-19 pandemic, 4-H is in full swing this spring

Alumni, families, members, volunteers and University of Illinois-Extension staff have been putting the 4-H pledge into action and embracing the opportunity to give back to their communities during the past few weeks.

Clubs have continued to meet during the COVID-19 pandemic in Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Winnebago counties using technology.

On April 6, Stephenson County 4-H hosted a virtual countywide meeting via Zoom, with 45 families logging in, many with multiple members on one device.

Stephenson County 4-H ambassadors Magen and Rachel Busker led a tour of their family dairy farm.

"It was wonderful to connect with so many of our families and touch base with everyone," Stephenson County 4-H program coordinator Becky Gocken said in a news release.

Participants concluded the meeting by sharing a YouTube montage of Extension staff and 4-H families smiling and waving hello.

4-H clubs in Jo Daviess County have met digitally as well and continue to offer educational activities.

The Scales Mound 4-H Club took a virtual tour of Aunt Beez Greenhouse during its April meeting.

Bridget Zurcher, the owner of Aunt Beez, gave the tour and then led members through a demonstration about horticulture.

On April 6, Jo Daviess County 4-H Federation members met and held their monthly meeting.

Members participated in virtual team building activities, gave committee reports and brainstormed about possible summer activities.

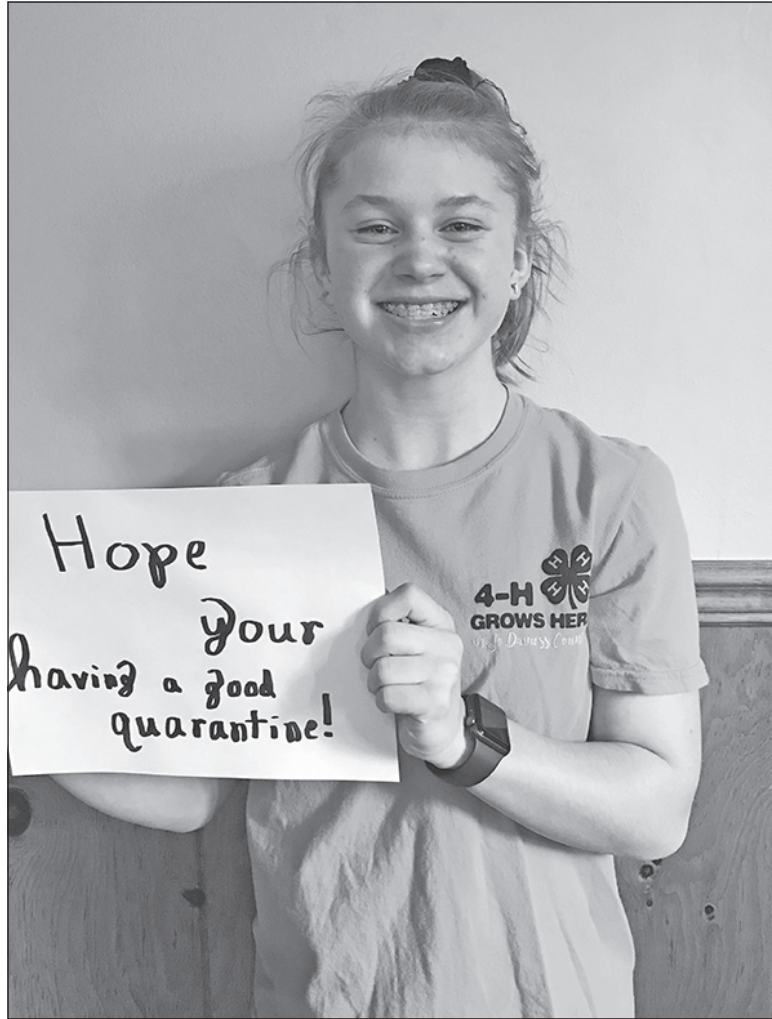
"What I love the most about working with youth is their creativity, adaptability and flexibility to new things," Jo Daviess County 4-H program coordinator Angela Miller said in the news release. "Each of our members has exhibited a willingness to embrace change, step up their leadership and be a role model for our younger members. And to be honest, a role model to those of us that are not tech-savvy."

4-H clubs and members also shared

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Illinois' recommended testing criteria will now include "all those who are experiencing COVID-like symptoms," according to the governor's office. The new guidance will apply to state-run drive-thru testing centers and will be offered to medical providers across Illinois, although those with mild symptoms are still encouraged to call a medical provider before seeking a COVID-19 test.

Finally, Pritzker said the state has also managed to purchase enough personal protective equipment to keep hospitals and first responders in supply for at least the next few



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Carissa Hinderman, a member of the 21st Century Club in Warren, spreads some of her 4-H cheer.

what community service projects they have been involved in, many of them making cards for hospitals and local nursing homes.

"As I participated in the county-wide 4-H meetings, I was impressed with the eagerness of our members to participate and share," said Margaret Larson, Extension director serving Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Winnebago counties.

"Hearing about the club's efforts to continue their community service activities, in support of area care centers and first responders, was a sign that

4-H continues to be active in communities despite our recent challenges," Larson added.

For more information about Illinois 4-H, contact a local Extension office or visit www.go.illinois.edu/jsw.

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Scales Mound 4-H Club, led by Andrea Pickel and Alex Burbach, held its monthly meeting digitally.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

I guess we are in Week 3 if you started with April 1. Things are getting a little boring and slightly nutty at my house.

I really wanted to be outside, but winter weather set in, so I couldn't do my daily sitting in the sun without a ton of clothes on. I heard that maybe by the time this column comes out, we could be a little warmer.

I guess I should be putting more soup recipes in, but not this week's recipes. Enjoy the different lineup I have this week.

Creamy Artichoke Dip

I love hot artichoke dip. This one is fairly easy to make in the slow cooker, so it is great to have for an appetizer when we finally can entertain.

If you want to cut down on the heat, just use half a pepper. I think the yogurt really makes for a creamy dip.

2 cans (14 oz. each) water-packed artichoke hearts, rinsed, drained and coarsely chopped

2 C. shredded mozzarella cheese

1 pkg. (8 oz) cream cheese

½ C. mayonnaise

½ C. shredded Swiss cheese

2 T. lemon juice

2 T. plain yogurt

1 T. seasoned salt

1 T. chopped seeded jalapeno pepper

1 t. garlic powder

Tortilla chips

In a 3-quart slow cooker, combine the first 11 ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 1 hour or until heated through. Serve with tortilla chips (multigrain Tostitos are my favorite).

Fruit Salad with Poppy Seed Dressing

This creamy fruit salad can be made with melons that are available or you can save it for later when the melons are in season.

½ C. sour cream

3 T. milk

1 pkg. Equal sugar substitute

½ t. poppy seed

½ t. vanilla

4 C. cantaloupe

4 C. watermelon

1 C. blueberries

1/3 C. pecans

2 T. fresh mint leaves

Ham and Swiss Strata

This recipe is for those of you who still have some ham leftovers from Easter. I have made strata several times for a gathering of friends. It is great because it goes a long way to feed a group of people.

You can substitute 8 oz. Brie cheese, rind removed, and chopped into pieces for Swiss cheese if you are a Brie lover. It gives the dish a sharper cheese taste.

1 T. canola oil

8 oz. fresh mushrooms

½ C. chopped onion

2 C. fresh baby spinach

2 garlic cloves, minced

12 C. cubed day-old French bread

2 C. cubed deli ham

8 oz. Swiss cheese, chopped

8 large eggs

3 C. milk

2 T. Dijon mustard

1/8 t. salt

1/8 t. pepper

Preheat oven to 375. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms and onion; cook and stir 5 to 7 minutes or until the mushrooms are golden brown and onion is tender. Add spinach and garlic; cook 1 to 2 minutes or until spinach is wilted.

Transfer the mushroom mixture to a greased 9-by-13 glass baking dish. Add bread, ham and cheese.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, mustard, salt and pepper. Pour over bread. Bake, uncovered, until a knife inserted in center comes out clean, 35-40 minutes. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

Make-ahead strata: Refrigerate unbaked strata, covered, several hours or overnight. To use: Preheat oven to 375. Remove strata from re-

frigerator while oven heats. Bake 35 to 40 minutes and let stand 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

Chicken Bacon Ranch Casserole

I have had this casserole a long time, but I found the recipe when I was digging into some things during this forced solitary confinement.

You use a package of ranch dressing mix; I substituted paprika for the ground red pepper. I think you could use some red pepper flakes if you don't have ground red pepper. The rotisserie chicken makes prep easy.

1 bag (32 oz.) frozen, diced hash browns, unthawed

6 slices bacon, chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced

2 C. heavy whipping cream

1½ C. shredded Mexican cheese blend, divided

1 pkg. (1 oz.) ranch dressing mix

1 t. salt

½ t. pepper

¼ t. ground red pepper

3 C. shredded rotisserie chicken

½ C. chopped fresh parsley, plus more for garnish

Preheat the oven to 375. Spray a 9-by-13 inch baking dish with cooking spray. Place hash browns in prepared pan. Bake for 15 minutes. In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, 6 to 8 minutes. Remove bacon using a slotted spoon and let drain on paper towels, reserving 1 T. drippings in skillet.

Add garlic to drippings; cook for 30 seconds. Gradually whisk in cream and bring to a low boil; cook until slightly thickened, about 3 minutes. Whisk in ½ cup cheese, ranch seasoning, salt and peppers until cheese is melted.

Stir cream sauce, chicken, parsley and half of the bacon into the potatoes until well combined. Sprinkle with remaining 1 cup of cheese and bacon. Bake until golden brown and bubbly, about 25 minutes. Let stand

for 5 minutes before serving. Garnish with parsley.

Pull Apart Spring Bundt Cake

This is an easy dessert that uses refrigerated cinnamon rolls in a Bundt pan. You really can't get much easier than this. The drizzled frosting makes it look really special.

2 cans (17.5 oz. each) jumbo refrigerated cinnamon rolls

¼ C. butter, sliced

2½ C. powdered sugar

3½ T. milk

1 t. vanilla

¼ C. almonds, chopped

Preheat oven to 350. Cut each uncooked cinnamon roll into quarters. Layer pieces in a 12-cup Bundt pan coated with cooking spray. Scatter butter on top of cinnamon roll pieces. Bake 40 minutes. Remove pan from oven and let cool 15 minutes. Turn out onto a serving plate and let cool an additional 10 minutes.

Stir together powdered sugar, milk, vanilla and 1 drop of blue food coloring and 1 drop of red food coloring (this combo will make lavender). Drizzle icing onto cake and top with nuts.

Apricot Mud Hen Cake Bars

When I saw this recipe, the name intrigued me. I had a college roommate from the South whose favorite expression was "uglier than a mud hen." There is a really ugly bird that hangs out in Southern marshes and swamps.

When I further studied the recipe, I saw that it is topped with a meringue, which is one of the "hot" food items on the circuit. So, it isn't ugly in taste; in fact it is a little gooeey and the apricot preserves are really good. Enjoy this different bar cookie.

¼ C. butter, softened

1/3 C. sugar

2 egg yolks, room temperature

1 t. vanilla extract

1½ C. flour

1/8 t. salt

Meringue

2 egg whites, room temperature

1/8 t. cream of tartar

1/3 C. sugar

¾ C. finely chopped pecans

1 C. apricot preserves

Preheat the oven to 350. In a bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating after

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Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY20 LIHEAP and Weatherization Assistance Programs

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist residents of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties with home heating utility costs through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Weatherization Programs.

PY20 LIHEAP application taking has been extended to June 30, 2020.

If you have not applied for LIHEAP assistance during this program year, which began October 1, 2019, or your application was denied, you may call the office for more information on applying for assistance.

If you have received LIHEAP assistance but now have a disconnect notice on your gas and/or electric bill, or your propane tank is at 20% or below, you may be eligible for additional assistance. Please call the office for information about assistance.

Eligible households may call 800-883-1111 or 815-232-3141 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for information and how to apply for assistance.

Income Guidelines: To qualify, a household must have a 30 day gross income at or below 150% of the federal poverty level shown below for 30 days prior to and including the application date.

1 person household - \$1,561 2 person household - \$2,114

3 person household - \$2,666 4 person household - \$3,219

Add \$553 for each additional person in the household

**** 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 including the application date including pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, 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 and also disconnect notices received.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services.
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt.
- Proof of Homeownership (Title for Mobile Homes) and tax bill are required for weatherization assistance.

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Obituaries

ARLEEN SIEVERS

When someone as special and beloved as Arleen Sievers passes on to heaven, we all realize that she lives forever in our hearts and minds. We remember and celebrate her warmth, humor and genuine affection for those lucky enough to have known her. The lives she touched, created and influenced is hard to measure, as a wife, mother, sister, grandmother, daughter and friend. But you can easily feel the love that surrounds her family... eternal, strong and real. Selfless, generous, caring and thoughtful, Arleen was always quick to accept and forgive and rare to judge. She is woven into the fabric of our lives as we all add our own patches to the family quilt. A quilt that is comforting to those who are sad at her passing. But that sadness disappears when you remember that sweet smile of hers. You can see it still down here on



her children's and grandchildren's faces. Her passing the day before her birthday holds a wonderful truth. Because what better way to celebrate a person's life than by being reborn in heaven. Sweet

Thank you for the love, laughter and joy you gave us. We all love you very much.

Arleen Diana Sievers, age 75, of Lake Carroll, IL, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital. She was born in Chicago, IL, on April 15, 1944, the daughter of the late John and Martha (Spinka) Michalak. Arleen married Richard Sievers on June 25, 1966, in Chicago.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Downers Grove. Arleen was a 1962 graduate of Kelly High School in Chicago.

Arleen is survived by her husband, Richard Sievers of Lake Carroll; her daughters, Kelly (Brant) Curtiss of Raleigh, NC, and Kimberly (Peter) Smith of Marseilles, IL; her sons, Kurt (Libby) Sievers of Wheaton, IL, and Mark Sievers of Colorado Springs, CO; her two grandchildren, Paige Curtiss and Ryan Sievers; her brother, John Michalak of Oak Lawn, IL; and her sisters, Jeanette (Jerry Freeman) Michalak of Henderson, NV, and Mary Michalak of Henderson, NV. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother George; and sister Frances.

A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with Arleen's family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

JEROLD BURMEISTER

Jerold "Jerry" Burmeister, 81, of Monroe, WI, passed away on Friday, April 17, 2020, at Aster Senior Living in Monroe, WI.

Jerry was born on Oct. 19, 1938, in Monroe to Cecil and B. Lillian (Johnson) Burmeister. Jerry graduated from Warren High School. On March 30, 1957, he married H. Carol Hutchinson in Darlington, WI. Jerry took over the family business, Burmeister, in 1962 after the unexpected death of his father.

He was a John Deere salesman for many years. Jerry sold the business in 1972 and farmed outside of Apple River until 1976. At that time, Jerry continued selling John Deere equipment for Foster Implement. Jerry purchased Foster Four Seasons, which later became Burmeister Farm Equipment. Jerry also sold John Deere equipment for Stateline Equipment in Janesville and Evergreen Equipment in Monroe.

Jerry and Carol enjoyed snowmobiling, playing euchre with friends. They moved to Monroe in 1997 where they made many new friends and enjoyed coffee time at the Red Apple. In 2017, Jerry moved to Aster Assisted Living. Jerry was an avid Green Bay Packers fan as well as a NASCAR fan. After moving to Aster, Jerry became a Milwaukee Brewers fan, as well as enjoying the music and outings that Aster provided.

Jerry is survived by daughter Jackie (Carl) Andrews and son Dick (Cathy) Burmeister, both of Warren, IL; one granddaughter; Elizabeth of Lansing, MI; sisters Luan (John) Beach, Marge (Joe) Goldhagen,



Mary (Gene) Gille; brother Lewis (Connie) Burmeister; sisters-in-law Lindy (Bob) Johnson, Cathy (Larry) Straight; step-grandchildren Keri Wolf, Shelly Andrews, Rhonda

Andrews, Kari (Nick) Coffey, Jason (Chelsea) Hartzell, Brandon (Ashley) Hartzell; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, Carol, on March 22, 2010; his parents, a sister Susan Parkinson and brother Bill Burmeister.

The family would like to thank the staff at Aster Assisted Living for the great care he received during his stay.

A private family service will be held at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren, IL. Pastor Roger Bronkema will officiate the services. A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

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DIANNE STONE

Dianne M. Stone, 79, passed away the morning of April 11, 2020, at her home in Shannon.

Dianne was born on May 5, 1940, in Freeport, the daughter of Clarence and Evelyn (Heuerman) Snavely. She married Robert F. Stone on July 1, 1960, in Shannon. He preceded her in death on Nov. 30, 1992.

Surviving are her children, Brenda (Tony) Ferrara, Normal; Todd (Susan) Stone, Warren; Terri (Randy) Knapp, Bloomington; and Debbie (Scott) Olberding, Lena. Her eight grandchildren were her pride and joy. They are Alexandra Ferrara, Portland, OR, and Peyton Ferrara, Chicago; Doug Stone, Lena, and Nate Stone, Sun Prairie, WI; Dallas Knapp, Chicago, and Dalton Knapp, Bloomington; Jake Olberding and Brooke Olberding, Lena. She is also survived by her brother, Nelson (Linda) Snavely, Shannon. Also surviving is her longtime companion, Lester Roberts, Shannon, as well as her sisters-in-law: Jean (Roger) Finifrock, Ruby Warfield and Linda Lawson. Her parents also preceded her in death.

Dianne graduated from Shannon High School in 1958. While raising her family, she worked at Tee Lee Popcorn in Shannon, where she was known as the Popcorn Lady. Dianne also took great pride in earning her CDL and driving many years as a team cross country for Asche Transfer. She later worked for Bocker Grain in Polo, hauling grain from area farms until her retirement. She loved visiting with the farmers.



In retirement, Dianne enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and attending their various school activities and sporting events while they were growing up. Recently, her "job" was collecting newspapers to recycle from Sullivan's in Lena, Casey's in Shannon and from many people around Shannon. She spent numerous hours collecting and bundling the papers, which were then picked up by volunteers from the Carroll County Senior Center. The newspapers are then sold with the proceeds going to support the everyday needs of the center. This recycling mission was very important to her.

Dianne had an infectious laugh and was happiest when all her family was together and she could spend time with them. She also enjoyed spending time with her beloved pets.

A private graveside service was held at Shannon Brethren Cemetery on April 20. A celebration of life will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Carroll County Senior Center, 306 N. Main St., Mt. Carroll, IL, 61053, or the Friends Forever Humane Society, 966 W. Rudy Road, Freeport, IL, 61032. Condolences may be shared with Diane's family at hermannfuneralhome.com.

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- Illegal Action by a Landlord
- Displacement by a Government or Private Action
- Some other condition which constitutes a hardship comparable to the ones listed above

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- Can provide documentation of your financial crisis condition

Documents that are required to apply:

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- Proof of all income for all members of the household for the 90 days prior to the application date
- Current Benefit letter for household members receiving SSA, SSI or SSD income
- Copies of your current utility bills
- Medical Card
- Current Lease or Mortgage with contact information
- Eviction Notice or Past Due Letter with the past due amount
- Third Party Documentation of Crisis

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Addie Miller works on her carving project for her remote learning work.



Pearl City remote learning projects

Lily Block completes her scavenger hunt as a part of the class remote learning project.

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Rylen Hoffmaster finishes his remote learning writing project.



Phillip and Elly Schiesher work on their remote learning science project.



Deacon practices for music class with his homemade guitar.



Brooklyn Voegeli displays her handmade hearts to show compassion for health care and essential workers.



Lucas, Sam and Jackson Howe participate in PJ Day.



Autumn Kempel makes a special delivery of her handmade cards for residents at the Pearl Pavilion.

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Eme Brinker (top photo) was a winner of the Lena location Easter basket giveaway. Meanwhile, Owen Martin (bottom photo) was the recipient of Devoe Floral's giveaway.

Libertarian, Green parties sue over election rules

Petitioning 'practically impossible' during stay-at-home orders, they claim

By Rebecca Anzel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Social distancing and stay-at-home orders, instituted to combat the novel coronavirus pandemic, are in direct conflict with Illinois' ballot eligibility requirements, the Libertarian and Green parties of Illinois allege in a recent lawsuit.

Both are considered "new" parties under state election rules, meaning a candidate running for office under those banners must receive a greater number of in-person petition signatures than those with "established" parties — typically, the Democrats and Republicans.

Libertarians and Greens have until June 22 to gather enough signatures — in person with a canvasser watching — to qualify for inclusion on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

But party officials allege meeting that threshold will be "practically impossible" given Gov. JB Pritzker's social distancing and stay-at-home orders.

"Even assuming that the governor's emergency orders were lifted on May 1, 2020, (the Libertarian and Green parties) and their candidates will have lost over five weeks of petitioning time, or more than one-third of the time allotted to them to collect signatures in person by Illinois law," according to the lawsuit.

The parties are asking that Illinois' signature collection mandates be waived or suspended this general election cycle so their candidates may be on the ballot and that the state reimburse their attorney's fees.

Pritzker's office did not respond to separate letters sent from the two parties in mid-March, nor did a spokesperson return a request for comment from Capitol News Illinois.

The Illinois State Board of Elections, in a letter, said it is unable to assist.

"We appreciate the unique dilemma you present in your letter and understand that you are tasked with the difficult and unprecedented duty of balancing obligations under the Elections Code with safety concerns for candidates, circulators and petition signers alike," the elections board said in court documents. "However, the State Board of Elections does not have the authority to grant you the relief you request."

It would take a court order or the General Assembly amending current law to address this concern, an elections board spokesperson said.

Rich Whitney and Bennett Morris, chairs of the Green and Libertarian parties, respectively, each said this lawsuit is a matter of upholding democracy.

Candidates running as Democrats or Republicans already have a guaranteed spot on the general election ballot. Under statute, the parties were allowed to petition in autumn and candidates were chosen in the March primary election. Those running under the banner of a "new" party or independent must collect petition signatures in the spring.

"It's normal for us to be on the ballot — we're good at it despite the obstacles that are put in place," Morris said. "I think if there aren't Libertarians, Greens or any independents allowed on the ballot in November, we do not have a democratic process and we do not have a legitimate election."

An "established" party candidate for president, for example, needs at least 3,000 signatures or more if someone challenges their validity. That same person would need 5,000 signatures to run for U.S. Senate.

Independents or those in a "new" party, including Libertarians and Greens, need at least 25,000 signatures for both positions. Whitney said candidates in his party often collect at least 40,000 signatures.

He added it is "ridiculous" that in both cases, candidates have 90 days to gather the required number.

"What this means is that the minority parties — the new parties trying to break through and become established — are unfairly burdened and their campaigns are unfairly burdened. They have fewer resources because of

all the time spent petitioning," Whitney said.

Illinois' signature requirements were established in 1891 and were not, according to the lawsuit, "substantially updated or improved ... despite the availability of less burdensome alternatives enabled by modern technology."

The Libertarian and Green parties point to action taken by other states as examples of what Illinois' government should consider. Voters in Arizona and New Jersey can sign candidates' petitions electronically and those in Denver, Colorado, and the District of Columbia can use an application called E-Sign, which validates signatures against voter rolls.

Those initiatives would be in line with executive orders issued by Pritzker, allowing public notaries to work through a two-way video, according to the lawsuit.

A spokesperson for Attorney General Kwame Raoul did not return a request for comment. His office would represent Pritzker and members of the Illinois State Board of Elections.

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Obituaries

DOROTHY MYERS

Dorothy Grace Myers, 86, of Shannon, IL, passed away Monday, April 13, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital. She was born June 10, 1933, in Chadwick, IL, to the late Clifford and Lena (Craig) Shibley. Dorothy married Edgar Myers on Aug. 17, 1952, in the Bethel United Methodist Church in Shannon. Edgar passed away on Jan. 18, 1966.

She was a 1952 graduate of Chadwick High School. Dorothy and her husband farmed all but two years while he was in the military. She was employed at Elkay Manufacturing in Lanark and Shannon for 21 years before retiring in February 1999. Doro-



thy was a member of Cherry Grove Church of the Brethren. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and especially enjoyed being able to attend the grandchild-

ren's school activities and sporting events.

Dorothy is survived by her two daughters, Patty (Lyle) Robinson of Shannon and Melinda (Mark) Fellner of Eureka; her three grandchildren,

Lucas (Kara) Robinson, Stephanie Fellner and Kyle (Emily) Fellner; her great granddaughter, Oakleigh Marie Robinson; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; infant daughter, Dawn; grandparents; three sisters, Ruth Smith, Effie Shibley and Betty Norpel; and one brother, Clifford "Shorty" Shibley.

A graveside service was held at Lanark Cemetery on Saturday, April 18, 2020. A memorial fund has been established for the Cherry Grove Church of the Brethren. Condolences may be shared with Dorothy's family at www.hermannfuneral-home.com.

GLORYA KAYSER

Glorya Kayser, 79, of Lena, IL, passed away on Monday, April 13, 2020, at Pearl Pavilion in Freeport, IL. She was born on Dec. 9, 1940, in Freeport, IL, to John and Edna (Parsons) McCoy. She married Karl Kayser on June 26, 1958, in Freeport, IL. Alongside her husband Karl, they owned and operated Double K Nursery and floral shop in Lena. She was an active member of the Freeport First Free Methodist Church in Freeport where she regularly played piano for services. She was a member of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary. Karl and Glorya used to go dancing in their younger years and enjoyed traveling, especially to Arizona. She was an excellent cookie and pie baker and loved cooking for family gatherings like Christmas and Thanksgiving.

Glorya is survived by her husband of 61 years, Karl of Lena, her brother-in-law Wieland Kayser of Lena and



his family, and several nieces and nephews, especially Crystal Crist, Dave Robinson, and Lon Ortkinson of whom were like children to Karl and Glorya.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Howard and Roger McCoy and her sisters Irene McCoy, Vera Baker and Joy Robinson.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A committal service will be held at Lena Burial Park in Lena, IL, with Pastor Don Jamerson officiating at a later date.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.letonmfh.com.

LEGALS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE: April 24, 2020
PROJECT: Pavement Replacement Project at Pearl City School for Pearl City CUSD #200, Pearl City, Illinois
LOCATIONS: Pearl City School, 100 South Summit, Pearl City, Illinois, 61062
OWNER: Pearl City CUSD #200, 100 South Summit, Pearl City, Illinois 61062
ARCHITECT: Richard L. Johnson Associates, Inc., 4703 Charles Street, Rockford, Illinois 61108 Tel: 815/ 398-1231 Fax: 815/ 398-1280

SCOPE: Bids will be received for a single contract for all Pavement Replacement Work.

DATE DUE: Sealed bids will be received until 10:00am on Thursday, May 14, 2020, at the Pearl City CUSD #200 District Office, 100 South Summit, Pearl City, Illinois, and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

PRE-BID MEETING: All prospective contractors are urged to attend a pre-bid meeting at 11:00am on Friday, May 1, 2020, at the Pearl City CUSD #200 District Office, 100 South Summit, Pearl City, Illinois.

PRE-BID SITE VISIT: Contractors are required to survey the existing conditions prior to bidding.

ACCESS TO BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Bidding Documents are on file for reference at the following location:

Office of the Architect Rockford, Illinois, NIBCA (N. Ill. Bldg. Contractors Assn). Rockford, Illinois

Bidding Documents may be secured from the office of the Architect.

Plans and Specifications are available for download at www.rljarch.com under "Contractors".

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ders may secure up to two (2) sets of bidding documents by submitting a non-refundable check for \$50.00 per set, or \$60.00 per set if documents are to be mailed.

BID FORM: Bids shall be submitted in duplicate on forms issued by Architect.

PERFORMANCE BOND: A performance and payment bond for the full amount of the Contract will be required of the successful bidder. All costs associated with the bond shall be included in the bid amount.

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WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening of bids without written consent of the Owner.

By order of the Board of Education for Pearl City CUSD #200

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Notice of Public Meeting

On Wednesday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m., a meeting conducted by Stockton School District will take place virtually via zoom. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Stockton School District, you are urged to attend.

To join the meeting virtually through video conferencing please follow this link: <https://zoom.us/j/92355006226?pwd=eUtHcTU1a2RhcEV-BQURPcVk4R0twUT09>

To join via telephone audio please enter: 1-923-5500-6226 Password: 2UDZZh followed by the # sign

This information can also be found on the District website at www.stocktonschools.com.

If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Mrs. Casey Downey at 815-947-3391.

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SHIRLEY BOYER

Shirley Ann Boyer, 84, of Stockton, IL, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2020, at Presence St. Joseph Center in Freeport, IL. She was born June 27, 1935, in Lena, IL, to the late Donald and Mildred (Simmer) Borsdorf.

Shirley was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, where she was often found in the kitchen helping with luncheons. She was a 1953 graduate of Stockton High School.

Shirley had farmed most of her life before moving to town. She took pride in taking care of her yard, especially her flowers and keeping the bird feeders full. It was not uncommon to drive by and see her on a 6-foot ladder trimming her trees. Shirley enjoyed making pies, which she had won several ribbons for. She also enjoyed Saturday mornings at Stella's Café with her friend Punky, high school sports, especially basketball, and attending the NCAA Women's Final Four.

She also took pride in her Christmas light display inside and outside the house. She loved her two cats, Whitney and Kelly, and she enjoyed frequent visits from her grandkitty, Max, and visiting her grandkitty



Carmel Cat. Most importantly, she loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters,

Lorraine Boyer of River Forest, IL, and Crystal Boyer of Mount Carroll, IL; her sons, Dennis (Kris) Boyer of Stockton, IL, and Andrew (Mary) Boyer of Freeport, IL; her four grandchildren, Tracy, Steven, Jared (Kirsten) and Travis (Alison); her three great grandchildren, Sloane, Blakely and Drake; her sisters Kathleen (Gary) Magee of La Habra Heights, CA, and Rita Lynn Keller of The Colony, TX. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Ronald and Bobby.

Private family services will be held. A memorial Mass will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church at a later date. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at hermannfuneralhome.com.

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Lena Legion floor gets new look

Brothers Dennis and Todd Bussian and Todd's family recently honored their father, Bob, who was a longtime member and commander of the Lena American Legion Home Post 577. In memory of their father, they replaced the flooring, which was circa around 1950.

PEARL CITY HONOR ROLLS

Pearl City Junior and High Schools Third Quarter Highest Honor Roll

Seniors: Isabella Dickman, Braden Diddens, Isabella Kostallari, Alayna Palmer, Jenna Robinson

Juniors: Caitlin Niesman
Sophomores: Oliver Petta, Sidney Wright

Freshmen: Addison Bremmer, Blane Foulter, Brea Musser

8th grade: Lexton, Endress, Kyle Niehaus, Ethan Petta, Georgia Shallenberger

7th grade: Natalie Greene, Kendra Kuhlemeier, Taytum Mullen, Adeline Smith

High Honor Roll

Seniors: Nicole Adolph, Mitchell Brinkmeier, Abby Ditsworth, Zander Endress, Bryanna Euler, Sydney Foulker, Hailey Johnson, Travis Kaney, Sydney Monks, Sarah Pena, Kayla Runkle, Quinn Schneider

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•Funding

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Illinois, the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations and the office of Gov. JB Pritzker. UWRRV was one of 30 Illinois organizations to receive an allocation.

Grant applications were vetted and chosen by the 815 Community Response Team Grant Making Committee, which is made up of representatives from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, the Kjellstrom Foundation, the Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence and United Way of Rock River Valley.

Lena branch limiting hours of operation

The Monroe Clinic announced Monday that it has begun limiting days and hours of operation at its Lena location to conserve resources due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

The Lena clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, meaning the office is closed Tuesdays and Thursdays until further notice.

Staff will be contacting patients with upcoming appointments to reschedule.

Patients can continue to reach out at 815-369- with questions.

For continued Monroe Clinic updates, visit www.monroeclinic.org/coronavirus.

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Cash	\$150,713,509
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