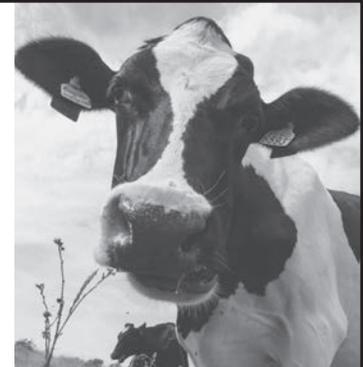


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Unwanted excitement comes to Stockton

Several law enforcement agencies reported to Stockton on June 1 after unverified threats, according to wrex.com.

Stockton Police investigated what the department called possible threats on social media and said on its Facebook page that multiple police agencies were ready to "respond to any incidents that may arise."

Nothing materialized in Stockton or any of the other communities along the Highway 20 corridor after reported incidents in Freeport and

Rockford.

According to the Rockford Register Star, the City of Freeport was under a curfew from 8 p.m. June 1 through 6 a.m. June 2 after a peaceful protest reportedly deteriorated.

About a dozen downtown Freeport storefront windows were smashed, and several arrests were made, according to a story on journalstandard.com, in the wake of George Floyd's death in Minnesota on Memorial Day (May 25) that provoked demonstrations and riots across the country.



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Residents in Stockton and the surrounding area were on alert late in the afternoon June 1 after an unverified social media threat said a busload of rioters could be coming into town after incidents in Freeport and Rockford. The Stockton High School lot featured a host of law enforcement vehicles and an armored truck. Employees of the Barkau car dealership parked vans to protect windows. And owners of the downtown floral shop began boarding up their windows.



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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Things are opening up, the weather is way warmer and the bugs have arrived! Two out of three good things happening make for a banner week. And this week's recipes feature some of those Vidalia onions again and an interesting no-bake dessert. There is a baked one if you really need one!

I love good coleslaw. This one uses red wine vinegar, which gives it a different flavor. If you want an easy way to do the cabbage, buy the bagged kind. You can get regular cabbage, red cabbage and carrots in one buy. Check the "good by" date; it also tells you that you don't have to wash it. I put it in my salad spinner because I wash everything.

Creamy Coleslaw

- ¾ C. mayonnaise
- 2 T. red wine vinegar
- 2 T. honey
- 1 t. salt
- ½ t. black pepper
- ½ t. celery seed
- 4 C. thinly sliced green cabbage
- 2 C. thinly sliced red cabbage
- 1 C. shredded carrot
- ¼ C. sliced green onion

In a large bowl, whisk together mayo, vinegar, honey, salt, pepper and celery seed; stir in all cabbage, carrot and sliced green onion. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving. Garnish with green onions if desired.

Vidalia Onion Casserole

This casserole is a great side for any meat entrée. It is especially good if you grill steaks. Enjoy this good casserole that is special this time of year.

- 4 large Vidalia onions, peeled and quartered
- ¼ C. butter
- 3 large eggs
- 1 can (5 oz.) evaporated milk
- 30 buttery round crackers, crushed and divided
- 1½ C. shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper
- 3 T. butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 375. Butter a 1½-quart baking dish. In a large saucepan, bring onion and water to cover to a boil over medium high heat. Cook until tender, about 5 minutes, and drain.

In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add the onion and cook for 5 minutes. In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs and evaporated milk. Add onion, half of crushed crackers, cheese, salt and pepper. Spoon mixture into prepared dish. Bake for 35 minutes.

In a small bowl, stir together melted butter and remaining crushed crackers. Sprinkle onto casserole and bake until lightly browned, about 15 minutes more.

Deviled Egg Potato Salad

My cousin loves any potato salad that has eggs in it. She especially likes Barb's potato salad that you can buy at A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats.

However, if you can't get Barb's potato salad, you can make your own. This one is easy because you don't have to peel the potatoes. It also has a little kick because of the Dijon mustard. If you like eggs in your potato salad, try this recipe.

- 2 lbs. baby red potatoes, halved (quartered if large)
- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 1 jar (4 oz.) diced pimientos, drained
- ¼ C. sweet relish

- 1 T. apple cider vinegar
- 2 T. Dijon mustard
- ¼ t. salt
- ¼ t. black pepper
- 1/8 t. red pepper flakes
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 6 hard-cooked eggs, peeled and chopped

Garnish with sliced green onions and paprika

In a large saucepan, bring potatoes and water to cover to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat and cook until potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes. Drain potatoes, and let cool slightly. After potatoes are cool, chop them but leave the peelings on.

In a large bowl, stir together mayo, pimientos, relish, vinegar, mustard, salt and peppers. Stir in potatoes and green onion until combined; gently stir in eggs. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving. Garnish with green onion and paprika.

Bruschetta Chicken

Bruschetta was making the rounds of the cooking shows the last few years. Bruschetta is a starter dish usually spread with olive oil, then garlic is rubbed over it and finally it is broiled or baked.

This recipe is unique because it uses breadcrumbs rather than cut-up bread. If you don't want to use the egg substitute, use an egg that has been whisked. Enjoy this great chicken dish.

- ½ C. flour
- ½ C. egg substitute
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (4 oz. each)
- ¼ C. grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ C. dry breadcrumbs
- 1 T. butter, melted
- 2 large tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 3 T. minced fresh basil
- 1 T. olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- ½ t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper

Preheat oven to 375. Place flour and egg substitute in separate shallow bowls. Dip the chicken in flour, then in egg; place in a greased 9-by-13-inch baking dish. In a small bowl, mix cheese, breadcrumbs and butter and sprinkle over chicken.

Loosely cover baking dish with foil. Bake 20 minutes. Uncover and bake 5 to 10 minutes longer or until a thermometer reads 165.

In a small bowl, toss the tomatoes with the remaining ingredients. Spoon over chicken and bake 3 to 5 minutes or until tomato mixture is heated through.

Debra's Cavatini

If you like the cavatina that they serve in Italian restaurants (Sapporitos in Lena) and even in Pizza Huts, you will enjoy this homemade version. The two meats are a great blend of flavor. I have said it before that I like Prego spaghetti sauce. They make a great garlic one. Enjoy this Italian favorite.

- 1 pkg. (16 oz.) penne pasta
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 lb. bulk Italian pork sausage
- 1¾ C. sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 2 cans (14½ oz.) Italian diced tomatoes
- 1 jar (23½ oz.) garlic spaghetti sauce
- 1 jar (16 oz.) chunky mild salsa
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) sliced pepperoni, chopped
- 1 C. shredded Swiss cheese, divided
- 4 C. shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1½ C. shredded Parmesan cheese, divided
- 1 jar (24 oz.) 3-cheese spaghetti sauce

Cook the pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a Dutch oven, cook beef, sausage, mushrooms, onion and green pepper over medium heat until meat is no longer pink and drain.

Drain pasta and add to the meat mixture. Stir in tomatoes, sausage and garlic spaghetti sauce, salsa and pepperoni. Preheat the oven to 350.

Divide half the pasta mixture between two greased 9-by-13-inch baking dishes. Sprinkle each with ¼ cup Swiss cheese, 1 C. mozzarella cheese and 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese. Spread ¾ cup of the 3-cheese spaghetti sauce over each. Top with remaining pasta mixture and the 3-cheese spaghetti sauce and sprinkle with remaining cheeses. Cover and bake until bubbly, about 25 minutes.

Uncover and bake until cheese is melted, about 10 minutes longer.

Freeze option: Cover unbaked casserole and freeze up to three months. To use, thaw in refrigerator overnight. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Preheat the oven to 350. Bake the casserole covered for 45 minutes. Uncover and

bake for 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Orange Dream Angel Food Cake

One of my friends has been on an angel food cake kick. She makes the cake and then uses the egg yolks for homemade noodles.

Several friends also have been making angel food cakes and have had to borrow angel food cake pans or use a Bundt pan because they have gotten rid of their pans.

I suggested trying the thrift shop when it opens because most of the angel food cake pans probably went there when people cleaned out.

It really isn't a hard cake to make, so I urge you to try it if your family likes them, and you usually buy them at the grocery store.

Tip: Don't skip any steps — you really need to let the egg whites come to room temperature and you need to sift the flour and sugar twice.

- 12 large egg whites
- 1 C. flour
- ¾ C. sugar, divided
- 1½ t. cream of tartar
- ½ t. salt
- 1 t. almond extract
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 t. grated orange zest
- 1 t. orange extract
- 6 drops red food coloring, optional
- 6 drops yellow food coloring, optional

Place the egg whites in a large bowl and let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Sift flour and ¼ C. sugar together twice and set aside. Add cream of tartar, salt and almond and vanilla extracts to egg whites; beat on medium speed until soft peaks form.

Gradually add the remaining sugar, about 2 T. at a time, beating on high until stiff, glossy peaks form and the sugar is dissolved. Gradually fold in the flour mixture, about ½ cup at a time.

Gently spoon half of the batter into an ungreased, 10-inch tube pan. To the remaining batter, stir in the food colorings. Gently spoon orange batter over white batter. Cut through both layers with a knife to swirl the orange and white and remove air pockets.

Bake on the lowest oven rack at 375 until lightly browned and the entire top appears dry, 30 to 35 minutes. Immediately invert pan; cool completely, about 1 hour. Run a knife around the side and center tube of pan. Remove cake to a cake stand or serving plate. Serve with whipped topping if desired.

Microwave Oatmeal Bars

If you are looking for a sweet treat on a hot day, these bars are easy and cool to make. You do everything in the microwave. Enjoy!

- 2 C. quick-cooking oats
- ½ C. packed brown sugar
- ½ C. butter, melted
- ¼ C. corn syrup
- 1 C. (6 oz.) semisweet chocolate chips

In a large bowl, combine oats and brown sugar. Stir in butter and corn syrup. Press the mixture into a greased 9-inch square, microwave-safe dish.

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BRAD SIGAFUS

Bradley Lynn Sigafus, 52, of Apple River, IL, passed away on Monday, June 1, 2020, at Rush Hospital in Chicago. He was born on March 22, 1968, in Waukegan, IL, to Gordon and Norma (Bennehoff) Sigafus. He worked the majority of his life as a plumber and was a member of the local plumbers union. Bradley was a friend to many and enjoyed helping others.

Bradley is survived by his siblings, Dee Ann Sigafus, Gordon (Kristine) Sigafus and William Sigafus, all of Waukegan, IL, and Wayne (Donna) Sigafus, of Beach Park, IL, Nancy (Tarence Jenkins) Curry of Waukegan; nieces and nephews Mike Sigafus, Nica Sigafus, William Sigafus Jr., Tiahra Jenkins, Jenna Sigafus,



Joey Sigafus, Tarecjha Jenkins, Cassandra Sigafus and Audie Kate Sigafus; great nieces and nephews Tatyanna, Kaine, Karsin, Marley, Tamila and Tariah; and his four-legged

friend Moe.

He was preceded in death by his parents and nephew Joshua.

There will be a celebration of life held at a later date. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial has been established in his name. Condolences may be sent to the family at Leamonfh.com.

MARILYN BUSKE

Marilyn Jeanette Buske, 83, of Machesney Park, IL, passed away Sunday, May 31, 2020, at home. She was born Aug. 7, 1936, to the late S.A. and Margaret (Williams) Townsend. Marilyn married LaVerne Buske on Feb. 22, 1957, at Schapville Presbyterian Church.

Marilyn was a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Loves Park. She was a 1954 graduate of Scales Mound High School and a 1956 graduate of Springfield Junior College. She had worked at Rockford School of Medicine.

Marilyn enjoyed cooking, gardening, picking berries, old records and spending time at the family farm near Schapville. She took great pleasure in being there for her family.

She is survived by her husband, LaVerne Buske; her daughters Edie Anderson of Machesney Park, Cherie Lyons of Glendale Heights, IL, and



Christie (Ernesto) Cardenas of CA; her brothers Steve (Margaret) Townsend and Tom (Teresa) Townsend, both of Scales Mound; her grandchildren Eric Anderson,

Jesse Anderson, Curtis Anderson, Jonathan Reed, Mark Lyons, James Lyons, David Foster and Kyle Cardenas; her 13 great grandchildren and her sister-in-law Linda Sweet. She was preceded in death by her parents, her granddaughter Nicole and her son-in-law Fred Anderson.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, June 6, at Townsend Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at hermannfuneralhome.com.

College news

More than 2,600 students were named to Bradley University's spring dean's list.

That list included area students Raeann Bergman, of Stockton, who is majoring in Academic Exploration Program, and Miah Stiefel, of Warren, who is majoring in psychology.

To be eligible for the dean's list at the university in Peoria, students must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

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Ill. They have three grandchildren, five step grandchildren, six step great grandchildren and one due in November. The open house planned for June 28 has been canceled due to COVID-19. Send cards to: 3814 S. Blair Hill Road, Stockton, IL 61085.

Birth

Samuel James Rosenstiel

Samuel James Rosenstiel is the son of Natalee Hayes and Prestan Rosenstiel of Freeport, Ill. He was born on June 2, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Nicki Hayes of Lena, Ill., and Jen Venden and Jr. Rosenstiel of Argyle, WI.

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PY20 LIHEAP applications will be accepted until June 30, 2020.

If you have not applied for LIHEAP assistance during this program year, which began October 1, 2019, or your application was denied, you may call the office for more information on applying for assistance.

If you have received LIHEAP assistance but now have a disconnect notice on your gas and/or electric bill, or your propane tank is at 20% or below, you may be eligible for additional assistance. Please call the office for information about assistance.

Eligible households may call 800-883-1111 or 815-232-3141 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for information and how to apply for assistance.

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- Current heat and electric bills issued and also disconnect notices received.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services.
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt.
- Proof of Homeownership (Title for Mobile Homes) and tax bill are required for weatherization assistance.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Main Office is closed to the public and appointments at outreach locations have been suspended until further notice.

We are still in the office and continuing to take applications for NICA programs by phone, email, mail or fax.

For more information on how to apply for assistance, call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Producing dividends

What better way to kick off June Dairy Month than to see a service project start to pay dividends? Through the sale of its Support Dairy and Support Local Farmers signs, the Scales Mound and Lena-Winslow FFA and Ag classes recently donated at least \$650 worth of milk and \$400 worth of cheese to area pantries. One effort saw 40 gallons of Prairie Farms milk delivered to the Elizabeth Food Pantry and then distributed to consumers during the afternoon food pickup. The campaign's next disbursements are planned in Benton, Wis., and Galena in mid-June. Signs can be ordered at this link: <https://forms.gle/DuRMHEKiuvkMT6mr9>.



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Good Deed Award

Julia Moore of the Lena, Illinois, American Legion Auxiliary presents a Good Deed Award to Ethan Rosenstiel, of Monroe. Ethan, 13, is the son of Kari and Don Rosenstiel. Ethan had been asking his parents for three years to help him earn funds to donate to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Green County. His parents weren't really sure what to do, so he and friends planned a charity hockey game, one of his favorite pastimes. The youth recruited 30 sponsors to contribute money or donate items for a silent auction, which raised more than \$5,000 for the cause. The ALA Good Deeds program was established in 2012. Moore saw a post on Facebook from Sara Janecke, of Warren, whose sons play hockey with Ethan, and nominated him for the award.

Stephenson County Fair canceled for 2020

With less than 50 days until the Stephenson County Fair was scheduled in Freeport (July 21-25), the Stephenson County Fair Association Board members met on June 4 and decided to join many others during this unprecedented time by canceling the 2020 event.

"We weighed all of our options, talked to many state, county and local officials and decided it was in the best interest of our community and everyone involved with the fair to cancel this year," Executive

Manager Lori Tessendorf said in a news release June 5.

"It was a very difficult decision because we have all worked so hard to make this year's fair spectacular after the downfall we experienced last year," Tessendorf added. "We were not comfortable with the possibility of putting people at risk and were already struggling with vendors canceling and possibly not having a full carnival this year, so we decided to do what was best for all concerned."

The Stephenson County Fair Association thanked everyone for their patience and understanding and is looking forward to the 2021 Stephenson County Fair.

For more information, call 815-235-2918 or email to info@stephensoncountyfair.org.

Monroe Clinic's Lena branch updates hours

The Monroe Clinic's Lena location adjusted its hours starting Monday (June 8).

It will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

To make an appointment, call 815-369-4541.

Monroe Clinic continues to offer telehealth visits, either via phone or video, to allow patients to connect with providers. To determine if an appointment is available to be scheduled as a telehealth visit, call your provider's office.

For clinic updates, visit www.monroeclinic.org/movingforward.

Scholarship applications are due by July 1

The Pearl City Education Foundation has \$12,000 available in scholarships for college or trade school students for the 2020-2021 school year.

This program is for Pearl City graduates who have successfully completed their first year of college. Due by Wednesday, July 1, applications are available by visiting the homepage of www.pcwolves.net. Scroll to Upperclassman Scholarships and click on the application PDF.

Forms also are available at the State Bank of Pearl City (ask at drive-up window if lobby closed).

Mail applications with required attachments to: Pearl City Education Foundation, Upperclassman Scholarships, P.O. Box 278, Pearl City, IL 61062.

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Girl Scouts offer virtual outdoor experiences

This year, after consulting health experts and following important safety protocols, the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois has decided to close its in-person summer camp programs for 2020, including Camp Dean in Big Rock, Camp McCormick in Stillman Valley and Camp Far Horizons in Hanover.

According to a news release, girls and their families understood and appreciated the council's decisive action, but many wondered about the possibilities any summer activities.

But the organization has announced a slate of virtual outdoor experiences with each week showcasing activities related to Girl Scout badges and Journeys — they

are open to Scouts and non-Scouts.

The cost is \$50 per week for members and \$75 for nonmembers. Supplies to complete activities are included in the cost and will be shipped to campers before the events.

• June 22–26: The Great Girl Scout Campout

• June 29–July 3: Artists Outdoors

• July 6–10: Observe Your World and Beyond

• July 13–17: Mad Scientist

• July 20–24: Lessons from Big Foot

• July 27–31: Slay the Dragons.

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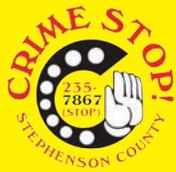


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Microwave, uncovered, on high for 1½ minutes. Rotate a half turn and microwave 1½ minutes longer. Sprinkle oat mixture with the chocolate chips. Microwave at 30 percent power for 4½ minutes or until chips are glossy; spread melted chocolate evenly over top. Refrigerate dessert for 15 to 20 minutes before cutting.

Closing thoughts

The end of this column is a little

discombobulated, which is sort of like this week has been. This past week brought some good things and some not so good things. I got my hair cut! It is great to be able to see because my bangs have been trimmed. It doesn't take an hour to dry my hair in the morning. So that is the really big good thing.

Now on to the bad thing. Somewhere and somehow I got an

eye infection. What is the saying? Into every life some rain must fall, so be sure to enjoy the sunshine.

Now back to some good things. They also are going to allow summer school. I think this educational opportunity is needed. Hopefully schools can deal with all the restrictions.

I read that we may see basketball on television. I wasn't a big basketball watcher, but something is better than nothing. I am really hoping for

baseball, however, most of the income for the teams comes from ticket sales. No fans could mean no baseball.

The other downer is that fairs have been canceled. I can't go to fairs, but I know a lot of people who show animals in our area work hard to get ready for the animal shows at fairs. Hopefully they can have a 4-H and an FFA contest this summer.

A good thing is we can also dine outside at eating establishments. Most

of the restaurants in our area have made accommodations for people to do that.

So we come to the end of another week in 2020. Hopefully you all are getting to do some things and getting out to enjoy these summer days.

If you have any summer recipes contact me in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchen, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email to scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER
Plaintiff,

-v.-
JENNIFER HARTMANN et al
Defendant

2019 CH 21

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
Fifth Third Bank, National Association
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
City of Freeport; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Lois A. Moore; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Lois A. Moore (deceased)
DEFENDANTS

2019CH33

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SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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State allows summer school openings, offers testing to everyone

Those who attended rallies are encouraged to get tested for COVID-19

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Summer schools can open with safety guidelines in place and state-run COVID-19 testing sites are now open to everyone.

The state made the latest two announcements as it encouraged anyone who has recently attended a mass protest to get tested for novel coronavirus disease.

"As we move forward, COVID-19 testing must be widely available and this is a step in that direction," Illinois Emergency Management Agency Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau said in a news release. "The state-operated community-based testing sites currently have the capacity to test more than 6,000 people per day, and now there will be no restrictions to who can be tested for this potentially

deadly virus."

Testing will be crucial as the state moves toward full reopening, the agency said in a news release.

Part of that reopening will include summer school for Pre-K to 12th grade students at public and non-public schools. The governor authorized reopening, which went into effect June 4, in an executive order, his 38th since the start of the pandemic.

Specific guidelines for reopening schools include limiting the number of people in one place to 10 or fewer, ensuring compliance with social distancing requirements and discouraging physical contact, ensuring appropriate hygiene practices such as washing hands and covering coughs and sneezes, and requiring the use of face coverings.

Students, staff and visitors must wear face coverings, and schools must make disposable face coverings available to students who are over the age of two and medically able to wear such a covering.

The Illinois State Board of Education said in a guidance document it "would like to make clear that while Phase 3 allows for the resumption of face-to-face instruction, this is not the same as a return to pre-pandemic operations."

"Extensive social distancing measures, enhanced sanitation measures, and other accommodations will be necessary to ensure the safety of students, staff, and their families," according to the 29-page guidance document.

The number of COVID-19 patients in hospital beds decreased to

3,044 as of midnight June 4, while the number in intensive care unit beds grew by nine to 853 and ventilator use grew by eight to 516. All remain in a downward trend.

The IDPH has warned, however, that recent protests could lead to an uptick in virus numbers.

"As people gather in large crowds with varying degrees of social distancing, there is cause for concern about COVID-19 spread and outbreaks, especially if masks were not worn universally," IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said in a news release. "I urge anyone who recently attended a rally, protest, or other mass gathering to get tested for COVID-19 so we can identify any cases early. We recommend testing 5-7 days after participating in large group rallies, or immediately if symptoms develop. If

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Timber Lake Playhouse announces new virtual education program

Timber Lake Playhouse in Mount Carroll has announced a summer education program with online and on-site offerings for ages 3 through adult. "I'm very excited with the lineup of courses we are planning for our patrons," Executive Director Dan Danielowski said in a news release. "There are so many possibilities that there is really something for everyone."

Classes at TLP range from modern dance, puppetry, scriptwriting and private lessons to improv, hip-hop, monologue study and discussions with actors presently working in Broadway productions.

Education Director Robert McFletcher-Jones and Danielowski have been looking forward to announcing a much improved and larger education program.

Because of COVID-19, the playhouse was forced to cancel or postpone much of its summer plans.

"Then Robert came in the office and said 'I have an idea,'" Danielowski said. "What has come of that is the most comprehensive education program TLP has ever offered."

TLP's course offerings include private music lessons in contemporary and classical voice, piano, drums, guitar, bass and ukulele; interactive

workshops in puppetry, dance, scriptwriting, improvisation, acting, monologue work and discussion panels with Broadway stars and those who work in the profession.

"Probably most impressive," said McFletcher-Jones, "is our incredible teachers. We have some of the best performers, dancers, musicians and actors who actively teach from

around the country."

TLP is still planning to hold two projects on-site once the theater opens in August.

A two-week performance workshop where students ages 7 – 12 will rehearse and perform in Disney's "Frozen, Jr." will be held the first two weeks of August with performances on Aug. 15.

• REAL ESTATE •

AGs ask Congress for power to investigate police misconduct

Group also wants access to departments' excessive force data

By Rebecca Anzel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois' attorney general asked Congress in a letter June 4 to grant his office the power to investigate "practices of unconstitutional policing."

After Rodney King was beaten by Los Angeles police officers in 1991, federal lawmakers established the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act. It allowed the Department of Justice to investigate alleged police wrongdoings.

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul and 17 other attorneys general who signed on to the letter requested that authority as well due to the federal government's "refusal to confront the problem of police misconduct."

"The violent death of George Floyd at the hands of police has rightfully shocked and outraged a nation," Raoul said in a statement. "But the truth is that George Floyd and Breonna Taylor are two of the latest in a long line of African Americans who have lost their lives at the hands of police using excessive force."

Floyd, an unarmed black man, died May 25 in Minneapolis after being pinned to the ground for nearly nine minutes with a white police officer's knee on his neck.

The Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice launched 69 investigations between 1994, when the act took effect, and 2017, according to its website. Those inquiries resulted in 40 court orders for police departments to make changes.

• Tests (Continued from page 3)

4 was 6 percent.

Illinois has opened 11 community-based testing sites where anyone can get tested at no cost, regardless of symptoms. No appointment, doctor referral or insurance is required. Those sites have the capacity to test 6,000 people per day.

The sites are located in Aurora, the Auburn/Gresham/Chatham area of Chicago, the Harwood Heights area of Chicago, Bloomington, Champaign, East St. Louis, Peoria, Rockford, Rolling Meadows, South Holland and Waukegan.

But in a 2018 memo, former U.S. attorney General Jeff Sessions wrote state and local governments have the "responsibility" to hold their law enforcement departments accountable, not the federal government. The Department of Justice has not opened any such investigations since.

That decision "has left local communities without critical protections for their civil rights," the state attorneys general wrote. Allowing their offices to undertake such analyses as well as to access statistics about police departments' use of excessive force would allow "much more" to be done to combat an issue thousands of Americans are protesting across the country.

"One thing is certain: If US DOJ continues to abdicate its responsibility to pursue police reform, someone has to take action. We stand ready to do so," the attorneys wrote. "...Our country cannot move ahead — indeed our country will not heal — unless we ensure constitutional policing throughout our nation and accountability for police officers who fail to follow our most fundamental law."

They noted police officers take a "tremendous risk" daily to protect citizens, but added communities will continue to treat them with "mistrust" if those who break the law are not held accountable.

Attorneys general from California, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia also signed the letter.

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There are also 279 other public sites where Illinoisans can access tests. Of those, 108 are at Federally Qualified Health Centers

A list of public and private testing sites can be found on the IDPH website: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing>.

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Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor,
Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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TJSC#: 40-1702

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT,
ILLINOIS

Fifth Third Bank, National Association
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
City of Freeport; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Lois A. Moore; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Lois A. Moore (deceased)
DEFENDANTS

2019CH33

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 01/28/2020, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on July 17, 2020 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

TLP also will stage its popular All Area Teen Production. This summer's production is "Bye, Bye Birdie."

Visit the TLP website at timberlakeplayhouse.org to see the list of classes available or call the box office at 815-244-2035 for more information. Registration is open and can be done online or through the box office.

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 described real estate:
PIN 18-13-36-153-024

Improved with Single Family Home
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 20 N Sunset Ave Freeport, IL 61032

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-03108.
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Slices of life

Expect the unexpected in this new normal that is 2020

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"At first I was afraid, I was petrified." Gloria Gaynor, "I Will Survive."

We are all staying home as much as possible. Wearing our masks. Doing our own due diligence, because gosh darn, it's the right thing to do. Quarantine has become a way of life, and for one very specific, very important reason: coronavirus.

We are focused on COVID-19. It is the enemy. It is my enemy, your enemy. It is the enemy of the people – no matter where you live, what your age or what type of car you drive.

COVID knows no boundaries. So I have been careful. Very careful. Extremely so, if I do say so myself.

Except for one very cautious, socially distanced meeting, I have

not gone anywhere beyond home in more than two weeks. I put together items on my grocery list with the care normally saved for a tax return form. Last week I was preparing to go out into the jungle for peanut butter and toilet paper when my feet got knocked out from under me.

Coronavirus? No. I could never be that cutting edge. Besides I was being so careful. I was a seasoned COVID avoider and quarantine queen.

I was so honed in on COVID that I guess I forgot there are other enemies out there. I got hit with one, and I got hit hard.

What was it? The good old, ordinary, been-around-for-decades (centuries even) intestinal flu.

Not nearly as sexy as corona, but boy did it suck.

Early last week one of my sons got sick in the middle of the night, but just once. He felt a little off-

kilter the next day but was fully recovered by the next. When I woke up with stomach pain that felt like cramps the day after that, I figured I'd caught the bug from him (still a possibility).

My stomach felt uncomfortable, but I was able to get through most of my daily activities. I took a little extra rest time, but that isn't unusual. It is COVID season, after all. Aren't most of us sleeping more than usual?

The second day was nearly the same. I monitored my food intake and beefed up on the water. I wasn't vomiting like him, just had that darn sore, sour, tight stomach. It hurt like hell.

Third day – I woke up and thought things were fine. Then I got out of bed and nearly saw stars.

My husband had to help me to the bathroom and then the couch. The pain was intense; I've had gallstones and delivered four babies, so I know

intense when it hits me.

Of course, by this time I was Googling and Internet searching up the yahooie. I had more possible diagnoses than I had stomach cramps. It wasn't pretty.

I probably should have gone to the doctor at this point. I know this. Please don't lecture me. I had one, very good, very important reason for staying at home. I thought a doctor might find something seriously wrong and want to admit me to the hospital.

Thing is, it was the night of my son's virtual high school graduation. I didn't want to miss it. With all he's missed out on already, I didn't want him to know I missed it. Moms can be reckless sometimes, mostly when it comes to their kids.

So I virtualized my way through my first virtual graduation. Thank goodness all we had to do was sit in our cars. When he walked across the

stage on screen (like a movie star) we honked the horn.

I fully planned to turn my self in to the medical professionals the next day, but honestly I was a bit better. Today I am more than a bit better. I think I will get through this, thanks to probiotic yogurt, chicken noodle soup and lots of water.

I was focused on coronavirus and came down with something very different. You never know what will hit you or what life will give you, which brings me to my new mantra for the year 2020: You never know what will happen next. But you are a survivor. Expect the unexpected.

Stay safe in all ways.

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Western Governors University Offers Opportunities and Scholarships to those Impacted by COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to an increase in unemployment and job insecurity across our communities. While businesses slowly begin to reopen and people everywhere adjust to a new way of life, many who have been furloughed or laid off are still dealing with difficulties associated with lost income.

Those impacted may find that now is the perfect time to focus on building and strengthening skillsets needed to advance their careers. One of the best ways to do this is by furthering their education. Many put off earning an undergraduate or graduate degree for one reason or another but, given the current climate, may want to take the leap and work toward that goal – online, from the safety of their homes.

Western Governors University is a leader in providing fully online education to adults who are interested in furthering their education and advancing their careers. The nonprofit university offers more than 60 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the growing, high-demand fields of business, K-12 teacher education, information technology and health professions, including nursing. Faculty members work one-on-one with students, offering guidance, support and individualized instruction.

WGU pioneered the use of the competency-based education model in an online environment, which allows students to leverage previous education, training and work experience to earn their degrees faster. Students complete their programs by studying on schedules that fit their lives, advancing as soon as they demonstrated they've mastered the subject matter, accelerating degree completion at low cost.

People who are experiencing loss of income during this time may feel hesitant returning to school, but the investment is worth it. For example, WGU grads, on average report an increase in income of \$12,600 within two years of graduation, compared with salary pre-enrollment.

WGU offers affordable, flat-rate tuition of about \$3,500 per six-month term, and students can take advantage of financial aid, if needed. The university also provides scholarships to make tuition even more affordable. In fact, WGU is now offering up to \$3 million in scholarships to students who have lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic but are still interested in furthering their education. The Bright Future Scholarship is open to new students interested in earning a bachelor's or master's degree in any of WGU's degree programs. Each needs-based scholarship is valued at up to \$3,000, and eligible students can apply online at wgu.edu.

This pandemic has proven challenging, especially for those out of work. But using this time to begin completing a degree could help open the door to more opportunities in the future.



Learn more.
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