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**The end of an era: Illinois public health emergency to end**

More than three years after it began, Illinois' public health emergency is set to expire May 11. Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced the state's public health emergency will end on that date, aligning the state with the federal government's decision to end the national public health emergency. Ensuring Illinois' and the federal government's health emergencies were linked brought in additional federal funding and expanded healthcare access for residents across the state. In a statement, Pritzker said his administration worked along with the federal government to by "following scientific and medical guidance to support frontline workers and save lives." Illinois' disaster proclamation and Pritzker's executive orders "enabled us to use every resource at

our disposal from building up testing capacity and expanding our healthcare workforce to supporting our vaccine rollout and mutual aid efforts," he said, adding COVID-19 is "still a real and present danger to people with compromised immune systems." He urged those Illinoisans to get vaccinated and recommended booster shots. Illinois joined 12 other states and the Department of Health and Human Services in declaring a public health emergency on March 9, 2020. Illinois continued to remain aligned with the federal government to ensure all resources were used in the state's COVID-19 response. Illinois residents were able to collect additional SNAP benefits, more than 1.4 million children received Pandemic EBT (nutrition) support, and Medicaid expansion ensured access to telehealth options and the resources Illinoisans needed to stay healthy. The proclamation formalized emergency procedures by activating the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), bringing together decision makers from every state agency and the state's highly qualified mutual aid network to deploy resources as necessary during the public health threat. Pritzker said since March 2020, state and local partners benefitted from a disaster proclamation because it:

- Allowed federal reimbursement for state response costs.
- See EMERGENCY on other side

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## Obituaries

**LANE** - Shirley Lee Lane, 86, of Hoopeston, passed away at 6 a.m. Sunday, January 29, 2023, at Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Living in Hoopeston. She was born January 22, 1937, in Boswell, IN, the daughter of Roy and Cozetta (Wagoner) Fix. She married Ronnie Lane on June 16, 1957, at the First Christian Church in Hoopeston. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by two daughters, Kristie Lane Gonzalez of Hoopeston, and Shawn Lane of Hoopeston; two sons, Jeffrey (Lisa) Lane of Kankakee, and Tory (Janice) Lane of Pasadena, MD; one sister, Carolyn Fix Longest of Hoopeston; one brother, George (Sheila) Fix of Rotonda West, FL; one sister-in-law, Dixie Fix of Watseka; eight grandchildren, Nick



SHIRLEY LANE

(Elizabeth) Gonzalez, Channele (Markus) Davis, Courtney (Adam) Traeger, Kali (CJ) Goodrum, Caleb Lane, Cody Lane, Garrett White, and Andrew Lane; thirteen great-grandchildren, Ashton and Layla Birch, Kyli and Remington Davis, Navarro Gonzalez, Kaedyn, Avery, and Grayson Goodrum, Austin Traeger, Ryker and Cora Lane, and Cameron and Avalynn Lane; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Ginny Probasco and Joyce Williams; one brother, Steve Fix; and two brothers-in-law, Carl Longest and Leon Probasco.

Shirley was a cook at Pla-Mor Lanes lunch counter and later at the Corner Café. She was also a cake decorator for many years. After retirement, she enjoyed living in Florida, watching the sunset and later moved home to be near family.

She was a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Hoopeston and later attended the First Church of God. She was also a member of the Women's Bowling Association and Little League Moms. Shirley

### Emergency continued from other side

- Allowed use of the State Disaster Relief Fund, covering direct state costs and reimbursements to Illinois National Guard and mutual aid groups.
- Allowed use of Illinois' mutual aid network, including hundreds of health care providers and management professionals, law enforcement officers, fire fighters, emergency medical technicians and disaster response professionals available to deploy to areas of shortage.
- Authorized Pritzker to activate Illinois National Guard reservists, some of whom were doctors and nurses and served on the front lines of the pandemic response.
- Allowed expedited procurement should it be necessary.
- Authorized additional executive actions as needed to protect public health and safety.

While Pritzker listed what he believes were his accomplishments, others criticized his handling of the situation and the hundreds of executive orders he issued and reissued since COVID-19 was first diagnosed in the state.

Greenville attorney Tom Devore represented several school districts and families across the state in a 2021 suit against Pritzker's school mask mandate. The suit was dropped after a Sangamon County judge granted a temporary restraining order against the mandate. An appellate court upheld the order and the state's high court declined to overturn the order.

enjoyed bowling and was inducted into the Hoopeston Bowling Hall of Fame in 2012. She also enjoyed attending her kids and grandkids sporting events and was very active in the youth baseball concession stand and doing other tasks. She was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed visiting with her friends at the coffee club at McDonald's, Henning's and later 112 Coffee Shoppe. The love of Shirley's life was her kids and grandkids.

A visitation was held 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Thursday, February 2, 2023, at Anderson Funeral Home 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service followed the visitation, beginning at 12 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial followed in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorials may be made to the Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters, the Hoopeston Area Music Boosters, or Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Living in Hoopeston.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Shirley's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

**LaBOUNTY** - Lisa Ann LaBounty, 59, of Cissna Park,

### Briefly

#### Bulk garbage day

Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot. Residents are limited to one load per bulk day and must unload their own load or bring someone to help.

Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or anything that fits in the provided blue totes is not allowed. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

#### Addiction recovery group

Addiction recovery group for men. 6 p.m. Sundays in Rossville. Call or text 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361 for details.

### Weather

Sunny today. High 16. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 11. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, breezy. High 38, low 32. Sunday, cloudy, breezy, then sunny. High 46, low 25.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

died at 2:35 a.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. She was cremated and services will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for the temporary positions of Assistant Manager and Lifeguard for the 2023 swim season for the McFerren Park Public Swimming Pool. Applications and job descriptions are available online at [www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/) and at City Hall, 301 W Main St. Please contact Kristi Hudson, 217-663-9617 or City Hall, 217-283-5833 for questions. Application deadline is Friday, February 17, 2023.

The Vermilion Housing Authority in Hoopeston is hiring a Maintenance Mechanic, starting pay \$20/hr. Applications available online at [www.vermilionhousing.com](http://www.vermilionhousing.com).

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Compounders, \$20/hour. Applications available onsite at [www.full-fill.com](http://www.full-fill.com). EOE

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

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