

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

### FARM Safety & Health

## Denny Kerschner won quilt at the Arthur Cheese Festival September 6



Submitted photo

Pictured is Denny Kerschner of Newman on the left and Leona Magee of Brocton on the right. Denny won the quilt at the Arthur Cheese Festival on September 6, 2021, at the booth of the Mariorraetta Rebekah Lodge #347. Leona is a member of the Lodge and made the quilt for the raffle. The Rebekah Lodge is located in Arthur IL.

## Regional Office of Education #11 to host Future Teacher Night on Oct. 27

Want to be a teacher? There is no better time than now to take the first step in pursuing the dream of becoming an educator. The teacher shortage is being felt on a national, state, and local level. Our schools need high quality teachers more than ever, in all classroom areas.

ROE #11 is excited to host a future teacher night in an effort to introduce those wanting to join the teaching profession to affordable, flexible teacher preparation programs and begin the journey to a rewarding career as a classroom teacher. Representatives from five teacher

preparation universities, which offer alternative routes to teacher licensure, including Eastern Illinois University, Indiana State University, West Florida Teacher Ready, Grand Canyon University, and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, will be available to answer questions, provide

resources, and assist with navigating the path to a professional educator license.

ROE#11 will hold its 2021 Future Teacher Night in open house style with participants encouraged to stop by the stations of the represented universities and find out

about the teacher preparation programs they offer. This event will take place on Wednesday, October 27 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Regional Office of Education #11, located at 730 7th Street in Charleston. This event is free of charge and all attendees will be entered

into a drawing for a \$500 scholarship (two winners will be awarded). Please feel free to call Dr. Kyle Thompson or Dr. Zakry Standerfer at (217)348-0151 with any questions regarding this event or entering the teaching profession.

## Eastern Ill. Foodbank joins Feeding America's Hunger Action campaign

Hunger Action Month Campaign Aims to Inspire the Public to Get Involved and Raise Awareness of Hunger in America

For Hunger Action Month this September, Eastern Illinois Foodbank will join Feeding America and other network member food banks to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of people facing the impossible choice of hunger. Food banks around the country are working to make a real and lasting impact on food insecurity in their communities, and they are asking for the public's support.

September marks the 14th year Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization with a nationwide network of 200 food banks, including Eastern

Illinois and 60,000 partner food pantries and meal programs, has organized the annual call to action. This year's campaign presents the impossible choices that millions of Americans must make between food and other basic needs.

"For many, a daily meal is a simple choice of what to eat," said Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO of Feeding America. "For people facing hunger, a daily meal poses a very different type of choice. It's often an impossible decision between food or other crucial needs, such as electricity, childcare, or medicine. Nobody should be forced to make a

choice to go hungry. With the public's support, we can come together to help people achieve long-term food security, so they no longer have to make such tough decisions."

During the month of September, people across eastern Illinois can get involved in the movement by learning, committing, and speaking up about ways to end hunger.

\* Donate - Visit [www.eifoodbank.org/action/donate/donate.html](http://www.eifoodbank.org/action/donate/donate.html) to donate to Eastern Illinois Foodbank. Each dollar donated feeds one person for a day.

\* Volunteer - Visit [www.eifoodbank.org/action/volunteer](http://www.eifoodbank.org/action/volunteer) to find up-

coming volunteer opportunities.

\* Advocate - Wear orange on Friday, September 17 for Hunger Action Day to raise awareness of hunger. Post photos on social media and tag @eifoodbank.

Hunger Action Month is a time to mobilize to end hunger. You can choose to donate or advocate. You can choose to volunteer or raise awareness. You can choose to help end hunger. Learn more about how you can take action by visiting [eifoodbank.org](http://eifoodbank.org) or [hungeractionmonth.org](http://hungeractionmonth.org).

**About Eastern Illinois Foodbank**  
Eastern Illinois Foodbank works to alleviate

hunger in eastern Illinois through cooperation with a network of food pantries, agencies and programs. The Foodbank distributes donated and discounted food throughout an 18-county service area in cooperation with more than 170 member agencies and programs. Through these agencies, the Foodbank provides food to over 100,000 different men, women and children each year. Eastern Illinois Foodbank is a member of Feeding America Feeding Illinois and the United Way of Champaign County.

**About Feeding America**  
Feeding America® is

the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through a network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs, we provide meals to more than 40 million people each year. Feeding America also supports programs that prevent food waste and improve food security among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry. Visit [www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org), find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

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