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## Cemetery Challenge helps people explore local history

By Tony Carton  
CORRESPONDENT

As fall colors fade to become crunchy leaves on an afternoon's stroll and the air begins to chill, organizers at the Stockton Heritage Museum have come up with an educational and fun activity for the whole family.

Museum Board Chair Ann Coppennoll said her board had been discussing the legacy of the Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton and those conversations eventually turned to what folks might learn if they visited the cemetery grounds. How did the cemetery come about? What was the Ladies

Union? Who is buried there and what were their roles in the early days of the village? And so, with those teaching moments in mind, the museum board conceived the Cemetery Challenge.

"The list of names came up of people who helped found the town, or were important in the town in its early goings on," Coppennoll said. "We also compiled an interesting list of little tidbits for people to find while they experience our history."

She said the challenge is just getting underway, but the response has been positive.

"From the feedback our board

members are getting I have to say people are enjoying the experience," Coppennoll said. "We put a box labeled 'Cemetery Tour' on the museum steps and I put a number of our tour printouts in it and when I checked this morning, they were all gone. Apparently, folks are rising to the challenge."

The Stockton Heritage Museum canceled its programs this year and Coppennoll said the Cemetery Challenge is something of a welcome respite from pandemic fatigue.

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Halloween falls on a Saturday this year, so there's sure to be some ghosts and goblins at your door expecting treats.

## Get ready for Halloween fun

Several area municipalities are holding trick-or-trick hours on Halloween, which is Saturday, Oct. 31.

Those who wish to give out candy should leave a porch or outside light on during the designated hours.

- Elizabeth: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Stockton: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Warren: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In addition, two area events will offer fun for costumed kids and their families.

### Drive through at library

The Warren Township Public Library, 210 Burnett Ave., will host a drive-thru trick-or-treat event from noon to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Participants are encouraged to dress in costume and collect treats from inside their vehicles. Facemasks are required and those distributing treats will be wearing gloves.

Participants also are welcome to decorate their cars to add to the festive atmosphere at the event.

For more information, call Jenny Carter at 815-266-1571.

### Trunk or treat at church

A Trunk or Treat event will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 411 W. Catlin St., Elizabeth. The church is located just off Highway 20 across from Terrapin Park.

Social distancing standards will be in place.



STOCKTON HERITAGE MUSEUM PHOTO The Scoop Today

A picture donated to the Stockton Heritage Museum shows a group of folks who were in a play to raise money for the establishment of what was to be Ladies Union Cemetery. Today, the cemetery is the site of the museum's Cemetery Challenge, which encourages people to explore those who were key in establishing the village.

The historic photo is from 1891. In the front row are: Helena LaCock, Mary Peters, Seymore Phelps, Sarah Carpenter, Anna Hermann, Mrs. George Bateman, Belle Tucker, Helen Hammond, Nettie Coppennoll, James Tyrrell and Dora Tyrrell. In the back row are: Edward Weirick, Mrs. Adeline Clay, Mrs. L.C. Smith, Spencer Tucker, Ella Weirick, William Batchelder, Edward Coppennoll, Charlie Hammond, George Bateman, Johnson Glanville and W.G. Tucker.

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## It's harvest time: Be on the lookout for farm equipment on the roads

By Katie Zelechowski  
ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU

Harvest season is the time of year when some of the best aspects of Midwest agriculture can be experienced by all. Pumpkin patches and apple orchards in Illinois are open for visitors and the golden-brown fields of mature crops line rural roads across the state. But along with these markers of fall come the dangers of transportation incidents associated with harvest.

The harvest season in Illinois typically spans from September to November each year. During that time, drivers should be on the lookout for

a variety of farm equipment including combines, tractors, grain carts and semi-trucks. These large vehicles are not only cumbersome for the people operating them, but they take up extra room while traveling down the road, moving slowly and making wide turns.

"Farmers and equipment operators are working hard this season to transport crops grown in our state," said Illinois Farm Bureau Assistant Director of Transportation and Infrastructure Rodney Knittel. "But while fall is a busy time of year for many of us, especially farmers in the middle of harvest, it's important to take rural road safety seriously."

When drivers see slow-moving vehicles on the road, they should slow down and be prepared to stop. They should look for lights on the equipment to indicate any changes in speed or direction.

If the operator pulls the equipment to the side of the road, other motorists should not assume the driver is letting someone pass; they may be preparing for a turn. Before passing, other motorists should use extreme caution and always wait for the equipment opera-

tor to acknowledge their presence and indicate that it is safe to pass.

In addition to using caution around agriculture equipment, it is also important to keep in mind that rural roads have unique characteristics and conditions that can make them more challenging to navigate.

Since they are not maintained in the same way city streets are, country roads may have poor or damaged surfaces and narrow lanes with no shoulders. Center and edge lines, sharp turns and blind hills may also be unmarked. These conditions can be extremely hazardous at night when there are no streetlights to illuminate the road.

"Remember, harvest activities do not stop when the sun goes down, so be prepared to encounter agriculture equipment on the road at all times," said Knittel.

IFB's Associate Field Support Director Jackie Jones, who oversees the organization's health and safety programs, said above all, motorists should slow down and be patient when traveling.

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Thanks for all  
the cards, calls  
and gifts  
for my  
90th birthday.

Donald Thoren 383720

The family of Maurice E. Holmes extends a sincere thank you to everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, the many cards, floral pieces, plants and memorial donations.

Thank you to the staff and therapists at Lena Living Center, hospice and FHN.

Our appreciation to Pastor Randall Nichols for his assistance and service.

Also, to Leamon's Ambulance service and staff at Leamon's Funeral Home.

Blessings to ALL

Elaine Holmes, Jeff Holmes and family, Greg Holmes, Christine (James) Peterson and family.

A BIG Thank You to everyone for the beautiful cards, gifts and calls for our 60th anniversary. They were all appreciated very much.

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## Slices of life

# Trusty travel bag weathers the storms of life's adventures

It's good to have the necessities when traveling. For some families that might mean Doritos and a good cheese dip, or maybe carrots and low fat-ranch.

When my family travels, we always carry one staple with us — the blue toiletries bag. It holds everything we need for any toiletry-type situation and then some. Toothbrushes and toothpaste. A brush and comb. Hairspray and gel. Deodorant. Lotion. Q-tips. Nail file. Eye drops. Tweezers. Shaver. Wet wipes. Cologne. A corkscrew.

My husband brought the blue toiletries bag into our marriage, but it originated with me. I made it for him in preparation for a trip he took to Europe before we were married. Back when we were "just" best friends.

Still are, but we've progressed from there. Let's just leave it at that. The blue toiletries bag has been a staple in our lives ever since.

In the month after graduating from college, he told me he needed a waterproof bag for his upcoming trip, but didn't know where he could purchase one. I told him I could sew something. We shopped for the fabric during a horrendous storm.

We saw a tornado in the horizon, looming, but continued shopping as naive and immortal barely-20-somethings might do.

I showed him various options. He chose a blue waterproof fabric.

After the storm, we assessed tornado damage. It was substantial. Terrible. It made us pause. But we were young. I had a bag to sew. He had a plane to catch and an adventure to experience.

Off he went to Europe.

Happily for me, he returned in three months with the blue toiletries bag and our growing relationship both intact. Little did we know the bag (and the concept of we) were to become permanent staples in our lives.

As newlyweds, we brought the blue bag to our honeymoon in Las Vegas. We had two toothbrushes and lots of cologne. We forgot deodorant and Q-tips because we were married but not quite full-fledged adults. I remember it rained just one day of our trip. Pretty mild on the storm



By JILL PERTLER  
Contributor

ledger.

With time, we fully outfitted the bag with all the things needed for a week or weekend away. All we needed to do was grab it and go. It was beyond handy. We felt very prepared, and adult.

We had our first child and added a toothbrush, and then another, and another and so on. Each one had its own plastic bag — tidy and germ-free

Our trips to Las Vegas were replaced by vacations to Disney.

In addition to toothbrushes we added sunscreen and baby fingernail clippers. There were many years we vacationed with a double stroller — until we blew the wheels out during a horrendous rainstorm. We survived; the stroller did not.

This year, we brought our youngest son to college not long before the barrage of Hurricane Sally. Later, we were in the area again for Delta. Storms can be devastating when you find yourself in the midst of the eye.

Much like the tornado we encountered in our early days of the blue toiletries bag, we dodged the hurricanes that nearly came our way this year. Back then, we were young and didn't realize the dogged dodging we'd done. This time we do.

We dodged a storm. And we are thankful and happy — for storms and the ability to escape them, for history and family and vacations and everything in between. For our blue toiletries bag and all that it stands for and the cement it brings to our family.

Sometimes it's the little things. For us one of those little things just might be blue — and waterproof.

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.



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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Have you ever had one of those days when nothing seems easy or goes right? I had that last week when I was trying to submit my column. If you remember the first recipe last week, it was a tomato juice cocktail. Somewhere between Ilene Lamm's email and my email there was a problem with one of the ingredients. I omitted the bay leaf and added lettuce. Below is the corrected recipe with a bay leaf and no lettuce!

I am a great virgin bloody Mary fan, so I will try this one. You can doctor it up with a little alcohol if you want. Enjoy Ilene's recipe the correct way.

I am not claiming that I won't have other troubles because I think I have COVID brain.

## Tomato Juice Cocktail

Ilene Lamm sent this great tomato cocktail that is easy to make and great to drink. I like to sprinkle celery seed on my tomato juice as well as a little pepper. If you have some of the not-so-nice looking tomatoes left, this would be a great way to use them up. Enjoy this tomato juice cocktail with a stalk of celery or a dill spear. Thanks, Ilene, for sharing this great drink recipe.

- 12 medium tomatoes
- 1/2 C. water
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 slice onion
- 3 sprigs fresh parsley
- 1 t. salt
- 1/4 t. paprika
- 1/4 t. sugar

In a pan over medium-high heat, bring the tomatoes, bay leaf and water to a boil. Add onion and parsley and simmer for one half hour. Strain mixture into a bowl. Add salt, paprika, and sugar and stir to combine. Chill for at least two hours. Serve over ice or just plain. Garnish with

celery stalk, dill spear, or parsley.

## Cheesy Ham Veggie Chowder

Marilyn Hepner sent this great cheesy vegetable soup recipe for all of us to try. She said the soup was served at the Grace Episcopal Red Door Bazaar when we still could have these wonderful functions. She said it always sold out early, it was easy to make, and it was good all year long. As we get into colder weather, good soup recipes are a must have to eat.

- 2 C. water
- 2 C. peeled, chopped potatoes
- 1 C. chopped onions
- 1 C. chopped carrots
- 1 stalk celery, chopped

Add veggies to boiling water. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. **DO NOT DRAIN.**

Melt 1/4 C. butter. Add 1/4 C. flour to make a roux. Add 2 C. whole or 2% milk and thicken. Add 2 1/2 C. shredded or cubed cheddar cheese and melt for a sauce. Add cheese sauce to veggies with 2 C. chopped ham and one can creamed corn. Heat through.

## Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms

These appetizers are easy to make and a real crowd pleaser. If you want them a little spicy, use Italian sausage. A.J.'s Lena Maid Meat has great sausage that is not very greasy; it would work great in this recipe.

- 24 large white mushrooms
- 2 T. olive oil
- 1/2 C. chopped onion
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 1 lb. sausage, cooked and crumbled
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, cubed and softened
- 2 T. parsley
- 1/2 t. garlic powder

Preheat oven to 350. Coat a large baking sheet with cooking spray. Cut stems from mushrooms and chop into pieces, leaving caps whole.

In a skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and chopped stems, salt and pepper. Cook six to eight minutes, stirring often, until soft. Add cooked sausage, cream cheese, parsley and gar-

lic powder. Stir together until cream cheese is completely melted. Spoon about 1 T. of the sausage mixture into mushroom caps and bake 25 to 30 minutes, until mushrooms are soft and filling is heated through. Cool slightly before serving.

## Ground Beef Wellington

Regular beef Wellington is wonderful to eat but very expensive. This recipe is much friendlier to the pocketbook and really good. You use crescent rolls for the dough and ground beef for the stuffing. Be sure to use good ground round or good sirloin. Enjoy this cost-friendly meal that is good enough to serve to guests.

- 1/2 C. chopped fresh mushrooms
- 1 T. butter
- 2 t. flour
- 1/4 t. pepper, divided
- 1/2 C. half and half
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 T. finely chopped onion
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/2 lb. ground beef
- 1 tube (4 oz.) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 t. parsley flakes

In a saucepan, sauté mushrooms in butter until softened. Stir in flour and 1/8 t. pepper until blended. Gradually add the cream. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, about two minutes. Remove from the heat and set aside.

In a bowl, combine the egg yolk, onion, 2 T. mushroom sauce, salt and remaining 1/8 t. pepper. Crumble the beef over mixture and mix well. Shape into two loaves. Separate the crescent dough into two triangles on a baking sheet. Seal perforations. Place a meat loaf on each rectangle; bring dough edges together and pinch to seal; if desired, brush dough with egg wash. Bake at 350 until golden brown and a thermometer inserted into meat loaf reads 160, 24 to 28 minutes. Meanwhile, warm remaining sauce over low heat; stir in parsley. Serve sauce with Wellingtons.

## Turkey Broccoli Alfredo

This main dish is another one that is great for the pocketbook and a little fancy too. The orecchiette pasta is the pasta that looks like little ears. You could substitute any really small pasta for it if you can't find it. The

jarred or refrigerated Alfredo is easy to find in most grocery stores. The Buitoni or Bertolli is the best refrigerated. I like Prego Alfredo for the jarred choice. If you don't have shaved Parmesan, use the grated for garnish.

- 2 qts. water
- 2 t. salt, divided
- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) orecchiette pasta
- 3 C. fresh broccoli florets
- 1 lb. ground turkey
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 t. caraway seeds
- 1/2 t. crushed red pepper
- 2 containers (10 oz. each) refrigerated Alfredo sauce
- 1/2 C. grated fresh Parmesan cheese
- Garnish with shaved Parmesan

In a large Dutch oven, bring 2 quarts water and 1 t. salt to boil over medium-high heat. Add pasta; cook for eight minutes. Add broccoli; cook until pasta is tender, about four minutes, reserving one-quarter pasta water. Wipe pot dry.

In same pot, cook turkey and remaining salt over medium heat until browned and crumbly. Add garlic, caraway seeds and red pepper; cook for two to three minutes. Stir in reserved 1/4 C. pasta water, Alfredo sauce and grated Parmesan. Stir in pasta and broccoli. Serve immediately and garnish with shaved Parmesan.

## Coconut Cranberry Bars with Pecans

These cranberry bars are great for this time of the year. There are not many ingredients and they can be made ahead of time.

- 1 1/4 C. graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 C. butter, melted
- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 C. sweetened dried cranberries
- 1 1/4 C. pecan halves
- 1 C. flaked coconut
- 3/4 C. bittersweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 C. white chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350. Line a 9-by-13 baking dish or pan with parchment

paper, leaving a 2-inch overhang. Mix together graham cracker crumbs and butter in a bowl. Press evenly into prepared baking dish. In a large bowl, stir together remaining ingredients, then gently spread over graham cracker crust. Bake until edges are golden brown, 25 to 28 minutes. Using parchment overhang, lift and transfer to a wire rack and let cool completely, about one hour. Cut into bars. They will keep up to three days chilled in an airtight container.

## Pumpkin Cookies

Several people have asked me for a recipe for pumpkin cookies. I thought I had made them years ago, but the recipe is off my radar. I did some searching through cookbooks and magazines, and I found one. I made it, and have had several people sample it. We all decided it was a keeper.

It is very much like pumpkin bars, but you use butter instead of oil and less pumpkin. I have enough pumpkin left to make another batch. I hope you enjoy these as much as we have.

- 1 C. unsalted butter, softened
- 2/3 C. packed brown sugar
- 1/3 C. sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 C. canned pumpkin
- 2 C. flour
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1/2 t. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 t. baking powder
- 1 C. chopped nuts (optional)

## Frosting:

- 1/4 c. unsalted butter, softened
  - 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
  - 2 C. powdered sugar
  - 1 1/2 t. vanilla
- In a large bowl, cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Add pumpkin; mix well. In a bowl, combine the flour, cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice, baking soda, salt and baking powder.

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**Sat., Oct. 31st**

**5 - 8 p.m.**

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# Obituaries

## EDITH BAUER

Edith Bauer, age 88, of Stockton, Illinois, passed away Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport. She was born Jan. 24, 1932, in Stockton to the late Leland and Florence (Parker) Pierce. Edith married Lendelle Bauer on Dec. 9, 1950, in Stockton. Lendelle passed away Feb. 10, 2002.

She was a member of Unitarian Universalist Church in Stockton, where she was very active throughout the years and would often play the piano and organ. She was also a member of the Eastern Star. Edith was a 1948 graduate of Stockton High School and received her teacher's license from Dekalb Teachers College. She had taught at the Wil-

low Country School House before getting married and teaching at the Missouri Military Base. She was a lab technician at the Whey Plant for Kraft Foods and had helped her husband on the farm. She enjoyed wintering in Magnolia Park in Donna, Texas, listening and playing music, helping her husband on the farm, and most importantly, spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughters, Coral (Paul) Loebel of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and Carmen (Tom) Calderon of Stockton; her sons, Kevin (Anki) Bauer of Stockton and Wade Bauer of Stockton; her brothers, Leland Jr. (Bud) Pierce of Stockton and Max (Mary) Pierce of Stockton; her sister, Mariam Blair of Stockton; her

grandchildren, Klinton Bauer, Taylor Westaby, Allie Gagnon, Kirsten Bushek, Nicole Williams, Zachary David, Kailyn Bauer and Dawson Bauer; her great-grandchildren, Casey, Tyler, Abigail, Aadilynn, Anestyn and Sebastian. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters, Elizabeth Herring and Linda Lloyd; and her special friend, Don Mueller.

The memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020, at 3 p.m. at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. There will be a visitation before the service beginning at 1 p.m. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

## RONALD 'RON' E. FUCHS

Ronald "Ron" E. Fuchs, 78, of Lena, Illinois, passed away from complications of COVID with his wife, Patricia, by his side at FHN Memorial Hospital on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020. He was born Oct. 9, 1942, to Albert and Mabel (Bower) Fuchs in Freeport. Ron married Patricia "Pat" Buchenau on March 23, 1963, at the Nora Community Church. He was a lifelong farmer in the rural Lena area.

Ron was a member of St John's Lutheran Church in Lena. He loved God, his family, and farming. He loved to play cards and dominoes. He enjoyed watching the grandchildren's sporting events. Ron also loved going out to eat, especially to Beach's and Culver's.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Pat; son, Craig Fuchs, and daughter, Anita (Mike) Parkinson, all of Lena; grandchildren, Andrew and Brandon Fuchs, both of Lena, Adam Smith Fuchs of Pearl City, Lauren (Mitchell) Ganzer of Platteville, Wisconsin, Lindsey (Kyler) Calow and



Lana Parkinson, all of Lena; a great-granddaughter, Josephine Ann Ganzer of Platteville; brother, Richard Fuchs, of Warren; a sister, Marcia Fuchs of Orangeville; and a niece, Michelle (Allen) Swift, of Warren.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Melvin and Lavonia Buchenau; and a brother-in-law, Ron Buchenau.

Funeral services were held Oct. 27, 2020, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena with the Rev. Rick Bader officiating. A visitation was held Oct. 26 at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport.

A memorial has been established in Ron's name.

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

## LORRAINE SHIRLEY LOWE

*"I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith,"* 2 Timothy 4:7

Lorraine Shirley Lowe, 83, of Lena, Illinois, was surrounded by family when she was called to her heavenly home on Oct. 18, 2020, following a brief illness. Lorraine was born Dec. 31, 1936, in Sterling, Illinois, to the late Grant and Erna Hammer. In 1957, she graduated from the Katherine Shaw Bethesda Hospital School of Nursing and worked as a registered nurse for several years at Dixon Public Hos-

pital. On Sept. 30, 1961, she married James Lowe in Sterling and they were married for 59 years.

She enjoyed ceramics, scrapbooking, card making and puzzles. For more than 20 years, Lorraine and James traveled to Port St. Joe, Florida, to escape the cold winter months, inviting family members to stay with them. Every summer, she spent time fishing with her children and grandchildren at Potato Lake. She was the happiest when her family was together, and she will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

She willingly sacrificed her needs for the good of the family. Lorraine will be remembered as a selfless individual who not only raised her children but also offered her home to other children in need. Lorraine had a quiet strength filled with compassion and kindness. She always moved positively through life without complaints.

She is survived by her husband, James Lowe; two children, Phillip Lowe and Christine Herziger (Steven); four grandchildren, Scott Lowe (Kendra), Juston Lowe (Brittney), Mitchel Herziger and Calla Herziger. She was blessed with three great-grandsons, Jaxon, Connor and Kason. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Gerald Hammer and Richard Hammer; and one sister, Caroline Coan.

A service celebrating her life was held Oct. 22, 2020. The funeral was held at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena. The Rev. Rick Bader from St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena was the officiant.

Burial was at Lena Burial Park. A memorial has been established in her name.

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

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# Obituaries

## DIANE L. (KIRK) KAUFMAN

Diane L. (Kirk) Kaufman, 76, of Stockton, Illinois, passed away on Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, after a brief illness at Waverly Place, Stockton.

Diane, a twin, was born April 18, 1944, to the late Rush (Peco) Kirk and Alice (Donahue) Kirk Leverington. She was a 1962 graduate of Stockton High School. Diane was married to Jon Kaufman on June 29, 1963, at Holy Cross Catholic Church by Father C.J. Thennes.

While raising her family, she completed her Illinois Board of Education certification as a teacher's aide in July 1979. She worked for the Stockton School District 206 for 21 years, working with many teachers who appreciated her hard work. Many students she mentored remembered her as they themselves were working on their education. She retired in 2000.

Diane loved spending time with her family and friends, camping, boating and traveling. She also enjoyed the yearly birthday meet-ups with the Bethkes and Rechsteiners. Most importantly, she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Diane is survived by her husband of 57 years, Jon; daughters, Lynn (Gary) Richardson of Flower Mound, Texas and Stefanie (Steve) Vanderheyden of Stockton; grandchildren, Nicholas and Kristin Richardson of Flower Mound and Shay-



na and Reese Vanderheyden of Stockton. Diane is also survived by her brother, Tim (Linda) Kirk of Mount Carroll, Illinois; and sister, Christine (Jim) Eastwood, of Modesto, California; sister-in-law, Maralee Kaufman, of Forreston, Illinois stepbrothers, Art (Jan) Leverington, of Cedarville, Illinois, and Jim (Mary) Leverington, of Pearl City; along with several nephews and a niece.

Diane was pre-deceased by her parents, Rush and Alice; her stepfather, Marion; infant twin brother, Terry Lee; infant son, Steven Jon; sister, Karen Paul; brother, Rick Kirk; brother-in-law, Joel Kaufman; nephew, Thomas Kaufman; and stepbrother, Edward Leverington.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020, at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton. There was a visitation on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. Interment will take place at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Stockton.

A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

## LAVONE H. GABEL

LaVone H. Gabel, 86, of Lena, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020, at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, Illinois. She was born July 28, 1934, to Leo and M. Claribell (Roper) Haefl in Shullsburg, Wisconsin. She married Arthur Gabel on June 2, 1952, in Warren, Illinois.

In her younger years, she was employed at Burgess Battery in Freeport. She then took a break to raise her family and then worked as a cook for Lena-Winslow High School until retiring in 2006. She was a member of the Lena United Methodist Church. She was active in every aspect of the church: UMW, bazaar, roast beef suppers, the Thursday night food and fun nights, and she loved having a leadership role in the church kitchen and did not mind taking charge. She volunteered for 25 years as a Girl Scout leader in Lena, and was also a member of the Green Hills Council. LaVone's passion for crocheting and quilting was unsurpassed. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

LaVone is survived by her children, Karen (Jerry) White of Little Rock, Arkansas, Randy (Mary) Gabel of Montello, Wisconsin, Sandy (Michael) Taylor of Freeport, Illinois, Marilyn (Chuck) Shick of Freeport, Illinois, and Bryan (Katherine) Gabel of Menominee, Wisconsin; grandchildren, Jeremy (Misty) Ray of Alexander, Arkansas, Ryan Gabel of Hazel Green, Wisconsin, Kyle (Heather) Shick of Rockton, Illinois, Jamie (Annie) Shick of Rochelle, Illinois, Clayton (Adrienne) Shick of Rockton and Natalie Tay-



lor of Freeport; step-grandchild, Kim (Travis) Kraabel of Evansville, Wisconsin; 11 great-grandchildren; two step-great grandchildren; one sister, Lila (Bud) Heath

of Stockton, Illinois, and very best friend, Beulah Haefl. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arthur in 2018; and brother, Lloyd Haefl.

A private family funeral service was held Oct. 27, 2020. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Burial will be at the Lena Burial Park with the Rev. Keri Rainsburger officiating.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory for the Lena United Methodist Church.

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

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## EDITH M. WOHLFORD

Edith M. Wohlford, 97, formerly of Pearl City, Freeport, and Elizabeth, Illinois, died Oct. 22, 2020, at Allure Nursing Home in Mount Carroll, Illinois, where she had been living. She was born in a log cabin in Green County, Wisconsin, on July 11, 1923, to parents Clarence and Florence (Malkow) Witt.

She was a graduate of Orangeville High School Class of 1940 and Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1944 and received a bachelor's of science degree from St. Francis College in 1975. She married Delbert W. Wohlford on July 30, 1944, at Immanuel Evangelical Church in Monroe, Wisconsin. She was also the last school nurse for Stephenson County and then was employed as a school nurse by Le-Win and Orangeville school districts. In her last year and half of nurses training, she was in the U.S. Nurses Cadet Program. She was a member of Pearl City United Methodist Church and her organizations included the United Methodist Women, Pearl City American Legion Auxiliary and many more associations for nursing and education.

Survivors include her daughter, Sheila Ann (Dan) Sadler of Elizabeth; sons, David (Joyce) Wohlford



of Surprise, Arizona, Larry Wohlford of Sun City, Arizona, and Edward Wohlford of Lindenwood, Illinois; daughter-in-law, Peggy Wohlford of Lena, Illinois; honorary son, David Goodwin of Avondale, Arizona; grandkids, Scott (Kathy) Sadler of Elizabeth, Lori Ann (Joe) Sledzik of Round Lake, Illinois, Karie Ann (Leo) Levesque of Richmond Hill, Georgia, Jeff Schoenhaar of Hanover, Illinois, Debra Burdin, Jennifer (Mark) Chang of Surprise, Major Joshua Wohlford of Pensacola, Florida, Major Justin (Devin) Wohlford of Newport News, Virginia, and Payton Wohlford of Lindenwood; 12 great-grandkids; sister-in-law, Violet Witt of Freeport; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert; mother and father; son, Randy Wohlford; granddaughter, Sara Ann (Sadler) Schoenhaar; great-granddaughter Skylar; sister, Elaine (Witt) Thomas; brothers, Edwin and Duane Witt; nephews, Doug and Jimmy Thomas; sister-in-law,

Dolores Heilman; and brothers-in-law, William Fritzenmeier, Robert Heilman and James Thomas.

A private family service will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 28 with visitation at 12:30 p.m., at the Pearl City United Methodist Church, with interment at Highland Cemetery in Pearl City.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established. Family would like to thank all the doctors, nurses, certified nursing assistants (especially Granddaughter Kathy Sadler) and all others who took great care of our Mom.

Edith loved her family, nursing, all the school kids she tested and helped, quilting, flowers and making Shofly pie for all the family gatherings.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.schwarzfh.com](http://www.schwarzfh.com)



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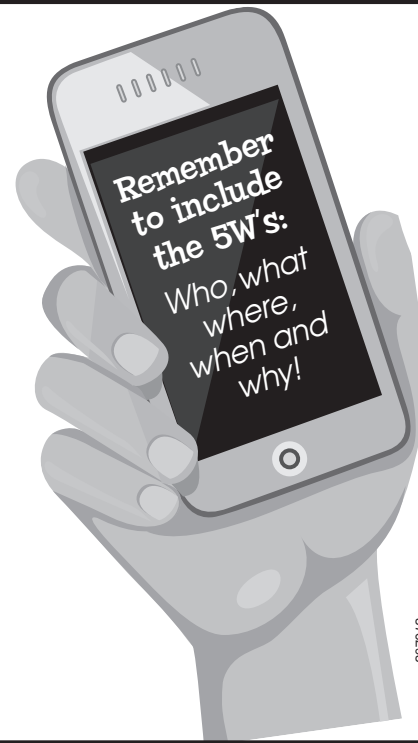
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## Stockton students show unity

Stockton Middle School recently held Unity Day in honor of Bully Prevention Month in October. Students united by wearing school colors to promote bullying prevention and supporting acceptance, kindness and inclusion. Top photo, a fifth-grade class, and bottom photo, a sixth-grade class, got into the spirit by sporting school colors.

## Briefs

### Blood drive set in Elizabeth

A Red Cross blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at the Elizabeth Community Building, 402 N. West St., Elizabeth. To make an appointment, go online to [recrossblood.org](http://recrossblood.org) or call 800-733-2767.

### Sign up now for Stockton Santa Facebook event

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be reading to children on Saturday, Nov. 28, via Facebook Live on the Stockton Chamber of Commerce Facebook

page. After a few stories, they will be able to talk to the boys and girls who are watching and Santa will have his list to offer personalized greetings and Christmas wishes.

To participate, parents should provide the following information by Nov. 1: child's name, age, gender and area of residence, as well as one item of special interest for Santa to talk about bringing for Christmas.

To submit a child's information, email [info@stockton.il.com](mailto:info@stockton.il.com) or mail to Stockton Chamber of Commerce, attention: Santa's List, P.O. Box 3, Stockton, IL 61085.

# Nominations open for conservation leadership award

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is accepting nominations for the Nancy Hamill Winter Conservation Leadership Award, which will be presented to the winner in early 2021.

An individual, organization, governmental entity, educational institution, or business that has demonstrated creativity and/or leadership in the preservation, restoration, or stewardship of natural areas and/or Native American cultural resources, or has a strong history of promoting an understanding of the natural world in northwest Illinois, particularly Jo Daviess County, is eligible. Nominees may have also shown financial leadership that supports land conservation.

Priority will be given to nominees with distinguished lifetime accomplishments and impact made in the service area of the Foundation.

The nomination form may be found online at [jdcf.org](http://jdcf.org) and the submission deadline is Dec. 31.

The award is named after Nancy Hamill Winter, JDCF's longtime board member and past board president and vice president. Formerly a Stockton resident, Winter "dedicated much of her adult life to the preservation and care of natural habitats and the Native American cultural heritage of northern Illinois," according to a news release.

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is a local non-profit whose mission is to preserve land for the lasting well-being of people and wildlife. JDCF owns several preserves that are open to the public for hiking, wildlife viewing and picnicking. For more information, go online to [jdcf.org](http://jdcf.org), or send an email to [info@jdcf.org](mailto:info@jdcf.org).

## Students present Poe's scariest stories

Highland Community College theater students will present "An Evening of Poe," a virtual event, on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and Oct. 31.

The virtual event will feature readings of some of the scariest stories by Edgar Allan Poe at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 and at 2 p.m. Oct. 31. Attendees will need to register for the free event at [highland.edu/tickets](http://highland.edu/tickets) to receive the performance link.

"We are fortunate to have very

talented theater students at Highland and I wanted to find a way for them to use some of those talents during this time in which we are staying safe and social distancing," said Laura Early, Highland theater instructor. "The cast members, Elizabeth Brunner, Allison Kehl and Mycah Cassell and I thought an event for Halloween might be fun.

"We decided to read Edgar Allan Poe short stories and poems."

Each student selected a favorite

story written by Poe:

- "The Raven" read by Elizabeth Brunner of Lena

- "The Masque of the Red Death" read by Mycah Cassell of Dakota

- "The Tell-Tale Heart" read by Allison Kehl of Stockton (This reading contains described violence.)

For more information about Highland's theater program, go online to [highland.edu/academics/theatre](http://highland.edu/academics/theatre) or contact Early at [laura.early@highland.edu](mailto:laura.early@highland.edu).

## • History (Continued from front page)

"People haven't been able to come in and see what we're doing, but we have tried to transfer some of the programs and their visuals to the museum windows," she said. "Hopefully, there will be reasonable weather for the next few weeks and folks will take advantage of this opportunity to get outdoors and walk around."

This first phase of the challenge focuses on the early settlers who helped found the village of Stockton, Coppernoll said.

"I don't think folks wake up in the morning and ask how we got here," she said. "We just want folks to understand that we are the youngest village in the county and there is a lot of connection to many of the people that still live here.

"Folks like learning about those connections and our goal is to get people out of the house and enlighten them ..."

Stockton Heritage Museum Board member Terry Buske said the board had discussed doing

a cemetery walk last year, but it didn't happen.

"Those talks restarted several months ago when we were setting up our programs," said Buske. "But then, we never even opened and we didn't have any programs this year, so when we thought about the cemetery being outside so we can distance ourselves ... we thought people might come out for something interesting and fun to do."

She said the challenge is somewhat patterned after a scavenger hunt underway in the village where people have been placing painted rocks and then posting hints on social media about where those rocks might be.

"It seems like a lot of our families enjoy walking around and finding those decorated rocks and then joining the lists of folks that have found them and maybe hid them again, so we thought let's try the Cemetery Challenge," Buske said. "And, over time, we came up with the idea of a self-guided tour

with some interesting things to find along the way."

She said they have prepared bios for each of the graves they would like people to notice. Those bios are readily available from the basket on the museum steps.

"Most of that information came from what we call the red books," Buske said. "The museum has prepared a two-volume set of the history of the town. I'm not sure how many people know those volumes are available at the museum and since we are closed now, it would be difficult to get them, but it can be arranged.

"If someone were interested in those volumes they could contact us on the museum Facebook page. This is just an opportunity where people can learn a little bit about the folks that started this town."

Museum board members ask that as people visit Ladies Union Cemetery, they respect the cemetery as the final resting place of village forefathers and mothers.



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# Virus mitigations tighten again

## Governor: State headed into COVID-19 peak

By Jerry Nowicki  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS  
Region 1 of the state's COVID-19 mitigation plan has entered a new tier of virus mitigations as Gov. JB Pritzker warned last week that "we are now headed into a peak that is beyond, potentially, where we were in March and April."

"This pandemic is the greatest challenge that many of us have experienced in our lifetimes," Pritzker said during a St. Clair County news conference Thursday. "And when it comes to managing this pandemic, these mitigations are our best tools to find our way through to the other side."

Region 1, which includes Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties, saw its positivity rate increase to 11.9 percent, according to the most recent data from the Illinois Department of Public Health. It has been over 8 percent for more than two weeks. The continued surge caused the state to implement even stricter mitigation guidelines than ones that have been in place since Oct. 3.

The new guidelines include a decrease to the cap on social gatherings from 25 to 10 individuals and table caps at outdoor restaurants of six, rather than 10. The capacity guide-

lines apply to indoor and outdoor events and are applicable to professional, religious, cultural and social group gatherings, according to the governor's office.

Indoor recreation activities must be capped at the lesser of 25 people or 25 percent of capacity, while group sizes for any activity must be smaller than 10. The rules do not apply to fitness centers.

The governor's office noted this does not reduce the overall facility capacity dictated by general business guidance as it applies to office or retail space.

None of the region's mitigations apply to schools or polling places, according to the governor's office.

Pritzker said at the news conference that the state was "very serious and very focused" on enforcing added mitigations in any of the regions that currently have them.

"We are now seeing the entire state is moving up in terms of hospitalizations, in terms of ICU beds, ventilators, and death, not to mention the cases where they all begin," he said, noting Illinois State Police will "not only issue warnings but also issue citations if necessary."

"We are asking state's attorneys to simply follow through on those citations, those are monetary citations," he said. "We also ... will look to

remove people's liquor license and their gaming license if they will not follow the resurgence mitigations."

While Pritzker said he has been reluctant to revoke licenses, it would be an option as cases soar. He said it would not be up to him whether the revocation became permanent, but he noted, "it is a long process to try to get it back."

The mitigations are necessary at bars and restaurants because patrons often do not wear face coverings while eating and drinking, causing them to be one of the major places where the virus is spread, Pritzker said, citing contact tracing efforts. He also noted that private gatherings are a main driver of spread as well.

"These are actually the number one in spreading locations, and so we want to address as many of those as we can," the governor said of private gatherings. "It's up to you to address those at home; we're doing what we can in the public sphere. We've got to get through this winter. ... We are not even in winter yet, so please take this seriously."

Dr. Omer Badahman, an infectious disease specialist affiliated with multiple hospitals in the St. Clair County area, said the community must buy into the fight against COVID-19 for it to be successful.

"If patients end up in our hospital,

we've already lost half the fight," he said. "So, the next step is to prevent this pandemic from spreading."

He said the best ways to mitigate spread have long been known — wearing a face covering, washing hands, keeping 6 feet of distance from others when in public and not

taking part in large gatherings. Illinoians should also get their flu shot to limit stresses on the medial system, he added.

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## Broadband grant expands fiber internet service

Officials at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development announced last week a \$14 million federal grant that will allow Jo-Carroll Energy to expand broadband in several unserved and underserved rural areas in northwest Illinois.

The ReConnect grant will enable construction of high-speed fiber internet service to serve more than 7,600 people in portions of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll and Whiteside counties in Illinois and in Grant and Lafayette counties in Wisconsin. The new "fiber neighborhoods" will be built in Chadwick, Fenton, Mount Carroll, Sand Ridge (between East Dubuque and Menominee) and three areas adjacent to Galena over the next five years.

"The areas were selected due to significant lack of adequate broadband service and, in part, due to

strong member interest," according to officials at Jo-Carroll Energy.

Sand Prairie, the broadband division of Jo-Carroll Energy, will handle the construction using aerial and underground fiber applications, according to information on their website.

"Sand Prairie understands that high-speed internet is essential, especially in the world we currently are living in," the company said. "Sand Prairie continues to seek multiple grant and funding opportunities, particularly in unserved or underserved areas."

"Interest levels help the cooperative determine where we build the next fiber neighborhood."

Residents who would like to express interest in fiber internet should go online to [connectsp.com/iwantfiber](http://connectsp.com/iwantfiber).

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## LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST

Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
DELLA GONZALEZ A/K/A DELLA E. GONZALEZ et al  
Defendant

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# Daily Drawing notes first winners of sixth year

Organizers of the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing have announced the October winners. The cooperative fundraiser is kicking off its sixth year this month.

The Daily Drawing is a drawing for 365 daily cash prizes from Oct. 1, 2020, through Sept. 30, 2021, to

those donating for a ticket. More than \$21,000 is paid out to ticket-holders during the year, with cash prizes varying between \$50 and \$250.

A ticket may win multiple times as each ticket remains in the drawing each day for the entire year, no matter how often it is drawn.

Sixteen organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll and Stephenson counties work together on the Daily Drawing:

Caring Community of Elizabeth, Dakota Athletic Boosters, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Eastland Music Boosters, Elizabeth Historical Society, Galena Elks Scholarship, Galena Key Club, Galena Travelers, Hanover Alumni Association, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Foundation, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, Scales Mound Travelers, Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge, Warren Athletic Boosters and West Carroll Sports Boosters.

The October winners are: Sue Schneider of Lena, Adi Rush of Lanark, Lisa Walters of Elizabeth, Mike Kirk of Elizabeth, Mike Woodworth of Shullsburg, Wisconsin, Jay Dickerson of Galena, Sheryl Hereau of Elizabeth, Jason Glastetter of Stockton, Esther Heidenreich of Elizabeth, Jamie Janssen of Mount Carroll, Donald Olszewski of Roselle, Tim Zigler of Madison, Wisconsin, Rachel Skien of Table Grove, Millie Wiene of Galena, Joe Miller of Chicago, Becky Dannels of Savanna, Tori Conrad of Ottumwa, Iowa, Jeff Erbsen of Pearl City, Butch Kurtz of Freeport, Nancy Boynton of Alma Center, Wisconsin, Sarah Kuhlemeier of Pearl City, Katie Pingel of Scales Mound, George Findley of Middleburg, Connecticut, Sherry Meinert of Davis, Jane McLamarrah of Clemson, South Carolina, Vern Welp of Mount Morris, Douglas Kempel of Lena, Brian Schreiner of Hanover, Nancy Henry of Dubuque, Iowa, and Mary Kay Holmes of Galena.

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## Celebrating 70 years

Clarence "Jake" and Delores Neuschwander celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Oct. 25, 2020, with their children and their families. Friends and relatives are encouraged to celebrate with them by sending a card to 210 N. Center St. Lena, IL 61048. Clarence Neuschwander and the former Delores Knight were married Oct. 28, 1950, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena. The couple have five children, 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

## Virtual job fair, career learning sessions set

The Highland Community College Job Fair has gone virtual for 2020. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, in an open house format, allowing attendees to drop in and drop out.

"A majority of employers are conducting interviews through some sort of online format," Anthony Musso, career services coordinator, said in a news release. "I hope that this new format will help attendees feel more comfortable interviewing virtually for a job, and allow them to make gainful connections with local employers."

To help prepare attendees for the new virtual format, Highland Career Services will host a pre-job fair retreat from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 10. Topics include cover letters, resumes and personal presentations.

After the main event, a post-job fair retreat will allow attendees to look at social media ethics and interviewing skills from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19.

"This virtual format for job fairs may be here to stay," Musso said. "Around 60 percent of career centers say that they expect virtual fairs and events to become accepted standard practice moving forward."

A limited number of computers are available during the virtual job fair on the second floor of the Student/Conference Center (building H), 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport. Limited seating is available for the pre- and post-job fair retreats. While on campus, people must not have COVID-19 symptoms, wear a mask, practice social distancing and use hand sanitizer.

Attendees must register for the job fair and/or the retreat by emailing or contacting Musso at [anthony.musso@highland.edu](mailto:anthony.musso@highland.edu) or 815-599-3597.

## Lena resident marks 105th birthday

Thelma Duft of Lena is celebrating her 105th birthday on Oct. 28, 2020. Well-wishers may send cards to her at Lena Living Center, 1010 S. Logan St., Lena, IL 61048.

Duft's four children will be on hand for the occasion, with hopes to visit with her in the center's gazebo.

Duft spent her childhood years in McConnell and took the train to Winslow when she attended high school, said one of

her sons, Dean Holmes.

She later moved to a Lena-area farm when she married and also spent many years working in the Stephenson County treasurer's office in Freeport. She is a longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena.



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# • Harvest

(Continued from page 2)

"Farmers on the road are doing their best to keep other motorists safe so that everyone can get home to their families at the end of the day," said Jones. "But it takes everyone working together to make that happen."

For more tips on road safety during the harvest season, visit [ilfb.org/ruralroadsafety](http://ilfb.org/ruralroadsafety).

## Final thoughts

Halloween is coming up this weekend. I have made bags that I will deliver, but I won't be handing out or leaving any candy on the steps. The light will be off, and I will hide in my house. I hate that this tradition is one I will be forgoing this fall.

November will begin, and then we will be racing to the end of the year. Our temperatures have remained mild; I was glad of that because it has allowed me to get all of my outside "stuff" either in the garage or in the basement. The deck looks forlorn when I am eat-

ing breakfast. The leaves on the lilac and hydrangeas are slowly coming off. The seasons are really beginning to change.

Thanks to the ladies who sent recipes; hopefully more of you will be finding some to share with us. Have a great week. Keep safe and keep moving.

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"Students will learn how to be an active voice in their communities and implement projects that will protect their cities and towns from the im-

pacts of natural hazards," according to a news release.

Groups with the top proposals will present to a panel of expert judges at a virtual summit in spring for the chance to win prize money.

"The innovation young people bring to making our communities stronger will be an important part of our overall readiness for future disasters," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator for FEMA Region 5.

Educators and students may participate in the project. Students can learn more by going online to <https://www.eeai.net/rise-challenge-illinois.html>.

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# Pritzker renews call for more federal aid

## Illinois has spent half of its \$3.5 billion in CARES Act funding

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker recently renewed his call for more federal aid for struggling state and local governments as well as small businesses, but talks in Washington may be stalled until after Election Day.

“We believe the federal government needs to step in here, both with greater dollars available to small businesses, targeted to small businesses, as well as for local governments and state governments to support the small businesses across our state,” Pritzker said at an event in Chicago last week. “We have programs that do that. The federal government can reap the programs they’ve created for that. Those are all things that are going to be needed to get through the COVID winter that’s ahead of us.”

Pritzker was speaking to reporters after touring the DLV Printing plant in Chicago, one of roughly 2,800 firms in Illinois that took part in the first round of the state’s Business Interruption Grants, or BIG program, which provides aid to businesses to offset expenses or losses related to COVID-19.

That program is funded with money from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act, which Congress approved in March, shortly after the pandemic hit the United States.

The state of Illinois received roughly \$3.5 billion in CARES Act money to pay for expenses related to its COVID-19 response. According to information on the Illinois Comptroller’s website, however, the state has already spent more than half of that money, a little over \$1.8 billion.

The largest share of that money, roughly \$557 million, has been spent by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, much of it for things

like medical supplies and testing equipment. Another \$412 million has been spent by the State Board of Education for school meal programs throughout the state, while another \$183 million has gone through the Department of Healthcare and Family Services largely for health care costs.

The CARES Act also provided another \$1.4 billion in aid that went directly to large cities and counties with populations over 500,000 as well as \$250 million that the state is disbursing in the form of grants to smaller local governments.

Under federal rules, however, CARES Act money may only be used for certain direct pandemic-related expenses. But since the pandemic hit, state and local governments throughout the country, including Illinois, have seen steep drops in revenue as businesses were ordered to close or scale back operations, unemployment skyrocketed and the travel and tourism industry ground to a virtual halt.

In recent days, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has been negotiating with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin on a second relief bill and President Trump has signaled his support for one. But national news outlets including the New York Times and Washington Post reported that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has urged the White House not to strike a deal with Democrats before Election Day.

State Comptroller Susana Mendoza said in an Oct. 21 interview that state and local governments would be better off if an aid package were passed before Election Day because if Trump is not re-elected, there would be no incentive for him or the Republican-controlled Senate to act on anything until the new administration takes office in January.

She also said it would be “catastrophic” for Illinois if Congress fails to pass another stimulus package that includes aid for state and local governments.

That’s because the state of Illinois is currently facing a budget hole of around \$6 billion, Mendoza said. Part of that could be filled with passage of a graduated income tax amendment that is on the Nov. 3 ballot, but even if that passes, it would only generate an estimated \$1.2 billion in the last six months of the current fiscal year, meaning the state would still need about \$5 billion in federal relief.

“And if we don’t get that, then you’re talking about incredibly draconian cuts to core programs that people need as well as, you need to come up with the revenue somehow,” she said. “... (Y)ou cannot possibly cut yourself out of \$5 billion that you have to make up for. So, it’d be combination of cuts, a combination of borrowing, which only kicks the can down the road further, and a combination of significant revenue increases.”

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“Congresswoman Bustos undertook multiple efforts in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress to fight for Illinois agriculture. Most notably, Congresswoman Bustos was instrumental in arranging a private, in-person meeting between IFB President Rich Guebert and U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. **This meeting was an invaluable experience which helped move the needle forward on the eventual passing of the United States Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA).**”

“At the request of Illinois Farm Bureau, Representative Bustos signed onto multiple letters ranging in topics such as, USDA’s performance on the 2019 crop report, request for Section 319 funding for a multi-county nutrient loss reduction strategy project in the Mississippi North priority watershed, request to delay the payment deadline for crop insurance premiums and critiques of the U.S. EPA’s misuse of Small Refinery Exemptions.”



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