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Orangeville schools show support



Members of the **Orangeville High School** Servant Leadership group sold 416 shirts and were able to donate more than \$4,500 to the family of those lost in a tragic fire this fall. Students and staff wore the shirts they purchased as a sign of support for the family. Above, the faculty and staff of Orangeville schools display the special T-shirts. At left, Servant Leadership members Camree Pelikan and Zachary Baker present the donation to Alisha Johannsen, who lost her fiance, her 11-year-old son and the couple's 4-yearold son in the September house fire in Orangeville.

Libraries maintain community connection during pandemic

Information, materials, services delivered differently

By Margaret Plevak CORRESPONDENT

When an executive stay-at-home order from Gov. JB Pritzker was issued in March to help keep the COVID-19 virus from spreading, it included libraries among the "non-essential businesses" that were to temporarily close.

For the Pearl City Public Library, like other libraries in the state, the order had a ripple effect. Not only were the library's doors closed, but online requests for materials through

the PrairieCat consortium that serves 21 counties in northern Illinois were suspended. Delivery of requested materials by the Reaching Across Illinois Library System, or RAILS, a government agency that serves over 1,000 libraries, was also suspended.

But a post on Pearl City Library's Facebook page reminded patrons of what was still available to them online: Axis 360, a program offering e-books and e-audiobooks for

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A staff member sets out materials for contactless curbside pickup at the Pearl City Public Library recently. The special circulation option is just one of the ways area libraries are continuing to serve patrons during the pandemic.



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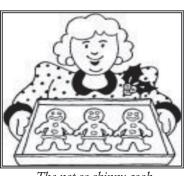
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From Lena's Kitchen



The not so skinny cook

I hope you all had a good Christmas even if it was a little different this year. The weather did turn a lot like winter with the plunging temperatures and the wind. New Year's Eve is coming up, and there are some recipes for an appetizer party or a

Sweet and Salty Cereal

This tasty snack is good for a light snack while watching movies or television. Pack it in a zip lock bag for a treat for kids to eat in the car. It is also great on an appetizer table because it is both sweet and

- 2 C. Crispix
- 2 C. Honey Nut Cheerios
- ¹/₄ C. salted and roasted peanuts
- ¹/₄ C. packed brown sugar
- 3 T. unsalted butter
- 2 t. honey
- 1 t. water
- 1/8 t. baking soda

1 C. halved pretzel sticks 1/4 C. mini chocolate chips Salt to taste

Preheat oven to 325. Line a baking sheet with foil; coat with nonstick spray. Combine Crispix, Cheerios and peanuts in a bowl. Microwave sugar, butter, honey and water in a 2-cup glass measuring cup, on high for 30-second intervals, until melted and smooth, two minutes, stirring after each interval. Stir in baking soda until dissolved; pour over cereal mixture and stir until evenly coated. Transfer cereal and nut mixture to prepared baking sheet.

Bake the nut and cereal mixture, stirring every few minutes, until cereal begins to brown, about 10 minutes. Let mixture cool for 10 minutes before stirring in pretzels and chocolate. Season mixture with salt: store in an airtight container. You can also freeze this mixture.

Baked Stuffed Brie with Cranberries and Walnuts

If you want a beautiful appetizer (and a tasty one too), this stuffed Brie is a good one to serve. It is not hard to make; it just takes a lit-

1 Brie wheel (8 oz.), about 4-inch wheel, sliced in half horizontally

¹/₄ C. dried cranberries

¹/₄ C. chopped walnuts, toasted

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1 pkg. (17.3 oz.) frozen puff pastry, thawed (1 sheet)

1 egg

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Happy New Year!

Apple or pear slices and/or

Sprinkle cut side of Brie half with cranberries and walnuts. Top with remaining Brie half, cut side down. Cut an 8-inch round from sheet of puff pastry. (Trace around an 8-inch cake pan with a paring knife or use a salad plate). Set Brie in center of pastry.

Whisk together egg and water in a small bowl. Brush edges of pastry with egg wash. Fold pastry over Brie, pleating to seal and completely encasing Brie. Flip over wrapped Brie. Brush top and sides with egg wash. If desired, cut decorative shapes from puff pastry scraps and attach with egg wash. Transfer Brie to a shallow parchment paper-lined baking pan; freeze one hour.

Preheat oven to 425. Bake Brie until pastry is browned and Brie is just starting to leak, about 20 minutes. Transfer to a serving plate; cut into wedges and serve with fruit or crackers.

Shrimp and Cheese Phyllo **Triangles**

This recipe takes a little time to prepare, but it is a good one for a New Year's appetizer buffet. You can find phyllo dough in most grocery stores. Aldi has the best shrimp prices.

 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. peeled and deveined cooked shrimp, chopped

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

1 C. shredded fontina cheese

2 T. minced green onion

2 t. minced fresh dill

1 large egg, lightly beaten 1½ lb. (16 oz.) frozen phyllo dough, thawed

1½ C. butter, melted

In a medium bowl, stir together the shrimp, cream cheese, fontina cheese, green onion, dill and egg. On a clean, flat surface, unroll phyllo dough. Stack dough and cut lengthwise into quarters. Cover phyllo with plastic wrap to prevent from drying out.

Stack 4 strips, brushing with melted butter between strips. Spoon about 1 teaspoon of the shrimp mixture onto one end of prepared strips. Fold one corner of the short edge over the mixture,

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leaving a 1-inch border. Continue folding side to side to the end of the strips, forming a triangle. Repeat the procedure with remaining phyllo, butter and shrimp mixture.

Preheat the oven to 400. Place the triangles, seam side down, on baking sheets. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

Olive Relish

If you like olives, you will love this relish. If you want a different taste, you can substitute Kalamata olives for the black olives. Serve it on butter crackers or cocktail rye

1 C. green olives, pitted and chopped

½ C. black olives, pitted and chopped

2 T. sweet red or orange pepper,

finely chopped 1 T. olive oil

2 t. orange zest

1 t. thyme leaves

1 clove garlic, minced

½ t. red pepper flakes

In a small bowl combine oil and ingredients until well mixed. Serve at room temperature, or cover and

chill up to one week.

Amish Breakfast Casserole

New Year's Day is a great day for make-ahead and lazy brunches. This casserole can be made the day before, and you can even freeze it. My church friend, Jane, has made it for years. Do not be alarmed by how much cottage cheese it asks for because you need it to make it great! I like it because it has everything in it - eggs, meat and pota-

1 lb. sliced bacon, diced

1 medium sweet onion, chopped 6 eggs, lightly beaten

4 C. frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed

2 C. cheddar cheese, shredded

1½ C. small curd cottage cheese 1¼ C. Swiss cheese, shredded

In a large skillet, cook bacon and onion until bacon is crisp; drain. In a bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Stir in bacon mixture. Transfer to a greased 9-by-13 baking dish. Bake, uncovered at 350 for 35 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before cutting. Jane has used breakfast sausage in place of

Cranberry Orange Cookies

One of my readers asked if I had

a recipe from one of my former columns. She told me what was in it. I searched through two years of recipes and couldn't find it. I checked a magazine site where I thought I had seen it, and found it. It is a great cookie to start out the New Year. Enjoy this tasty treat with coffee, tea or milk.

1 C. unsalted butter, softened

1 C. sugar ½ C. packed brown sugar

1 egg

1 t. grated orange zest 2 T. orange juice

2½ C. flour

½ t. baking soda

½ t. salt

2 C. chopped cranberries ½ C. chopped walnuts (optional)

½ t. grated orange zest

3 T. orange juice

1½ C. powdered sugar

Preheat the oven to 375. In a large bowl, cream together the butter, white sugar and brown sugar until smooth. Beat in the egg until well blended. Mix in 1 t. orange zest and 2 T. orange juice. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt in a separate bowl. Stir dry ingredients into the orange mixture. Gently fold in cranberries and nuts until evenly distributed. Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets. Cookies should be spaced at least 2 inches apart.

Bake for 12 to 14 minutes in the preheated oven, until the edges are golden. Remove from cookie sheets to cool on wire racks.

For the glaze: In a small bowl, mix together orange zest, orange juice and powdered sugar until smooth. Spread over the tops of cookies. Let stand until set.

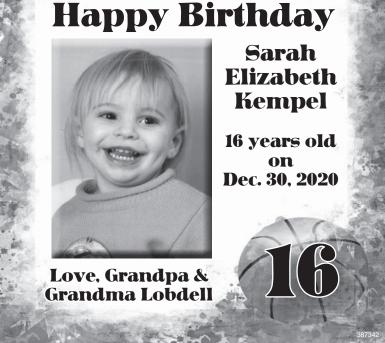
Final thoughts

The New Year is upon us; it sounds as if things have to get worse before they will be getting better. The Christmas decorations will be coming down, and things will be back to the bare necessities. We will all have to stop eating everything in sight and settle in for some winter activities to help us lose the weight

I hope you have a great weekend ushering in 2021. Stay healthy and safe. Have a happy and blessed New

If you have found any winter soup and sandwich recipes you think we would like, contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide, 240 W. Main St., Lena, IL 61048 or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

The family of LaVone Gabel would like to thank each and every one of you for your kind words, cards, mémorial gifts, thoughts and prayers at her passing. There are not enough words to express the gratitude we feel for these heartfelt remembrances and condolences during this time of our loss. Thank you, The Gabel Family



VIEWPOINT

Slices of life

Reach out when someone you love is grieving

and unpredictable. Being with a person who is grieving is all those things. It might be easy, sometimes, to stay away and keep your distance. Surely the grieving person has lots to do and many other people ringing her doorbell and calling her cell phone. Right?

Probably not. Before lady grief punched me in the face, I did whatever I could to avoid her. What in the heck do you say to someone who is grieving? Pre-grief I wouldn't have had an answer. Postgrief I would advise: say anything;



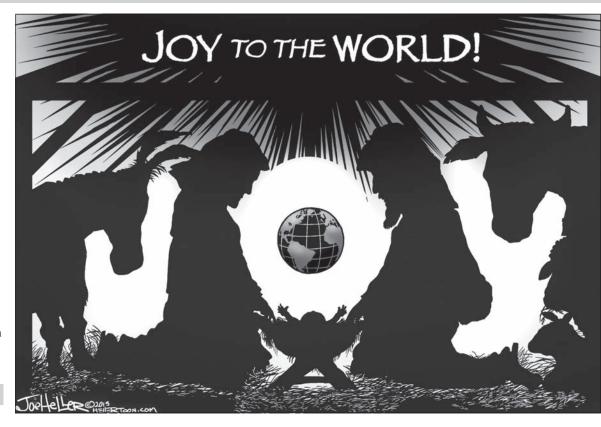
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Contributor

say nothing. Just be there.

As I've stumbled my way through this painful journey, I've had a few moments when I thought, "If I only knew, I would have ... "I thought I'd

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In my opinion

Illinois must puzzle out its problems and summon some swagger

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University asked me to do some noodling about the future of Illinois. I have mentioned this to several friends. The responses — a roll of the eyes, a belly laugh, a retort that it is too late to do anything about Illinois. Nobody has responded that it is a good use of my time, needs to be done.

Few, it seems, give a whit about our state. Why might this be so? In the late 19th century, Illinois was the fastest-growing state in the nation. Twenty-seven million from around the world were dazzled by the White City on Chicago's lakefront at the 1893 World Columbian Exposition. We had some swagger then, and maybe so up to the post-war period of my childhood, as synergies between city

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and fertile countryside made our state one of the richest. But now, we're in a funk.

There is no "Eyes of Texas Are upon You" to rally us, to bring folks out of their chairs in unison and pride. There is real sense of statehood in Texas, which we lack, maybe because Illinois isn't a natural community. We are a state of regions: Chicago, of course; the 'burbs; southern Illinois; western Illinois; and so on. When traveling

overseas, we aren't "from Illinois," but more often from "near Chicago." We're not alone; many states share similar regional divisions (think of Tennessee and New York).

Illinois does have big problems: a deadbeat state government, drowning in deficits and debt. Illinois also has a reputation across the country as being one of the most corrupt states. All of which dampens interest in doing business here.

Yet Illinois has great strengths. "In each of the five critical R's roads, rails, runways, rivers and routers," boasts prominent Effingham entrepreneur Jim Schultz, "Illinois is in the top three among the 50 states.

In addition, Illinois has a strong system of public and

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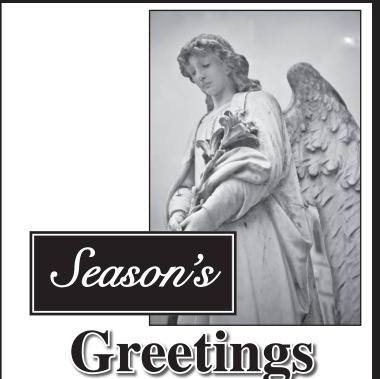
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BLOMBERG

William "Bill" H. Blomberg, age 88, of Cedarville, Illinois, passed away at home on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020. He was born Nov. 27, 1932, in Evanston, Illinois, the son of the late Howard and Grace (Williams) Blomberg. He graduated from East Rockford High School and received his bachelor's degree in history and political science. He later received his master's degree in theology from Garrett Theological Institute.

Bill married Diane "Dee" Horton on June 29, 1957. He served as a chaplain in the Army Reserves, stateside from 1964 to 1972. He attended Army Chaplain School at Ft. Hamilton, New York, in 1966. From the time he was a young man, Bill was called to the ministry and served as a pastor for several area churches for over 50 years. He spent 11 of those years at Embury UMC of Freeport and eight years in Mendota, Illinois. He was currently serving as staff caller at First Lutheran Church of Freeport. He also drove the VFW van to the Veteran's Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin.

He was a member of the Cedarville United Methodist Church in Cedarville. His memberships also included AmVets, American Legion, Golden Kiwanis and Elks Club. Bill also served on the board for the Masonic Lodge Learning Center. He

Myron L. Coaty, 71, of Lena, Il-

linois, passed away Saturday, Dec.

19, 2020, at the Lena Living. My-

ron was born Aug. 4, 1949, to Clay-

ton and Reva Coaty in Eau Claire,

Wisconsin. Myron married Judy

Myron is survived by his wife,

Judy, and his son, Nicholas, both of

Lena; a brother, Marvin Coaty; and

MYRON L. COATY

Elsasser in 1975.



loved spending time at his cabin and working on the farm. He had a love for animals, especially dogs. Bill's passion was for serving people. He was able to find a friend in any-

body and dedicated his life to helping those in need.

He is survived by his wife, Dee Blomberg of Cedarville; sons, Don Blomberg and Rex (Kathy) Blomberg, both of Freeport; daughter, Beth (Scott) Wise of Mendota; grandchildren, Erick Blomberg, Ben Blomberg, Mark (Brittany) Blomberg, Garrett Wise, Cale Wise and Maren Wise; great-granddaughter, Winry Blomberg; and sister, Mary Sannwald of San Diego. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter-in-law, Kathleen Schafer Blomberg; and brother-in-law, Robert "Bob" Horton.

Private family services will be held and burial will take place at the Cedarville Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

A memorial fund has been established for the Dyslexia Foundation and for the Cedarville UMC. Condolences may be shared at www.walker mortuary.com.

a sister; Amy Coaty.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son, Nathan.

A visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020, at the Leamon Funeral Home

Cremation rites have been ac-

Condolences may be sent to the

THELMA DUFT

Thelma Irene Scheider Holmes Duft passed away Nov. 28, 2020, at the golden age of 105. She was born to Fred and Martha (Borchardt) Scheider on Oct. 28, 1915, at home on their farm east of Lena. Her mother drove her to school in Damascus by horse and buggy. The family moved to McConnell when she was in third grade. During her high school years, she rode in the train caboose to and from Winslow each day.

On March 17, 1934, she married Francis Holmes. Since she was an only child, she was happy to join his family of 13. They lived on a farm east of Lena. She was a helpmate to Francis by doing chores, milking cows and doing many other jobs associated with farming. When he retired, they moved to Lena. Francis passed away of pancreatic cancer at the age of 65.

Years later, she married Bill Duft and they eventually moved into the apartments associated with the Lena Nursing Home. After Bill passed away, she continued to live in the apartment and drove her car until she

Almost 150 people attended her 100th birthday celebration. She is survived by four children, Kay (Bruce) Overson of San Diego; Dean (Arlene)

Holmes of Lena; David (Diana) Holmes of Erie, Pennsylvania; and Kevin (Ginny) Holmes of Mesa, Arizona; seven grandchildren, Kay's twins, Christopher (Lilly) Overson

Christine (David) Hatch of San Diego; Dean's sons, Neil (Lisa Wallace) of Lena and Craig (Deborah) of Pearl City; David's son, Derek (Rebekah) and daughter, Denise Holmes of Erie; and Kevin's daughter, Rachel (Randy) Stauner of Mesa. Her great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren are: Craig's stepson, Scott (Jennifer) Musser, and their son Kellen and daughter Kinley; Derek's sons, Dakota and Drake Holmes, and stepchildren Ashley and Adam Sinners. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and stepdaughter Helen (Eugene) Roe and their family. She was preceded in death by both husbands; her son-in-law, Bruce Overson; and stepdaughter Doris Johnson.

When the children were young, she was their 4H leader. She worked at the Stephenson County treasurer's

School with the Class of 1978. On Oct.

8, 1994, Tim married Tammy Kinder.

Together they raised two children and

42 years as a track builder, repairman

and truck driver. He was a morning

person and a hard worker who be-

lieved in doing the job right the first

time. He liked working for the railroad

and appreciated the friendships he

made there. He loved his Harley and

Tim worked for the CP Railroad for

celebrated 26 years of marriage.

office for many years. She was always active in the St. John's Lutheran Church Women's Club, Church Bazaar and played the organ twice each Sunday for many years. As a member of the Stephenson County Home Bureau-Waddams Unit, she held many positions. Her last position was as activities chairman and she loved to find something challenging for the ladies to figure out. She loved to sew and made quilts for everyone in her family, church bazaars and fundraisers for the nursing home. She loved to travel and once said that during her lifetime, she went from churning butter to visiting the space center. She will be remembered for her card playing abilities and was always ready for a "hand of cards." She usually won.

Special thanks to Lena Living Center and FHN Hospice for their care and compassion.

A memorial has been established for St. John's Lutheran Church and should be mailed to Leamon Funeral Home, 210 W. Main St., Lena, IL. 61048. Private family services will be held at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Possibly at a later date a memorial service will be held.

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

Timothy will be dearly missed by his loving wife, Tammy, of Lanark; his daughter, Lauren Hutmacher, of Winslow; his son, Keller Burkholder, of Lanark; two grandchildren, Dayton and Bradyn Hutmacher; his father, Ray Burkholder of Lanark; brother, Raymond (Mary) Burkholder of Green Bay, Wisconsin; and three sisters, Theresa Stajcar of Lanark, Christina LaPointe of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and Elizabeth (James) Bracelet of North Carolina.

Timothy was preceded in death by his mother, Marlene; his maternal and paternal grandparents; several aunts and uncles; and many nieces and neph-

TIMOTHY BURKHOLDER

Timothy Michael Burkholder, age 61, of Lanark, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020, at Serenity Hospice House, in Oregon, Illinois, after an short illness.

A celebration of life will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020, at Law-Jones Eastland in Lanark. Memorials may be made in his memory for Serenity Hospice House in Oregon. Family and friends are invited to share in Timothy's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Timothy was born May 12, 1959, in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Ray Alan and Marlene Jean (St. Claire) Burkholder. He graduated from Lanark High

collecting toy John Deere tractors, but his truest of all joys in his life were his family, friends and of course his grandchildren. Timothy was a devoted and loving son, brother, husband, father,

grandfather and friend.

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Museum hosts online New Year's event for families

Rockford is joining more than 10 other museums and science centers in Illinois and Indiana to continue its annual tradition of a New Year's Eve countdown and celebration.

The children's museums will host a free online Noon Year's Eve Dance Party Countdown featuring The Awesome Squad, a children's music group out of Decatur, Illinois, who serve up kids' favorite hits. Families will be invited to dance along to the songs before the official countdown

Footage from all participating museums will be shared during this unique online event.

Noon Year's Eve is a classic celebration for children's museums across the country. Children are often disappointed when adults stay up late to ring in the New Year, so this event is just for them.

The free live stream will begin at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31. To register, go online to discoverycen-

Discovery Center Museum in termuseum.org and the museum will email guests the link.

Participating museums include: Children's Discovery Museum (Normal, Illinois), Children's Museum of Illinois (Decatur, Illinois), Kidzeum (Springfield, Illinois), Terre Haute Children's Museum, Imagination Station (LaFayette, Indiana), Mun-Chicago Children's Museum.

The Association of Children's Museums estimates that around 30% of all children's museums across the country will permanently close as a

hard to serve its community, even and is looking forward to re-opening and a brighter 2021," a news release

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private colleges and universities, especially vibrant at the graduate research institution level, critical to innovation and discovery in the future. For example, Marc Andreesen and colleagues at the University of Illinois basically invented internet web browsing, central to everyday lives the world

And of course, Illinois is in the middle of the nation; our goods can reach much of the nation in a day's time. Our per capita personal income is also comfortably above the national average; if our economy were that of a nation, we would rank 19th or so in the world.

Based on this, we should have some swagger. But we don't.

In addition to beating on ourselves for so long about our negatives, a self-fulfilling prophecy, we simply have never — never-ever — thought about our future. I have scoured our history, and I cannot find a single illustration of Illinois ever having done any comprehensive, longterm thinking. There is, for sure, much thinking about metropolitan Chicago, but not about the state, which has different functions from local governments.

Maybe it's because we have always practiced meat-and-potatoes politics, where elected officials focus laser-like on simply getting to next year, and getting re-elected in two. We'll worry about the future

when it arrives. Long-term thinking about a positive future doesn't, of course, make it so. Yet such a process can build goal posts to shoot for, and measure our progress as we go. This is what the impressive former Gov. Mitch Daniels famously did in Indiana, with his dashboard of key indicators, to which he held his team

accountable.

cie Children's Museum, Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, Peoria Plavhouse, Wonder Works (Oak Park, Illinois), Kohl Children's Museum (Glenview), Koch Family Children's Museum (Evansville, Indiana) and

result of COVID-19. 'Discovery Center is working while its physical doors are closed,

We have been in a funk so long. I think our problems in Illinois are basically psychological, even more than political. We need to rally ourselves around our strengths.

One small example: Have our Illinois arts and humanities councils hold a competition among our songwriters to come up with a catchy, upbeat tune about Illinois, one we can all hum along to. "By thy rivers gently flowing ... doesn't cut it. Don't laugh; sparks of life, emotion and passion drive achievement.

Second, bring together the half dozen-plus fine think tanks at our public universities and in the nonprofit sector. Have their scholars gaze out the window and brood about the problems — and potential - of the future. Set up some goal

Then, recruit champions for Illinois from the top rungs of business, labor and civic life to lead us to some swagger, once again.

We are, after all, the Land of Lincoln. We have a lot to live up to.

Jim Nowlan is a former member of the Illinois House of Representatives and a former senior fellow at the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs.

Obituary

Irma Jean Zier, age 96, relocated from her apartment in Lena to her mansion in Heaven on Dec. 12, 2020. Her family is rejoicing for their matriarch, as this move has surely restored the spring in her step and her laughter to full volume.

Born Oct. 25, 1924, in Wacker to Harold and Neva (Fulrath) Merchant, she was the eldest of three children. At the age of 12, her family moved to their farm in Lanark. Before her freshman year, Irma left her family to work for her room and board, so she could attend Mt. Carroll High School. Neighbors reported seeing the teenager cutting through their backyards on her lunch break, so she would have time to serve lunch to her employer and do the dishes before rushing back to school.

After graduation, she briefly worked for the War Rationing Board as a compliance agent. It was considered an exceptional job at the time, but after having to cite and testify against rural market owners who struggled to adjust to the system, her conscience forced her to

As a young woman, she attended a friend's party, where Allen Zier, a garage mechanic seven years her senior, spotted her and saw his future in her smile. On April 2, 1943, they were married at a parsonage in Mt. Carroll. Not long after, he was drafted by the Army to serve in Japan. To cope with the stress of his departure, Irma bought her first pack of cigarettes, which also happened to be her last. She didn't like them, but her frugal nature demanded she smoke the entire pack.

She and Allen settled in Lanark, where they raised two children, son Daryl and daughter Deb. She cherished her role as their mother. Even after they grew into adults, she loved fixing delicious Sunday meals and holiday feasts for their families.

After her children left home, she enrolled at Highland Commu-



completed her associate's degree in 1972 and went on to work as secretary/office manager for the Illinois Education Association until her retirement.

Irma had an excellent instinct when it came to the stock market, and she enjoyed making her own trades and following the companies she invested in. She also was a vital helpmate to her husband at Zier's Garage, often picking up part orders or going with him on wrecker calls.

While Irma remained a devoted and loving daughter, there was one lifelong point of contention between her and her mother, who declared Irma a redhead and discouraged her from wearing any clothing with a similar hue. Claiming the last word, in her mid-'80s, Irma bought a shiny, red Buick to complement her collection of cherry-colored blouses.

Irma's favorite pastimes included travel, laughter, volunteerism, laughter and bridge club. And laughter. She was an active member of the Lanark United Methodist Church until moving to Lena in 1999, when she began attending Martintown Community Church until her health made outings dif-

A woman of honesty and integrity, there was a singular occasion when Irma succumbed to temptation during a visit to Chicago. She sneaked into a chocolatier convention with her daughter and a friend, where they were assumed to be buyers. The ruse paid off, because Irma discovered her longtime chocolate allergy had lifted! Even as her appetite dissipated in her final days, she handily transformed snack-sized Hershey bars into empty wrappers.

Irma loved weekly visits and a memorial are in the works.

College. holiday sleepovers with her five grandkids. Black Friday cookie baking was a favorite annual tradition, where messy little hands were celebrated rather than chastised. Her grandchildren's summers were filled with family vacations spent exploring mountain ranges, national parks and ocean coastlines in their grandparents' motorhome.

After her husband passed in 1998, Irma announced that she would treat each of her children and grandchildren to an adventure of their choosing. This resulted in precious memories made across the globe, from the Cliffs of Moher to Athens' ancient Parthenon (which she noted was less impressive than Nashville's fully intact version).

When they visited, she never failed to greet her family with joyful warmth. When it was time for them to leave, she would always tell them what a blessing they were and thanked them for making time for her, right up until her final day on earth.

Irma was preceded in death by her husband, parents and her brother, Van Merchant, who passed just one month before her. She is survived by son Daryl (Joanne) Zier of Neillsville, Wisconsin; daughter Deborah (William) Dietz of Lena; sister Ellen (Joe) Beja of Hot Springs, Arizona; grandchildren, Rodney (Dennae) Dietz, Sara (Curtis) Derrer, Tabitha (Ryan) Engel, Darlene (Anthony) Fenner and Donna Zier (Zeshan Anjum) and 11 great grandchildren.

Irma's children are making future plans for a celebration of life, though they know Irma is already celebrating with her Heavenly Father—and perhaps enjoying a game of bridge with her dear friend, Margaret. They would like to offer a special note of gratitude to Irma's wonderful in-home caregivers, Joyce Shelly and Marsha Larson, as well as FHN Hospice. Condolences may be sent to Irma's family, in care of Deb Dietz in Lena. Plans for



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Briefs

Local students achieve dean's list status

Kierra Lynn Schulz of Lena has been named to the Knox College dean's list for the 2020 fall term. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have earned at least 2.5 credits in the term, with a GPA of 3.6 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

Knox College is a liberal arts college in Galesburg, Illinois.

Colton O'Connor, a sophomore from Orangeville, has been named to the fall term dean's list at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin.

To qualify for the dean's list, fulltime students must have a GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale with no grade less than a "C.

Northland College is a private liberal arts college.

Girl Scouts prep for January cookie sales

Local Girl Scouts will be taking cookie orders in per-son and online Jan. 6 through Jan. 30.

The cookie lineup includes Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-sidos, Trefoils, S'mores, Toffee-tastics and more at \$5 per package.

To be connected with a local Girl

Scout cookie entrepreneur, send an email to cook-ies4you@girlscoutsni.

All of the net revenue raised through cookie sales stays within the northern Illinois area.

saving on energy costs

The University of Illinois Exten-Check-Up webinar to help people make simple changes that can reduce their energy bills.

The one-hour session is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, with Jay Solomon, Extension educator, serving as the host.

unique energy use pattern. Understanding where energy is used in your home is the best way to find cost- and energy-saving opportunities," Solomon said in a news release. "There are often groups of small changes and modification that can add up to big savings, without a lot of expense."

Registration is required to attend the webinar; go online to https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw.

4-H offers baking project for youth

The 4-H programs in Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties are offering an "I Made That" kit for area youth and families during January, which is National Baking Month.

The educational kits are "designed to inspire the inner chef and help youth gain confidence while working in the kitchen," according to a news release from the University of Illinois Extension.

Each kit contains a baking guide, yeast bread recipes, a sensory evaluation and a bag of flour and yeast to get started. The kits cost \$5 each.

Those who want to participate should register for a baking kit by Jan. 12 by going online to go.illinois. edu/jswIMadeThat. The kits will be available for pickup the third week of January at the participant's local Extension office.

Youth and families will have a few weeks to use their kits and bake their bread. Then participants can complete the sensory evaluation form and upload a photo of their bread by Feb. 1 to showcase what they've learned.

"This project is ideal for families to do together or for youth with cooking experience," the release said.

You do not have to be a 4-H member to participate.

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Books returned to the Pearl City Public Library sit in quarantine for 72 hours before being checked in and returned to the collection.

• Libraries (Continued from front page)

patrons with a library card; Bib- and Libby, also for e-books and e-aulioBoard, a digital database for all Illinois residents — with or without a library card; and free Wi-Fi in the immediate area surrounding the library building.

Limited curbside pickup was available again by mid-May, and interlibrary loans were back up and running at the end of June, said Pennie Miller, Pearl City's library director. In the middle of July, the library reopened, with staff and patrons wearing masks and following social distancing rules.

The library is currently open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

"Everybody's been cooperative and understanding," Miller said, adding that staff will place bagged orders on a bench outside the library for patrons who still want contactless pickups.

The pandemic let some programs continue but curtailed others. A summer reading program was offered, but Miller said kids weren't hanging around the library as much. Takeand-make craft kits were available for an afterschool program, but library staff aren't doing story hours or reading at day cares and schools.

According to a RAILS report on the pandemic's impact on libraries, checkout of e-books and audiobooks was up almost double compared to the previous year in libraries across the state. Even rural libraries with small staff are seeing virtual as a new

"We have signed patrons up for library cards remotely. We can communicate through email to get the necessary information, said Kim Scace, library director for Stockton Township Public Library.

At Stockton, patrons with an internet connection can access Axis 360

diobooks, and BiblioBoard 24 hours a day.

The library is open by appointment only: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 3 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Appointments can be made for browsing for materials, copying, faxing, using the computer and using Wi-Fi to connect personal devices — which also can be done from outside the building.

Until it's safe again to gather, the library's story hour and after school programming are on hold. Scace said that currently the library isn't offering any online programs, though that may be a possibility in the future.

"We were going to try outdoor socially distant book club meetings, but after we tried scheduling them, the COVID cases in the region started to increase, so we decided for everyone's safety to pause that idea," she said. "We do still pick a book each month and anyone who wants to read it can. We get multiple copies by borrowing them from other libraries through interlibrary loan. Anyone can let us know via phone or email and we will make sure they get a copy to borrow."

Despite having to provide services in different ways, the pandemic restrictions haven't stopped libraries from serving their communities.

"I recently heard from a library in our service area that out of their total 977 cardholders, 955 had used their library cards in the last six months," said Monica Harris, RAILS associate executive director. "That's more than 97 percent of their users actively using them during the pandemic, and I think that speaks to the central place that a library is for people in times of uncertainty.

"Libraries are of key importance to their communities and are often of the most importance to the commu-

nity's most vulnerable populations senior citizens, the unemployed, children and families — who have been most affected during the pandemic."

Said Scace, "The library has always been a place to go for information, and we are still trying to provide our patrons with services, even with limited contact.

"We receive calls and emails from people asking questions about community services, genealogy, local history and more. We will continue to answer those questions, and if we don't know the answer, we'll research until we find it.

Valerie Woodley, director of Warren Township Public Library, encourages patrons to call ahead for selected items, or even to describe what they like to read and let staff choose something for them and arrange a pickup

Warren's current temporary hours are 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Curbside service is offered during those hours.

Because the number of people in the building is limited, patrons should call ahead for appointments to browse, make copies or use the com-

Woodley said in-person programs and book clubs are on hold for now, but story hours are posted on the library's Facebook page.

Patrons with internet access and a library card can place orders through PrairieCat, or download the Overdrive app for e-books, audiobooks, magazines and more.

"If anyone needs anything, even someone to call and check on them, please call our library. We may not be fully open, but we are here to serve," Woodley said. "We love getting those phone calls right now. Never feel like you are a burden. That's what we're here for. We are happy to help."

Birth

Wrenly Dean Snyder

Wrenly Dean Snyder is the new daughter of Jacob Snyder and Caitlynn Greve of Stockton, Illinois, born on Dec. 15, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Illinois. Grand-

parents are Kurt and Joanne Snyder of Lena, Cheryl Bourland of Stockton and Dean Greve of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Great -grandparents are Carol Hand of Lena, Sue Snyder of Freeport and Bob and Linda Janssen of Pearl City.



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College celebrates long-awaited gym renovations

Renovations were completed recently at the Highland Community College gym in Freeport. The \$1.16 million project included new wood flooring, new bleachers and a new scoreboard, along with the addition of air conditioning in the sports complex. The renovations remedied the presence of hazardous materials in the flooring and replaced bleachers that were not ADA-compliant. The sports complex was originally constructed in 1979.

Legislators propose remote meetings during pandemic

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Two lawmakers have introduced legislation that would allow the General Assembly to meet and vote remotely during a pandemic or other emergency that makes in-person meetings dangerous.

Rep. Ann Williams and Sen. Robert Martwick, both Chicago Democrats, filed the legislation last week, saying the current inability to conduct business remotely has hindered lawmakers' ability to respond to the health crisis.

"In March, we had no idea a pandemic would sweep the globe, bringing life as we know it to a halt," Williams said in a news release. "While we were able to meet for a few days in May to conduct urgent business, we continue to face a crisis of epic proportions — both on the public health front and in terms of our budget situation — that requires legislative attention."

"The governor has emergency powers to secure the health of our state," Martwick said. "However, it is the Legislature's responsibili-

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ty to enact the long-term policies, in accordance with the needs of our unique and diverse constituencies, which will chart the path forward as we recover from this pandemic.

Business in the General Assembly halted in March, around the same time Gov. JB Pritzker declared a statewide disaster. Lawmakers held a brief special session in May, mainly to pass a budget and a few other urgent pieces of legislation, but they

and have not conducted any official business since May 24.

During that special session, the Senate enacted a procedural rule that allows its committees to meet remotely, but only for informational meetings. They are not allowed to take recorded votes. The only committee that has taken official action since May has been the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.



Colbie Roberts, left, is pictured with Evelyn Dittmar; both are fifth-graders at Le-Win Elementary School. Roberts raised more than \$2,500 through donations and a hat day at school for children at American Family Children's Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. She used the funds to purchase items from the children's wish lists to be sent directly to them in an effort to make their Christmas a bit brighter while in the hospital.



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PLAINTIFF

Vs. Patti L. Pflaume; et. al.

DEFENDANTS 2020CH21

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 11/24/2020, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on January 21, 2021 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY -IN PROBATE

In Re the Matter of the Estate of: Marjorie A. Heilman No. 2020 P 114

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Marjorie A. Heilman, of Freeport, Illinois. An Order was entered 12-8-2020, admitting the Will of the decedent and dated 10/27/2017, issuing Letters of Office as described herein and requiring the representative to file an inventory within 60 days. Letters of Office were issued on 12-8-2020, to: Amber Nicole Bell, as independent Executor of the Estate of Marjorie A. Heilman, whose attorney is

Darin R. Doak, Esq., Attorney for Estate of Marjorie A. Heilman 1203 Navaho Drive Brentwood, TN 37027 615-540-1950 (evenings) 815-235-9678 (office, cell, text mssg) darin@darindoaklaw.com The estate will be administered without Court supervi-

5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition To Terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before 05/08/2021, and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Darin R. Doak, Esq.,

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Daily Drawing notes December winners

Organizers of the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing have announced the December winners.

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 Eliza-beth, 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

The December winners are: Josh Ehlers of Freeport, Karl Thorsen of Elizabeth, Steve Stadel of Scales Mound, Alex Burbach of Scales Mound, Jeni Pearce of Stockton, Rachel Shelberger of Warren, Bill Flynn of Davis, Steve and Angie Winter of Scales Mound, Nikki Keltner of Pearl City, Sharon Strahlman of Galena, Shirley Speer of Dixon, Patrice Kuhn of Galena, Anita Hanson of Elizabeth, Susan Haas of Elizabeth, Jane Mitchell of Somerset, Kentucky, Teresa Burke of Galena, Holly Petersen of Freeport, Debbie Kuberski of Pearl City, Amy Mahon of Winslow, Brinker Tire & Auto of Lena, Ken Schueller of Scales Mound, Tonia Steiner of East Dubuque, Jacob Sollars of Elizabeth, Sharon Smith of Apple River, Barry Rogers of Elgin, Alivia Northrup of Galena, Deena Pingel of Scales Mound, Maureen Ries of Galena, Carol Kucan-Gaffin of Bradenton, Florida, Thomas Edler of Lena and Maggie Richardson of Cuba City, Wisconsin.



• Slices of Life (Continued from page 3)

share. When dealing with someone who is grieving:

Reach out. Call. If they don't want to talk they don't have to pick up the phone. It's better to reach out too much than too little. If you are uncomfortable with a call, send a text. But reach out. You are never being a bother. Trust me.

Reach out in the beginning, but keep it up in the weeks and months that follow. Grief doesn't end after a certain amount of time. Many people reach out at the beginning and think, "There, now that's done." But grief gets lonelier, sometimes, as time goes on.

Reach out on weekends and holidays. Normal people look forward to Friday and Saturday nights. Not so for those who are grieving. Weekends get long and

quiet. Friends don't answer their phones on the weekend because they are doing their regular normal fun person stuff, which is to be expected. But if you find yourself with a quiet moment during the weekend, reach out.

Be forgiving if your phone calls and texts go unanswered. Keep trying. Sometimes grief is so overwhelming it's paralyzing.

Nothing you can say or do will ever make the person feel worse. It won't make their grief worse or make them sad. They are fully aware of their state. You reaching out will never bring back bad memories or emotions. The grieving person is already experiencing them full-bore. It is practically impossible for you to make things worse or dredge things up.

Let them cry, but don't expect it. Some days will be filled with tears, others won't. There's no explaining it. There's no logic to it. That's what makes grief so formidable; it steals all control. And control is

If you find yourself crying, go with it. You will not make the grieving person feel worse. There is nothing you can do to make them feel worse.

Less is often more. Less chatter. Less commotion. Less activity. Less expectations. Don't be afraid of silence. Just being there is often enough.

Decisions — what to wear, what to eat, whether to brush your teeth before putting your socks on — are difficult and sometimes impossible. Limit choices or options. They are

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overwhelming. Don't ask "Tuna or chicken salad?" Just make the sandwich. If it doesn't get eaten, so be it.

Don't ask, "What can I do?" The only thing more difficult than the grief and making decisions is asking for help. Don't ask. Tell. "I'm going to the store. I bet you could use some milk." Or, "I'm coming over next week for a walk outside. Does Tuesday work?"

Each day is different. Each hour is different. Each minute is different. Grief is a bevy of emotions. Sometimes they come on like a flood; other times they are completely absent. Don't expect one emotion or another. There is no right or wrong. Roll with it and allow the grieving person this grace.

They say time heals all wounds,

but I'm not sure I buy this to be true. From what people tell me, grief can span years and decades and lifetimes. Don't judge. Don't expect. Don't ever tell someone it's time to get over it. Not ever.

No one likes grief. Heck I think we all hate it. It's uncomfortable and scary. But it's part of the human condition. Grief means you have loved. And loving is at the very center of life. I wouldn't give up love in order to avoid grief. And there, right there, is a choice that is fully in my control.

And control is power.

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More than 100,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in Illinois since the first vaccine was approved for emergency use this month, more than any other state in the nation, and state officials expect the pace of the vaccination program to speed up as the federal government begins distributing a second drug last week.

Gov. JB Pritzker made that announcement during a virtual media briefing Dec. 23, adding that eventually, larger states like California and Texas will surpass Illinois simply because of the size of their populations.

"But the vaccine team in Illinois sprinted past them all in week one,' Pritzker said.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted Emergency Use Authorization Dec. 11 for a vaccine developed by the drug companies Pfizer and BioNTech, and the state began delivering those vaccines two weeks ago.

On Friday, Dec. 18, FDA granted the same authorization for a vaccine developed by Moderna and shipments of that vaccine are now being distributed to hospitals and

local health departments throughout the state.

By Dec. 26, Pritzker said, the state expected to receive another 23,400 doses of the Pfizer vaccine, plus 174,600 doses of the Moderna vaccine for distribution throughout Illinois outside of Chicago. In addition, Illinois is dedicating another 37,050 doses of the Pfizer vaccine for a federal government's vaccination program for long-term care facilities, which is being administered by the pharmacy companies CVS and Walgreens.

"And with the Moderna shipments (last week), vaccines will have officially reached all 102 counties in Illinois," Pritzker said.

The city of Chicago, which receives its own shipments directly from the federal government, expected to receive 15,600 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and 48,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine last week.

All of the vaccines being distributed in the first phase of the program are earmarked for health care workers and the residents and staff of long-term care facilities. State officials said they expect it will take four to six weeks to complete

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Meanwhile, the spread of COVID-19 in Illinois continued to show signs of declining. Despite this trend, however, Pritzker said he has no immediate plans to lift the Tier 3 mitigations currently in effect statewide, which includes the closure of bars and restaurants to indoor service and strict limits on public gatherings.

"The challenge that we have is, what we don't want to do is swing back and forth between mitigations and not having mitigations within days or a week or two of one another," Pritzker said. "And as we head into New Year's, my concern is that we might see — we are going likely to see - some uptick from Christmas and from New Years in hospitalizations as well as cases.'

"Having said that," he added,

or specific regions from Tier 3 to Tier 2, that would not open bars and restaurants for indoor service yet. We need to bring it down even further and for a longer period of

Pritzker did announce that his administration is increasing funding for child care providers that take part in the state's Child Care Assistance Program, or CCAP, a program that helps low-income families pay for child care.

Pritzker said the state will invest \$20 million of its remaining allocation from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act, to pay for all eligible days of child care for families enrolled in the program, regardless of the child's actual attendance, for all of December, January and Feb-

In addition, he said, the Department of Children and Family Serall licensed family child care providers this month, returning them to full capacity. He said licensed child care centers may return to full capacity in early January, if the COVID-19 rolling positivity rate remains below 9 percent.

The money will also be used to buy and distribute personal protective equipment to child care providers throughout the state.

Pritzker said the intent of the additional funding is to provide some financial stability to child care providers, who have seen their enrollments decline or have had staff call in sick during the pandemic.

"These tumultuous times have rained down in multiple ways on our early childhood network of providers," Pritzker said. "And I wanted to make it easier for them so that we can make sure that child care is available to parents who need it."

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