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Next in line

Devin Pax takes over as owner of AJ's in Lena

AJ's Lena Maid Meats recently announced the retirement of Laverne and Marcia Pax, who handed over ownership to their nephew, Devin Pax.

Devin Pax has been with AJ's for 10 years, starting out in cleaning and customer service. He has learned the butchering trade as well as everything else about running a small business.

The new owner and operator is a graduate of Warren High School.

He is active in the community as a coach and youth mentor and recently became a fireman.

Pax stays active, whether it's enjoying snowmobiling, boating or spending time with his wife, Alyssa, and their daughter, Bentley.

AJ's, located at 500 W. Main St., was founded more than 50 years ago in downtown Lena and has earned a reputation for delivering high-quality, locally raised meats, sugar-cured hams and bacon and a wide selection of specialty sausage products. It has won numerous state and national awards to prove it.

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Capitol recap

Judge rules on Pritzker orders

All of Gov. JB Pritzker's executive orders since April 8 pertaining to the novel coronavirus pandemic are void because he exceeded his authority when he used his emergency powers for more than 30 days, a Clay County judge ruled July 2.

The Illinois Department of Public Health instead has "supreme authority" to close businesses and restrict residents' activities in a public health crisis, Circuit Court Judge Michael McHaney added.

His decision, which he expanded to apply to all Illinoisans, is the latest ruling in Xenia Republican Rep. Darren Bailey's lawsuit. He argued in his April 23 filing that the governor could not issue successive disaster proclamations to manage COVID-19.

The attorney general's office is likely to ask a higher court to reconsider the order. Thomas DeVore, Bailey's attorney, said business occupancy limitations and other restrictions could no longer be enforced.

An official in the governor's office, though, said the judge's ruling is one "contradicted by multiple other" judges. She added, "It is not a final judg-

ment and has no injunction." Phase 4 of the reopening plan is in effect, she said.

McHaney did not agree with all of the points Bailey alleged, however. He rejected the argument that COVID-19 did not satisfy the definition of a "disaster," as outlined in the law Pritzker cited in his executive orders.

"One problem with the governor's approach was that he acted as though he knew better how people should behave," Bailey said in a statement. "Instead of presenting facts and calling on people to respond in a collaborative way, hard and fast rules were imposed."

Bailey entered the court Thursday afternoon and walked out to applause from a group of supporters who, the representative said, came from across Illinois. Several were wearing grey shirts that said, "My governor is an idiot."

The ruling in his lawsuit, he told reporters after the hearing, is beneficial for all Americans — governors' COVID-19 responses should not be unilateral. Instead, he suggested, local departments of health should make determinations "county by county."

A spokesperson for Attorney Gen-

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

recipes were from her husband's family church cookbook. She says they always have the best! I don't usually make anything she has on the show, but I love to watch her blend Norwegian cooking with her Jewish/Chinese cooking.

This recipe I have below is an appetizer for a picnic or even save it for a holiday party this winter. It is from one of those church cookbooks. Remember that the best dried beef around here is from A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats!

Olive and Beef Spread

1 t. dried minced onion
1 T. milk
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
2 T. mayonnaise
½ C. dried beef, chopped
¼ C. chopped green olives
1 t. dried parsley
Softened onion in milk. Mix cream cheese and mayo. Add onion mixture to cream cheese mixture until well blended. Add chopped beef and olives. Sprinkle with parsley. Chill for one hour. This spread is great on crackers and vegetables.

I love chicken salad in the summer (actually I like it in the winter too!). For this salad, you can use rotisserie chicken; you wouldn't have to heat up the oven to bake it. I like baked chicken better than poached chicken when making chicken salad or casseroles but will poach it if it is 90 degrees out!

When it isn't so hot out, I tend to bake chicken breasts in the oven, cube them up and then put them in plastic bags for the freezer. I have instant chicken then. I also do the same thing with the rotisserie chicken because that is a whole lot of chicken for one person.

Almond Grape Chicken Salad

4 C. shredded, cooked chicken
¾ C. mayonnaise
1/3 C. seedless red grapes, halved
½ C. sliced almonds
2 T. minced green onions
2 T. chopped fresh parsley

1 t. lemon zest
1½ t. fresh lemon juice
¾ t. salt
½ t. pepper
¼ t. garlic powder
In a large bowl, stir together all ingredients until well combined. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Keep in refrigerator for four days.

In one of my garage sale cookbooks, I found this casserole. I love chicken casseroles. I apologize to the beef lovers because I had two chicken recipes this week. When it gets cool enough, make this great chicken casserole.

Chicken Asparagus Casserole

1 pkg. frozen asparagus, cooked
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can cream of chicken soup
½ C. chicken broth
1 C. Velveeta cheese, cubed
4 chicken breasts, cooked and cubed
1 sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed finely

1 stick of butter, melted
2 T. poppy seeds
Preheat oven to 350. Add ½ cup chicken broth to cheese and melt on low heat. Take off the burner and stir in undiluted soups. In a 9-by-13-inch pan sprayed with cooking spray, layer soup mixture for the bottom layer, then the cubed chicken and finally the asparagus. Combine the melted butter and crushed crackers. Spread on the asparagus and sprinkle with poppy seeds. Bake for 45 minutes.

I love key lime pie. I know I have had recipes in before, but this one was from a Southern cookbook, so I knew it had to be good. It is a great summer dessert. You could cheat and use a Keebler crust!

Key Lime Pie Classic Style

1¼ C. graham cracker crumbs
¼ C. firmly packed brown sugar
2 cans (14 oz. each) sweetened condensed milk
1 C. key lime juice
2 eggs
1 2/3 C. cold heavy whipping cream
¼ C. powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350. In a medium bowl, stir together graham cracker crumbs, brown sugar and melted butter until well combined. Press

mixture into bottom and up sides of a 9-inch pie plate. Bake until lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Let cool completely. Leave oven on.

In a large bowl, whisk together condensed milk, lime juice and eggs until well combined. Pour into prepared crust. Bake until set, about 12 minutes. Let cool completely on a wire rack. Cover and refrigerate until cold, at least two hours. Just before serving, in a large bowl beat cream and powdered sugar with a mixer at high speed until stiff peaks form, 2 to 3 minutes. Spread onto pie. Garnish with lime. Chill in the refrigerator for at least an hour.

I had never heard of "brookie" until I started reading cooking magazines. A brookie is any brownie batter that has marbled cookie dough in it. This one is a combo of chocolate brownies and peanut butter. Enjoy these rich and decadent bars.

Chocolate-Peanut Butter Brookies

1 pkg. (4 oz.) unsweetened chocolate, broken into small pieces
¼ C. butter
3 C. sugar, divided
4 eggs, divided
2 t. vanilla, divided
1 C. flour
1 C. creamy peanut butter
½ C. dry roasted peanuts, chopped

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 9-by-13-inch pan with cooking spray. Line with parchment with ends of parchment extending over sides. Microwave chocolate and butter in large microwaveable bowl on high 2 minutes or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted and mixture is well blended. Add 2 C. sugar, 3 eggs and 1 t. vanilla; mix well. Stir in flour. Pour into prepared pan.

Beat remaining egg in medium bowl with mixer until foamy. Add all remaining ingredients, including remaining sugar and vanilla; mix well. Drop in large spoonfuls evenly over brownie batter in pan. Bake 20 minutes and cover. Bake an additional 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out with fudgy crumbs. Do not overbake. Cool completely. Use parchment handles to remove brownie from pan before cutting to serve.

Closing thoughts

I hope you all had a great Fourth of July. I know it probably was much quieter than usual. I did think that the heat probably would have really

impacted the people who would have gone to the fair. When the fair was in August, it was terribly hot and usually stormy. If it would have been this year, the weather probably would have had been the same — hot and humid.

One good thing about the nice rains in June and the warm weather is that my lilies are blooming; they are breathtaking. The ones in my back garden are as big as a dinner plate. The ones by my deck are a beautiful, deep purplish red.

I got a slow start on my herbs this year and put them in pots on my deck steps. I have used some parsley and basil. I planted some lavender for the smell, and it makes the back deck smell great. I can't wait for some garden produce to start being harvested.

I guess the Fourth signals that summer is half over, and so is this year. One wonders what is in store for the second half of 2020. Keep safe and healthy.

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

Births

Andre Michael

Andre Michael is the new son born to Andre Fransen and Shayna Owens of Stockton, IL. Andre was born June 30, 2020 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandparents are Tonya and Nikki and Matt and Nicole Fransen.

Cole Eric Trimble

Cole Eric Trimble is son to Scott and Amy Trimble of Orangeville, IL. Cole was born June 30, 2020 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, IL. Cole has 3 sisters, Annabelle, 23, Madeline, 20, and Charli, 8. Grandparents are Jerry and Pat Schneiderman and Mark and Tina Hepler, all of Freeport, IL. Great Grandparents are Tazzy Christ and Jean Waller both of Freeport, IL.

Laine Matthew Thomas

Danielle and Ryan Thomas, of Lena, IL, are the parents of a son, Laine M a t t h e w Thomas, born Monday, June 8, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL.



Laine has two brothers, Mason, 11, and Logan, 3. Grandparents are Kerry and Kim Thomas of South Beloit, IL, and Doug and Connie Kempel, of Lena. Great grandparents are Pat and Gaylon Wilson, of Freeport, Linden and the late Virginia Thomas, of Dakota, IL, Donna and the late Ronnie Kempel, of Lena, and the late Bud and Ev Loring, of Freeport. Great-great grandmother is Helen Wilson, of Dakota.

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College news

Highland CC announces spring honors lists

Highland Community College released the dean's list for the spring 2020 semester for students who completed 12 credit hours or more during the semester and earned a minimum 3.25 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.

Highest honors (4.0 GPA) went to Nicholas Ege, of Elizabeth; Kaversia Barber, Cade Benson, Rebecca Edler, Taylor Hillman, Asa Lake, Christina Schubert, Isaac Spencer and Abbygale Strominger, of Lena; Hannah Holland, of Orangeville; Amanda Baldauf, Korissa Blasing, Mackenzie Endress, Gwen Heimerdinger and William Werkheiser, of Pearl City; and Jennifer Hatfield, Jeremiah Hermann and Abigail Weber, of Stockton.

High honors (3.50 to 3.99 GPA) went to Micah Knauer, of Elizabeth; Trevor Aurand, Adriana Curran, Darren Dameier, Alexandria Edler, Jordyn Hughes, Reid Huneke and Maleah Linden, of Lena; Raegan Bass, Madison Cahoon, Caitlin Chapman, Tori Corp and Megan Davis or Orangeville; Amber Baumgartner and Elizabeth Dixon of Pearl City; Lindan Legel, Ramsey Schulz, Hannah Smith and April Woolcock, of Stockton; Brandyn Curran, Autumn Flynn and Madison Tesmer, of Warren; and Michael Jones, of Winslow.

Honors (3.25-3.49 GPA) went to Stephanie Zimmerman, of Apple River; Elizabeth Brunner, Rosemarie Evans and Megan Packard, of Lena; Jamie Watson, of Orangeville; Tyra Clark, of Pearl City; Nicole

Pavino, of Scales Mound; Linzy Friedlein and Emma Vanderheyden, of Stockton; and Emma Baker, of Winslow.

Numerous area students named to dean's lists

Madelyn Cocagne, of Apple River, a third-year student majoring in athletic training, made the dean's list at Iowa State University this spring.

Nathan Lott, of Pearl City and in his fourth year, also accomplished the feat while majoring in agricultural systems technology.

Other area students to make the list at their respective institutions for the spring semester included:

- Lillian Schierloh, of Lena, at the University of Findlay (Ohio)

- Junior Colton Brinker, of Lena, at the University of Minnesota-Duluth in the College of Education & Human Service Professionals.

Dubuque dean's list features area students

The University of Dubuque has recognized students who made its dean's list for the spring semester.

To be named to the list, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

A host of area students earned that status: Thomas Gorgosz and Tabria Thomas, of Elizabeth; Ty Chrisman of Lena; and Cessli D'Antonio, Megan Gille, Alexander Staver, Caeden Upmann and Kara Wright of Stockton.

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Engels celebrate 50th anniversary

Eugene and Marilyn Engel will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 11. The Hanover, Illinois, native met his Kansas bride while stationed with the U.S. Army at Fort Riley in the Flint Hills Region of Kansas. They married at the First Methodist Church in Simpson, Kansas, and settled in Lena, Illinois, while Eugene worked at Kelly-Springfield Tire Company for 36 years. They have one son, Ryan (Tabitha) Engel, of Lena, and two grandchildren, Henry and Emily Engel, all of Lena. Their family invites friends and relatives to offer congratulations on this happy milestone by mailing cards to 641 N. Star Drive, Lena, IL 61048.

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Obituaries

IRENE SCHUBERT

Irene May Schubert, 89, of Stockton, IL, passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Jo Daviess County at the farm home of her parents, Chester McKinley Pilson and Gladys May (Willis) Pilson.

She attended the Upper Kent School in Kent, IL, for eight years, and then graduated from Pearl City High School in 1948. Irene married James Eugene Schubert on Friday evening, Feb. 4, 1949, in the Methodist parsonage living room in Stockton by Rev. Glen Ames.

Irene loved her job as a mother, grandmother, great grandmother and homemaker. She loved the Lord, her family, church family and many, many friends. She also loved cooking, canning, gardening, flowers, hobbies and family get-togethers. She taught Sunday school for many years and the MYF young people for 10 years. She and Jim enjoyed ballroom dancing and enjoyed square dancing for 20 years with the Stockton Twirl-A-Ways Club, making a lot of wonderful friends.

She helped on the farm and worked for the USDA-ASCS office for 25 years. She was a member of Kent United Methodist Church, the women's group and the Stockton Women's Club. Time spent with her



family, friends and with the Lord was an important part of her life.

Irene is survived by her two sons, James M. (Judy) Schubert, of Stockton, and Tony P.

(Dixie) Schubert, of Kent; her two daughters, Deborah D. (Robert) Gallo, of Parker, CO, and Marilyn M. Zueger, of Wheaton, IL; her son-in-law Erwin A. Zueger, of Stockton; her seven grandchildren, Jason J. (Tania) Schubert, of Lena, Jodi D. Schubert (U.S. Navy), of Oak Harbor, WA, Nathan G. Gallo, of Parker, CO, Nichole M. Kooi, of Parker, CO, Christopher E. (Caroline) Zueger of Montreal, Canada, Patrick M. (Megan) Zueger, of Woodridge, IL, and Michael J. (Cara) Zueger, of Brookfield, MA; her two step-grandchildren, Wendy A. (Lance) Deverich, of St. Maries, ID, and Michelle Gallardo, of Mexico; her eight great grandchildren, Samantha A. (Sammuel) Flores and Alyssa V. (Schubert) Bernal, of Oak Harbor, WA, Christina J. and James W. Schubert, of Lena, Kasia and Kasen Kooi, of Parker, CO, Camille Zueger of Woodridge, IL, and Vienna Zueger, of Montreal, Canada; her great-great

grandson Samson A. Flores, of Oak Harbor, WA; her five step-great grandchildren, Camren and Ryan Atkinson of St. Maries, ID, Kimberly Gallardo, Brandin and Fernandez Jr. Lopez, of Mexico; her brother, James R. (Bonnie) Pilson, of Sulphur Springs, TX; her brothers-in-law Robert (Kitty) Watson, of Rockford, IL, Richard (Robbie) Schubert, of Lena, Harold Meeker, of Freeport, IL; her sisters-in-law Bernice Schubert, of Warren, IL, Lorraine Schubert, of Lena, Nance (JD) Clemens, of Rockford, Orpha Schubert of Weaverville, N.C., Sally Buchenau, of Lena, and Cindy Schubert, of Lena; and many cousins, nephews, nieces and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband James; her grandparents William and Anna (Miner) Willis and Robert Harvey and Anna (Heise) Pilson; her sisters Bertha Wise and Janet Watson; her seven brothers-in-law Oscar Schubert Jr., Dale Schubert, Gary Schubert, Roger Schubert, Randy Schubert, Ronald Buchenau and Gerald Wise; her sisters-in-law Alta Hutmacher Becke, Betty Meeker and Neva Schubert; and many aunts and uncles.

The funeral service was held July 6 at HermannFuneralHome in Stockton. Interment took place at Morseville Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at hermannfuneralhome.com.

EDWARD KEECH

Edward Lee Keech, 78, of Stockton, IL, passed away Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at Vista Medical Center in Waukegan, IL. He was born June 15, 1942, in Freeport, IL, to the late Lyle and Ruth (Brubaker) Keech. Edward married Glenda Mae Endress on April 14, 1963.

He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton. Edward worked as a truck driver for many years. He enjoyed flying planes with Freeport RC Modelers, kites, trains



and tractors. He was a member of the Stephenson County Antique Engine Club, where he was the king in 2006. He was a Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs fan, he loved to ride his motorcycle and scooter around town. Edward enjoyed laughing and joking around with his family and friends, plus he was always there to help others out.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda Mae Keech, of Stockton; daughters Blenda Mae (Donnie) Gallup, of Thomson, IL, Cindy Sue Keech, of Mesa, AZ, and Tina Marie (Ryan) Schuster, of Freeport, IL; granddaughter Stephanie (Aaron) Lohberg - Huizenga; great grandkids Madison Dau, Nathen and Taylor Lohberg; step-grandkids Abby and Brooke Huizenga;

grandson Timothy Lee (Crystal) Keech; step great grandson Nicholas (Hannah) Aqrabawi; step great-great granddaughter Amaya Aqrabawi; step great granddaughter Sierra Hemm (Devin) and step great grandson Bryce Hemm; and granddaughter Kayla Marie Gallup.

Edward is also survived by brothers Gary and Donald Keech; sisters Glory Keech, JoAnn (Ralph) Boatwright, Marlene Ahrens and Donna Keech; step brother David Alleman; sisters-in-law Barb (Jerry) Bazala-Schuelke, Betty (Ed) Eagan, Nancy (Jim) Marsh and Bonnie Endress; brother-in-law, Kenny Endress; and many nieces and nephews.

Edward was predeceased by his parents; brother Harry; brother-in-law Ronald Ahrens; sisters-in-law Becky Keech and Phyllis Keech; and step-sisters Sylvia Kauffman and Linda Geiseman; father-in-law and mother-in-law Glen and Clarabelle Endress.

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PAUL WESLEY VIEL 1943-2020

Paul Wesley Viel was born on March 26, 1943 to George and Elenor Viel in Stockton, IL. He graduated from Stockton High School and farmed before driving truck until retirement. Paul was passionate about fishing, hunting and telling TALL tales. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Paul was preceded in death by father and mother, George and Elenor Viel, son, Scott Viel, and wife Judy Viel. Paul is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Dale and Wendy Broge, grandson, Kyle Broge,

grandson, Jacob and Nicole Broge, great granddaughter, Cecilia Broge, brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Barb Viel, niece, Erin and Louis Orchard, sister-in-law, Gloria and Kevin Harms, niece Hilary and Robert Snyder, nephew, Hayden and Sophia Harms. His funeral service was held at Chapel Hill Cemetery on Friday, July 3, 2020 with Deacon Steven Pospichel of St. Thomas Aquinas Church presiding. There was a small gathering after the funeral at Dale and Wendy Broge's house. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established.

ALLAN MCAULIFFE

Allan W. McAuliffe, 72 of Freeport, IL, passed away on Friday, July 3, 2020, at Monroe Clinic Hospital in Monroe, WI. He was born Feb. 3, 1948, in Gratiot, WI, the son of the late Frances and Charlotte (Harvey) McAuliffe. Allan was a 1966 graduate of Gratiot High School. He married Janice Ditsworth on Aug. 31, 1968.

He worked for MicroSwitch for 35 years. He was a member of the Freeport Eagles Club and the Antique Engine Club. Allan enjoyed canning, classic cars, woodworking and hunting, especially deer. He loved to watch his grandsons play baseball.

He is survived by his wife, Janice



McAuliffe, of Freeport; daughter Kimberly (Molly) Camacho of North Liberty, Iowa; grandsons Caleb Patten, Willie Nelson, Marcus Camacho and brothers James McAuliffe, of Hazel Green, WI, John (Judy) McAuliffe, of Benton, WI, and Tim (Donna) McAuliffe; and sisters Anette (Fred) Vick, of Warren, IL, and Cathy Mellenberger, of Cuba City,

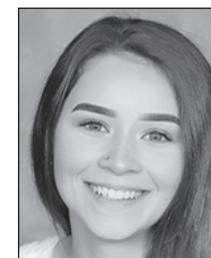
WI. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Mary and Theresa.

A private family service will be held and interment will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. A memorial fund has been established in his name. Condolences may be shared at walkermortuary.com.

Death notice

Gail Melvin Shippy, 86 was born February 13, 1934, he passed away in Palm Desert, CA on June 29, 2020.

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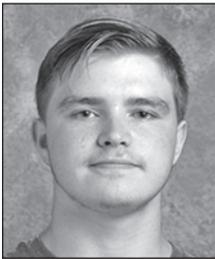
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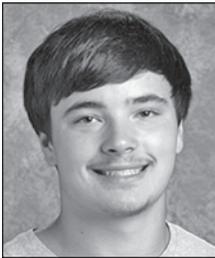
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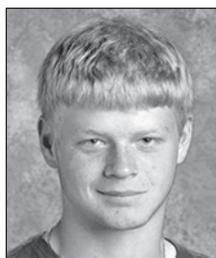
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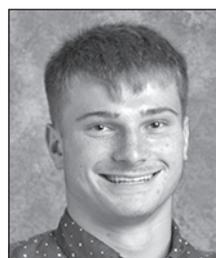
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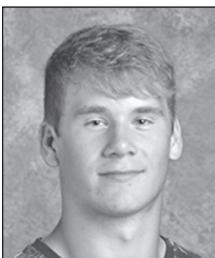
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Crop acreage reporting deadlines approaching

Agricultural producers who have not completed their crop acreage reports after spring planting should make an appointment with their local Farm Service Agency office before the applicable deadline.

July 15 is a major deadline for most crops, but acreage reporting deadlines vary by county and by crop. Contact your FSA county office for acreage reporting deadlines that are specific to your county.

In Jo Daviess County, the FSA office is located in Elizabeth. Call 815-858-3418. In Stephenson County, call 815-235-2141.

"The first step to become eligible for many USDA programs is to file an accurate crop acreage report," FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce said in a news release. "To file your acreage report, call your local FSA office to make an appointment."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FSA has implemented acreage

reporting flexibilities. It can work with producers to file timely acreage reports by phone, email, online tools and virtual meetings. Some FSA offices are open for in-person appointments, but you must call first to make an appointment.

Many FSA offices are using Microsoft Teams software to virtually meet with producers to review maps and documents for certification. Producers who want to schedule a virtual appointment can download the Microsoft Teams app on their smartphone or tablet and call the FSA office for an appointment. You may also use Microsoft Teams from your personal computer without downloading software.

County offices can provide producers with maps along with instructions for completing and returning the maps through mail, email or commercially available free and secure online tools such as

Box for file sharing and OneSpan for eSignature solutions. After planting is complete, producers should return completed maps and the acreage reporting sheet by the applicable deadline.

After completed maps and all acreage reporting information is received, the FSA will make software updates and send producers the completed Report of Acreage form (FSA-578) to sign. Producers must return the signed form certifying their acreage report to the FSA office through mail, email or the Box and OneSpan tools by the applicable deadline.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer has not timely

filed an acreage report, the producer may file the acreage report within 30 days of the acreage reporting date. Because of the pandemic, late fees will be waived if filed within the 30 days.

• The FSA also is providing additional flexibilities for producers to file on acres with failed crops or crops that were prevented from planting because of extreme weather events.

For insured crops, producers who timely filed a prevented planted claim with the reinsurance company but filed a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) form after the deadline will be considered timely filed for FSA purposes. For uninsured crops, producers may start a Notice of Loss by calling their FSA county office.

• Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program policyholders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered

crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

When producers are working with FSA staff – either in-person or virtually – they also can take care of applications for other FSA programs, including the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP).

A CFAP call center is available for producers who would like additional one-on-one support with the CFAP application process. Call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee. The call center can provide service to non-English speaking customers.

Applications also can be submitted for the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus for 2018 and 2019 as well as other disaster assistance programs that may be able to assist producers at this time.



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In my opinion

State budget good first step to improve health care for all in Illinois

By Jordan Powell
 Uplifting news can be hard to find these days. Representing health care providers serving largely minority communities, we see the challenges everywhere. The coronavirus pandemic has presented historic tests for our health care system. Racial unrest confirms that, while we have made progress in this country since Lincoln and King, we have much farther to go.

Yet, this is not a time for despair. At the Illinois Primary Health Care Association, we are encouraged by small progress made during these challenging times and the opportunity for real change that lies ahead.

The solution? Meaningful, sustained investment in marginalized communities. No more lip service.

An important first step came in the new Illinois state budget that went into effect July 1. The legislative

session was largely put on hold this year because of shutdowns to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Lawmakers and Gov. JB Pritzker could have taken the easy way out and passed a "maintenance" budget that kept spending flat.

Instead, they heard the pleas of help from 390 community health centers across Illinois – from Waukegan to Cairo and Quincy to Danville – who needed more.

They responded with nearly \$200 million in emergency funds for health centers to address challenges related to coronavirus and millions more in base funding to strengthen access to care for years to come.

These new dollars are significant because they will help those who have been left behind for far too long.

Community health centers, or Federally Qualified Health Centers, were created under federal law more than 50 years ago, out of the civil

rights movement, when our nation's leaders realized we were not doing enough to provide quality, affordable health care coverage to our low-income and minority communities.

Today, nearly 60 percent of our members' patients receive Medicaid coverage, 20 percent have no health insurance coverage and nearly 70 percent are minorities.

Each year, Illinoisans see a nearly \$2 billion return on investment from community health centers in the form of improved health care outcomes for our 1.4 million patients and reduced health care costs by preventing the need for care in more expensive settings.

The coronavirus pandemic underscored the need for our role. The virus spread in greater than expected ways in African-American and Latino communities with devastating consequences.

African-Americans represented

nearly one-third of all COVID-19 related deaths, yet they make up just 15 percent of our state's population. And the infection rates in the Latino community were staggeringly high, far above the rates for other populations.

The investments made in this state budget will help ensure we avoid a repeat.

Our centers also played a key role in fighting the spread of the virus by partnering with the Pritzker administration to test more than 160,000 Illinoisans through more than 125 drive-thru, walkup and mobile stations in just a few weeks.

We say thank you to Gov. Pritzker, our legislative leaders and our health care experts in the Legislature who understand the critical role of community health centers: Senators Heather Steans, Elgie Sims, Andy Manar, Omar Aquino and Dave Syverson and House leaders Greg

Harris and Tom Demmer to name a few.

We must also give specific thanks to the members of the Black and Latino caucuses in the Legislature for making our cries for help your priorities in this difficult budget. You will play a strong leadership role in the change that is coming, as we recognize and work to heal the deep scars of racial inequities.

We are ready to work together, to do better and to put our calls for change into action. It is time we restore trust, faith and hope for Illinoisans who have been left behind.

Health care must be treated as a right, not a privilege, because at the heart of vibrant, prosperous communities are safe, healthy and thriving families and individuals.

Jordan Powell is president and CEO of the Illinois Primary Health Care Association in Springfield.

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Unemployment claims dip slightly as state reopens

More than 675,000 receiving continued unemployment benefits

By Peter Hancock
 CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS
 The number of Illinois workers receiving state unemployment benefits fell by more than 29,000 during the last week of June as many businesses resumed operations after 14 weeks under a stay-at-home order brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The U.S. Department of Labor said

July 2 there were 676,338 people in Illinois receiving continuing unemployment benefits during the week that ended June 27. That was 29,511 fewer than the previous week.

First-time unemployment claims also fell to 45,249, a decrease of 1,027 from the previous week, but still a 463 percent increase over the same week a year ago when only 8,038 initial claims were filed.

In addition to those workers who qualify for traditional unemployment benefits, another 32,587 Illinoisans filed first-time claims for Pandem-

ic Unemployment Assistance, more than triple the number from the week before. PUA is a program funded entirely by the federal government under the CARES Act to extend benefits to independent contractors who aren't normally covered under traditional state-funded unemployment.

The Department of Labor also reported figures for the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program for the week that ended June 13, two weeks earlier than the other unemployment numbers. PEUC is another federally funded program that

extends benefits for up to 13 weeks for people who have exhausted their state-funded benefits. That was down 15 percent from the week before.

First-time PEUC claims during that week in mid-June totaled 32,604, a decrease of 14 percent from the prior week.

On Friday, June 26, Illinois entered Phase 4 of Gov. JB Pritzker's reopening plan. That allowed many retail establishments to reopen. Bars and restaurants also were allowed to open for indoor dining while schools were allowed to reopen for in-person sum-

mer learning programs, all subject to capacity limits and social distancing requirements.

Nationally, just more than 1.4 million Americans filed first-time claims during the final week of June, an 8.2 percent decrease from the week before.

The Department of Labor reported a seasonally-adjusted 19.3 million Americans receiving continuing jobless benefits, an increase of 55,000 from the week before, while the national unemployment rate held steady at 13.2 percent.



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Operation Helping Heroes donation

Country Financial supports Lena Fire Dept. with equipment funding

Country Financial representative Steven Rothschadl announced the Lena Fire Protection District as a 2020 recipient of an Operation Helping Heroes donation.

Rothschadl recently presented a donation of \$2,500 to the department officers and directors to assist with the purchase of new portable radios and chargers for them to carry.

"It's nice to share in the company's vision to enrich lives in the communities we serve," Rothschadl said in a news release. "I'm so proud to give this donation to a department that is so dedicated to sharing that vision with us and keeping the community of Lena safe every day."

Country Financial will donate more than \$3 million in 2020 to organizations and programs that support first responders, health care professionals and active duty service members.

The Operation Helping Heroes program was created in 2015 to support nonprofit events and programs that benefit active duty service members, veterans and their families.

In 2019, Country Financial expanded the program and donated \$700,000 to approximately 500 first responder and military organizations.



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Church news

Good Shepherd offers outdoor service

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. in Lena, will gather for worship service in the parking lot on Sunday, July 12, at 9:30 a.m.

Visitors are asked to park their vehicles around the church bulletins will be brought to them.

The church will continue to offer online readings, prayers and worship. Visit <http://goodshepherdlena.org/> and its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL> for more information.

Or call the church office at 815-369-5552.

St. John's Lutheran to hold July grace meal

St. John's Lutheran Church, 229 S. First St. in Pearl City, will hold its July community grace meal on Sunday, July 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The menu will feature hot ham and cheese sandwiches, calico beans, coleslaw and cookies.

The grace meal will be via curbside pickup only. All meals must be ordered no later than Friday, July 17, at 5 p.m.

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eral Kwame Raoul said officials are "re-viewing" McHaney's order and "evaluating our options."

COVID-19 statistics

COVID-19 hospitalizations rose above 1,651 for the first time in seven days at the end of July 1, increasing by 140 from the day before and by 187 from its June 27 low.

The number is also the highest single-day tally for hospital bed usage since June 19, when there were 1,699 people hospitalized with the virus.

The number of intensive care unit beds used by COVID-19 patients declined to 349 at the same time, however, decreasing by 35 from the day before and marking a new low since the state began reporting the figure daily on April 12. There were 195 ventilators in use by COVID-19 patients at 11:59 p.m. July 1, an increase of six from the day prior and the second straight day the number saw an increase.

The Illinois Department of Public Health also announced 869 new confirmed cases of the virus among 30,262 tests completed in the previous 24 hours, making for a one-day positivity rate of 2.9 percent. The seven-day rolling positivity rate from June 26 to July 2 remained at 2.6 percent.

The seven-day period ending July 2 averaged 778 new cases announced per day, marking the second straight week-long period in which the number of daily new cases has increased. From June 19-25, there were 665 new cases reported per day. From June 12-18, there were 596 new cases reported per day.

In total, the state had seen 144,882 confirmed cases of the virus since the pandemic first arrived in Illinois in March. There were another 36 COVID-19-related deaths reported July 2 as well, bringing the total to 6,987 in the state. A total of 1.66 million tests had been completed in Illinois.

Mitigation study

There have been more than 1.66 million people tested for COVID-19 in Illinois, and the average number tested between June 24 and 30 was 29,065 daily.

According to a new study conducted by the Harvard Global Health Institute for NPR, that put Illinois on an adequate path to mitigating the spread of the virus but short of the amount of testing needed to suppress the spread of the virus.

Suppression would require 68,211 tests per day, according to the study, and would help decrease the number of new cases further than the current leveling off.

Also according to NPR reporting, the main difference between mitigation and suppression "is that suppression calls for much more aggressive and consist-

ent testing of high-risk individuals to allow communities to clamp down on emerging case clusters faster."

Suppression also would require much wider contact tracing efforts, and testing could be targeted at high-risk places such as nursing homes, meat processing plants and other facilities requiring close quarters, according to the study.

That study also showed that Illinois was one of just 14 states on a mitigation path, while only three states – Vermont, Hawaii and Alaska – were doing enough testing to suppress the virus' spread.

Red flag trend?

According to a report at covidexit-strategy.org – a collaboration of public health and crisis experts – Illinois moved from a "trending better" category as recently as June 24 into "trending poorly" based on several metrics, including measures laid out in the White House's reopening plan.

The main drivers of the change in designation are that Illinois is seeing 60 new cases per million per day and the state's 14-day trend of new COVID-19 cases is on an increasing trajectory by 16 percent after there were fewer than 700 cases reported each day from June 10-23.

Illinois PIRG, a left-leaning nonprofit consumer advocacy group, issued a news release citing the report and calling on the state to "maintain all current restrictions related to COVID-19 and consider additional measures to improve containment."

"Illinois has made great strides in containing the spread of COVID-19 because Gov. (JB) Pritzker and local leaders have listened to public health experts," said Abe Scarr, Illinois PIRG director and a coordinator of Open Safe Illinois, a coalition of 25 health, labor, aging, and public interest organizations.

"The 'trending poorly' ranking is a reminder that every stage of reopening brings increased risk, especially for essential workers, those in long-term care facilities and Black and Latinx communities, and that we must continue to act to control the spread of COVID-19."

Equal rights

Illinois' top lawyer wants a U.S. court to compel a federal official to formally acknowledge the Equal Rights Amendment received enough state support to be added to the U.S. Constitution – a largely procedural step that has thus far blocked the amendment from ratification.

The case centers on a decision by U.S. National Archivist David Ferriero, who was effectively ordered by the U.S. Department of Justice to deem passage of the Equal Rights Amendment – which would add protections for

women as the 28th Amendment to the nation's governing document – unsuccessful because multiple states missed a key congressional deadline.

Ferriero, who was appointed archivist by President Barack Obama in 2009, has since insisted that, unless a judge orders him to acknowledge the amendment's passage, he will not do so.

When Congress introduced and passed the initiative in 1972, it set a seven-year deadline for state ratification, which was later extended to 1982. By then, only 35 states formally approved the language, five of which – South Dakota, Idaho, Kentucky, Nebraska and Tennessee – withdrew their backing in the 1970s.

In the last three years, Nevada, Illinois and Virginia became the last three states to approve the proposal.

In response to Ferriero's insistence he would not officially certify the Equal Rights Amendment without a judge's order, Illinois Democratic Attorney General Kwame Raoul, joined by his counterparts in Nevada and Virginia, filed a lawsuit in late January.

The archivist later asked a judge to dismiss the case. The attorneys general argued in a document filed Monday, June 29 that if that request is granted, the "careful balance our founders" established in the constitution between states and the federal government would be "upended."

Chicago casino

Gov. JB Pritzker signed a bill into law June 30 that paves the way for development of a major casino in Chicago, something officials expect to provide significant revenues for the state's recently passed capital improvements plan known as Rebuild Illinois.

Lawmakers passed the bill during their special session in May. They initially approved a Chicago casino plan in the massive gaming expansion law enacted in 2019, but a subsequent study showed the taxes and fees included in that bill would have made such a casino

financially infeasible.

The bill signed by Pritzker, Senate Bill 516, provides for a lower tax schedule that ranges from 22.5 percent to 77.4 percent of adjusted gross receipts from slot machines, and from 15 percent to 35 percent on table games. That revenue is split between the state and the city of Chicago, with the state getting the larger share of the cut.

In February, while the bill was being negotiated, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot estimated that a casino could produce around \$1.2 billion in revenue, with the bulk of that going into the state's coffers. That money is earmarked for so-called "vertical" construction projects such as hospitals and university campus improvements.

The city's share of revenue is earmarked for police and firefighter pension obligations, and a small amount is set aside for Cook County for criminal justice enhancements.

Pandemic preparedness

A new report from an Illinois think tank says the state was ill prepared for the COVID-19 pandemic, primarily because of a pre-existing shortage of nurses, and that the pandemic has left state even more vulnerable in the event of another public health crisis.

The report, by the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, a nonprofit organization with strong ties to organized labor, also argues the state would be in a better position if nurses at more hospitals were unionized and if the state adopted a law requiring mandatory minimum nurse staffing levels, an idea that was proposed in the 2019 legislative session but was not adopted.

But while the Illinois Health and Hospital Association agrees there is a nursing shortage, it argues the lack of preparedness was more of a federal problem and that the nursing shortage did not diminish the quality of care patients received.

It strongly opposes legislation requiring minimum nurse staffing levels at

hospitals, and disputes any correlation between the quality of patient care and the presence of a nurses' union in a hospital.

The report notes that even before the pandemic, Illinois had a shortage of about 20,000 nurses statewide and that the shortage likely will be exacerbated in the coming years because about half of the nurses practicing are older than 55.

Across all levels of care, it noted, nurses in unionized hospitals were able to spend more hours per day treating their patients. They also had lower turnover rates and lower vacancy rates for registered nurses.

But Danny Chun, spokesman for the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, strongly disagreed that hospitals weren't prepared for the pandemic.

"First of all, we've been drilling and doing exercises on pandemics before the pandemic hit," Chun said during an interview. "Every hospital in the state, as you know, has an emergency preparedness plan for disasters of all kinds – mass shootings, traffic accidents, biochemical, biohazard, flu epidemics or pandemics."

"In the city of Chicago last year in the summer of 2019, Chicago hospitals did an exercise, a drill with the Chicago Department of Public Health on this exact issue – pandemics. And we were directly involved in a lot of the planning and discussions back in January, February, March where hospitals got ready for the pandemic."

If there was any weakness in preparation, Chun said, it was with the federal government and its failure to maintain a national stockpile of personal protective equipment as well as open supply chains with China, where most PPE is manufactured.

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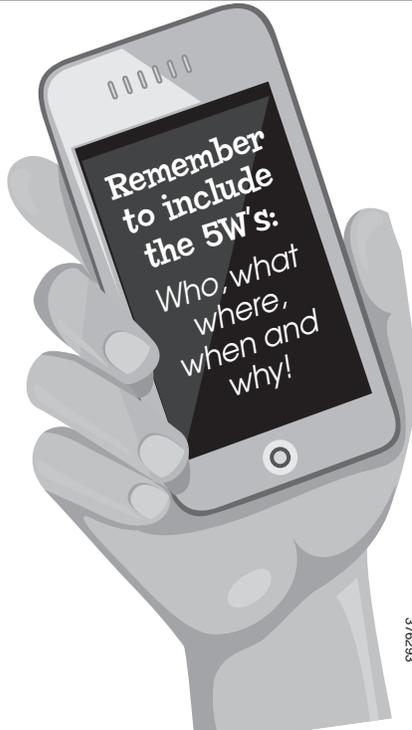
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/09/2020, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on August 7, 2020 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse

15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated 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:

LOT 23 AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF PARK CREST PLAT NO. 1, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED IN BOOK "G" OF PLATS, PAGE 7, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN 18-13-35-177-003

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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 Mortgagor, 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.

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.

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 14-19-08946. 13151806

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS CITIZENS STATE BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. SERGIO J. GONZALEZ,

CHECO'S FAMILY RESTAURANT & PIZZERIA, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

2019-CH-46

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-captioned cause on February 13, 2020, an agent of the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office will at 10:00 a.m. on July 15, 2020, at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 North Bench Street, Third Floor, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Parcel 1: Lot 2 of Hess 3rd Addition to the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois; according to the Plat thereof recorded October 3, 1963 as Document No. 106567 in Plan Hold 9 of Plats, No. 18A.

Parcel 2: Lot 1 of Hess 3rd Addition to the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois; according to the Plat thereof recorded October 3, 1963 as Document No. 106567 in Plan Hold 9 of Plats, No. 18A.

PIN: Parcel No. 1: 43-17-001-597-06 Stockton

Parcel No. 2: 43-17-001-597-07 Stockton

Commonly known as: 632 and 642 S. Main Street, Stockton, Illinois 61085

The property is non-residential property.

The judgment amount was \$165,933.31 together with interest thereon at the statutory rate plus additional costs, including publication costs, court costs, attorneys' fees and expenses of sale.

Sale Terms: 25 percent down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, 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 representations as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and is "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a

deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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.

Persons wishing information regarding the real estate may contact:

Joel Kempel - Citizens State Bank 102 West Main Street, Lena, Illinois 61048-9247 Phone: (815) 369-4524

Dated this 12th day of June, 2020.

YALDEN, OLSEN & WILLETTE

By: /s/ Craig A. Willette Craig A. Willette, Attorney for Citizens State Bank, Plaintiff

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375962

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION

Public Notice is hereby given that on **June 19, 2020**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business **Ridgeland Music** located at **519 N. Walnut Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032**. Dated June 19, 2020

VIC I. OTTE Stephenson County Clerk by HEATHER BECKER

Deputy

(Published in The Shopper's Guide July 1, 8 & 15, 2020)

376626

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF STEPHENSON CITIZENS STATE BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. KRIS R. WILD, THERESA E. WILD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, ORANGEVILLE COMMUNITY BANK, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

2020 CH 28

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:

Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Stephenson County, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of certain real estate mortgages, concerning the premises described as follows, to-wit:

A tract of land located in part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 29 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Oneco Township, Stephenson County Illinois, the boundary of said tract being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 29 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian; thence South along the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 875.59 feet, more or less; thence West, parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section, a distance of 1,080.12 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; thence South, parallel to the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 750 feet, more or less; thence West parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 650.00 feet, more or less; thence North, parallel to the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 750.00 feet, more or less; thence East, parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 650.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; all being situated in Oneco Township, Stephenson County in the State of Illinois.

Together with an easement for ingress and egress as shown in a Declaration of Easement recorded June 2, 2008 as Document No. 200800095058.

All being situated in Stephenson County, Illinois.

Commonly known as: 12838 North Hulbert Road, Winslow, Illinois

PIN: 16-03-30-200-004

and which said real estate mortgages were made by Kris R. Wild and Theresa E. Wild

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LEGALS

Continued from previous page and recorded in the Office of the Stephenson County Recorder of Deeds as follows:

Document Nos.:
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and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you the said named Defendants, Unknown Owners, and Non-Record Claimants file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Stephenson County, located at 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, on or before July 31, 2020, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court
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Stephenson County, Illinois
PREPARED BY
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376748

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS HSBC Bank USA, National Association as trustee for Deutsche Mortgage Securities, Inc. Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2004-5 PLAINTIFF Vs.

Tammy Tobin; et. al. DEFENDANTS

2019CH46

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 06/23/2020, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on August 7, 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 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:

THE WEST 150 FEET OF LOT 20 IN BLOCK 32 IN KNOWLTON'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF FREEPORT, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 18-14-31-452-027

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COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1135 South Oak Avenue Freeport, IL 61032

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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 Mortgagor,

the Mortgagor or the Mortgagor'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 14-19-03000.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS APPLE RIVER STATE BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

PAUL D. IRWIN a/k/a PAUL DAN IRWIN, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

2017-CH-9

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Amended Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-captioned cause on February 13, 2020, an agent of the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office will at 10:00 a.m. on August 12, 2020, at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 North Bench Street, Third Floor, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

TRACT I:

Lot Number Thirteen (13) in Valley View Estates Subdivision, located in Section 7 in Township 27 North, Range 4 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Jo Daviess County, Illinois. Situated in Jo Daviess County and the State of Illinois.

TRACT II:

A parcel of land located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 27 North, Range 4 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Stockton Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, which is bounded by a line described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 in Valley View Estates Subdivision; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 24 seconds East, 367.89 feet (recorded as 371.05 feet) along the South line of Lot 13 in said Subdivision, to the Southeast corner of said Lot 13; thence South 0 degrees 05 minutes 48 seconds East (recorded as South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East), 349.86 feet along the East line of said Lot 13, projected, to a point in the line with the South line of said Lot 12, projected; thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 09 seconds West, 368.31 feet along the South line of said Lot 12, projected, (recorded as North 88 degrees 47 minutes 06 seconds West), to the Southeast corner of said Lot 12; thence North 0 degrees 01 minutes 48 seconds West (recorded as North 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West) 346.60 feet, along the East line of said Lot 12 to the point of beginning. Situated in Jo Daviess County and the State of Illinois.

Commonly known as: 1709 South Summit Drive, Stockton, Illinois 61085

Permanent Index Number(s): 43-17-000-069-13

The property is residential property.

The amended judgment amount was \$144,641.18 to-

gether with interest thereon at the statutory rate plus additional costs, including publication costs, court costs, attorneys' fees and expenses of sale.

Sale Terms: 25 percent down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, 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 representations as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and is "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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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.

Persons wishing information regarding the real estate may contact:

Valerie J. Stocks -
Apple River State Bank
135 E. Main Street,
Warren, Illinois 61087
Phone: (815) 745-2194

Dated this 26th day of June, 2020.

YALDEN, OLSEN & WILLETTE

By: /s/ Craig A. Willette
Craig A. Willette, Attorney for
Citizens State Bank, Plaintiff
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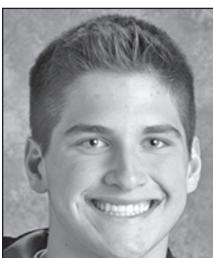
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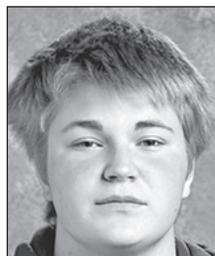
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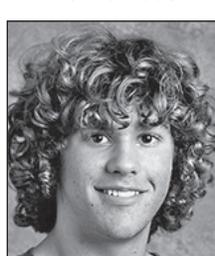
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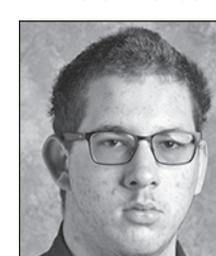
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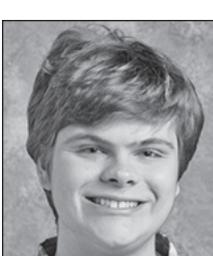
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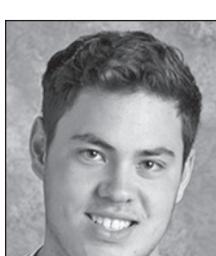
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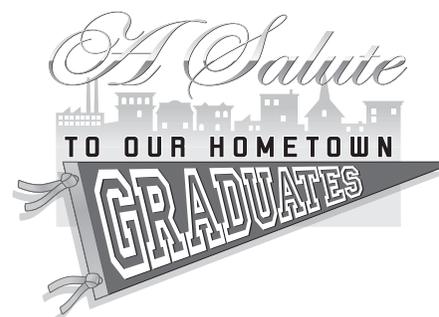
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Photo challenge moves to forest near Elizabeth

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation's Frame Your Family photo challenge moved to Schurmeier Teaching Forest this week.

For those not familiar with the campaign, a large, wooden frame is placed somewhere on each of the foundation's six public preserves for a period of two weeks. Families are invited to find it, take a group selfie, upload the photo to Facebook and then tag JDCF.

Those "framing" their families at three of the six preserves will be given a one-year membership to JDCF.

The teaching forest is located 147 E. Reusch Road south of Elizabeth.

For more information, visit www.jdcf.org, or call Jess Hepker at 815-858-9100.



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STAR initiative starts 2020 enrollment

The Saving Tomorrow's Agriculture Resources (STAR) has announced it has started enrollment for farmers for the 2020 crop year.

As summer settles in and crops are growing throughout the Midwest, it's time for farmers and landowners to reap the results of investing in conservation practices on their fields. Participating is free and as simple as completing a field form at the STAR website: <https://starfreetool.com>.

Paper field forms are also available for download from the site. 2020 field forms will be available through next January.

If STAR participants are interested in getting field forms locally, several county SWCDs or farm bureaus serve as local administrators of the program.

STAR is an innovative conservation program in Illinois and several other states

that helps farmers and landowners track how well they are caring for soil and water while producing their crops, via the free, handy STAR field evaluation tool.

The initiative touts several key benefits: decreasing nutrient loss from the soil, improving water quality, helping farmers show their stewardship, increasing farm resilience, and positioning farms for future market opportunities.

The Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) created STAR in 2017 to meet agricultural goals in the state's Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy plan.

That plan, developed by the state's Department of Agriculture and Environmental Protection Agency, lays out a comprehensive suite of best management practices for reducing nutrient loads from wastewater treatment

plants, urban, and agricultural runoff. Similar strategies have been developed by 11 other states in the Mississippi River Basin since 2015.

"We created STAR to show farmers how easy it can be to prevent runoff, protect our water supplies, and promote soil health. And every year, we see more participants eager to invest in a stronger future with the STAR tool," said Bruce Henrikson, STAR program coordinator through CCSWCD. "We will continue to show more farmers and landowners that the time and effort to promote sustainable practices produces great returns on their investment, and necessary protections for the health of our soil and water, and our nation."

STAR has been well received in its short lifetime. In 2019, 214 participants on 1,175

fields and 83,592 acres embraced the power of STAR and organizations in Iowa and Missouri plan to offer the tool as well.

STAR participants complete a field form which assigns points for everything from cover crops used, to the kinds of fertilizer used for nutrient management at different points before and during the growing season, to various possible conservation practices used on that field to prevent runoff into nearby water sources.

STAR uses a science committee of industry experts, university researchers and farmers to ensure the field forms accurately represent nutrient loss reduction and how those affect the natural resources of the state. Fields are then ranked on the 5-star scale, and participants can receive a free sign for their fields to identify their STAR designation.



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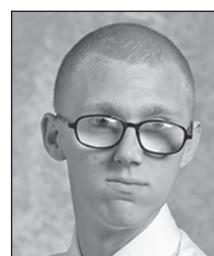
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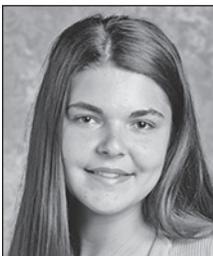
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Judge denies GOP request to allow large political gatherings

Says granting restraining order 'would pose serious risks to public health'

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A federal judge on July 2 denied a request for a temporary restraining order that would have allowed Illinois Republican Party groups to host large fundraising events.

In the lawsuit, the state GOP argued that Gov. JB Pritzker's 50-person cap on gathering sizes — which was a 10-person cap when the lawsuit was filed—does not apply to religious organizations, and the governor "declined to enforce" his order against protesters demanding an end to systemic racism.

The GOP — along with the Will County Republican Central Committee, Schaumburg Township Republican Organization and Northwest Side GOP Club — argued that applying those exemptions to protestors and religious institutions but not to political parties created an "unconstitutional content-based restriction on speech," according to a court document.

That, the Republicans claimed, was a violation of their First and 14th Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution, which grant freedoms of speech and demonstration, as well as equal protections under the law.

U.S. District Court Judge Sara L. Ellis, of the Northern District of Illinois' Eastern Division, denied the request for a temporary order that would allow the GOP to resume large gatherings, stating that granting the relief "would pose serious risks to public health."

"The number of COVID-19 infections continues to rise across the United States, which has led some

states to recently impose greater restrictions on gatherings and activities," Ellis wrote in her ruling. "COVID-19 is highly contagious and continues to spread, requiring public officials to constantly evaluate the best method by which to protect residents' safety against the economy and a myriad of other concerns."

Illinois GOP Chairman Tim Schneider said lawyers were already working on an appeal.

"We are disappointed with today's results and obviously disagree with the ruling," Schneider said in a statement.

"Our fight to secure our First Amendment right is not over, however. Our lawyers have immediately begun the process for appealing the decision."

In its June 15 court filing, the GOP argued political parties "are for political expression what churches are for religious expression: the corporate manifestation of speech and interaction within a community of shared belief."

"Yet, unlike churches, political parties are barred from gathering in groups greater than 10 (now 50) under the governor's executive order," the party continued. "And unlike protestors against police brutality, they have not been given an exemption based on his sympathy, recognition, and participation."

Ellis, however, argued that Pritzker's order "involves reasonable measures intended to protect public health while preserving avenues for First Amendment activities."

"Plaintiffs ask that they be allowed to gather—without limita-

tion—despite the advice of medical experts and the current rise in infections.

The risks in doing so are too great," she wrote. "The Court acknowledges that Plaintiffs' interest in gathering as a political party is important, especially leading up to an election. But this interest does not outweigh the governor's interest in protecting the health of Illinois' residents during this unprecedented public health crisis."

The judge also wrote that many political activities are still allowed, such as "phone banks, virtual strategy meetings, and, as of Friday, June 26, gatherings like fundraisers and meet-and-greet coffees that do not exceed 50 people."

Moreover, allowing the GOP to hold mass gatherings would "open the floodgates to challenges from other groups that find in-person gatherings most effective," she wrote, agreeing with one of the state's arguments.

"An injunction that allows plaintiffs to gather in large groups so that they can engage in more effective speech is simply not in the public interest. Such relief would expand beyond any gatherings and negatively impact non-parties by increasing their risk of exposure. Thus, the harms tilt significantly in the governor's favor as he seeks to prevent the spread of this virulent virus," she concluded.

Ellis said the GOP failed to prove the state selectively chose not to enforce its order against protestors. The governor also did not take action against Reopen Illinois protestors during the stay-at-home order, she pointed out.

"Plaintiffs have failed to point to a single instance in which they, or anyone similarly situated, protested with political messages and state officials enforced the order against them because of this content," she wrote. "Thus, the court has no basis by which to evaluate whether the governor has selectively enforced the order."

The judge did, however, agree that the government engaged in "content-based discrimination" by allowing churches to gather.

"When a gathering is still allowed based on the speech involved, the government has engaged in content-based discrimination. The court finds that by exempting free exercise of religion from the gathering limit, the order creates a content-based restriction," she wrote.

An appeal had not been filed as of July 2, and the full case is still pending in Ellis' court.

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Illinois Extension expands programming, continues virtual 4-H shows in August

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While long-term solutions to managing the coronavirus are in development, Illinois Extension will continue delivering programming — both virtual and in-person — that supports families, businesses and communities across the state.

Effective Aug. 1, in-person events for groups of up to 10 people may resume, with

group limits expanding up to 25 on Aug. 16. All program participants and staff will be required to practice social distancing measures, including wearing a face covering.

While small group activities may resume, larger Illinois Extension events will continue in a virtual format.

All 4-H general project and 4-H livestock shows and exhibitions scheduled through August 31 will move online to a virtual exhibition platform called FairEntry. All overnight camps also are canceled through the end of August.

“We know that many of our 4-H members and their families have felt the loss of the in-person 4-H shows that are such an iconic part of summertime in Illinois,” says Lisa Diaz, assistant dean and director of Illinois 4-H. “But early feedback from our families who have participated in a virtual 4-H show already this summer is that it’s still a great learning opportunity that provides a showcase experience for 4-H members.”

Over the course of the fall, Illinois Extension will continue a phased return to in-person programming to ensure that proper

safety protocols, space management plans, and public health requirements are fully adopted by the organization.

To learn more about upcoming events and activities, visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/events>.



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• REAL ESTATE •

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS
CITIZENS STATE BANK, an Illinois
Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.

SERGIO J. GONZALEZ, CHECO'S
FAMILY RESTAURANT & PIZZERIA,
INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

2019-CH-46

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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and Sale entered in the above-captioned
cause on February 13, 2020, an
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at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse,
330 North Bench Street, Third Floor, Galena,
Illinois 61036, sell at public auction
to the highest bidder, as set forth below,
the following described real estate:

PIN: Parcel No. 1: 43-17-001-597-06
Stockton
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of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection
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as to the condition of the property.
Prospective bidders are admonished to
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Persons wishing information regarding
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Joel Kempel - Citizens State Bank
102 West Main Street,
Lena, Illinois 61048-9247
Phone: (815) 369-4524

Dated this 12th day of June, 2020.

YALDEN, OLSEN & WILLETTE

By: /s/ Craig A. Willette
Craig A. Willette, Attorney for
Citizens State Bank, Plaintiff
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT,
ILLINOIS

US Bank Trust, N.A., not in its individual
capacity, but solely as owner Trustee for
VRMTG Asset Trust
PLAINTIFF

Vs.

The Schreiner Family Trust dated
2/15/07; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

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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 06/09/2020, the Sheriff of Stephenson
County, Illinois will on August 7, 2020 at
the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County
Courthouse

15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor,
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61032, or in a place otherwise designated
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to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth
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PIN 18-13-35-177-003
Improved with Single Family Home
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sale fee for Abandoned Residential
Property Municipality Relief Fund, which
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Purchaser shall have no further recourse
against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS

APPLE RIVER STATE BANK,
an Illinois Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.

PAUL D. IRWIN a/k/a PAUL DAN IRWIN,
UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-
RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

2017-CH-9

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that pursuant to an Amended Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the
above-captioned cause on February 13,
2020, an agent of the Jo Daviess County
Sheriff's Office will at 10:00 a.m. on August
12, 2020, at the Jo Daviess County
Courthouse, 330 North Bench Street,
Third Floor, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell at
public auction to the highest bidder, as set
forth below, the following described real
estate:

Commonly known as: 1709 South Summit
Drive, Stockton, Illinois 61085
Permanent Index Number(s): 43-17-
000-069-13

The property is residential property.
The amended judgment amount was
\$144,641.18 together with interest thereon
at the statutory rate plus additional
costs, including publication costs, court
costs, attorneys' fees and expenses of
sale.

Sale Terms: 25 percent down of the

highest bid by certified funds at the close
of the auction; the balance, in certified
funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.
The subject property is subject to general
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or special taxes levied against said real
estate and is offered for sale without any
representations as to quality or quantity of
title and without recourse to Plaintiff and is
"AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject
to confirmation by the Court.

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of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection
and Plaintiff makes no representation
as to the condition of the property.
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Persons wishing information regarding
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Valerie J. Stocks - Apple River State Bank
135 E. Main Street, Warren, Illinois 61087
Phone: (815) 745-2194

Dated this 26th day of June, 2020.

YALDEN, OLSEN & WILLETTE

By: /s/ Craig A. Willette

Craig A. Willette, Attorney for

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

HSBC Bank USA, National Association
as trustee for Deutsche Mortgage
Securities, Inc. Mortgage Loan Trust,
Series 2004-5

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Tammy Tobin; et. al.

DEFENDANTS

2019CH46

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

OF REAL ESTATE

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and Sale entered in the above cause
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Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue
1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport,
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Sale Terms: 25 percent down of the

Improved with Single Family Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1135 South
Oak Avenue Freeport, IL 61032

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest
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auction; The balance, including the Judicial
sale fee for Abandoned Residential
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is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each
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Mendoza: New fiscal year will be even more challenging than height of budget impasse

State borrowed heavily to get through year that ended June 30

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The state of Illinois, like most states, began a new fiscal year on July 1 and the person in charge of managing the state's bank accounts said she fears it could be one of the most difficult years in modern memory.

"This is going to be, I think, by far perhaps the most challenging year that I've had to manage as comptroller," state Comptroller Susana Mendoza said in an interview July 1. "And that's saying something because, you know, I had to navigate the state through what was, when I took office, the worst fiscal crisis that our state had ever experienced,

that two-year budget impasse."

The difference between then and now, she said, was that during the budget impasse, the state still had revenues flowing in, just no legal authority to spend it. But in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the near shutdown of the state's economy that it forced, Illinois now isn't seeing anything close to the revenues it will need to fund the new budget.

"You can pass whatever budget you want," she said. "If the revenues don't come in the way you'd like them to, then there's not enough money to go around for all of the priorities that are represented by that budget. So, at the

end of the day, we'll have to see month-to-month what our revenues look like. It's so completely up in the air."

The financial impact of the pandemic started to appear in state revenues in April and May. Before then, Mendoza noted, Illinois was in relatively good shape with a nominally balanced budget in place and revenues coming in greater than expected. The state was even making progress on paying down its backlog of past-due bills.

But that all changed in April after Gov. JB Pritzker extended the tax filing deadline to July 15, which took a big bite out of revenues the state normally would have seen that month. Meanwhile, the state's unemployment rate shot up to an unprecedented 17.2 percent in April as employers throughout Illinois were forced to shut down or scale back operations due to the novel coronavirus.

As of July 1, according to the comptroller's website, the bill backlog stood at \$5.4 billion. But Mendoza said that figure doesn't tell the whole story because in order to keep the state running, it borrowed roughly \$2.7 billion.

That included \$1.2 billion from the Federal Reserve, just part of the \$5

billion in Fed borrowing that state lawmakers authorized during their special session in May. It also included another \$1.5 billion in interfund borrowing and borrowing from idle funds in the state treasurer's office.

"So that did help me to pay down some really important bills that needed to be paid of that bill backlog, but it's important to remember that, okay, the bill backlog says it's \$5.4 billion, but in actuality, we're still on the hook for paying back that \$2.7 billion, so we're really looking at, you know, 5.4 plus 2.7," or \$8.1 billion, she said.

Among the high-priority bills the state paid, she said, were invoices from Medicaid providers, including hospitals, which were already reeling from revenue losses that resulted when they were forced to call off nonemergency surgeries and procedures in order to free up resources for COVID-19 patients.

The \$1.2 billion in federal borrowing came through a program called the Municipal Liquidity Facility, which the Federal Reserve Board authorized in March to help states and large municipalities deal with the dramatic falloff in revenue they were seeing. Illinois is paying 3.8 percent interest on the loan,

which is due to be paid back by June 30, 2021.

However, the plan for paying back that money, and any more the state may need to borrow this fiscal year, hinges on the idea that Congress will pass another economic relief package that will include significant relief for states—something it has not done yet and is still the subject of partisan wrangling on Capitol Hill.

Mendoza said there is no way for Illinois to make it through this new fiscal year without making draconian budget cuts if Congress doesn't come through with that aid.

"Because Illinois is not the only one who's looking at this type of financial disaster situation, but every single state in the country is going to require federal government sending financial aid," Mendoza said. "And when I say financial aid, I don't mean loans. I mean specifically grants—money that does not have a million strings attached to it that would go specifically to help make up for lost revenues due to COVID-19."

Republicans in Congress, however, have been reluctant to accept what they see as a "bailout" of state governments, many of which, including Illinois, had significant financial challenges before the pandemic.

In April, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, suggested that some states would be better off filing for bankruptcy. Amid significant backlash, McConnell walked that idea back a few days later and suggested a direct aid package—but only if it included civil immunity from COVID-19-related lawsuits for employers, which Democrats have not been willing to accept.

Mendoza called the idea that Illinois and other states were asking for bailouts "laughable," while noting that Illinois receives less in federal benefits from Washington than it pays into it. McConnell's home state of Kentucky, meanwhile, receives more than \$2 in benefits for every dollar it sends to Washington.

"Mitch McConnell must forget that it's states like Illinois and Connecticut and California and New York that bail out his state of Kentucky every single year," Mendoza said. "He's used to living off of the state of Illinois and the state of California and the state of New York and the state of Connecticut and every other donor state, which by the way, most of which happened to be blue states."

Mendoza said that when it comes to paying bills on a month-to-month basis, her office will prioritize making scheduled debt payments, paying out retirement benefits and making payments to public schools. Beyond that, she said, everything else in state government will be at risk without federal aid.

"We are far from done with this pandemic, so if anybody believes that we're even remotely out of the woods yet, they're imagining things," she said. "We really have yet to see what the month to month reduction in revenues is going to be. We can try to predict them, but this is uncharted territory."

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