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American Red Cross needs blood donors

Donation sites following safety guidelines

The American Red Cross needs people of all races and ethnicities to give blood to help ensure a diverse blood supply.

“While the vast majority of people have types A, B, O or AB blood, some blood types are unique to certain racial and ethnic groups, so a diverse blood supply is important to meeting the medical needs of a diverse patient population,” according to a Red Cross news release.

A blood drive is set for 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the American Legion Hall, 316 Main St. in Lena. To make an appointment to give blood, go online to redcross-blood.org, call 800-733-2767 or download the Red Cross blood donor app.

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor’s immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms.

The Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may qualify to be convalescent plasma donors.

“Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus,” the release said.

Donors can expect to receive the results of their antibody test within seven to 10 days through the blood donor app or the donor portal at redcrossblood.org.

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test.

To protect the health and safety of



AMERICAN RED CROSS *Shopper's Guide*

The American Red Cross is seeking blood donors of all blood types. Temperature checks, social distancing standards and face-mask requirements have been put in place at blood drive locations.

Red Cross staff and donors, people who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 should postpone donating blood.

“Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions — including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff — have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance,” the release said.

Donors are required to wear a face

covering or mask while at a blood drive location.

Blood drives also are essential to help ensure that blood is available for patients this winter. To learn more and sign up to host a blood drive this fall or winter, go online to redcross-blood.org/hostadrive.



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Construction continues on the new entrance at Lena Community District Library. The project should be finished this fall. Library officials recently announced a return to normal operating hours.

No appointment necessary: Lena library back to full hours

The Lena Community District Library has returned to regular hours with no appointment necessary.

Normal operating hours, which resumed Sept. 14, are: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Curbside pickups will continue to be offered every 15 minutes for those who choose not to come inside the library.

Masks are required in the library and there will be a limit on the number of people allowed in the building at one time. Computer use is limited

to 30-minute sessions for business, education and Census purposes.

“If you do need extra time to work, and there is no one waiting, please ask a librarian,” library Director Brittany Gaulrapp said in a news release. “Stop in, and see what we have been up to.”

Construction is continuing on the new library entrance, which should be completed this fall.

“There will be a parking lot at the entrance which will make parking and getting into the library much easier for some of our patrons who may have had trouble in the past with the longer walk to the front of our building,” Gaulrapp said.

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Slices of life

Don't let one Karen ruin the whole lot

(Dedicated to all the innocent Karens in the world)
None of us chooses our own name (at least not the original one.) Let that sit for a moment. You might be John or Steve or Julie or Lisa, but not by choice. Most likely your name came by the choice of your parents.



By **JILL PERTLER**
Contributor

Imagine that another Steve or Julie did something publicly embarrassing. What if John or Lisa acted in a manner that caused others to shake their heads in disbelief and mumble, "Man, what were they thinking?"

And then, ponder Karen. Poor, poor Karen. (Not the original manager-seeking one, but those who just happen to have that same name.)

I counted and I've known an estimated 12 Karens during my lifetime. An even dozen — by and large they were an agreeable lot. Not condescending. Not complainers. Not unkind. Not entitled. Not demanding. Not unreasonable. None of those things.

The Karens I know are teachers, nurses and social workers, to name a few. They are helpers. They give more than they receive.

And none of them, to my knowledge, has ever asked to speak to a manager.

But people are ruthless, especially when anonymous and online. That's why Karens are taking a beating — on every social media platform capable of posting a meme. Because memes speak the truth. We all know that. (Duh.)

How many jokes can be made about wanting to speak to a manager?

In the words of Buzz Lightyear, "To infinity and beyond." That is reality for all of our Karens (and each of us has a few, if we don't carry the name ourselves.)

Currently, that is their legacy. A legacy they didn't choose. A legacy, quite frankly, they don't deserve. At least not 99.95 percent of them.

The caring Karens I've known have been just that. How many other first names can you think of

that sound so close to caring or kindness? Karen fits that bill as do the bulk of Karens in my life.

Yet the name, for many, has been dragged through the mud — and poopy, self-righteous mud at that. It warrants its own Wikipedia page. It has become a caricature, created to make a point, but resulting in pulling some innocents along the route along the way.

Karen (and you know who you are) I apologize for the one Karen who wrecked it for you all. Life is unfair. And we all deal with unfairness, but no one wants their very name to be plowed through a cesspool of poopy mud.

Never mind the other Karen — the guilty one. There are thousands and thousands of you who are not doers of the transgression so described in countless memes and on Wikipedia.

Hold your head high. Speak your name proudly. Stereotypes are for the desperate. For the ignorant. For the belittlers. For all the things none of us aspire to be.

My name is Karen. I am Karen. It's Karen with a "K." That's you. And there are scores of us, not named Karen, who will stand beside you, proudly.

In the meantime, I'll do my best to not wreck it for the other Jills out there. We can all do our part.

During these tough times, who needs to add to anyone's load and burdens? Please let's be kind — to the Karens we love and everyone else, no matter their name. It's what each of us needs. Truly.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

Governor's political games put Illinoisans at disadvantage for unemployment benefits

Unemployed Illinoisans are at a disadvantage when it comes to federal unemployment dollars, and they have Gov. JB Pritzker to blame for it simply because he decided to play politics with the federal government rather than secure funds through the Lost Wages Act. This new federal program provides an additional \$300 a week to those who have experienced a COVID-19 related job loss.

There is a total of up to \$44 billion available in the program, which is up for grabs by the states on a first-come-first-served basis.

However, amid the bickering, the governor's administration failed to promptly apply to the program and as a result, Illinois was only approved recently. Not only did the governor's procrastination put Illinoisans behind those in other states who are receiving payments, but they are now left to also wait for an



State Sen. **Brian Stewart**

undetermined amount of time on the troubled Illinois Department of Employment Security to issue these payments. Even then, it is unknown how long these payments will last.

For someone who often says he is looking out for our most vulnerable, this is quite the contradiction.

While in the midst of the governor's feud with the federal government over this program, here in Illinois we continue to see our own unemployment system in shambles and unable to meet our constituents' needs.

We are six months into the pandemic and "call backs" at the Illinois Department of Employment Security either aren't happening or take several weeks, staff isn't properly trained to

Still making waves at 99

Have a warm and fuzzy 99th birthday!!!

We love and miss you, Jill, Greg and family

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Anniversaries



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Kerrs mark 50 years

Rich and Shirley Kerr will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Sept. 19, 1970, at the First Lutheran Church in Freeport, Illinois. Rich worked for 37 years, most of them as the pressroom foreman for the Freeport Journal Standard and also farmed 38 acres on the side. Shirley worked for the Lena Nursing Home as a certified nursing assistant for 29 years, where she currently fills in from time to time in the activities department and taking residents to doctor's appointments. They have four children, Tony (Cathi) of Cottage Grove, Minnesota; Christopher (Debbie) of Lena; Tamara (Ben) Duncan of McConnell; and Tina (Austin) Cheeny of Cedarville. They also raised three nieces, Tanya (Steve) Harwick of Freeport, Roberta (Dave) Monigold of Rockford and Stacey Burrow of Janesville, Wisconsin. They have 18 grandchildren. The family plans to have a celebration in the spring of 2021.



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Edens mark 60 years together

Clyde and LaVonne (Wurster) Eden of Stockton are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married Sept. 16, 1960, by the Rev. Lee Luebke at St. John's Lutheran Church in Massbach. They have three children, Kevin Eden, Connie (Jody) Carroll and Diane (Dean) Eden-Zink. They have five grandchildren, Michael Carroll, Matthew (Krista) Carroll, Ashley Carroll, Cecelia Zink and Blake Zink. The Edens are celebrating with a card shower. Share your memories and send your greetings to: 5976 E. Rush Creek Road, Stockton, IL 61085.



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FROM THE KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

My grandmother used to say that you should be careful what you wish for. We were asking for rain, and boy did we get it. It was a little late for the crops, but none of us had to water flowers for days. It also brought us some cooler weather; however, it is going to be warmer this week. The recipes this week feature some of the end of the garden vegetables, a little southwestern, a little Italian, and a little apple.

Party Queso Dip

This appetizer is a cheesy one with a little kick. You can use spicy sausage to give it a little more kick. You can serve it out of a cast iron fry pan; however, I like to put it in the crock-pot to keep it warm for a party.

3 links of pork sausage, casings removed
1 lb. Velveeta cubed

1 C. shredded Monterey Jack cheese
½ C. whole milk, divided
1 can (10 oz.) tomatoes with green chilies
¼ t. garlic powder
¼ t. salt
Tortilla chips
Chopped fresh cilantro, minced bell pepper

In a 10-inch skillet, cook sausage over medium heat until browned and crumbly, eight to 19 minutes. Drain well and wipe the skillet clean. Add Velveeta, Monterey Jack, and ¼ C. milk to skillet; cook over medium-low heat, stirring frequently, until melted, about seven minutes. Stir in sausage, tomatoes, garlic powder and salt; cook, stirring frequently until smooth, about six minutes. Stir in remaining ¼ C. milk to thin, if necessary. Add to crock pot and heat on low. Garnish with cilantro. Serve with tortilla chips or red, yellow or orange bell peppers cut into strips.

End of Garden Relish

This relish can be used as a side with meat, on top of vegetables, and as a dressing for a salad. It uses a lot of vegetables that are coming to the end of their life. The vegetables don't have to look good, because you are finely chopping and shredding. They are canned so they can last all winter.

7 large cucumbers, shredded

3 large onions, finely chopped
3 C. shredded carrots
2 medium sweet red peppers, finely chopped
5 T. salt
5 C. sugar
3 C. white vinegar
1 T. celery seed
1 T. mustard seed

Toss first five ingredients; let stand for three hours. Drain; squeeze and blot dry with paper towels. In a Dutch oven, mix sugar, vinegar, celery seed and mustard seed; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered for five minutes. Add vegetables and bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered for 20 minutes.

Ladle hot mixture into hot 1-pint jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace if necessary by adding hot mixture. Wipe rims. Center lids on jars; screw on bands until fingertip tight. Place jars into canner with simmering water, ensuring that they are completely covered with water. Bring to a boil; process for 20 minutes. Remove jars and cool.

Nacho Pie

Sometimes southwestern recipes are complicated and take a long time to make. This easy pie is a quick way to get supper on the table fast.

4 C. nacho flavored tortilla chips
1 lb. ground beef, cooked and drained
½ C. chopped onion, cooked
16 oz. chili beans
8 oz. can tomato sauce
1 C. mozzarella cheese, shredded
Crush nacho chips; place in a greased 9-inch pie plate. Mix onion and ground beef together and spoon over chips. Top with chili beans and tomato sauce. Sprinkle with mozzarella. Bake at 375 for seven to eight minutes.

Creamy Ravioli with Bacon and Peas

This recipe is also a quick one because you use the refrigerated ravioli. It is a great one to make when you are in a hurry. I cook my bacon in the oven and then freeze the pieces, so all you have to do is take them out to use in soups and casseroles. Usually if I am going to make slices to eat in a BLT or with eggs for breakfast that is when I bake the bacon to use later.

5 slices bacon, cut into ½ inch slices
2 C. chicken broth
1 pkg. refrigerated cheese ravioli, uncooked
1 C. garlic and herb cream cheese (recipe below)
1 C. shredded Italian Five Cheese blend
¼ C. frozen peas, thawed
1 T. chopped chives

Cook and stir bacon in a large skillet until crisp. Remove bacon from skillet with slotted spoon, drain on paper towels. Reserve for later use. Discard drippings. Wipe skillet clean. Add chicken broth and ravioli and stir. Bring to boil and cover. Simmer on medium-low heat four minutes or until ravioli are tender. Add cream cheese spread, shredded cheese and peas; cook three to four minutes or until cream cheese is completely melted and mixture is heated through, stirring frequently. Remove from heat. Top with chives and reserved bacon.

Garlic and Herb Cream Cheese

8 oz. cream cheese softened
2 T. finely grated Parmesan cheese
2 garlic cloves, smashed
1½ t. dried oregano
1 t. dried parsley
¼ t. dried dill
¼ t. dried basil

Mix all the ingredients with a mixer. Place on plastic wrap and wrap up for the refrigerator. You can place it in a dish and sprinkle fresh chives on it to use as a spread for vegetables and crackers.

Double-Pecan Caramel Brownies

If you are looking for a wonderfully rich dessert, this brownie recipe is really a death-by-chocolate eating experience. On one of my cooking shows, the cook always uses coffee granules in anything chocolate she makes. She thinks the coffee granules enhance the flavor of chocolate.

2 pkg. (12 oz. each) semisweet chocolate chips, divided
1 C. unsalted butter
¾ C. sugar
½ C. firmly packed brown sugar
4 eggs
2 T. instant coffee granules
1 T. vanilla

¾ C. flour
¾ C. finely ground pecans
½ t. salt
2½ C. pecan halves, divided

Caramel Sauce

1½ C. sugar
½ C. water
½ C. heavy whipping cream
2 T. unsalted butter, softened
¼ t. salt

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray 9-by-13 pan with baking spray with flour. In a large microwave-safe bowl, heat one package chocolate chips and butter on high in 30-second intervals, stirring between each, until melted and smooth (about two minutes). Let cool for 10 minutes.

Whisk sugars, eggs, coffee and vanilla into chocolate mixture. Stir in flour and ground pecans and salt until combined. Spread half of batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle with ¼ C. pecans and half of remaining chocolate chips. Spoon remaining batter onto chocolate chips. Top with remaining ¼ C. pecans and remaining chocolate chips. Bake until set, 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Cut into bars; serve with caramel sauce.

Sauce: In a medium saucepan, stir together sugar and ½ C. water just until moistened; bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook, without stirring, until mixture turns amber in color, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in cream, butter and salt until smooth. Let cool until slightly thickened, about 10 minutes. Serve with bars. Refrigerate bars up to three days and sauce up to two weeks.

Rustic Caramel Apple Tart

One of my friends loves to make fruit tarts. She thinks it is way easier than making a pie. These generally are really rough looking but taste just wonderful. If you are wondering what kind of apples are great for baking, use Cortland (I love these apples, but they are hard to find around here), Granny Smith, and Jonathan. I love the Mrs. Richardson's Caramel Ice Cream topping.

2/3 C. flour
1 T. sugar
1/8 t. salt
¼ C. cold butter, cubed
6½ t. cold water
1/8 t. vanilla
Filling
1½ C. chopped peeled tart apples

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Obituaries

SHARON LEA (SMALL) MITCHELL

Sharon Lea (Small) Mitchell, age 70, of McConnell, Stephenson County, Illinois, passed away Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020, at her home and surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on March 17, 1950, in Libertyville, Lake County, Illinois, the daughter of Earl Berton and Vera Letitia (Elliott) Small. She graduated from Libertyville High School in 1968 and received her bachelor's degree in business from Columbia College. Sharon married Gilbert Ernest Mitchell on Feb. 28, 1970, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libertyville, Illinois. She moved from Lake County, Illinois, to Stephenson County, Illinois, in September 1979. While she was staying home to raise her children, she was involved in PTO, 4-H, Home Extension, church women's groups and Girl Scouts, and taught catechism at St. Joseph's Church in Lena, Illinois. She retired from the human resources depart-



ment of Monroe Clinic and Hospital in 2006 after 14 years of employment. Sharon was always willing to help local charities or anyone else needing assistance.

Her memberships included St. Vincent de Paul Society, Audubon societies, the Mock Orange Home Extension Group, genealogical societies and tree farm associations. She was program coordinator for the Green County Genealogical Society and has been an active member of St. Victor's Church (St. Clare of Assisi Parish) in Monroe, Wisconsin.

Her hobbies included genealogy, photography, scrapbooking, gardening, wildlife and traveling with her husband and granddaughter.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Gilbert, of McConnell, Illinois;

daughter, Julie (David) Prindle of Orangeville; granddaughter, Megan Davis of Orangeville; sister, Susan (John) McCormick of Grayslake, Illinois; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her father in 1996, her mother in 2004, son, Michael John, in 1971, and daughter, Pamela Ann in 2004.

Due to the pandemic, an immediate, family-only memorial service will be held at St. Victor's Catholic Church in Monroe with Monsignor Larry Bakke presiding. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, also in Monroe, Wisconsin. Shriners Hager Gohlke Funeral Home is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be donated in Sharon's name to St. Clare of Assisi Parish, Green County Genealogical Society or a charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank St. Clare of Assisi Parish, the Monroe Clinic Hospice and all other friends and family members for your loving support.

LORRAINE M. BONEBRIGHT

Lorraine M. Bonebright, 98, of Lena, Illinois, passed away on Sunday Sept. 6, 2020, at Pearl Pavilion in Freeport, Illinois. She was born on May 12, 1922, in Hot Springs Arkansas, to Raymon and Lenore (Howe) Harrell. Lorraine spent her childhood in Arkansas, Tampa, Florida, and Chicago before moving to Lena, where she graduated high school in 1940. Lorraine married Allen Bonebright on May 30, 1941, in Lena, Illinois, and together they had four children.

She and Allen were prominent dairy farmers in the Freeport area until retiring to Lena. She was an excellent seamstress, knitter and crafter. She loved crocheting coverlets for her grandchildren. She also made beautiful cards to send to friends and relatives.

She was a longtime member of Lena United Methodist Church, where she served on numerous com-

mittees, including district secretary. She was a member of Lena United Methodist Women, Lena Legion Auxiliary, Home Extension and Beta Sigma Phi. Lorraine was a Gold Star Mother.

Lorraine is survived by her children, Nancy (David) Etnyre of Blue Ridge, Georgia; Janet (Cal) Cummins of Lynn Haven, Florida; and Betty (Mark) Krueger of Eagan Minnesota; grandchildren, Jeff (Michelle) Etnyre, Michelle (Scott) Mueller, Nathan (Kim) Cummins, Major Bradon (Kenna) Cummins, Whitney (Kyle) Eberle, Dr. Evan (Kala) Krueger and Britta (Kirby) Murra; 14 great-grandchildren, and a special nephew, Richard (Eleanor)

Holmes.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Allen; son, Robert; grandson, Jon Etnyre; brother, Dr. Richard Rogers; and sisters, Jean Williams and Alice Holmes.

Lorraine was loved by all, and will be deeply missed.

Memorial services will be scheduled for the spring of 2021 at the Lena United Methodist Church.

Burial will take place at Lena Burial Park in Lena.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

GLENN L. LYONS

Glenn L. Lyons, age 95, of Stockton, Illinois, passed away Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020, at Waverly Place of Stockton. He was born on June 25, 1925, in Stockton to the late George and Irene (Kleckner) Lyons.

Glenn married Isabelle Munz in 1946 and together they had two sons, Larry and Todd. Glenn later married Ora Shaw in 1971; she passed away in 1993. He then married Jeanette Knauer; she passed away in 2011.

Glenn was a 1943 graduate of Stockton High School. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a bomber pilot and participated in the Manhattan Project. He was a member of Plum River Masonic Lodge. Glenn was a third-generation owner of Lyons Well Drilling. He was a founding member of the National Ground Water Association in 1947 and later

became president of that association in 1995. Glenn was also involved in getting the well drilling law passed in Illinois. He built his first houseboat and loved boating, traveling the Mississippi River from the mouth to as far south as Hannibal, Missouri.

Glenn is survived by his first wife, Isabelle Hudson; his two sons, Larry (Jennie) Lyons and Todd (Debbie) Lyons; his two stepdaughters, Diana (Ron) Quandt and Debbie (Ed) Deener; his grandchildren, Lyndsi (Jeff) Heitkamp, Cory (Missy) Lyons and Shawn (Debbie Mae) Lyons; and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two wives; and sister, Thelma Finkenbinder.

A memorial service was held on Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established.

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handle the issues or the calls that do get answered are unproductive and solve little to nothing, leaving families wondering how to pay the bills and put food on the table.

Despite months of pleas from legislators all around the state, things have yet to improve and our constituents are fed up. The lack of response by the administration is unacceptable.

While all these issues within the Illinois Department of Employment Security remain here in Illinois, it seems quite hypocritical for the governor to poke holes and critique the federal government when his own department continues to operate in a state of dysfunction. Illinois hasn't even been able to properly handle getting the first

round of federal benefits out of the door, yet the governor has the audacity to complain about the way the federal government is providing the second round of benefits.

The irony of it all may seem comical, but we can assure you it isn't for the thousands of Illinoisans who are relying on these benefits to make it from day to day.

Enough of the political games, governor. Real lives are being impacted.

(Submitted by state Sens. Don DeWitte, Jil Tracy, Brian Stewart and Chuck Weaver. Stewart represents the 45th District, which includes Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties.)

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All meals will be offered by curbside pickup and should be ordered by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, by calling 815-443-2215 or sending an email to prshadmin@gmail.com.

The menu will feature barbecue sandwiches, chips, carrot and celery

sticks, apple slices and cherry dump cake.

Good Shepherd hosts Quilt Sunday

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena will host its Quilt Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 20.

The sanctuary will be decorated with quilts made by Piece Corps Quilters. Quilts will be blessed and Rene Johnson will share the message, which also will be posted on the church web-

site at goodshepherdlena.org.

Attendees may worship in the sanctuary, in the fellowship hall or by parking near the church and tuning in to 90.5 FM on a car radio. Masks should be worn and social distancing will be practiced for the in-person gatherings.

A weekly devotion, Sunday reading and more are available on the church's Facebook page at facebook.com/GSL-CLenaLL.

The church is located at 118 E. Mason St. For more information, call the church office at 815-369-5552.

•Kitchen

(Continued from page 4)

3 T. sugar
1 T. flour

Topping

1 t. sugar
¼ t. cinnamon
1 egg
1 T. water
2 T. caramel cream topping, warmed

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, and salt; cut in the butter until crumbly. Gradually add water and vanilla, tossing with a fork until dough forms a ball. Cover and refrigerate until easy to handle, about 20 minutes.

floured surface, roll the dough into a 10-inch circle. Transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet. Combine the filling ingredients, spoon over the crust to within 2 inches of edges. Fold up edges of crust over filling, leaving the center uncovered. Combine the sugar and cinnamon, sprinkle over filling. Whisk egg and water; brush over crust. Bake until crust is golden and the filling is bubbly, 25 to 30 minutes. Using parchment, slide tart onto a wire rack. Drizzle tart with the caramel topping. Serve warm.

Final thoughts

As I write this column, it is dark

and dreary outside. It has been like this for a lot of days. I am dreading going out because I will probably get wet. I guess I shouldn't really complain because for the most part we have had a lot of sunny days. This past week has been typical fall weather, and that is what we are in.

I am grateful we haven't had storms or fires; northwest Illinois isn't too bad a place to live right now. This next week we are to be getting some warmer weather. I am sure those kids in school are grateful for the cooler weather. I remember what it was like to have beastly hot days.

I made some creamy chicken wild rice soup yesterday, and it was a great meal during this cold and rainy weather. It makes a ton, so I plan on sharing. The cooler weather does seem to make you want to do some things. I hope you have a great week. Stay healthy and safe.

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



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Keeping it green

Members of the Lena Beautification Committee have been busy

this summer maintaining the planters in the downtown area. Jim and Lee Cox, Cheryl and Dave King, Ann Gaffey, Kathy Heinkel, Gary Meyers, Ryan and Holly Buss, Charmaine Magee and Richard and Eleanor Holmes have helped with watering.



Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency announces the PY21 LIHEAP, PIPP, and Weatherization Assistance Programs

Assistance available for gas, propane, and electric bills

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 (gas, propane, electric) through the Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) and Weatherization Programs.

The LIHEAP and PIPP programs for Program year 2021 began on July 27, 2020 and will end on June 30, 2021. All income eligible households are eligible to apply beginning July 27, 2020. Households affected by loss of income due to COVID-19 are encouraged to apply. **Income customers are strongly encouraged to apply early when prices may be lower.**

Applicants may apply for a DVP payment or the PIPP program. The Direct Vendor Payment (DVP) is a one time payment to gas or propane and electric utilities. Applicants with ComEd and/or Nicor Gaz as utility providers may have the option of choosing the Percentage of Income Payment (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 percentage of their household income. PIPP applications will be taken on a first-come first served basis until March 31, 2021 or until funding is exhausted.

Please call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to receive an application packet. All applications will be taken by mail, email, phone or fax in response to COVID-19.

Income Guidelines:

Family Size	DVP 30 Day Income	PIPP 30 Day Income
1	\$2,127	\$1,595
2	\$2,873	\$2,155
3	\$3,620	\$2,715
4	\$4,367	\$3,275
5	\$5,113	\$3,835

For each additional person add \$747 For each additional person add \$560

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

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household. No other document is accepted as proof of social security number.
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days which includes the application date such as 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 disconnect notices you may have 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.

The office is closed to the public and outreach appointments are suspended until further notice.

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Smart move: Trailer doubles as classroom

The Pearl City Lions bingo trailer is being used as a classroom for Pearl City Community School District #200 during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Right) Members of Allison Brouhard's class take a break from wearing their masks by taking their books out to the Pearl City Lions' bingo trailer on a recent school day.



Community calendar

Do you have a community event to share? Please email information to scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com at least two weeks before an event.

Sunday, Sept. 20

Northern Illinois Veterans Association memorial service, Sept. 20, 2 p.m., All Veterans Memorial Park, 2850 S. Walnut Road, Freeport. Ceremony for veterans, police, fire and emergency medical service workers. Community Grace Meal, Sept. 20, 11:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 229 S. First St., Pearl City. Curbside pickup only; order meals by Sept. 18 by calling 815-443-2215 or emailing prshadmin@gmail.com.

Monday, Sept. 21

River Ridge Community Unit School District #210 school board meeting, Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m., 4141 Illinois Route 84 South, Hanover. Stockton Community Unit School District #206 school board meeting, Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m., conference room, Stockton Middle School, 500

N. Rush St., Stockton

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Lena Winslow Community Unit School District #202 budget hearing, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., library, Lena-Winslow Junior High School, 517 Fremont St., Lena

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Drive-thru flu shot clinic, Sept. 23, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., FHN Family Healthcare Center-Burchard Hills, 1010 W. Fairway Drive, Freeport. Go online to fhn.org/flu2020.asp for more information.

Financial Aid Night, Sept. 23, 6 p.m., River Ridge High School, 4141 Illinois Route 84 South, Hanover. For juniors and seniors.

School picture day, Sept. 23, Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211, 210 Main St., Scales Mound

MeatUp on Main Street, Sept. 23, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Stateline Solar, 310 W. Main St., Lena. Food truck, outdoor seating.

Pearl City Community Unit School District #200 budget hearing, Sept. 23, 6:20 p.m., cafeteria, Pearl City Junior/Senior High School, 100 S. Summit St., Pearl City

Stockton FFA Alumni Drive-thru Pork Chop Dinner, Sept. 23, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., parking lot, Stockton High School, 540 N. Rush St., Stockton. Advance tickets recommended by contacting Hannah Brudi at hannah.brudi@stocktonschools.com or a Stockton FFA Alumni member.

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30 counties at warning level; state COVID-19 positivity rate at 3.9 percent

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The state reported another 2,145 cases of COVID-19 on Friday, Sept. 11, as 56,661 tests were completed over the previous 24 hours, increasing the seven-day average positivity rate to 3.9 percent.

The Illinois Department of Public Health also announced another 32 virus-related deaths in people in their 50s through 90s. That brought the total number of deaths to 8,273 since the pandemic first reached Illinois, while there have been 257,788 confirmed cases among more than 4.6 million tests completed. The recovery rate is 96 percent for those 42 days removed

from a positive diagnosis, according to IDPH.

There were 30 counties at a warning level for COVID-19 spread as of Sept. 11, according to IDPH, and two areas that have seen increased restrictions due to COVID-19 saw their positivity rate remain roughly flat.

Region 7, including Will and Kankakee counties, has a 7.5 percent positivity rate as of Sept. 8, which was level from the day prior. In Region 4, including the Metro East area on the Missouri border, the positivity rate was 10 percent.

The regions' positivity rates must decrease to 6.5 percent before added mitigations — which include

closing of bars and restaurants to indoor eating and drinking — can be rolled back.

Gov. JB Pritzker, at an unrelated news conference Sept. 11, took questions on mitigation efforts and their potential impact on mental health, drug overdoses and suicide.

"There's a mental health component to that as well. Not to mention that we've also stepped up our efforts in providing social services, human services to people," Pritzker said of the state's mitigation efforts at the Chicago news conference.

On Sept. 10, IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said in a news conference there was "no conclusive data" that suicide rates have increased due to COVID-19, but she noted, "issues such as job loss, financial strain and social isolation are all risk factors for suicide."

She urged anyone in an emergency situation regarding suicide to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

"We're looking at every aspect of how this is affecting our families and trying to deal with those," Pritzker said Friday. "There are people who might say, 'Well why don't you just lift the mitigations because that will lift some mental

health challenges that people are having' — again, you're trying to balance here the health care that has been so damaged by this pandemic, and clearly the consequences from people not being able to do what they normally do in their lives."

The governor once again blamed a lack of a national strategy for making it difficult for states to mitigate spread.

He said Iowa, which had a positivity rate near 14 percent, and Missouri, with a rate near 12 percent, are among neighboring states with much higher positivity rates.

"They're on our border and people are crossing that border all the time, both ways, and I'm not telling people that they shouldn't do that, I'm just saying that has an impact on what we do as a state. But if you had a federal focus on a strategy for all of the states, you wouldn't have this problem of relatively lower positivity rate in the state of Illinois and then having to deal with all the much higher positivity rates in all the surrounding states."

While a vaccine could "change the trajectory," according to the governor, he said the economy will be unable to recover without a national strategy.

Hospitalizations for the virus in Illinois remain slightly above their pandemic lows. At the end of Thursday, there were 1,619 persons reported hospitalized with COVID-19, leaving about 37 percent of beds available statewide.

There were 359 intensive care unit beds in use by COVID-19 patients while roughly 42 percent were available. COVID-19 patients were using 155 ventilators, with roughly 78 percent available.

The counties at a warning level include Bond, Bureau, Cass, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, DeKalb, DuPage, Effingham, Greene, Grundy, Hancock, Henderson, Jackson, Jasper, Jersey, Lawrence, Madison, McLean, Monroe, Morgan, Pulaski, Schuyler, Shelby, Stark, St. Clair, Tazewell, Vermilion, Washington and Williamson.

A county enters a warning level when two or more risk indicators measuring the amount of COVID-19 increase, including cases per 100,000 residents, hospital bed usage, test positivity rate and number of deaths among others.

Common causes for an increase

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Adults under 65 will receive a \$30 quadrivalent vaccine and those 65 and over can get a \$65 high-dose vaccine. Pay by cash, check, or credit card and you can use your receipt for reimbursement from your insurance carrier. If you are covered by Medicare Part B or a Medicare HMO accepted by FHN, there will be no out-of-pocket charge (please present Medicare card*). Of course, you can still get a flu shot from your provider (cost may vary from drive-thru prices).

- If your last flu shot was **before June 1 2020**, you need a new one for the coming flu season.
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FHN will not hold walk-in flu shot clinics this year due to precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Briefs

Church bazaar moves to park

Calvary United Methodist Church is hosting its annual bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Stockton Memorial Township Park.

The event will feature a variety of crafts, including Christmas tree decorations, seasonal wall hangings and quilted items, knit and crochet items and wood-crafted items. No food items will be sold in light of COVID-19 precautions.

Bazaar attendees are asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Development group invites new business pitches

Entrepreneurs with a new product or service are invited to make a presentation at NW Illinois Economic Development's fourth annual Seed Money Competition.

Businesses in Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties will have five minutes to present their new business or service concept and execution plan to a judging panel of NWILED

board members and investors. The winner of the competition will receive \$1,000 in seed money from NWILED. All businesses competing will be recorded and receive a video to review their presentation.

The competition is set for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, and will take place via Zoom. Free pitch consultations are available.

For full contest information or to enter the competition, send an email to info@nwiled.org by Thursday, Sept. 24.



• COVID-19 (Continued from page 8)

in cases in those counties are college parties, weddings, large gatherings, bars and clubs, long-term care facilities and other congregate settings, travel to neighboring states, and spread among members of the same

household who are not isolating at home, according to IDPH.

"In some counties, local law enforcement and states' attorneys are not enforcing important mitigation measures like social distancing and

the wearing of face coverings," IDPH said in a news release. "Additionally, some people refuse to participate in contact tracing and are not providing information on close contacts or answering the phone."



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FIND BARGAINS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

Disaster prep is key for families affected by Alzheimer's

September is National Preparedness Month and officials at the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter are offering suggestions for preparing and dealing with emergencies such as natural disasters.

"Emergency situations, such as tornadoes, hurricanes, heat waves and blizzards, can significantly impact everyone's safety, but they can be especially upsetting and confusing for individuals living with Alzheimer's and other dementias," according to a news release from the association.

Plan ahead

- Find out residential facility disaster plans. If the individual lives in a residential facility, learn about its disaster/evacuation plans. Find out who is responsible for evacuating the person in the event of an emergency.

Take specific needs into account. For example, if the person with Alzheimer's or other dementia uses a walker or portable oxygen, be sure your emergency evacuation plans accommodate these needs.

- Identify those who will help you. Are there friends or relatives you can stay with if you have to evacuate? If the person receives routine health procedures at a clinic or with home health, who are the backup service providers? Have contact information easily accessible.

- Learn how to get prescriptions and care. Purchase extra medication to have a supply on hand. Download Medicare's Getting Care and Drugs in a Disaster Area. It explains how Medicare beneficiaries have special rights to get out-of-network care if they live in an area where the president has declared a disaster.

- Make sure medical records are accessible. It's important to have access to health records, especially in the case of an emergency. There are now many options for storing personal health records, including online services that make it possible to access records from anywhere in the world. Regardless of how you choose to store personal health information, make sure there are people other than the primary caregiver who have access to or copies of the patient's medical history, medications, physician information and family contacts.

Prepare an emergency kit

Consider preparing an emergency kit in a watertight container and store it in an easily accessible location. Use waterproof bags to protect medications and paperwork and, if possible, store a backup of important documents in a secure electronic file. Items you may wish to include are:

- Copies of important documents, such as legal papers, a list of medications and dosages, insurance information and Social Security cards
- Supplies of medication (or, at least, a list of medications and dosages)
- Several sets of extra clothing
- Incontinence products
- A spare pair of eyeglasses, if needed
- A recent picture of the patient

- Physician's name, address and phone numbers, including cell phone

- Bottled water
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Favorite items or foods
- The phone number for the Alzheimer's association 24/7 Helpline: 800-272-3900

During an evacuation

Even in the early stage of Alzheimer's, changes in routine, traveling and new environments may increase

the risk for wandering and agitation. Stay alert for unexpected reactions that may result from these changes.

When appropriate, share the diagnosis with others, such as hotel or shelter staff, family members and airline attendants, so they can better assist.

Try to stay together or with a group; it only takes a moment to get lost. Do not leave the person with dementia alone.

Do your best to remain calm, as this may help establish a positive

tone.

Help is available

The American Red Cross website offers information about preparing for an emergency and where to find shelter and supplies in a disaster.

Ready.gov has information about what to do before, during and after

a disaster.

The Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline is available around the clock, 365 days a year at 800-272-3900.

For more information on preparing for emergencies, go online to alz.org/help-support/caregiving/safety/in-a-disaster.

LEGALS

Invitation to Bid

The Village of Stockton is seeking bids for Snow Removal for the downtown area for the next two winters (2020/21 & 2021/22). Specifications may be obtained by calling the Village Clerk at 947-2515.

Bids are to be submitted to the Clerk and must include a current certificate of insurance and be sealed and labeled "**SNOW REMOVAL**".

Bids are due on Friday, September 21, 2020.

The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Village of Stockton
Street Committee
(Published in The Scoop Today
Sept. 9 & 16, 2020)

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Public Notice

Zoning Board of Appeals
Village of Stockton

Notice is hereby given pursuant to an Application on file that a public hearing before the Village of Stockton Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 5:30 PM at the Village Hall, 155 W. Front Ave., Stockton, IL, to hear the Variance Application of Kathryn Schwitz, Trustee, (Owner), regarding the real estate described as

The West 1/2 of Lot Number Five (5) in Morrisee Addition to the Village of Stockton, as the same is shown on the Plat of said Subdivision recorded in the Recorder's Office of Jo Daviess County, IL

PIN: 17-002-015-09 (0.29± ac.)

commonly known as 217 W. North Ave., Stockton, IL 61085

The Owner is requesting a variance from the existing fence regulations in 11-14-2A and 11-14-3A of the Municipal Code to allow for a non-decorative, residential fence that has previously been installed in the front yard (within the front setback area) of the subject property.

The Application and details

are available for examination at the Village Hall during normal business hours.

All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

STEVEN RICE

Zoning Administrator
Village of Stockton
(Published in The Scoop Today
Sept. 16, 2020)

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Public Notice

Zoning Board of Appeals
Village of Stockton

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Petition on file that a public hearing before the Village of Stockton Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 5:30 PM at the Village Hall, 155 W. Front Ave., Stockton, IL, to hear the Petition of Joshua D. Weltzin and Karli M. Weltzin, (Owners), regarding the real estate described as follows:

Lot 2 in Hill 2nd Subdivision in the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, IL

PIN: 17-002-157-22
commonly known as 429 N. Simmons St., Stockton, IL 61085

The Owners are requesting a variance from the existing setback regulations in 11-4-4A of the Municipal Code to allow for construction of a shed in the northeast corner of their backyard within the side yard setback on the North side of the property

The Petition, plan and description are available for examination at the Village Hall during normal business hours.

All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Steven Rice
Zoning Administrator
Village of Stockton
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Christina Hollis and Michael (Wulf) Clifton Estate Sale #2 Online Auction-Shipping Association Inc. Auction House, Scales Mound, IL

Antiques, Collectibles, Military and over 50 author signed books. Register to bid and view catalog at Proxibid/Shippingassociation or www.proxibid.com

Bidding starts Thursday, Sept. 17th, ends Sunday, Sept. 27th.

Preview items at 230 South Avenue, Scales Mound, IL from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19th.

Check our website as this is the 2nd of 3 auctions to be held for this estate.

Christina and Wulf were longtime area residents of the Scales Mound/Elizabeth area. They established the auction house/event center in Scales Mound "Dr. Woodchucks" and hosted auctions there for many years. They were also avid collectors and frequented other Midwest auctions and flea markets. Wulf was an expert on collectibles and Christina loved the unusual! These auctions will certainly reflect their expertise! If you participate in any estate sales this year, this one is a "Don't Miss" this sale!

Successful bidders may pick up products on September 28th or by appointment. Shipping available. Refer to Terms & Conditions on the Proxibid sale site.



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Information on scalesmound.auction and Shipping Association Facebook. Licensed-Edward Homb IL.441.002336 Sherry at 815-541-3408. Email maggie_homb@live.com or moundevents@gmail.com

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Keep your dentist in the know about all medications, supplements

In addition to the hygienists, dental assistants and office staff, your dentist requires one more team member in order to assure quality, safe dental care. That person is you.

Your dentist will take a complete dental and medical history as part of your patient record. This should be updated at each appointment. You need to be an active partner in your health care by keeping him or her informed about any changes in your

health status, medications, supplements or allergies that have developed since your last visit.

Do not decide on your own that any medical information does not relate to your dental health care. The fact is everything that you put in your body, from vitamins to herbal medications to prescription drugs, causes a specific reaction. The problem is this desired reaction can interfere with medications your dentist may administer or prescribe and cause an undesirable reaction. If your dentist does not know what medications or supplements you are taking, he or she will not know how to protect you from these interactions. These reactions can be serious, even life threatening. They are also avoidable.

For example, you may not be aware that popular supplements like ginkgo biloba and vitamin E can affect blood clotting. If you were to take these along with aspirin or ibuprofen, which acts as a blood thinner, the effect is compounded, and your blood may not clot readily. Some an-

ti-anxiety supplements, such as St. John's Wort or Kava Kava, may seem innocuous, but they can enhance, or cause a stronger effect, of the anesthesia that you might receive during a dental procedure. Some herbal supplements and diet pills have a diuretic effect. Without adequate saliva to neutralize plaque acids, tooth decay can increase dramatically. If taken in conjunction with prescription diuretics, the combined effect can escalate from dehydration and loss of potassium in the body to an altered heart rhythm. In this state dental anesthesia could be deadly.

It is also imperative that you are forthright with your dentist about whether you are taking birth control pills or Viagra. One of the most common side effects of oral contraceptives is gingivitis and some medications may interfere with the birth control efficacy, so alternative methods of birth control may be temporarily required. There are sev-

eral concerns with Viagra. Should a medical emergency involving chest pain occur, the treatment changes dramatically if the patient is taking Viagra. When chest pain is thought to be from a heart attack, emergency personnel will generally treat it with nitrates, such as nitroglycerin. Patients who are taking Viagra must not be given nitrates. Viagra has vasodilating effects and if these properties are compounded by the vasodilating effects of the nitrates, the result could be a severe drop in blood pressure, which could cause a heart attack or cardiac arrest. If your dentist prescribes antibiotics, he will need to work closely with your physician to prescribe a safe antibiotic that will not alter your Viagra blood levels.


Some medical conditions or medications require that your dentist avoid certain anesthetics.

It is imperative that you give a complete medical history. This information must legally be kept confidential and withholding information could lead to serious complications.

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Salvation Army seeks volunteers

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- Making sack lunches, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday
- Passing out lunches, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday
- Working in the food pantry, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
- Helping for special holiday efforts, including Thanksgiving and Christmas lunches, the Christmas toy shop and Christmas baskets

The local Salvation Army serves four area counties, including Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties.


To volunteer or get more information, call Christy at 815-235-7639.

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

Birth

Jason Timothy Black

Jason Timothy Black is the new son to Jacob and Julia Black of Lena, Illinois, born on Sept. 9, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Illinois. Jason joins a sister, Joy, 2 and a brother, James, 1. Grandparents are Gerald and Tracy Black of Stockton, Illinois, and Lawrence and Kay Race of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. Great-grandparents are Nora Black of Downers Grove, Illinois, and Olin and Elsie Race of Anchorage, Alaska.



The Stockton Education Foundation wishes to thank the Stockton Community and extended Stockton Family for their generous donations since the Foundation was founded in 2007 with its mission to support the academic needs of our schools' students and teachers.

Over the past 13 years, the Stockton Education Foundation has granted over \$300,000 in support of our students and teachers. This past year alone the Foundation awarded the following grants:

- *\$1,475 for music department bass drum
- *\$812 for High School math classroom white boards
- *\$762 for a High School ceiling mounted projector
- *\$780 for Elementary School computer charging carts
- *\$14,000 for laptops at all grade levels
- *\$786 for art department mesh boards
- *\$3,106 for additional stage lighting

Unfortunately, the recent emergence of the COVID-19 virus has necessitated the cancellation of our annual Homecoming radio-a-thon. We hope to return with the popular radio-a-thon when safety for everyone permits.

We do continue to accept donations and memorials, however. If you would like to donate, simply send your tax deductible contribution to 540 North Rush Street, Stockton, Illinois 61085 in care of the Education Foundation.

Once again, thanks for your continued support and stay healthy and safe.

The Stockton Education Foundation