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A look at the Continental Cement Davenport Plant on Monday in Buffalo. The company has committed to investing \$62 million in a new storage dome and in Green America Energy LLC, the sustainability arm of the operation.

\$62 million invested for sustainability in Buffalo

\$30M for storage dome, \$32M to reduce its carbon footprint

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Continental Cement has been doing business in Buffalo for eight years but now is making investments totaling more than \$60 million.

Company officials this week cut the ribbon on a \$30 million cement storage dome that will hold materials during the winter. It is the largest of its kind in North America.

The company is investing another \$32 million into improvements on its recycling and sustainability efforts, said Continental CEO David Loomes.

Its goal is two-fold: Reduce

its carbon footprint and make a name for itself as a champion of sustainability.

Summit Materials umbrella

Continental Cement started in Hannibal, Missouri, in 1903, then known as Atlas Portland Cement. Throughout the years, its cement was used in a number of high-profile projects, includ-

ing the Empire State Building and the Panama Canal, according to its website.

In 1986, the company began using supplemental waste to power its kilns. In 2005, this resulted in Green America Recycling LLC. In 2010, the company was purchased by Summit Materials, a Denver-based building material company.

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Accused of faking cancer, Russo asks for money back

Filing says funds in 3 bank accounts not subject to forfeiture

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The woman accused of bilking donors out of more than \$37,000 with a fake cancer diagnosis has asked prosecutors to return \$33,230.76 seized by Eldridge Police.

Madison Russo, 19, of Eldridge, filed earlier this month in Scott County Court for a return of funds seized from two U.S. Bank accounts in her name and a third in the names of Madison Russo and Peggy Russo, her mother.



Russo

Russo, formerly of Bettendorf, is charged with one count of first-degree theft. The charge is a Class C felony under Iowa law that carries a prison sentence of 10 years or a term on probation. She pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Russo was arrested Jan. 23 by Eldridge Police.

The investigation began after medical professionals looking at her GoFundMe page noticed inaccuracies in the photos Russo posted. Some of the images Russo used were taken from the social media sites of real cancer patients, police allege.

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House passes parents' rights

Measure raises LGBTQ concerns, faces dead end in Dem Senate

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WASHINGTON — House Republicans on Friday narrowly passed legislation that would fulfill a campaign promise to give parents a role in what's taught in public schools. It has little chance in the Democrat-run Senate and critics said it would

propel a far-right movement that has led to book bans, restrictions aimed at transgender students and raucous school board meetings across the country.

Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif. who made the Parents' Bill of Rights Act a priority during the early weeks of his tenure, said Republicans were "keeping our promise, our commitment to America, that parents will have a say in their kids' education." The bill passed 213-208, with five Republicans — mostly members

of the House Freedom Caucus — voting against it.

It would require schools to publish course studies and a list of books kept in libraries, as well as affirm parents' ability to meet with educators, speak at school board meetings and examine school budgets.

In the Senate, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., promised that the legislation would face a "dead end." He said it was further evidence that the

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Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy speaks about the "Parents Bill of Rights" on March 1 next to Rep. Elise Stefanik on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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