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County fair officials in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties are hopeful that the summertime tradition can resume this year, albeit with new safety precautions.

Fair officials begin cautious planning for this summer's events

By Margaret Plevak
CORRESPONDENT

With everything from concerts to county fairs canceled in 2020 because of COVID-19, many people are hoping for a return to normalcy this year. Vaccine distribution is underway, but the virus is still a threat, and those health concerns have county fair boards and associations planning carefully for 2021.

The Stephenson County Fair was canceled last year, as were other big-

ger events that call the fairgrounds home, such as the Stephenson County Ag Breakfast, the Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club Dog Show and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources deer check station.

That was a hit to fair revenue, but Lori Tessendorf, executive manager of the Stephenson County Fair Association, said she was grateful for the longtime support of local businesses and organizations, especially during such a tough year.

"Fortunately, with guidance from the Stephenson County Health Department, we were still able to host some livestock shows, weddings and receptions, a funeral service, the Soil and Water Conservation District tree sale and a truck-tractor pull. We were also able to continue with our annual winter storage event, taking in boats and campers last fall," Tessendorf said in an email. "Those funds, along with some generous grants we have received, are allowing us to go forward

with our planning as usual for 2021." Tessendorf is cautiously hopeful that this year's fair, set for July 27 through July 31, can proceed.

"We obviously want to comply with the state and local department of health guidelines to ensure everyone's safety, but with the newly released vaccine, we are optimistic that the fair can happen this year, even though we may have to implement some safety procedures," she said. "Time will tell how we go forward."

Plans already are proceeding. Because of the pandemic, she's on reduced hours, but Tessendorf manages everything from getting vendors and

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Education bill will revamp social studies classes statewide *Measure also emphasizes computer literacy, science*

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois public schools are about to get a major overhaul, with more emphasis on black history and the contributions of other underrepresented groups to American culture.

In addition, within the next few years, all school districts in the state will be required to offer computer science courses and more instruction in computer literacy.

Those are just two of the major provisions of a 218-page education equity bill, House Bill 2170, that passed during the recent lame duck session of the General Assembly with the backing of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus.

Jennifer Kirmes, executive director of teaching and learning at the Illinois State Board of Education, said in an interview that the agency has been working toward updating the state's social studies standards for months.

"Over the summer, we convened a working group of educators and advocates and gave that group the task of reviewing the existing Illinois social science learning standards, in particular through the lenses of equity and social justice, and to ensure that the standards aligned with the statutory mandates to teach about the contributions of underrepresented groups like African Americans and LGBTQ Americans," Kirmes said. "So really, what's in the bill codifies work that we started several months ago, and are still undertaking now."

Specifically, the bill calls on ISBE to adopt new standards by July 1 "that are inclusive and reflective of all individuals in this country."

It also calls for establishing an "Inclusive American History Commission" to help the board develop the new standards. That 22-member commission will be charged with reviewing educational resources that teachers can use that "reflect the racial and ethnic diversity" of Illinois and the United States, providing guidance for educators on how to ensure that their class content is not biased in favor of certain cultures and providing guidance on how to identify resources for "non-dominant cultural narratives."

The bill also calls on every elementary and high school to develop a curriculum that includes one unit of studying pre-enslavement black history. That unit will cover the period from 3,000 BCE to 1619, when the first enslaved Africans were brought to America. Black history units will also have to include the study of the reasons why black people came to be enslaved and the study of the American civil rights movement.

Social studies programs in the United States have been criticized for years for putting too much emphasis on the white European origins

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For more

Go online for more information and updates.

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• Jo Daviess County Fair: jodaviesscountyfair.org or JDCfair on Facebook.

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SONYA WILLIAMSON *The Scoop Today*

Sliding into winter fun

Local children enjoyed a recent afternoon of sledding near Casey's General Store in Stockton.

Beef association offers scholarship

Applications are available now for the Jo Daviess County Beef Association Scholarship. The scholarship provides financial assistance to Jo Daviess County residents studying agriculture-related fields.

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must:

- reside in Jo Daviess County
- be enrolled in agriculture, or agricultural-related fields
- be enrolled in a two- or four-year program
- be accepted at chosen school, college or university
- be a full-time student, 12 hours minimum per semester (auditing of classes cannot be included in minimum).

Special consideration will be given to members of the Jo Daviess County Beef Association and their immediate family.

To receive a scholarship application, contact your high school counselor to Karen Koester, scholarship committee chairman, at 815-858-2318 or mommyboot@hotmail.com.

Applicants must return their completed applications to: Jo Daviess County Beef Association, Beef Association Scholarship, 2913 Elizabeth Scales Mound Road, Elizabeth, IL 61028. The application deadline is April 10.

Silver Search system helps locate vulnerable missing persons

Officials at the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter recently reported that there were 125 Silver Search advisories in 2020, which led to 123 recoveries. Two advisories are still active.

By comparison, there were only 74 such advisories in 2019.

"Silver Search is a coordinated effort to bring awareness, education and resources to help find and safely return people with Alzheimer's disease or dementia that go missing," a news release said. "The Silver Search program brings to light the increasing incidences of people with Alzheimer's or dementia that get lost and ways in which the public can help law enforcement return them home safely.

By training law enforcement agencies across Illinois on the program, Silver Search has become a vital tool for law enforcement agencies to use when someone with dementia goes missing.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than 230,000 Illinois residents are currently living with Alzheimer's. Sixty percent of

those with Alzheimer's will wander at some point during their diagnosis.

The rise in advisories can be closely related to training. The Illinois State Police Department has trained hundreds of law enforcement personnel on warning signs to look for, communications skills and the criteria for a Silver Search, as well as procedures for activating a search.

"In these high-risk missing person cases, it is imperative that law enforcement responds in a timely and efficient way," Craig Burge, Illinois State Police missing person coordinator, said in the release. "We are glad we can provide an effective advisory system for law enforcement to utilize that partners them with the public to help return this vulnerable population home safely."

Once an alert is issued, Illinois State Police activate the Endangered Missing Person Advisory. This advisory will alert the public through notifications to media, Illinois Department of Transportation digital highway signs and Illi-

nois Lottery terminals, in addition to the Silver Search website and social media channels.

"In partnership with the Silver Search Task Force, the Alzheimer's Association is very proud to have helped reach Illinois residents all across the state with the Silver Search alerts," Delia Jervier, Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter executive director, said in the release. "The Silver Search Facebook page has reached hundreds of thousands of users and has been a fantastic tool in helping bring people home safely."

Participating members of the Silver Search Task Force are Alzheimer's Association, Illinois State Police, Illinois Tollway Authority, Illinois Broadcasters Association, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, Illinois Department of Aging, Illinois Department of Transportation, AARP, Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, Illinois Secretary of State and Illinois Lottery.

For more information, go online to silversearchillinois.org or [facebook.com/SilverSearchIllinois](https://www.facebook.com/SilverSearchIllinois).

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of the original 13 colonies and the development of a predominantly white culture while paying only scant attention to the history of slavery or the contributions of people from other, non-European cultures.

"I cannot speak to what is happening in every district across Illinois and I think it's hard to make any kind of sweeping statement about all of history education in Illinois," Kirmes said. "Our position is that we want it to be well supported and well executed in every community."

Kirmes said ISBE expects to have a draft of the new standards available for public comment in March. The final standards will then be presented to the board for approval early in the summer.

In addition to revising social studies standards, the bill also tries to ensure greater access throughout

the state to computer literacy programs and computer science education.

It calls on all districts to provide "developmentally appropriate opportunities" to gain computer literacy skills beginning in elementary school.

Also, starting in the 2022-23 academic year, students entering ninth grade will be required to take at least one course that provides "intensive instruction" in computer literacy. That could be a course that also meets other graduation requirements such as math or social studies.

Beginning in the 2023-24 academic year, all districts that operate high schools will be required to offer at least one course in computer science, which is defined as "the study of computers and algorithms, including their principles, their

hardware and software designs, their implementation, and their impact on society."

It does not include the study of everyday uses of computers and applications such as keyboarding or accessing the internet.

ISBE does not currently have educational standards for computer science, Kirmes said, so those will have to be developed from scratch.

She said ISBE has already convened a group to begin drafting computer science standards and the agency expects those to be adopted this summer as well.

Other provisions of the bill call for changing the state's high school graduation requirements so they are more closely aligned with college admission requirements at the University of Illinois. Starting in the 2024-'25 academic year, students entering ninth grade will have to complete two years of laboratory science. And beginning in the 2028-'29 school year, they will be required to complete two years of a foreign language.

In the area of higher education, the bill changes the funding formula for the AIM HIGH student aid program. Instead of splitting the cost of those grants evenly between universities and the state, schools where 49 percent or more of their undergraduate student body are eligible for federal Pell grants will only have to match 20 percent of their state allocation while schools where fewer than 49 percent of students qualify for Pell grants will have to match 60 percent of the state allocation.

The bill needs only a signature from Gov. JB Pritzker to become law.

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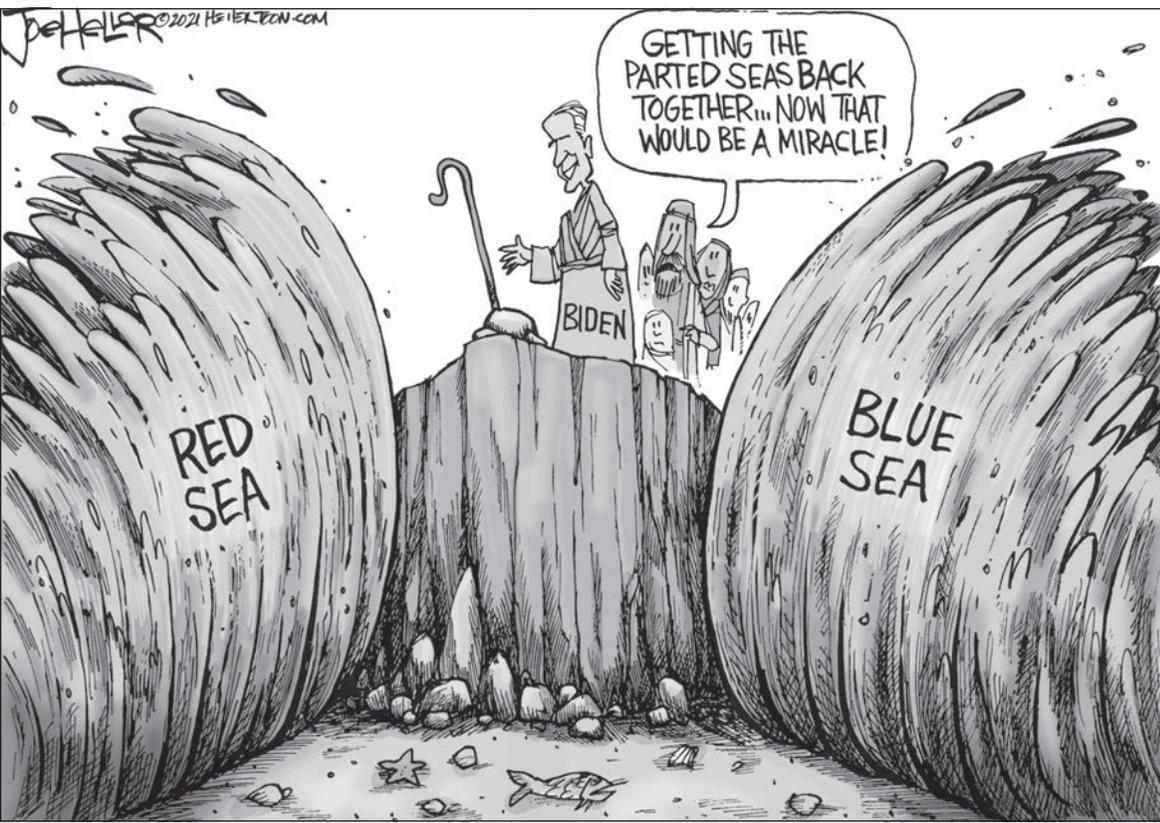
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In my opinion

COVID-19 relief bill has implications for rural America

By Kayla Bergman
CONTRIBUTOR



Kayla Bergman

In late December, Congress passed the Emergency Coronavirus Relief Act of 2020. A lot has happened in the time since, but we believe this legislation deserves a second look. As a joint COVID-19 relief and fiscal year

2021 appropriations bill, funded at \$2.3 trillion, this act has strong implications in rural America.

Within the spending package, several U.S. Department of Agriculture programs advocated for by the Center for Rural Affairs were included and funded at requested levels.

The Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, which serves as the lifeline for small rural businesses, received \$6 million in grant and loan funds. Rural entrepreneurs in

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Slices of life

With love comes loss — and hope

You can't plan the way your life unfolds. Oh, sure, you might think you have an idea, but you never know what tomorrow will bring. The wind blows in a different direction and suddenly you are living a truth you never planned. You are face to face with something you never let yourself imagine. You find yourself dealing with a loss so great it is unfathomable.

You walk around in a fog. The days unfold slowly one by one and your plight is multiplied by the existence of COVID and the reality it has created for all of us. In many ways we are all living a reality that we never would have let ourselves imagine.

Each of us thought we had a path planned for the future, but that path is gone. That's how 2020 unfolded for many of us. It's how it unfolded for me.

It was like a storm that came out of nowhere. I never imagined it or saw it coming. How did I miss the signs? They must have been there. They had to be. How did they get past me? How did I go wrong? What more could I have done?

There's the guilt. The guilt of not seeing. The guilt of not knowing. The guilt of surviving. The guilt of being the one still here.

I honestly didn't see it coming. I didn't want to see it. He was young and healthy. Surely he could beat something, especially if it wasn't cancer. It wasn't cancer. My hope continued.

Because of COVID only one visitor was allowed at the hospital and I had to leave by 6 p.m. The nights must have been so very long for him, too full of too much time to think. He must have been so alone and so scared.

There are things I wish I would have said, conversations we might have had, but that would have meant I knew it was possibly the end, and



By JILL PERTLER
Contributor

I understood he didn't want that to be my reality. So I held his hand and sat by his bed.

Even though I think at some point he sensed the truth, he didn't want to share it with me because he knew I'd be devastated.

I am devastated. Yet, I have hope because he isn't gone. Not really. Oh, sure, he's no longer walking this earth as a physical human being, but he is by my side.

He is everywhere and nowhere. He surrounds me; sometimes I swear I can feel him holding my hand. He used to playfully call me a squirrel because of my tendency to flit from one thing to another. I talk to him often and have reminded him about the squirrel. I believe my future will be full of squirrels scampering across my path and I'll know exactly who is behind that clever joke.

Sometimes life is hard. But it isn't over. It is possible to overcome adversity, even if that is with a tiny flame or perhaps even a spark. My fire will burn again. Or I will die trying.

Sometimes losses in life feel overwhelming because they are. I have lost you here on earth, but I haven't lost you. I never will.

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Our love is something created by something bigger than either of us. It was a love for all time. It was sweet. It was true. It was never questioned. It was as unconditional as you can get in this imperfect world. And now, we are separated, but our love bonds us forever. It continues to grow despite of and because of our separation.

We were imperfectly perfect, but we did it together, and somehow that made it perfect. We loved in a way many never will know. We still do. Our love still exists, every minute of every day. It's just that you are there and I am here. But our hearts are forever intertwined. I believe we planned it this way.

There is a greater purpose to this love, to our temporary separation — as vast as it seems right now.

We will see each other again and we can continue to love each other now; I believe that unconditionally.

Until that time, wait for me, albeit impatiently, my dear, sweet beloved Thom. I miss you every minute of every day.

But you already know that.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

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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

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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 01/28/2020, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on February 18, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 PM 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 7 IN BLOCK 1 IN WEST END ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF FREEPORT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 2, 1907 BOOK "C" OF PLATS, PAGE 32; SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 18-13-36-153-024
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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 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 14-19-03108.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB
Plaintiff,
-v.-
TODD A. WILLIAMS,
RAYKELLE J. EASLEY
Defendant

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 30, 2020, the Sheriff of Stephenson County will at 9:30 AM on February 18, 2021, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave., (West Door), FREEPORT, IL, 61032, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

THE SOUTH 62 FEET OF LOTS 31 AND 32 IN BLOCK 4 IN LINCOLN BOULEVARD SUBDIVISION IN THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; SITUATED IN STEPHENSON COUNTY IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 720 S. MCKINLEY AVE., FREEPORT, IL 61032

Property Index No. 18-13-36-331-032

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$80,742.70.

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 on residential real estate 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.

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. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 311395. E-Mail: ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com
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DOCUMENT 001116 - INVITATION TO BID

1.1 PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Notice to Bidders: Qualified bidders are invited to submit bids for Project as described in this Document according to the Instructions to Bidders.

B. Project Identification: Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement - Phase 2, Lena-Winslow School District #202, Lena, Illinois

C. Owner: Lena-Winslow School District #202, 401 Fremont Street, Lena, IL 61048

D. Project Description: Project consists of partial roof replacement.

E. Construction Contract: Bids will be received for the following Work:

1. Lump Sum Contract (all trades).

1.2 BID SUBMITTAL AND OPENING

A. Owner will receive sealed bids until the bid time and date

at the location indicated below. Owner will consider bids prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Bidders issued by Owner, and delivered as follows:

1. Bid Date: February 12, 2021.

2. Bid Time: 11:00 a.m., local time.

3. Location: Administration Office, with social distancing in place, 401 Fremont Street, Lena, IL 61048

4. Address bid package as follows:

Lena-Winslow School District #202

Attn: Dr. Tom Chiles - Superintendent

"Bid for Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement Phase 2".

B. Bids will be thereafter publicly opened and read aloud.

1.3 BID SECURITY

A. Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of 10 percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after opening of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.

1.4 PREBID CONFERENCE

A. A pre-bid conference for all bidders will be held, with social distancing in place, at 401 Fremont Street, Lena, IL 61048 on February 3, 2021 at 11:00a.m., local time. Prospective bidders are requested to attend.

1.5 DOCUMENTS

A. Bid Documents: Bidders may obtain access to PDF copies of the Drawings and Project Manual after 3:00 p.m. on January 25, 2021 by contacting Larson & Darby at 815-484-0739. Request them from the front desk personnel.

B. Documents will be provided to prime bidders only.

C. Only complete sets of documents will be issued.

1.6 TIME OF COMPLETION

A. Bidders shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the Work within the Contract Time.

1.7 BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

A. Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance and bonds required for the Work. A Performance Bond, a separate Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Insurance in a form acceptable to Owner will be required of the successful Bidder.

1. Bidder shall be in good

Sophisticated scanning technology leads to new dental treatments

Through research, life-long learning, developing, adapting and improving technology, the dental profession seeks to meet their mission to provide the highest quality of care. This collective effort has led to the development of one of our most powerful diagnostic and treatment planning tools to date.

Many of you may be familiar with the medical term CT scan, or computed tomography imaging. As opposed to a traditional X-ray, this scan creates a series of individual images of the area in your body that your physician is concerned about, as well as the ability to stack these images together to form a three-dimensional computer image of the skeleton, organs and tissues in that area.

Research to find a less expensive way to garner the information provided by a CT scan, but with less radiation, led to the development of a new type of scan, cone beam computed tomography (CBCT). This scan was first introduced in Europe in the late 1990s. It was not approved for use in dentistry in the United States until 2001. CBCT differs from CT scans because the cone beam produces hundreds of images in one pass, creating a singular three-dimensional image with higher



By **DR. STEPHEN PETRAS**
Illinois-licensed
general dentist

resolution and less radiation.

When first introduced to our country, these machines were hailed for their ability to create a 3D image that afforded much more diagnostic information than traditional X-rays, but with less radiation than a CT scan. However, they were not standardized, and they exposed the dental patient to higher radiation levels than a dental X-ray. This was an unacceptable risk. It was not until research and innovation led to the development of CBCT scanners that produced equal or less radiation than a traditional panoramic X-ray that dentistry fully embraced their use.

Today's CBCT machines take between five and 40 seconds to produce a 3D image of dental structures, soft tissues, nerve pathways and bones. This additional information leads to more precise diagnosis of disease,

trauma and anatomical considerations that can adversely impact desired outcomes.

CBCT provides insights into the etiology of disease, the most suitable treatment approach based on the individual's unique anatomy, changes in bone density, locations of pathologies and their relation to vital structures, di-

agnostic information related to the airways, information about the victim's age in forensic investigations and other benefits too numerous to list.

In short, it has led to the development of a whole new category of treatment options in most areas of dentistry. Treatment planning is further honed by the computer software that

can be used in conjunction with these machines. Having this data available in the digital imaging format also aids in communication between consulting specialists, as well as with the insurance companies.

Dr. Stephen Petras is an Illinois-licensed general dentist at the Stockton Dental Center.

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standing as a vendor for the Lena-Winslow School District 202, including a minimum of five solid references for projects of similar scope and size over the past five years.

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OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY -
GALENA, ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS BANK AND
TRUST

Plaintiff,

-v.-

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DATED MARCH 5, 2007 et al
Defendant

2020CH56

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Daily Drawing names January winners

Organizers of the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing have announced the November winners.

The Daily Drawing is a drawing for 365 daily cash prizes from Oct. 1, 2020, through Sept. 30, 2021, to those donating for a ticket. More than \$21,000 is paid out to ticket-holders during the year, with cash prizes varying between \$50 and \$250.

A ticket may win multiple times as each ticket remains in the drawing each day for the entire year, no matter how often it is drawn.

Sixteen organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll and Stephenson counties work together on the Daily Drawing:

Caring Community of Elizabeth, Dakota Athletic Boosters, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Eastland Music Boosters, Elizabeth Historical Society, Galena Elks Scholarship, Galena Key Club, Galena Travelers, Hanover Alumni Association, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Foundation, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, Scales Mound Travelers,

Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge, Warren Athletic Boosters and West Carroll Sports Boosters.

The January winners are: Neal Edelson of Elgin, John Vernon of Savanna, Wayne Long of Elizabeth, Max Wurster of Onalaska, Wisconsin, Mary Hofer-Furlong of Cuba City, Wisconsin, Dianne Handshaker of Pearl City, Holly Haring of Savanna, Jeff Graves of Elizabeth, Foster Heller of Stockton, Ruth Knauer of Elizabeth, Sue Bronn of Freeport, Jeff Blair of Winslow, Toni Philbrick of Irwin, South Dakota, Connie Koehn of Lena, Dana Dalberg of East Dubuque, Lois Hattberg of Savanna, Loretta Wongstrom of Galena, Mary Lou Kane of Savanna, Rod Wurm of Scales Mound, Ron Swanson of Mount Carroll, Mike Meyer of East Dubuque, Sherry Brinker of Lena, Arlee Stodden of Galena, Tammy Tarbill of Polo, Kayla Niehaus of Pearl City, Sue Grommes of Hanover, Scott Setterstrom of Winslow, Jim Nobis of Hanover, Courtney Kennedy of Galena, Zoe Blaum of Galena and Joann Schultz of Scales Mound.

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Le-Win sets preschool signup

A Feb. 12 deadline is set to sign up for Birth to 3, preschool screening, junior kindergarten screening and kindergarten in the Lena-Winslow School District. The signup period is for the 2021-'22 school year.

To qualify for the district's preschool programs, children must be screened. Screening is free for district residents.

To sign up for screening, send the

child's name and birthdate, along with parents' names, phone numbers and emails to lindena@le-win.net. After signing up, parents will receive the required paperwork to be completed.

To sign up for preschool, children must be:

- birth to age 2 ½ (Birth to 3 program)
- 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2021 (preschool)

• 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2021 (kindergarten)

District officials said kindergarten registration is necessary for several reasons: to help in the child's transition from home to school, to open the lines of communication between the home and school and to help prepare kindergarten classrooms and staff.

For more information, call 815-668-0813.

Briefs

Local man notches spot on American Egg Board

Ben Thompson of Pearl City recently was appointed as an alternate member to the American Egg Board. Appointees will serve two-year terms starting in March.

The board is an industry-funded research and promotional board that provides a framework for agricultural industries to pool resources and combine efforts to develop new markets, strengthen existing markets and conduct research and promotion activities.

For more information about the American Egg Board, go online to aeb.org.

Good Shepherd invites worshippers to return

In-person worship will be offered at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena, with a limit of 25 people each in the

sanctuary and in the fellowship hall.

Those who attend are asked to wear masks, practice social distancing and wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.

The service also will be available on Facebook Live at [facebook.com/GSLCLenaLL](https://www.facebook.com/GSLCLenaLL) and be recorded for later viewing on the church website at good-shepherdlena.org.

ALDI grant helps fund outdoor activities for Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois recently received a \$500 grant from ALDI that will be used to purchase equipment for the Active Outdoor Adventures program.

The program is designed to encourage year-round outdoor activity, overall health and well-being and outdoor skill development for girls at the organization's four camps throughout northern Illinois.

For more information, go online to

girlscoutsni.org or call 844-476-4463.

USDA extends foreclosure moratorium

Officials at the U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced an extension of eviction and foreclosure moratoriums on USDA single family housing direct and guaranteed loans through March 31. The extension came after a request from President Biden on his first day in office.

"USDA recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has triggered an almost unprecedented housing affordability crisis in the United States," a news release stated. "Today, 1 in 10 homeowners with a mortgage are behind on payments."

For more information about USDA Rural Development's COVID-19 relief effort application deadline extensions and more, go online to rd.usda.gov/coronavirus.

College news

Area students make Iowa State dean's list

Madelyne Arand of McConnell and Zachary Brinkmeier and Isabella A. Kostallari of Pearl City were among the Iowa State University students named to the dean's list for the fall semester. Arand and Brinkmeier are fourth-year students, while Kostallari is a first-year student.

To make the list, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of

12 credit hours of graded course work.

NIU recognizes academic honorees

Several area students were among those named to the fall semester dean's list at Northern Illinois University:

- Sophia Jurkovic of Lena, who also earned a bachelor of science degree in rehabilitation and disability services in December
- Joseph Lenz of Lena, a precom-

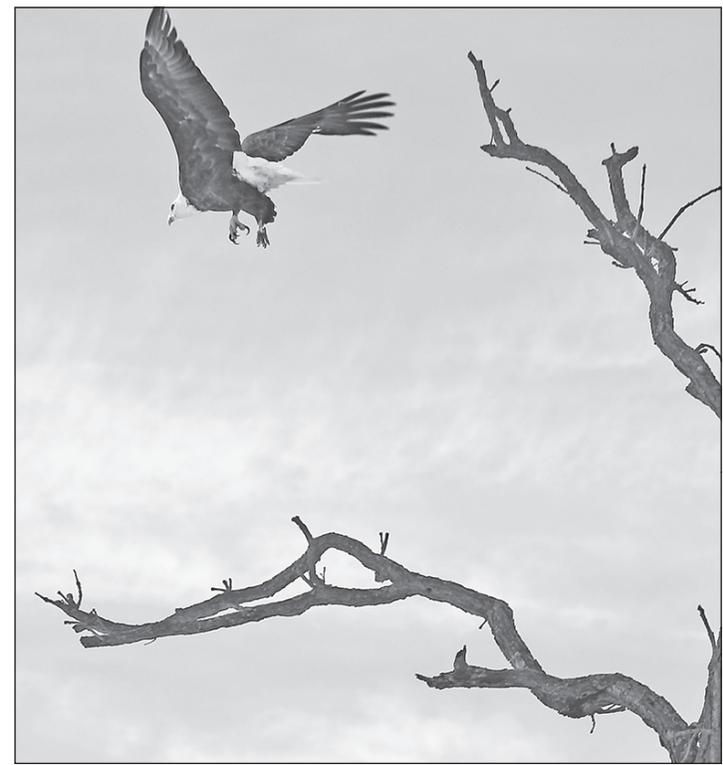
puter science major

- Jenna Robinson of Pearl City, a business administration major

Local students notch academic honors

Nevaeh Roberts of Lena and Olivia Matz of McConnell were among the students included on the fall semester dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Students must have a semester GPA of 3.4 or above to be included on the list.



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Majesty in motion

A pair of bald eagles are rebuilding a nest that fell during a windstorm in August. The female rested a bit and then went back to her nest building in this photo taken by reader/photographer Larry Nelson in Stephenson County. Nelson reports that he has taken hundreds of eagle photos.

Conference offers updates for fruit and vegetable growers

The 25th annual Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference, hosted by the University of Illinois Extension, will be held virtually next month.

Held over Zoom, the program is geared toward commercial fruit and vegetable growers to provide them with updates for the upcoming season and information on diversifying their operations.

"This year's program is virtual and because of that, it presents an opportunity for us to bring in speakers to cover topics that we haven't covered before," Grant McCarty, local foods and small farms educator for University of Illinois Extension, said in a news release. "For instance, there's a wealth of research on new pumpkin varieties and growing vegetables in high tunnels that is occurring in Southern Illinois and this year,

Extension educators in those areas of expertise are presenting for our group in northern Illinois."

McCarty said he sees Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference as an opportunity for beginning and future growers.

The conference schedule is:

- Noon to 1 p.m. on Fridays, Feb. 12, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26, with topics including hard cider production, pumpkin varieties and high tunnels.
- 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 18 and Feb. 25, with updates about insects and diseases that affect fruits and vegetable production.

The cost for the program is \$20 (Thursdays and Fridays) or Thursday (\$10) and Fridays (\$15). For more information and to register, go online to go.illinois.edu/Stateline2021 or call the University of Illinois Extension at 815-986-4357.



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Fair organizers are hoping for a return to the traditional fun and games this summer.

• Events (Continued from front page)

sponsors to handling ticket printing and sales. The fair has contracted a carnival, is readying a fair book to go to print in March and is finishing up details with entertainment in the grandstand and exhibitions, she said.

Kaydra Heller, president of the Jo Daviess County Fair, said her organization was also gearing up for the 2021 event, scheduled Aug. 5 through Aug. 8, and run by volunteers.

“We have big hopes that the fairs will be allowed to resume this year without restriction, or at least with manageable restrictions,” Heller said in an email.

She said fair favorites such as the Jo Daviess County Fair Pageant, a lumberjack show, a mud volleyball tournament, a demolition derby and a Badger State tractor pull are among the returning events.

For the 2021 Stephenson County Fair, there will be mobile ax throwing, escape room attractions and an all-new lumberjack show on the grounds, Tessendorf said. A newcomer among the regular food vendors is Gators N Taters, which will feature entrees such as alligator, frog, calamari, crab cakes, crawfish



and lobster rolls.

The association already has booked a monster truck rally in June, and is working on other events as well.

Last year's cancellation was difficult, Tessendorf said. Besides health concerns, carnivals were not able to get inspected or certified to come to the fairgrounds — a requirement those attractions need for any county or state venue in Illinois.

Feedback from the fair's Facebook page on the cancellation was mixed, but mainly positive, she said.

“The biggest complaint was that (people) would be missing all the great fair food. Of course, our exhibitors were also disappointed, but most of them understood the decision under those circumstances,” Tessendorf said. “We hope to see many familiar faces returning this year.”

Pearl City school notes honor students

Officials at Pearl City Junior High and High School recently announced honor roll awards for the second quarter and the first semester.

Second quarter Highest honor roll

- Seniors: Carter Brudi, Makayla Milam, Caitlin Niesman, Makayla Ruttman, Madyson Stephan, Ella Williams

- Juniors: Oliver Petta, Sidney Wright

- Sophomores: Addison Bremmer, Laine Rosenstiel

- Freshmen: Ava Bremmer, Kyle Niehaus, Ethan Petta, Miranda Posey

- Eighth grade: Anna Dampman, Natalie Greene, Marley Joseph, Kendra Kuhlemeier, Taytum Mullen, Sylvia Schnoor, Talia Stewart

- Seventh grade: Gracie Ditsworth, Tana Gravert, Brandon Hille, Xander Krolow

High honor roll

- Seniors: Marianna Brenner, Molly Cropper, Macie Kaney, Caden Kuberski, Madison Lesko, Miranda Mellentine, Mindy Saeger, Jase Sheffey, Jenee Stultz

- Juniors: Benjamin Bremmer, Madilyn Diddens, Owen Joseph, Audra Lartz, Cody Pitts, Brynn Solt, Brianna Stager

- Sophomores: Nathan Brinkmeier, Jonathan Dinderman, Jordan Johnson, Brea Musser, Nicholas Polizzi, Brooklyn Schreck

- Freshmen: Daneli Ayala, Lisa Baker, Jesus Bernal Zetina, Jayden Downs, Lexton Endress, Kyleigh Gentz, Jacob Lieb, Katelyn Little, Mattie Schauer, Georgia Shallenberger, Alex Spahr, Olivia Williams

- Eighth grade: Ayden Bratley, Ethan Bremmer, Kylie Campbell, Kaitlyn Christensen, Jack-

- son Corbin, Elizabeth Dinderman, Fallyn Endress, Myles Freedlund, Paige Hille, Natalie Lotz, Kaydence Miller, Derek Niesman, Emma Otte, Alonna Posey, Jacob Runkle, Jared Runkle, Adeline Smith, Lucas Tichler

- Seventh grade: Kameron Downs, Lane Kempel, Kip Martens, Nakiya Pickard, Brody Voegeli

Honor roll

- Seniors: Estrella Ayala Hinojosa, Logan Krell, Dean Polizzi, Montana Sargent

- Juniors: Savannah Brandt, Kenner Brinkmeier, Kendall Dixon, Cheyenne Handsaker, Jacob Joseph

- Sophomores: Emma Boyer, Aiden Dampman, Blane Foulker, Cade Monks

- Freshmen: Rhett Forth, Logan Freier, Weston Gronewold, Rayce Mullen

- Eighth grade: Brady Boyer, Joe-ly Christiansen, Jorja Johnson, Jaxsyn Kempel, Sienna Lewis, Sydni Lower, Ryan Potter

- Seventh grade: William Birchen, Maya Boyer, Makenzie Ihus, Kayden Martin, Parker Pettenger

First semester Highest honor roll

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Birth

Aurora Marie Reed

Aurora Marie Reed is the new daughter of Jordyn Hicks and Dylan Reed of Pearl City, Illinois, born on Jan. 17, 2021, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Illinois. Aurora joins a sister, Clairissa, 1. Grandparents are Dan and Andrea Hicks of Warren, Illinois, Dave Reed of Winslow, Illinois, and Toni Reed of Lena, Illinois. Great grandparents are Roger and Noni Hicks of Warren, Cheryl Hartney of Eleroy, Illinois, and Karen Johnson of Lena.



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(For the 2021-2022 school year)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 12, 2021

What does preschool screening look like for 2021?

- Free service if you reside within the Lena-Winslow School District.
- For your child to qualify for the preschool programs he/she must be screened.
- Submitted paperwork will be reviewed and if there are parental concerns or any screener questions, a team member will contact parents.

Who is eligible to sign-up?

- Any child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2021. (Kindergarten)
- Any child who will be 3 years old by September 1, 2021. (Preschool)
- Any child who is birth to 2 1/2 years old. (0-3 age)

Why do I have to register my child for Kindergarten?

- To help in the transition of the child from the home to the school.
- To open the lines of communication between the home and the school.
- To help prepare our Kindergarten classrooms and team.

Where do I sign-up?

- lindena@le-win.net

What information do I need to sign up?

- Child's name & birthdate.
- Parent's name(s), phone number(s), and email(s).

Sign-up deadline:

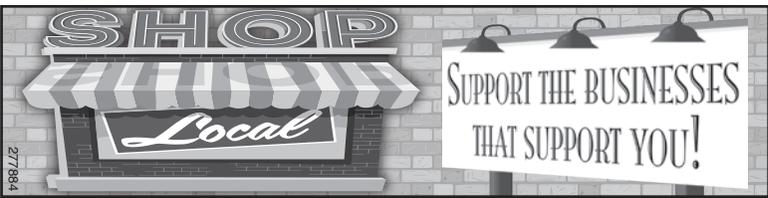
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What happens after I sign my child up?

- An email will be sent with the required paperwork to be completed.

What if I have questions?

- Please call 815-668-0813



COVID, remote voting top stories from state Capitol

A roundup of stories that made news from Capitol News Illinois recently:

New COVID-19 variant

A new COVID-19 variant first discovered in the U.K. has been identified in Chicago. Vaccines are expected to still be effective against the new variant.

"Clearly some progress has been made to combat this virus across our regions," Gov. JB Pritzker. "But I want to stress that it's incredibly important for Illinoisans to not let their guard down. We have now formally identified the first Illinois case of the more contagious British variant. And on top of that there are new variants from Japan, South Africa, Nigeria and Brazil, that we also know a little bit about."

According to a news release, the new U.K. strain was first identified in the U.S. two weeks ago in Colorado and has since been identified in several other states.

"Evidence suggests that this variant can spread more easily than most currently-circulating strains of COVID-19, but there is no evidence

that the new strain affects the sensitivity of diagnostic tests or that it causes more severe illness or increased risk of death," according to the news release. "In addition, data suggest current vaccines will be effective and safe in providing protection against the variant."

Organized sports

Gov. JB Pritzker's office on Jan. 15 noted organized sports can resume in Tier 2 under the guidance initially offered by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

That means sports classified as "low risk," such as baseball, track, cross country, gymnastics and swimming, will be allowed to participate in competitive intra-conference play in regions in Tier 2 or better.

Medium-risk sports including soccer and volleyball can participate in team scrimmages in those tiers, while high risk sports such as basketball, football, hockey and wrestling, can participate in no-contact training.

Remote voting fails

A bill that would have permitted

the House and Senate to convene remotely and cast votes during a public health emergency did not pass both houses in the lame duck session.

It would have required both chambers to create rules for remote participation in session and committees, and it would have applied to the boards of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability and Legislative Audit Commission.

The Senate changed its rules during the brief May session to allow for remote hearings but the House failed to pass similar changes. Two lawmakers voted remotely in the lame duck session.

Both chambers released tentative calendars recently showing they are scheduled to meet in-person several days each month through May.

Since the pandemic hit Illinois in March of 2020, members of the House met briefly the following May and earlier this month at the Bank of Springfield Center, while the Senate continued at the Capitol for those brief sessions.

Multiple people that attended last week's lame duck session – including

the chief of staff to the House speaker's office – have tested positive for COVID-19. The governor said last week he would not prioritize lawmakers in the next phase of vaccination.

Other bills fail

A vote-by-mail bill, which passed the Senate by a vote of 40-18 but did not receive a vote in the House, would have made permanent some changes that were implemented in response to the pandemic for the 2020 general election. This would have included the use of drop-box sites to collect ballots without postage and curbside voting during early voting or on Election Day.

It also would have required the State Board of Elections to provide guidance, rather than rules, for securing collection sites.

Meanwhile, House Bill 122, which would have added another round of 75 marijuana dispensary licenses among other actions, passed the Senate but did not receive a vote in the House as well.

Senate Bill 558, which was a wide-ranging bill consisting of several health care reforms backed by

the Black Caucus, passed the House but did not receive a vote in the Senate.

Marijuana re-investment grants

The state announced Jan. 21 that it has awarded \$31.5 million in grants to 81 community organizations around Illinois to help fund legal services for low-income residents, youth development, violence prevention and economic development in areas hardest hit by the war on drugs.

The Restore, Reinvest and Renew, or "R3" grants are funded with a portion of the state's revenue from sales of adult-use marijuana, and they were a key element of the 2019 bill that legalized recreational marijuana in Illinois.

The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act went into effect on Jan. 1, 2020. Under that law, the state levies an excise tax of 10 percent of the purchase price of marijuana with a THC content of 35 percent or less. Marijuana with THC levels higher than that is

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Monroe Clinic allows inpatient visitors

One visitor per patient is now being allowed in Monroe Clinic's inpatient unit after officials updated the visitor policy last week.

The following inpatient visitor guidelines are in place:

- Visitors must be over 18 years of age.
- Visitors may only enter the building one time per day. Once a visitor leaves, they will not be permitted to return until the following day.
- Visitors will be asked to complete a health screening, including

temperature, prior to entering Monroe Clinic facilities.

- Visitors are always required to maintain social distancing and cover their nose and mouth with a face covering while on-site. This is without exception.
- Anyone with a positive exposure to COVID-19 or elevated temperature will not be allowed entry without approval by an administrative supervisor.

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taxed at 25 percent of the purchase price while cannabis-infused products are taxed at 10 percent.

The law also provides that 25 percent of that revenue be used to fund grants in communities that have suffered from economic disinvestment, violence, and the severe and disproportionate damage caused by the war on drugs, which are largely low-income communities of color.

Officials said the grants were funded with revenues from the first month of legalized sales through the present. The deadline for submitting applications for the first round of grants was in July. Applications were submitted through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, which was also responsible for identifying communities that were eligible.

Prairie State Legal Services, which provides services in northern and parts of central Illinois, was awarded

four grants totaling just over \$1 million to provide civil legal aid, while Land of Lincoln Legal Services, which operates in central and southern Illinois, was awarded three grants totaling just over \$230,000.

Several of the grants also went to agencies that provide re-entry services for state prison inmates being released back into the community. Among those was a \$228,702 grant to Lutheran Social Services in Marion.

The largest single grant announced, \$2.5 million, was awarded to the Emerald South Economic Development Collaborative to provide a combination of youth development, economic development and violence prevention services on Chicago's mid-south side.

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Chesney begins third term

State Rep. Andrew Chesney, R-Freeport, was sworn in to his third term as 89th District representative Jan. 13 during inauguration ceremonies in Springfield. "Representing Northwest Illinois values in Springfield is a deep honor and privilege," Chesney said in a news release. The 89th District includes all of Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties. Chesney posts regular updates on legislative happenings at the state Capitol on his website at repchesney.com.

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45 states across the country have accessed the technical and financial assistance this program provides.

Also included in the package was \$19.4 million for the Local Agriculture Market Program, which includes two subprograms used across rural America to process and sell local foods. Importantly, local meat processors are eligible for this program and may utilize these funds to expand their operation. This \$2 million increase in funds comes at a vital time as small meat processors

face a backlog accelerated by the pandemic.

Other programs included in the package were Conservation Technical Assistance, which received \$734.26 million for working lands conservation in every county across the nation, and the Farming Opportunity Training and Outreach program, which received \$5 million in discretionary funds, split evenly between two subprograms that strengthen USDA's assistance to underserved farmers,

including veteran, beginning and tribal farmers.

The Center for Rural Affairs applauds lawmakers for funding these crucial programs that keep rural America vibrant and strong.

Kayla Bergman is a senior policy associate at the Center for Rural Affairs. The center is a private, nonprofit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches and rural communities.

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Clinic volunteers offer health care scholarships

The Monroe Clinic Volunteers in Partnership group is offering two types of scholarships for students seeking a career in the health care field. The application deadline is Feb. 28.

One scholarship is for high school seniors. Monroe Clinic Volunteers in Partnership awards four \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors each year. Two scholarships will be awarded to Monroe High School seniors and two scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors from communities with Monroe Clinic branch sites — Albany, Blanchardville, Brodhead, New Glarus, Durand, Freeport and Lena — or who live within an area serviced by a branch site or who have a parent who is employed by Monroe Clinic.

The other scholarship is for continued education. College students in the Monroe Clinic service area may apply for one of five \$1,500 scholarships.

Applicants must have completed at least one year of advanced study (beyond high school) in a health-related field and be a resident of a community with a Monroe Clinic location or a resident within Monroe Clinic's service area or an employee or child of a Monroe Clinic employee.

For either scholarship, applicants must be pursuing a degree or certificate in a health care-related field and have a GPA of 3.25 or higher with an emphasis on science and math. All applications must be typed.

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on citizenship, need and school and outside activities.

Students who have received a Monroe Clinic Volunteers in Partnership \$500 scholarship in the past are eligible to apply for the advance study scholarship. However, an individual may only receive each scholarship once.

Applications are available by going online to www.monroeclinic.org/volunteers. For more information, call Dawn Meier, volunteer coordinator, at 608-324-1569.

• Visitors

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The no-visitor policy at in-clinic appointments remains the same as it has been since early November.

One accompanying visitor may still be allowed for pediatric patients and for patients whose cognitive, physical or emotional abilities make a visitor an essential part of caring for the patient. If either criteria are met, then the visitor will be screened before being allowed to proceed to the visit with the patient.

"We will continue to adjust our policies and make decisions rooted in safeguarding and caring for our patients, visitors, caregivers and the community at large," a Monroe Clinic news release said.

For continued updates, go online to monroeclinic.org/coronavirus.

REAL ESTATE LEGAL NOTICES

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 February 18, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 PM 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:

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.

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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 14-19-03108. I3162269

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB

Plaintiff,

-v.-

TODD A. WILLIAMS, RAYKELLE J. EASLEY

Defendant

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 30, 2020, the Sheriff of Stephenson County will at 9:30 AM on February 18, 2021, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave., (West Door), FREEPORT, IL, 61032, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 720 S. MCKINLEY AVE., FREEPORT, IL 61032

Property Index No. 18-13-36-331-032 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$80,742.70.

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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. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure

sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 311395. E-Mail: ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com Case # 20 CH 13 I3163146

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST

Plaintiff,

-v.-

DENNIS J. PIERRO, TRUSTEE OF THE DENNIS J. PIERRO LIVING TRUST,

DATED MARCH 5, 2007 et al

Defendant

2020CH56

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 12, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on March 5, 2021, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Property Index No. 18-003-075-00 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED 1st Mortgage 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.

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.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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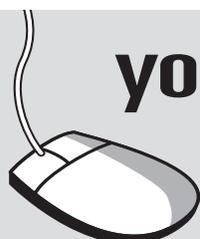
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GOP lawmakers raise concerns about tax bill

Pritzker argues state must preserve revenue

By Sarah Mansur
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS
A bill endorsed by Gov. JB Pritzker that would eliminate expanded federal tax deductions for businesses created under the CARES Act, failed to pass in the lame duck session.

While Pritzker has said he's confident it will come up for a vote in the upcoming regular session, Republican lawmakers are raising concerns about the impact the bill would have on small business owners, potentially affecting 440,000 taxpayers statewide.

Some Republicans, who have called the bill a "tax hike," are also questioning whether there is enough time to pass substantial changes to the tax code, with tax season only a few weeks away.

A spokesperson for the Department of Revenue, in an email, said it's "optimal" to pass decoupling legislation before the start of the tax filing season because taxpayers have not yet filed returns.

"The 2020 tax filing season will not open until February 12, but the opening of the season does not preclude passage of legislation after that date," DOR spokesperson Terry Horstman wrote.

Rep. Steve Reick, R-Harvard, said the clock is running out for the Legislature to pass this bill, especially since the state Senate canceled its planned session that was to begin Jan. 26.

The House is scheduled to meet the week of Feb. 2, and both the House and Senate are set to meet the week of Feb. 9.

"We're looking at the middle to end of February before any of this can be laid to rest," Reick said Jan. 22 during a Zoom news conference.

The proposed bill would "decouple" Illinois' tax law from the federal tax amendments included in the CARES Act that expanded income deductions business owners can claim as net operating losses, carryback losses or excess business losses. That legislative action would keep the state tax code consistent with previous years.

Pritzker initially estimated that the bill would preserve \$500 million in state revenue, but that figure increased to \$1 billion by the time it came up for a vote on the floor of the House of Representatives in the early morning of Jan. 13.

According to Horstman, the broad decoupling estimate "stems from the



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Rep. Mike Marron, R-Fithian, speaks during a Zoom news conference Jan. 22 about what he said will be detrimental effects to small businesses in his district from the proposed decoupling bill.

fact that IDOR cannot determine exactly what taxpayers who have net operating losses or excess business losses might do."

He said the department's Research Division compiled the estimates on revenue impacts, "and ran numbers based on tax laws in place at the time and what actions taxpayers might take when filing their tax returns."

Pritzker and Democratic law-

makers who supported the measure argue it is needed to prevent state revenues from shrinking by more than \$500 million during the current fiscal year, thereby increasing the state's \$3.9 billion budget deficit.

In responding to a question during his Jan. 22 news conference, Pritzker said decoupling is "a fairly standard movement," and described the CARES Act tax provisions as a massive tax decrease for some of the largest businesses.

"Now what (former President Donald Trump and Congressional Republicans) also did was affect state revenues across the United States, which is why 26 states are decoupling and an additional nine states already were automatically decoupled, but other states that don't have an income tax were not affected by decoupling," Pritzker said.

He accused Republicans in the Legislature of failing to propose a plan to balance the budget.

"And now, they're proposing blowing perhaps a half-a-billion-dollar hole in next year's budget," Pritzker said.

Reick said the General Assembly can find ways to reduce the deficit by cutting spending, rather than increasing taxes on small businesses that are already hurting because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I think we if we looked at every

department, we could find areas to cut," Reick said, adding that he's still interested in the data from Pritzker's request in September 2020 when he asked his agency heads to each reduce spending by 5 percent.

Rep. Mike Marron, R-Fithian, said he opposes raising taxes until the Legislature can curtail spending.

"And when you obligate yourself to spend more money while you're already facing a very large deficit, I don't think anybody is demonstrating any appetite for fiscal responsibility at this point," Marron said during the news conference. "I'm not even willing to discuss tax increases until somebody actually acts like they want to approach the budget with some kind of constraint."

During the news conference, Reick, Marron and Rep. Mike Murphy, R-Springfield, also criticized the governor and the Department of Revenue for not bringing the bill forward immediately after the CARES Act made those changes to the federal tax provisions in March.

A Department of Revenue spokesperson did not respond to a question about when the department became aware of expanded federal deductions passed in the CARES Act, and the need for decoupling.

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