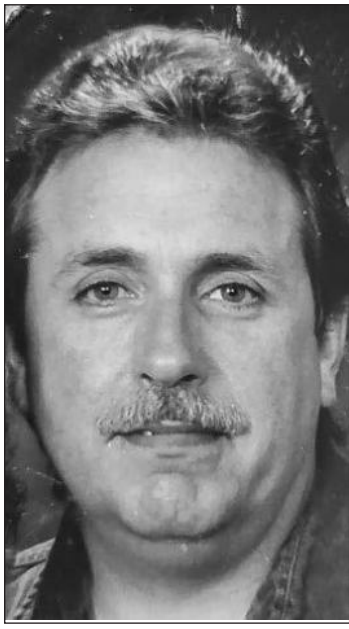


Area Obituaries



Hawkins

Doug Hawkins

Brian Douglas "Doug" Hawkins of Catlin passed away January 10, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

Mr. Hawkins was born January 13, 1959, in Carmi, to Gerald "Jerry" and Phyllis (Murdach) Hawkins.

He married Kim DeBose on January 15, 1999. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother; his children, Nicole (Will), Dusty (Tyler), Amber (Kaleb) and Drew; his five grandchildren; "little" brother, Tom (Angie); and sister, Beth; many in-laws and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his father.

Mr. Hawkins graduated from Tuscola High School in 1977. He was employed by Union Pacific Railroad for 20 years.

Mr. Hawkins enjoyed spending time with his family and many great friends. He especially enjoyed spending time with his wife on their many travels and motorcycle rides.

Mr. Hawkins chose to be cremated and there will be no services per his wishes. Rortvedt Funeral Services & Crematory of Tilton is handling the cremation rites. There will be a celebration of life that will be scheduled at a later date.

Levi Schrock

Levi M. Schrock, 79 of Arthur, passed away at 11:57 a.m. on Sunday, January 16, 2022, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 19, at the Otto Center, south of Arthur. Bishop Larry R. Diener will officiate. Burial will be in the Otto Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday, January 17, and will be held again 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Otto Center. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Mr. Schrock was born on July 3, 1942, in rural Arthur. He was a son of Menno A. and So-villa J. (Mast) Schrock. He married Edna Mae Gingerich on September 25, 1962, in rural

Arthur. They lived in Holy Matrimony, 58 years, 3 months, 26 days. She passed away on January 20, 2021.

He is survived by six children, Larry Jay Schrock and his wife Delores (Herschberger) of Tuscola, Kenneth Lynn Schrock and his wife Melissa (Yours) of Arthur, Roger Keith Schrock and his wife Jeannette (Kauffman) of Arthur, Richard Lee Schrock and his wife Tina (Walker) of Chatham, Carol Ann (Schrock) Gingerich and her husband Robert of Arthur, and David Alan Schrock of Cooks Mills; 22 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one brother, Andrew M. Schrock of Bowling Green, Fla.; two sisters-in-law, Marie (Dan) Schrock of Warsaw, Ohio, and Frances (Abe) Schrock of

Arthur; and two step siblings, Edward C. (Clara) Schrock and Alta Schrock both of Arthur.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three brothers, John, Dan and Abe Schrock; sister, Anna Helmuth; stepfather, Chris A. Schrock; and two stepsisters, Lydia Miller and Elizabeth Schrock.

Mr. Schrock was a grain and dairy farmer for many years. He also worked at several local businesses over the years. In retirement he could often be found spending time with friends at local coffee shops and enjoyed wintering in Pinecraft, Fla. Watching his grandchildren grow up was one of his greatest joys.

Mr. Schrock was a member of the Old Order Amish Faith.

Lorene Herschberger

Lorene C. Herschberger, 71, of Sullivan, passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 5:13 p.m. in Arthur.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 13, at the Paul O. Herschberger residence, 1553 CR 1275 N, Sullivan. Bishop Christy Diener will officiate. Burial will be in the Herschberger Cemetery in rural Sullivan. Visitation was held Tuesday, January 11, at the Paul O. Herschberger residence. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Mrs. Herschberger was born on August 17, 1950, in Tuscola. She was a daughter of Chris N. and Lizzie Ann (Miller) Bontrager. She married Oba C. Herschberger on November 7, 1968, in Tuscola.

She is survived by her husband, Oba of Sullivan; 13 children, Paul Herschberger and his wife Rosanna of Sullivan, Chris Herschberger of Trenton, Mo., Duane Herschberger and his wife Sara of Milan, Mo., Susanna Otto and her husband Clarence of Sullivan, David Herschberger and his wife Edna Mae of Sullivan, Joseph Herschberger of Muldrow, Okla., Steven Herschberger at home, Rosanna

Schrock and her husband Willard of Arthur, Samuel Herschberger and his wife Laureen of Sullivan, William Herschberger and his wife Rosanna of Sullivan, John Herschberger and his wife Laura of Topeka, Ind., Phillip Herschberger of Lansing, Mich., and Mary Anna Gingerich and her husband Mark of Sullivan; 56 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brothers, Raymond Bontrager and his wife Ella of Arthur, William Bontrager and his wife Fannie of Millersburg, Ohio, Irvin Bontrager and his wife Mary of Middlebury, Ind., and Sam Bontrager of Purdin, Mo.; sisters, Mattie Miller of Arthur, Lizzie Diener of Humboldt, Verna Bontrager of Sarasota, Fla., Mary Chupp and her husband Lewis of Tuscola, Clara Herschberger and her husband Nelson of Arcola, and Katie Hel-muth of Glen Flora, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one stillborn grandson; one granddaughter, Hannah Grace Otto; brothers, Melvin, Levi and Eli Bontrager; and sisters, Ida Otto, Edna Miller, Carrie Herschberger, Fannie Schrock and Anna Bontrager.

Mrs. Herschberger was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

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COVID surge prompts multiple state responses

General Assembly calls off in-person sessions

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SPRINGFIELD – A continuing sharp spike in COVID-19 cases being driven by the omicron variant has pushed the state's hospital capacity to its limits and is prompting the state to bring in additional health care workers from other states and countries.

Gov. JB Pritzker said Wednesday that more than 2,000 additional health care workers have been deployed throughout the state, including 919 in hospitals hit hard by the surge, with another 552 scheduled to arrive within the next several days.

"This current wave of COVID is causing more people to get sick than ever before in the pandemic," Pritzker said. "And the vast majority of the serious illnesses and deaths are among the unvaccinated."

As of Wednesday, the Illinois Department of Public Health was reporting 7,219 people hospitalized with COVID-19 in the state, down slightly from the record 7,353 who were hospitalized on Tuesday. Another 271 people in the state had died of the disease just since Monday.

"We have never had this many COVID patients in the hospital at any point in the pandemic. Not in spring of 2020; not in the winter of 2020," IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said, noting that the previous pandemic record was 6,175, set in November 2020.

Over the past seven days, more than 227,000 new cases have been confirmed in Illinois out of 1.9 million tests performed, for a seven-day case positivity rate of 12 percent.

"But as difficult as this moment is, there will be an end to it," Pritzker said. "We have all the necessary tools for prevention, and we are nearer than

ever to having everything we need to detect and treat the disease to keep even the most vulnerable people alive. I can't say enough about how extraordinary our hospitals and our health care heroes have been throughout this pandemic."

Pritzker said the state was taking several actions to bolster its health care workforce, such as allowing out-of-state health care providers to continue practicing in Illinois with expanded permissions to care for all patients, not just COVID-19 patients.

In addition, doctors trained in other countries have been given permission to provide assistance to licensed physicians in Illinois. And out-of-state providers, including physicians, nurses and mental health providers, are being allowed to provide telehealth services to patients in Illinois if they have a pre-existing provider-patient relationship.

Meanwhile, Pritzker issued an executive order late Tuesday spelling out protocols that schools now need to follow whenever a student or school employee tests positive for COVID-19.

Consistent with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the order requires infected individuals, regardless of their vaccination status, to be excluded from school premises for a minimum of five days and a maximum of 10 days following the onset of symptoms or the date of their test.

Schools also must exclude students or employees who come in close contact with an infected person for a minimum of five days after their exposure, and those individuals must continue to wear a mask at all times around others, including when outdoors, for an additional five days after they return to school.

The surge in COVID-19 cases has also resulted in other state actions.

House and Senate leaders in the General Assembly announced Wednesday that they were canceling in-person session days next week, although committees will continue to meet remotely.

"Given the recent COVID-19 numbers, this is not the time to bring hundreds of people together inside the Capitol," Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, said in a statement. "Through our remote committee process we have proven that we can get work done, protect people's health and at the same time expand the legislative process to people who might want to testify but wouldn't have the time or resources to come to Springfield."

And the Illinois Department of Corrections announced that it was pausing all inmate transfers into state facilities from county jails as it responds to COVID-19 outbreaks in IDOC facilities.

"Congregate living facilities present unique infection control challenges due to the lack of quarantine and isolation space," IDOC Director Rob Jeffreys said in a statement Wednesday. "The Department recognizes the hardships county jails face when we cannot accept admissions, but we must take aggressive action to keep the community and everyone who lives and works in our facilities safe and healthy."

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Users will be able to go to dhealthdept.org and click the appropriate link for the test they are seeking ... rapid, PCR, or both. As always, an insurance card is required for PCR testing.

Changes with COVID contact tracing ...

Because of the overwhelming numbers of COVID cases and resulting close contacts, IDPH has established a centralized Surge Center to take on a majority of contact tracing efforts. Starting Thursday, Jan. 13, folks age 65+ who test positive

will receive a phone call (from 312-777-1999) with result and isolation/quarantine guidelines. Folks age 64 and younger will receive an automated text message with vital instructions. Accurate, honest answers to contact tracing questions and adherence to recommended isolation/quarantine guidelines are crucial to helping stop the spread of COVID-19.

School personnel will largely be managing their own case identification, contact tracing, and isolation/quarantine guidance for school-based exposures. Local health departments will primarily focus on COVID cases linked to congregate care facilities, management of outbreaks, and

offering guidance and support for other agencies and entities. Please make sure your phone's voicemail is set up and able to receive messages, and if you've gotten a test and are anticipating results, please answer incoming calls from a 312 number or the local health department.

There is no question these are going to be a challenging next few weeks with all the changes going on, and we will do everything within our power to keep things as smooth as possible. Take care and please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Additional information on any number of COVID-related subjects can also be accessed online at Illinois DPH.

Church Directory



Bourbon Baptist Church

626 CR 475 E, Tuscola
Church Sunday 10 a.m.,
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group Sunday evenings 6-7:30 p.m.
Email bourbon.baptistchurch@yahoo.com

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

1100 E. Northline Road Tuscola 253-3896
Sunday Morning Sacrament Meeting
9:30 and 10:40 a.m., Wednesday Youth Night 7 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene

1001 Egyptian Trail Tuscola 253-3541
Song & Praise Worship 8:30 a.m.
Traditional/Hymnal Service 10:30 a.m.,
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Eagle Mountain Assembly of God

401 E. Sale Tuscola 253-4444
Sunday Services 10 a.m.

Faith Baptist Church

300 Northline Road Tuscola 253-4231
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Real Teens, King's
Kids 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

300 E. Daggy Tuscola 253-4231
Sunday School 9 a.m., Worship Service 10 a.m.

First Christian Church

100 E. Church Street Tuscola 253-2394
Worship Services 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Sunday Youth Group
(Grades 7-12) 6:30 p.m.
Wed. After School Program (Grades 5-6)

First Church of God

821 E. Barker Tuscola 253-2180
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Time 1:30-2:30 p.m.,
Wednesday Night 6 p.m.
Missionary Women meet
2nd Tuesday of each month 6 p.m.

Forty Martyrs Catholic Church

210 E. Van Allen Tuscola 253-4412
Pastor: Rev. Angel Sierra
Sacrament of Confession: Saturdays 5 p.m.
Or by appointment by calling the church office.
Weekday Mass Times:
8 a.m. Monday, Thursday, and Friday
Weekend Masses: 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. Sunday

Immanuel Lutheran Church

600 E. Northline Tuscola 253-4341
Saturday Evening Service 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m.

Tuscola United Methodist Church

901 N. Prairie Tuscola 253-4232
Sunday Morning Worship Services
8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.

United Church of Christ

114 E. Pembroke St, Tuscola 253-2532
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Email: dealralph5@aol.com

