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## FHN gears up for flu shots throughout area

### Drive-thru and walk-in events set

FHN is offering several drive-thru and walk-in seasonal flu shot clinics this fall throughout northwest Illinois.

“As the pandemic continues, it’s more important than ever to get a flu shot,” FHN infection preventionist Margie Kochsmier said in a news release. “Whether you have been vaccinated for COVID-19 or not, it’s important to have your annual flu shot. If your last flu shot was before June 1, 2021, you need a new one for the coming season.”

**Drive-thru events**  
• Thursday, Sept. 30, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills, 1010 W. Fairway Drive, Freeport  
• Saturday, Oct. 2, 9 a.m. to noon at Terrapin Park, 350 West St., Elizabeth (next to the Elizabeth Grand Antique Mall)

**Walk-in events**  
• Thursday, Oct. 7, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills  
• Saturday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m. to noon at FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills

will be available. The walk-in events will follow all current pandemic precautions and are subject to change. For the most updated information, go online to [www.fhn.org/flu2021](http://www.fhn.org/flu2021) for a complete list of dates, times and locations.

### Vaccine types, charges

At this year’s public flu shot clinics, adults under 65 years of age will get a quadrivalent vaccine that protects against four strains of influenza for \$31.

Those over 65 will receive a high-dose version of the four-strain vaccine for \$67.

Children cannot receive their flu shot at any of the drive-thru clinics, but FHN provider offices will have appropriate dosages for pediatric patients as well as for adults.

Immunizations may be paid for by cash, credit card or check payable to FHN. Receipts will be available to submit to individuals’ health care insurance provider for reimbursement.

There will be no out-of-pocket expense if you are covered by Medicare Part B (please present Medicare card) or a Medicare HMO accepted by FHN (list available)

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### Lions celebrate festival raffle winners

Stacey Black of Monroe won first prize, a 2021 Polaris UTV, in the raffle at the recent Lena Lions Fall Festival. Other winners included David White of Lena, second prize (\$400 Lena money) and Dennis Heer of Lena, third prize (\$200 Lena money).



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Kathy Baumgartner of Lena won \$9,350 in the 50/50 raffle at the Lena Lions Fall Festival.

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## Lawmakers question enforcement of school mask mandates

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Expressing concern that the Illinois State Board of Education might have overstepped its bounds by threatening to withhold funding from school districts that do not enforce its mask mandate, a legislative panel on Tuesday urged the agency to put its policies into formal rules.

The unanimous vote by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, or JCAR, represented one of the few

times that Illinois lawmakers have pushed back against the enforcement of Gov. JB Pritzker’s executive orders since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and it came after intense questioning of ISBE officials, especially from Republican members of the panel.

Sen. Don DeWitte, R-St. Charles, said he personally has no problem with wearing masks or getting vaccinated and that he encourages others to get vaccinated as well.

“Having said that, I do have concerns with government overreach and those who act outside their authority,” he said. “That is the purpose of our questions today. As one member of JCAR, it is incumbent upon all of us to ask questions to ensure government is acting within its authority and in line with state statute.”

On Aug. 4, Pritzker issued an executive order requiring all public and nonpublic

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# As harvest season approaches, motorists advised to slow down and stay alert

By Katie Zelechowski  
ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU

Most drivers know the feeling of running late for an important meeting or event and how tempting it can be to speed up to shave a bit of time off of the commute.

But as fall weather rolls into Illinois this season, so does farm equipment used during harvest. Sparing five extra minutes to safely navigate around these slow-moving vehicles helps ensure everyone on the road gets home at the end of the day.

As the daughter of a truck driver, high school ag teacher Kaity Spangler knows the dangers that come with operating farm equipment but knows not all of her students do.

“My biggest thing is making sure our students know that their classmates — the people they see in the hallway — are the people they are sharing the road with,” said Spangler, who teaches at Macomb High School.

Putting names and faces to farm equipment operators

in the community makes students more responsible and respectful drivers, she said.

“I tell my students ‘Blaine is driving the tractor, Duncan is in the combine’ to really drive home that their classmates are the ones in those slow-moving vehicles,” Spangler said.

The focus on farm safety will go well beyond Spangler’s classroom this month during National Farm Safety and Health Week.

This year, the theme of the week, recognized Sept. 19

through Sept. 25, is “Farm safety yields results.” Daily topics include tractor and rural roadway safety, youth in agriculture safety and overall farmer health and safety.

Illinois State Police Sgt. Tracy Lillard has seen the devastating consequences of vehicle accidents while on the job. As the manager for ISP’s social media pages, she shares her experiences to educate motorists about roadway safety. During harvest, her advocacy efforts ramp up to focus on keeping drivers safe around large, often slow-moving equipment including tractors and semis.

“The trucking community is something that I really hold close to my heart,” Lillard said. “My husband is a police officer as well (and) both of our parents were farmers. We really see the need for people that are driving this machinery, and then also the grain haulers (that are going) back and forth, to be safe.”

Lillard has seen many rear-end crashes result from

motorists who follow farm equipment and semitrailers too closely. She encourages drivers to leave more room for others.

One of the most frequent questions Lillard gets is why farmers can’t use different

routes when moving equipment. She said it comes down to the size of the vehicle, road conditions and whether or not they have safer, better options.

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TROOPER TRACY FACEBOOK *The Scoop Today/Shopper's Guide*

Illinois State Police Sgt. Tracy Lillard uses social media to educate motorists about topics like rural roadway safety. During spring planting and fall harvest seasons, she emphasizes the need to use caution around slow-moving vehicles.



ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU FILE PHOTO *The Scoop Today/Shopper's Guide*

A reflective orange triangle bordered in red marks slow moving vehicles, such as combines and tractors. Drivers should slow down when driving behind large machinery and pass only when it is safe and legal to do so.



KAITY SPANGLER *The Scoop Today/Shopper's Guide*

During National FFA Week in February, Macomb High School students who live or work on farms brought tractors to school as a fun activity to help their classmates learn about rural roadway safety.

## Thank You

Dear Community,

I wanted to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the outpouring of love and support my family and I have received upon my recent retirement. It has been my pleasure, by God’s grace, to serve each of you and your families for the whole of my career. Lena and the surrounding communities have truly become our home, and I cannot thank you enough for entrusting me to care for you and your families. I have not taken that trust lightly, and it has been a privilege to be a part of your lives. I would also like to thank the Lion’s Club. It was a true honor and humbling experience to be the Grand Marshal of the 2021 Lena Fall Festival Parade. I look back on a career full of big and little moments, and am thankful to each of you for being a part of it. I was blessed to have a superb office staff over the years and to be a part of a great organization in the Freeport Health Network. Know that I will take the memories of my time as a family physician in Lena, Illinois with me each day as I move into my next great adventure. On to retirement!

To God be the Glory

Dr. Shokry Tawfik

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I would like to send a BIG Thank you to my family and friends for all the birthday wishes I received (112 cards) for my 60th Birthday!

Terry Jordan

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## California law, U.S. Constitution at heart of FOID case before state Supreme Court

By Jerry Nowicki  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The Illinois Supreme Court is being asked to consider the laws of the state of California and the U.S. Constitution in ruling on one man’s eligibility to be issued a Firearm Owners Identification card by the Illinois State Police.

The high court heard oral arguments Sept. 16 in Springfield in Thomas Brown v. the Illinois State Police, a case in which Brown is seeking to have his FOID rights restored so that he can participate in target

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## Playhouse hosts BrewFest, music of the Eagles

Timber Lake Playhouse, the premier professional summer theatre of northwest Illinois, will host a Fall Festival featuring BrewFest from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. The fest will include tastings of popular craft beers and wines, food, hay rides and activities for the whole family.

BrewFest will feature the craft beers of Lena Brewery and other local breweries.

Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$10 for those 3 to 20 years old. Included in the ticket price are tasting tickets for wine and craft beer, soda tickets, pumpkin carving, face painting, bag games, ladder hockey, hay rides, trail rides and other games and activities. There will also be food for purchase throughout the day. The menu for BrewFest includes hot dogs, hamburgers, hot panini sandwiches and more.

Eagles tribute band Heartache Tonight will be in concert that day at the theater at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The evening concert is sold out, but there are still tickets for the 2 p.m. concert as of press time.

"A Heartache Tonight concert is filled with moments designed to thrill classic rock fans - the soaring a cappella harmonies of 'Seven Bridges Road,' the snarling guitars of 'Life In The Fast Lane,' the anthemic country rock of 'Take It Easy' and Don Henley's beautifully evocative 'Heart Of The Matter,'" a news release said. "Close your eyes and you'll swear you're hearing the real thing."

Opening Thursday, Sept. 30, "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline" will begin a two-week run at the playhouse.

Beginning Oct. 15, Timber Lake Terror: The Haunted Experience at Timber Lake will run Friday and Saturday nights in October. The Experience includes the Trail of Terror, Fun House, Haunted House and an escape room.

Tickets for all Timber Lake events are available by going online to [www.timberlakeplayhouse.org](http://www.timberlakeplayhouse.org) or by calling the box office at 815-244-2035. The box office is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and until intermission on show days.

## Sports roundup

A roundup of high school sports scores and notes received by The Scoop Today/ Shopper's Guide. All scores are for varsity matches and games unless noted.

### Golf

• Sept. 14, Stockton and Amboy at Forrester

Team scores: Amboy 179, Stockton 199, Forrester 218

Wes Wilson of Amboy was the medalist; he shot a 39. Jared Dvorak of Stockton was runner-up, carding a 42. Other Stockton golfers were Alexi Haas at 48, Andrew Mensendike at 54 and Joseph Brudi at 55.

• Sept. 18, Wayne Brinkmeier Invitational

Stockton finished ninth out of the 13-team field with 355. Macomb won the invitational at 301.

Stockton scores were: Jared Dvorak, 86; Austin Chumbler, 86; Bennett Graves, 88; and Trace Williamson, 95.

### Volleyball

• Sept. 14, Stockton defeated Warren, 25-15 and 25-15

Claire Riedel had two kills and 10 digs for Warren.

• Sept. 14, Le-Win defeated Orangeville, 22-25, 26-7 and 26-16

Molly Amendt had 22 kills and Izzy Flaminio had 17 digs in the Le-Win victory.

• Sept. 16, Dakota defeated Le-Win, 25-17 and 25-23

Izzy Flaminio had 15 digs for Le-Win, while Molly Amendt had seven kills and one block for the Panthers.

• Sept. 18, Pearl City won its own invitational tournament, defeating Indian Creek, Erie/Prophetstown and Polo to reach the championship bracket.

In the championship bracket, Pearl City defeated East Dubuque, 25-15 and 25-19, and Rockridge, 25-18 and 25-9, for the tournament title.

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## Volunteers spot endangered bumble bee on area nature preserve

This summer, a team of volunteers from the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation positively identified the rusty patched bumble bee in the prairie at one of JDCF's seven public preserves.

"This is an exciting find as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the rusty patched as an endangered species in January of 2017," according to a foundation news release.

In August 2018, JDCF hosted an informational workshop covering native bees in Jo Daviess County, including bee identification. This led to a group of volunteer citizen scientists forming to conduct bee surveys at JDCF sites and they found one rusty patched bumble bee that summer, the news release said.

Through JDCF, group members requested a permit from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to identify bees on the site and find out if the rusty patched was still present.

"We received our approval and were anxious to see what we could find," Pam Johnson, leader of the survey team, said in the release. "In the summer of 2020, the team worked on our identification skills. The survey protocols wanted us to identify the species, the numbers and the type (male, worker-female, queen). This is a challenge as the bees are constantly moving ...

"By 2021 we were pretty good at identification but still hadn't found a rusty patched. Then, in early August, one of our team members saw a rusty patched in her yard. I then found some in my prairie. Could this be the year?"



JO DAVIESS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION *The Scoop Today/ Shopper's Guide*

**A rusty patched bumble bee is shown on Joe Pye weed. Several of the endangered species were noted recently on a nature preserve owned by the Joe Daviess Conservation Foundation. The location of the bee sightings isn't being disclosed to further protect the species.**

We went to the site where we had previously seen the single rusty patched and found five of the bees in stands of monarda that were in full bloom."

A queen bee and another worker bee were also later found.

"By watching the bumble bees, we have learned to respect their abilities to pol-

linate the native flowers and even many vegetables such as tomatoes," Johnson said. "Looking at any endangered species is like a looking glass into a rapidly changing world. It is teaching me how what happens to my environment will ultimately affect all of us."

The citizen scientist sur-

vey team welcomes new volunteers and no experience is needed. Anyone who is interested is asked to send an email to [info@jdcf.org](mailto:info@jdcf.org).

JDCF owns several nature preserves that are free and open to the public for hiking, wildlife viewing and picnicking. Go online to [jdcf.org](http://jdcf.org) for more information.

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Celebration of Life for **Mike Tessoroff** 10/5/38 - 3/8/20

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In case of rain, party at American Legion Hall

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## The Lena Lions Club

would like to say "**Thank You**" to all citizens and businesses of the **Village of Lena** and surrounding communities. Your support, donations of time and money, participation and hard work are the reasons for a successful Lena Lions Fall Festival year after year. The theme for the Fall Festival Parade was **Traditions Must Go On** and this was evident in your generous actions and support.

*Again . . . Thank you*  
2021 Lena Lions Fall Festival - Chairman - Connie Kraft

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## Ag students learn how to act quickly

River Ridge High School agriculture students George Winter and Avery Engle practice applying a tourniquet in the event of a farm injury. The exercise was part of an agriculture safety presentation by Illinois Army National Guard Staff Sargent Jeff Williams. Students had the opportunity to learn about how to make a tourniquet out of household items and apply that tourniquet effectively in an emergency situation, especially when medical help could take longer to arrive in rural areas. Students learned about scenarios that put agriculture workers in danger and how to avoid or mitigate the dangers inherent in working in the agriculture field.

## Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY21 LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Assistance Program for income eligible households of Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties who are homeowners and whose existing heating system is not operational (fails to operate, fails to produce adequate heat, operates in an unsafe manner) or has been red-tagged by their utility.

The purpose of the LIHEAP Furnace program is to restore heat to the household and is available from September 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 or until funds are exhausted.

All income eligible homeowners may apply for emergency furnace assistance. The household must have active service with both primary and secondary heating utilities. Households with disconnected utilities are not eligible for this assistance.

To qualify for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program, the household must first apply and be approved for LIHEAP or PIPP assistance. Please call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to receive an application packet. All completed application packets and documents must be submitted by mail, email, drop-box, or fax. Limited appointments may be made for special needs, depending on current conditions.

### Income Guidelines:

Family Size	30 Day Income	Family Size	30 Day Income
1	\$2,147	6	\$5,930
2	\$2,903	7	\$6,590
3	\$3,660	8	\$6,737
4	\$4,417	9	\$6,883
5	\$5,173	10	\$7,029

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### \*\* The following documents will be required to apply for assistance. \*\*

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household.
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days which includes the application date such as pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD income, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income.
- Complete current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days.
- Copy of real estate tax bill
- Copy of warranty deed, contract for deed, or quit claim deed (all of these must be stamped and registered with the county clerk); or Copy of current mortgage statement; or Copy of the original title if your home is a mobile home.

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## • Law (Continued from page 2)

shooting, hunting and be able to defend himself, according to a court filing.

Brown was a FOID cardholder for several years, most recently applying for and being granted renewal in 2013. But in 2016, he tried to purchase a gun at a federal firearm licensee, leading the Illinois State Police to conduct a background check. That unearthed a 2001 conviction in California on a "misdemeanor offense of inflicting corporal injury on a spouse" that he did not disclose on his FOID application, according to a filing before the Supreme Court.

In that case, Brown and his then-wife had an argument in a parking lot, after which Brown picked her up, according to the court filing, and she ended up "crawling down his back" and sustaining "minor road rash," for which she did not seek medical attention.

After Brown spent three days in jail, he eventually pleaded guilty and paid an approximately \$500 fine because, according to the court filing, "otherwise it would have cost him \$5,000 to bail out of jail so that he could fight the case and he was advised by the company that he worked for at the time to take the plea bargain."

While Brown's lawyer questioned whether he knew the arrangement would affect his gun rights, the conviction ultimately qualified as a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, prohibiting Brown from possessing a firearm under federal law. Because Illinois' FOID Act states that a card may not be issued "contrary

to federal law," the State Police revoked his card upon the failed background check. Federal law does, however, allow exceptions for gun ownership if a person convicted of a domestic violence misdemeanor has had their "civil rights restored" in the jurisdiction that convicted them — in this case, California.

In a 2020 case, *Johnson v. the Illinois State Police*, the Illinois State Police, ruled gun ownership is a "civil right" in terms of the federal provision, a precedent cited heavily in Brown's court filings.

Brown's attorney, James R. Angel of Princeton's May, May, Angel & Harris, is primarily asking the Illinois Supreme Court to interpret whether a specific California law constitutes a restoration of civil rights.

Brown's legal team specifically noted that California only penalizes gun possession for 10 years following a misdemeanor conviction. That means, they argue, Brown had his civil rights restored under California law in 2011, qualifying him for the federal exception that would in turn qualify him for a FOID card.

"If California has a problem with Mr. Brown being able to possess a firearm, California can change its very clear statute," Angel argued before the court.

But Katelin Buell, a lawyer for the attorney general's office which represents the Illinois State Police, said California's 10-year window is "a matter of forbearance, not forgiveness."

It prevents prosecutors from charging someone convicted of a misdemeanor after 10 years but does not satisfy the "civil rights restored" exception in federal law, meaning it is "not a substitute for an affirmative statement of restoration and forgiveness," according to Buell.

"The convicting jurisdiction of California employs a different restoration process for civil rights, including firearm rights, than in Illinois, and California would not grant Brown this relief without him first seeking a pardon, which he has not done," Buell argued.

If the Supreme Court does not determine that the California law equates to a restoration of civil rights, Brown's lawyers have asked it to consider the case through the lens of the U.S. Constitution.

Specifically, Angel asserted that requiring a person who "poses no risk to the general

public" to successfully seek a pardon for a misdemeanor before they can own a firearm is an unconstitutional "perpetual ban" on gun ownership.

The state argued the constitutional question is "premature" because Brown hasn't even attempted all non-constitutional alternatives for rectifying the denial, including seeking pardon or expungement.

"If a pardon's denied, the best of my knowledge, you can always apply again," Angel said. "So hypothetically that remedy is never met."

But the state also argued the Supreme Court can avoid the constitutional question altogether by applying the legal principles of the FOID Act, which says ISP can deny a FOID if issuing it would be against the public interest.

In court documents, the state cited Brown's 2001 arrest, a 2005 DUI conviction in Bureau County, a 2005 arrest for battery in LaSalle County that did not lead to criminal charges, and a 1997 conviction for misdemeanor assault that occurred when he was a minor.

But Brown's lawyers cited testimony from his current wife, who said he always practiced firearm safety, and a letter sent by his ex-wife, which stated "she did not believe he was a danger to himself or others," after the 2001 incident, "and that she believed he was not likely to act in a manner dangerous to public safety if his FOID card was restored," according to the court filing.

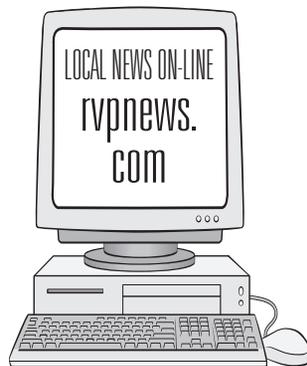
Even considering that, Buell said, Brown omitted the 2001 conviction from his FOID application, which is reason enough for a denial.

"In this case, Brown lied on his FOID card application by omitting from that application a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, or MCDV, conviction," Buell said, later claiming a circuit court that ruled in Brown's favor ignored "the severity and break in public trust that occurs when an individual lies on a FOID card application."

According to court documents, Brown said he did not divulge the 2001 conviction because he thought he had received court supervision rather than a conviction.

Brown's case originated in The court only heard arguments in the case, with opinions expected later this month or in October.

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# Obituaries

## RITA M. DEYO

Rita Marie Deyo, age 81, of Stockton, Illinois, passed away Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021. She was born Nov. 30, 1939, in Cuba City, Wisconsin, the daughter of the late William D. Fawcett and Naomi J. (Simmons) Fawcett Splinter. Rita married Dick Deyo on March 23, 1959. Dick passed away July 9, 2019.

Rita was a 1958 graduate of Cuba City High School. She was a member of the 500 Club, Albion Card Club and Home Extension. She enjoyed playing games, especially



card games, helping with 4-H, gardening, wildlife and her cats.

She is survived by her two children, Eleanor (Jeff)

Richter of Fort Worth, Texas, and Dean (Velma) Deyo of Stockton; her two grandchildren, Christopher Richter of Charleston, South Carolina, and Samuel Deyo of Lena, Illinois; her four step grandchildren, Lori (Robert) Schuler of Centerville, Iowa, Ash-

ley (Tyler) Swedlund of Centerville, Iowa, Tiffani Sales of Mount Carroll, Illinois, and Elizabeth Sales of Stockton; and her six step great-grandchildren, James, Axel, Conner, Gabe, Marisol, Ava and one on the way, Alekzondra. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her sister, Mary Smith.

A visitation was held Friday, Sept. 17, and the funeral service on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

## GERALD HASTINGS

Gerald "Jerry" Hastings died peacefully in his Winslow, Illinois, home on Monday, Sept. 13, 2021. He was born Aug. 21, 1923, to Hap and Hulda (Blaisdell) in his grandparents' home in Martin(town), Wisconsin. Nathaniel Martin was his great-grandfather who built the dam, gristmill and a power plant. Jerry and Ike helped in their folks' general store and post office. Martintown had electricity before Winslow and would dim the lights five minutes before turning the power off.

Gerald Hastings joined the U.S. Army on Feb. 22, 1943, and served until Dec. 31, 1945. He was in the 77th Infantry, where he earned the rank of Sergeant Technical 4th Grade and was also with Combat Engineers Company 132nd. Gerald was in the World War II era where he was stationed overseas in the Philippines, Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and in the Pacific Theater when Japan surrendered. Gerald and his brother, Ike, left for the Army on the same day and they both returned to-



gether Dec. 31, 1945. They made it home four hours before the New Year's celebration began.

He married Jacqueline and together they raised a family. When Gerald got out of the Army, he worked/owned the Hastings Radio and TV Shop at Winslow, Illinois. He says he sold most local people their first black-and-white television set when they came out in 1951. Then in 1954, the color television came out and everyone wanted one of the color sets. Gerald was also a rural mail carrier for the Winslow and Lena areas and was also a volunteer fireman. Many local kids remember Jerry flooding the spring-fed pond and putting up lights for ice skating.

Gerald was active in the American Legion, he Boy Scouts and Masons and played the banjo at all the nursing homes with Greg Anderson, Del Heins, the Schliem Brothers and any music jam session

he could join. Music was his love. I caught him playing imaginary banjo asleep. Jerry would wish for you to be happy and musical. He is missed and may be rest in peace.

Jerry survived by his daughter, Carol Hastings, of Winslow; sons, Todd Hastings of Winslow and Arthur (Joanne) Fowler of Knoxville, Tennessee, as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, Jacqueline; brother, Ike; both parents; many uncles and aunts and grandparents; son, John McQuerry; and son-in-law John Schultz.

Visitation was held Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, Illinois.

A graveside service was held Friday, Sept. 17, at Rock Lily Cemetery in Winslow with Pastor Doug Carroll officiating the service.

Burial was at Rock Lily Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## LOREN K. HEIDENREICH

Loren K. Heidenreich, age 66, of Elizabeth, Illinois, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 15, at MercyOne hospital in Dubuque, Iowa. A celebration of Loren's life will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Woodbine Bend in Woodbine, Illinois.

Loren was born Jan. 19, 1955, son of Ray Lee and Beth (Winter) Heidenreich. He grew up working on his family farm in Woodbine. Loren attended first grade at the Woodbine School and then attended the Stockton School, where he met the love of his life, Tracy Schiess. After they both graduated, Loren and Tracy married in 1974. Together they raised two sons and celebrated 47 years of marriage.

Loren had a thorough work ethic for his entire life. For most of his life he worked as a plumber, and started Heiden-



reich Plumbing in 1984. Loren then went into business at the Plumbing Shop in Elizabeth for 14 years.

After that, he resumed Heidenreich Plumbing for another 20 years. Most of Loren's customers would become good friends. They could always count on Loren to fix their plumbing issues regardless of weekends or holidays. Loren retired officially in 2018, but unofficially he still shared his expertise with friends who needed some advice.

At the center of Loren's life was his family. He loved being a father, and especially loved being Brynn's Papa. She brought out the best of him and he loved to spoil her.

Loren will be dearly missed

by his wife, Tracy Heidenreich of Elizabeth; two sons, Nathan Heidenreich of Elizabeth and Aaron (Sara) Heidenreich of Heath, Ohio; one granddaughter, Brynn, and one grandson on the way; one sister, Julie (Dennis) Nampal of Winnebago, Illinois, and one sister-in-law, Sherry Heidenreich of Davis Illinois. Loren is preceded in death by his parents, Ray Lee and Beth; and two brothers, Roger and Jerry.



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**Michael Maher speaks to students in a recent class at Spoon River College in Macomb. Maher, a Lena-Winslow High School and Highland Community College graduate, has been a community college teacher for 25 years.**

## Le-Win/Highland college alum marks 25 years of teaching with honors

A graduate of Lena-Winslow High School in 1991, Michael Maher admits he was not a good student, had no idea of where his life was headed but was expected to go to college. He enrolled at Highland Community College.

"I was academically lost," Maher said.

"Highland saved my life," Maher said. "Had I attended a university, I would have failed. Highland gave me the type of exposure of what was available to me.

"My instructors gave me their time, their guidance and when I graduated in 1993, I was headed to Western Illinois University, and I knew I wanted to teach at a community college when I finished my degrees."

Maher received his bachelor's and master's degrees in sociology from Western Illinois University. He then began teaching sociology for Spoon River College at the Macomb campus. This year marks 25 years of teaching at a community college.

He credits Highland Community College for giving him a foothold on his academic career, and said, "There are a lot of students that are unsure when they graduate high school."

He added, "Having community college experience from student to instructor, I feel Highland helped me make an informed decision at a time in my life that was cru-

cial. The faculty at Highland gave me life skills from their classes. It is exactly what I needed then, and what I try to give to my students."

Maher was one of the nominees for the 2021 Illinois Community College Trustee Association Full-Time Faculty Award sponsored by ICCTA. The award honors teaching excellence, the ability of a teacher to take a personal interest in students and to inspire enthusiasm through their teaching techniques.

This is the second time Maher has been the ICCTA nominee. He has also been honored twice with the H. Truman Standard Award for teaching excellence, in 2006 and 2016.

Maher said his focus is on social problems and inequality issues as they relate to race and gender, and his teaching style is often described by students and colleagues alike as passionate. He doesn't disagree with that, and it may be because education itself is something Maher passionately values.

"Learning is often thought of as a purely cognitive exercise, but learning is also a deeply emotional experience," he said. "Faculty who successfully fuse the

cognitive and the emotional components of learning are better equipped to teach in ways that are meaningful and life-changing."

Maher's passion for community college education extends beyond the college he teaches at, becoming involved in his community. Maher has guest lectured at WIU and has been involved with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Macomb. Maher has also offered community education classes in Canton and Macomb.

"Education is a vehicle to a better career and overall quality of life, but education means so much more than a career path or income," he said. "Education leads to thinking, informed decision-making, questioning and changing our minds."

"I want my students to be professionally successful, but more than that, I want my students to discover what they are passionate about, what they care about, and what matters to them."

Maher is the son of the late Richard Maher and his wife, Mary, who still lives in Lena. Maher has two older brothers, Patrick and Daniel, who also graduated from Highland Community College.

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# Slices of life

## Empathy helps us come together, move on

Weeks ago I started out contemplating a list of seven words that led me to some universal life truths.

I wrote about two — kindness and compassion. I had three more columns written and in the hopper when one of life's universal truths happened. My computer crashed and all my information was lost, including the written, albeit unpublished, columns.

Welcome to life. As the days wore on my viewpoint of those seven crucial and critical words changed. The columns I'd so carefully crafted about the key words were no longer key. The words changed because my perspective changed.

Because the world changed. Because it is always



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

changing.

I wish I could tell you I have it all figured out, but I don't. I'm still figuring it out and I'll continue to attempt to communicate this figuring as I go along.

One of the words I wrote about was forgiveness. In it, I explained that forgiving others liberates us because harboring ill-will tethers us to others in a negative sense.

That's still true, but I no longer believe forgiveness is necessary to a life best-lived. Here's why: Forgiving isn't our responsibility, or even

our right.

Big thought, I know. And a big thought deserves a big answer.

We aren't here to forgive. We are here to live out our own story, without a focus on the good or bad deeds of others. Believing someone needs forgiveness gives them a power over us that I don't think we want to give. Simply put, it's a waste of time.

People will come and go in our lives. Sometimes, from our perspective, they will do us wrong, but forgiving isn't necessary for our continued growth or well-being. Most often when someone wrongs us, they have no desire, intention or even knowledge of this wrong. Even if they do, their actions aren't based on the outcome that affects us, but more likely the outcome that affects them. We are a byproduct, yet we see ourselves as the center of the action needing forgiving. Welcome to the human condition.

Even if the wrong is intentional, especially if it is intentional, it isn't our responsibility or prerogative or even our duty to forgive.

It is our duty to move on. And, while doing

so, maybe, instead of forgiveness, I suggest empathy. Forgiveness implies me versus you; it implies I am right and you are wrong. Empathy implies us. To empathize is to understand the perspective and the situation of another. It is putting yourself in their shoes to literally feel the blisters. It is hurting when they hurt. Because they hurt.

Sometimes we all hurt. It is understanding their mistake, because we all make mistakes.

It is even understanding their selfishness because we have all been selfish at one time or another.

There is a quote that ties in with this idea. It is attributed to a Christian pastor named Steven Furtick,

but I believe it is a thought that goes beyond religion and illustrates my point on forgiveness nearly perfectly, "Even people who betray you are part of the plan. Jesus couldn't get to the cross without Judas."

Harboring ill-will is burdensome. It weighs us down. We have the notion that forgiveness alleviates that weight, but what if we never harbored the ill-will in the first place? What if we realized that it isn't for us to forgive, because it isn't?

If someone needs forgiveness, it can come from only one source: themselves. True forgiveness must come from within. Often forgiving ourselves is one of the hardest things to do, because self-forgiveness takes the

focus off the self and onto others. It is examining our actions and feeling empathy for how they may have affected and hurt others. It is taking the focus off me and putting it on we.

It is coming to the understanding we are all in this together; so much more so than just on our own. We are better together, especially when we buoy each other up, even when we have been wronged.

And together is the only way we will get there — blisters and all. I'm rooting for us.

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

### Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency announces the start of the PY22 Energy Assistance Program

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency, as administrator of the Home Energy Assistance Program in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties, is pleased to announce that funds are available to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane, and electric bills, and LIHEAP eligible homeowners with furnace assistance.

The program will begin September 1, 2021 for all income-eligible households. Applications will be taken on a first-come first-served basis through May 31, 2022. There will be no priority groups this program year. All households in need are encouraged to apply. Propane customers are encouraged to apply when the program opens in September to take advantage of lower propane prices.

Applicants may apply for a DVP payment or the PIPP program. The Direct Vendor Payment (DVP) provides a one-time benefit payment for income eligible households to gas or propane and electric utilities and for reconnection assistance.

Applicants with ComEd and/or Nicor Gas as utility providers may have the option of choosing the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) instead of the DVP. The PIPP program is a bill payment program that assists eligible customers by paying a monthly state benefit while the customer pays a monthly payment based on a percentage of their household income. PIPP applications will be taken on a first-come first served basis until March 31, 2022 or until NICA has reached maximum capacity of households for the program.

Please call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to receive an application packet. Completed application packets and documents must be submitted by mail, email, drop box, or fax. Limited appointments for special needs may be made, depending on current conditions.

#### Income Guidelines:

Family Size	30 Day Income	Family Size	30 Day Income
1	\$2,147	6	\$5,930
2	\$2,903	7	\$6,590
3	\$3,660	8	\$6,737
4	\$4,417	9	\$6,883
5	\$5,173	10	\$7,029

For more than 10 household members, add \$568 for each one.

**\*\* To submit an application, you MUST submit ALL of the required documents. \*\***

- Proof of Social Security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all household members. Individuals without an SSN or ITIN can still apply and NICA will advise
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days prior and including the application date such as pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD income, pension/retirement statements, unemployment reports, child support, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance, self-employment reports and proof of zero income.
- Complete current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days.
- Copy of current lease if any utilities are included in the rent payment

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### Around the Northern Hills

## With harvest starting, safety is key

By Annette Eggers  
CONTRIBUTOR

Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest — and

potentially dangerous — seasons of the year for the agriculture industry. For this reason, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week. This annual promotion initiated by the National Safety Council has been proclaimed as such by each sitting U.S. president since Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944.

National Farm Safety and Health Week is led by the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety, the agricultural partner of the National Safety Council.

Everyone make sure to be safe out there this harvest season!

#### FFA fundraiser

Support the Stockton FFA in their fundraising efforts for their greenhouse project. They are holding a spaghetti dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, with a live auction at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

I hope to see you all at Stockton High School that night.



Annette Eggers

#### Milk caps for a cause

Don't forget that the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Foundation is part of Prairie Farms' Our Caps,

Your Cause program and is looking for your support. For every cap entered, we receive 5 cents to go toward Ag in the Classroom programs and agricultural scholarships.

Locate the stickers located on the caps of Prairie Farms milk in gallon or half gallon sizes. Reveal a unique, redeemable code by peeling off the Prairie Farms sticker and enter it online at [www.prairiefarms.com/ourcapsyourcause](http://www.prairiefarms.com/ourcapsyourcause). When prompted with the choice of which organization to give to, please choose Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Foundation.

After 1,000 caps are entered, Prairie Farms Dairy will send a check to support our foundation.

You're going to be drinking milk anyway, so help our foundation support agriculture as well.

#### Farm fun fact

Farmers grow corn on every continent except Antarctica.

*Annette Eggers is the manager of the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau.*

### Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Housing Stability/ Homeless Prevention Program/Mortgage/Water Assistance

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding through DCEO CSBG Program and DHS Homeless Prevention Program to assist families in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties who are past due on their rent, mortgage, and/or water payments and are in danger of becoming homeless or are homeless due to a recent financial crisis affecting their ability to pay housing costs including COVID-19 related conditions.

Have you experienced one of the following crisis conditions:

- COVID-19 related loss of employment or reduction in work hours
- Loss of Income or substantial reduction in work hours
- Current Medical Disability or Emergency
- Loss or Delay of some form of Public Benefit
- Natural Disaster
- Substantial Change in Household Composition
- Illegal Action by a Landlord
- Displacement by a Government or Private Action
- Some other condition beyond your control which constitutes a financial hardship

You may be eligible for assistance if you:

- Can provide documentation of your financial crisis condition

Documents that are required to apply:

- Proof of Social Security numbers for all members of the household
- Proof of all income for all members of the household for the 30 days prior to the application date
- 2020 income tax return
- Current Benefit letter for household members receiving SSA, SSI or SSD income
- Copies of your current utility bills
- Medical Card
- Current Lease or Mortgage with contact information
- Eviction Notice or Past Due Letter from landlord, mortgage, and/or water company
- Third Party Documentation of Crisis

Please call our office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for information on how to apply.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Main Office is closed to the public and appointments at outreach locations have been suspended until further notice. We are in the office and taking applications for NICA programs by phone, mail, email, and fax.

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# Shelter needs foster families for dogs and cats

# Briefs

Organizers at the Safe Haven Humane Society in Elizabeth are seeking foster homes to help some dogs and cats find their new family.

"A foster home can provide the bridge between Safe Haven and a forever home that some animals who struggle with life at the shelter need," according to a news release. "While the majority of rescues do just fine adjusting to shelter life, there are some that find the noise and activity too stressful."

Dogs or cats that are recovering from surgery, those needing more structured socialization or others that become depressed after being at the shelter for a long time can benefit from time spent with a foster family, shelter manager Jeannette Thraen said.

"We also occasionally need a foster home in an emergency intake situation such as we had with Oopsie, a blind, pregnant dog that had been red-flagged as high risk for euthanasia," Thraen said. "Sadly, she had a compromised delivery and only one puppy, named Daisy Bean, survived. After watching Oopsie with her puppy,

our volunteer veterinarian advised us that we needed to find a surrogate mom to raise the puppy. Oopsie was not comfortable being a mom and Daisy needs the interaction with other puppies to become a well-socialized dog."

Shelter officials were able to find an area foster family that had a litter of Dachshund puppies and their mother dog took in Daisy Bean as one of her own.

"Fostering is a great way to support rescuing," Thraen said. "Our foster families feel a great sense of satisfaction knowing that they helped give an animal in need a second chance in life."

To find out more about being a foster family or volunteering at the shelter, contact Thraen at 815-858-2265 or info@safehavenforpets.org.

The Safe Haven Humane Society is supported entirely by donations and volunteers. Since moving into its permanent facility in 2000, nearly 2,500 animals have been adopted into families.

"There is no time limit on the length of stay once a cat or dog has been accepted



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**Puppy Daisy Bean nurses from her surrogate mother, Edna, as her "step siblings" sleep. A local family is fostering Daisy Bean through the Safe Haven Humane Society in Elizabeth.**

into our adoption program," the news release said. "We believe that together we can make a difference in the lives of adoptable stray, unwanted

abused companion animals and the people who open their hearts and homes to them."

The shelter is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through

Saturday and is located at 1471 U.S. Route 20 West, Elizabeth. Go online to [www.safehavenforpets.com](http://www.safehavenforpets.com) for more information.

## Church bazaar features variety of crafters

Calvary Church in Stockton will hold its annual bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, in the church fellowship hall. There will be crafts for all seasons, including sewn items, crocheting, knitting and woodworking.

The crafters will be spread out for social distancing purposes. No lunch will be served this year.

Calvary Church, 315 W. Maple Ave., is on the corner of Maple and Rush streets and just south of Stockton Middle School.

## Local student earns president's list honors

Andrew Ford of Apple River has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's summer 2021 president's list.

Eligibility for the list requires that a student accumulate a GPA of 3.7 to 4.0 and earn 12 credits for the term.

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# Le-Win stays competitive through ups and downs

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The 2021 volleyball season has been a bit of a bumpy road for the Lena-Winslow Panthers and head coach Sue Amendt. With an experienced team that includes seven seniors in Gina Devoe, Kamryn Cain, Leah Goebel, Kalli Humphrey, Izzy Flaminio and Cierra Mapes, Le-Win hopes to get hot when it matters most.

The Panthers got off to a hot start Aug. 26, when they tipped off their season with a dominant performance over River Ridge. Humphrey led the team offensively as she tallied seven kills in two sets played. Sophomore Molly Amendt was impressive with four kills and three aces to go along with a team-leading three blocks. The duo was key in the Panthers' first victory

of the season as they defeated River Ridge 2-0 by scores of 25-9 and 25-10.

On Sept. 2, Le-Win moved to 2-0 as they came out on top of a tight battle with the Winnebago Indians. After dropping the first set 25-23, the Panthers stood up to the first adversity they would face this season and bounced back by taking the next two sets 25-23 and 25-15.

It was another impressive showing for the senior-sophomore duo, as the Humphrey led the team in kills with 13 and Molly Amendt was close behind with 11 kills of her own. Flaminio and Grace Groezinger both finished with seven kills each as the Panthers found production from a number of athletes. Flaminio led the team defensively with 16 digs and Goebel was close behind with

14. After the 2-0 start to the regular season, the Panthers had a rough go in their first tournament play of the season, as they competed in the Oregon Invite on Sept. 3 and Sept. 4. The Panthers squared off with five local opponents in Aquin, Oregon, Illinois Math & Science, Stockton and Forreton. After going 1-1 on day one and picking up a win over IMS the next morning, the Panthers would go on to drop their final two matches against Stockton and Forreton. Le-Win finished the tournament 3-3 and saw their overall record move to 5-3.

The Panthers would bounce back by picking up their first conference win of the season in a 2-0 defeat over Pecatonica Sept. 7. The first set was an exciting, back-and-forth battle that the Panthers took by a score of 25-22. Set two was much different, however, as Le-Win dominated from start to finish, taking the series with a 25-10 victory.

A trio of Panthers led the way offensively as Flaminio, Humphrey and Groezinger led the team in kills with five each. Flaminio led the team in digs with seven, while Belle Paulsen and Alyssa Daughenbaugh tied for second with five digs each.

Since then, the Panthers have squared off in three conference matches with Aquin, Orangeville and Dakota, before

competing in the Mount Pulaski Tournament. Le-Win gave Aquin a run for their money, but the Bulldogs came out on top by scores of 28-26 and 25-21. The Panthers also dropped their Sept. 16 home match against Dakota. The Indians were too much for Le-Win, as the Panthers fell by scores of 25-17 and 25-23.

It was a streaky period for the Panthers as they won over Pecatonica, fell to Aquin, then bounced back against Orangeville and dropped the following game to Dakota. Going 2-2 during that four-game stretch of conference play, the Panthers can take pride in the way they handled the Sept. 14 confer-

ence matchup with the Orangeville Broncos.

Orangeville got out to an early lead as the Broncos took the first set by a score of 25-22. The Panthers would respond in a resounding way, however, to take the final two sets by scores of 25-7 and 25-16.

The Broncos, who came into the game with a 3-6-1 record, hoped to upset the favorites in the Panthers after stealing the first set. The Panthers were able to calm the nerves and handle the situation, however, thanks in large to the performance of Molly Amendt and Humphrey. Amendt led the Panthers in kills with 19 while Humphrey totaled 10 kills of her own. To-

gether, the duo combined for 29 kills in what was a much-needed performance. Flaminio was electric on defense, leading the team with an astounding 24 digs. Goebel was next up with 15 digs, while Paulsen was the third Panther to reach double digit digs with 10.

The win pushed the Panthers above 500 again as their overall record moved to 6-5. The Panthers were 2-2 in conference play at the time.

After competing in the Mount Pulaski Tournament and competing against Durand, the Panthers will be in action again when they travel to Lanark to face off with Eastland on Thursday, Sept. 23.

## Briefs

### Orangeville PTO hosts Sept. 25 color run

The Orangeville School PTO will host a fundraising 5K color run/walk on Saturday, Sept. 25, at Orangeville School.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m., with the race start at 8 a.m. in the school parking lot. The cost is \$20 per person or \$75 max per family.

People may bring their leashed dogs to participate.

Money raised at the event will go toward installation of a Gaga Ball pit on the elementary school playground.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Amy at 815-275-0607.

### Salvation Army gathers coat, clothing donations

Officials at the Salvation Army of Freeport are seeking donations of new or gently used coats and clothing, including children's coats, hats and gloves.

Donations may be dropped off at the Salvation Army, 106 W. Exchange St., between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or call 815-235-7639 for more information.

Coat and clothing giveaway events will be

held Oct. 12 through Oct. 14, Nov. 9 and Nov. 11.

### Le-Win principal among NIU August grads

Le-Win Junior High School Principal Andrew Lobdell recently earned an educational specialist degree in educational administration from Northern Illinois University. He is certified to be a superintendent in Illinois.

Lobdell said he is still enrolled at NIU in the doctoral program and plans to earn his doctorate of education in educational leadership and policy studies within a few years.

### Boy Scouts will collect cans as troop fundraiser

Boy Scout Troop 91 of Lena is growing and is organizing a pop can drive fundraiser to support troop functions.

Those who would like to help support the troop should place their cans in a trash bag and set them on the curb by 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. Scouts will come to collect the cans.

All funds raised through the annual can drive will stay in Lena with Troop 91 to help fund summer camp, high adventure activities, national youth leadership training and other experiences and training.



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# Orangeville off to a great start in eight-man football

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Orangeville Broncos have made a seamless transition into eight-man football as the team got off to a scorching hot start to their 2021 fall season.

Broncos head coach Bill Meier stressed the importance of his team playing physical football ahead of the season, and they put that physicality on display right from the start in week one. On Aug. 27, the Broncos kicked off their first eight-man season with an away game against Alden-Hebron.

The Broncos were hot from the start as they put up 19 points in the first quarter alone. Gunar Lobdell scored the first touchdown of the Broncos' season as he caught a 10-yard pass from quarterback Carson Rote, putting Orangeville up 6-0. It was the Bronco defense that would score the second touchdown of the season, as Nate Anderson nabbed an interception and returned it 53 yards for the pick-six. With

the 12-0 lead and both sides off to a good start, business was booming for Meier and the Broncos.

The second quarter was even more explosive, as the Broncos scored four touchdowns, including a 47-yard run by Blake Folgate and a 44-yard run by Lobdell that put Orangeville up 39-0 before halftime. Lobdell's score was his third of the game as he had already completed the hat trick in the first half.

The Broncos went on to continue dominating in the second half and went home with a 67-14 victory in week one. Lobdell led the team offensively with 157 rushing yards on eight carries, three of which went for scores. Lobdell also caught a pass for a score. Folgate was the next leading rusher with 88 yards on eight carries and a touchdown. Rote was mobile as the quarterback, rushing for 62 yards and a score on six attempts.

It was a pleasant start to the season as the Orangeville

offense quickly settled into the new format and their defense was just as impressive.

The Broncos would face some tighter competition in week two, when they traveled to Champaign to face off with St. Thomas More on Sept. 4. The Broncos got off to the early lead once again, when Rote ran into the end zone from seven yards out. St. Thomas More would respond, however, with a short touchdown run of their own. With the game tied at 6-6, the Broncos faced their first adversity of the 2021 season.

Lobdell ran in a five-yard touchdown near the end of the first quarter and the Broncos took a 12-6 lead into the

second. Much like he ended the first, Lobdell began the second with a score; his second score of the evening put the Broncos up 18-6.

That 12-point lead would hold until halftime, as the Broncos appeared to be well on their way to their second win of the season. St. Thomas More was not ready to throw in the towel, however, as two unanswered scores in the third quarter allowed them to tie the game at 18-18.

In the final quarter, Lobdell would score his third and most important touchdown of the game as he ran in a 20-yard score. After converting the two-point conversion, the

Broncos held an eight-point lead in the final minutes.

The Orangeville defense managed to hold on and the Broncos went on to start their season 2-0 after defeating St. Thomas More 26-18. Lobdell was impressive again, rushing for 201 yards and three scores. It was his second hat trick in as many games as Lobdell totaled seven touchdowns after week two. Rote provided the rest of Orangeville's offense with 47 yards rushing on 12 attempts.

In week three, the Broncos were back to domination. The Broncos had the fortune of playing Hiawatha on their home turf in what was the

Broncos' first home game of the season. Orangeville put on a show as they racked up 56 points in what was a blowout over Hiawatha. The Bronco defense allowed just six points on the day as Orangeville was exceptional on both sides of the ball.

After the 58-6 victory over Hiawatha, the Broncos held a record of 3-0 and became the No. 1 ranked team in Illinois eight-man.

The boys battled against the Aquin Bulldogs last weekend, coming up with another victory. Now, the Broncos will be back in action at home this Saturday, when they host a 2-1 South Beloit team.

## Relay for Life plans radio luminary ceremony

Organizers at the Carroll/Jo Daviess County Relay for Life will host a virtual luminary ceremony on the radio at 10:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. To listen, tune in to WCCI radio, 100.3 FM.

The program will include a reading of the luminary names and survivor and care-taker comments.

A replay of the program also will be available by going online to wcciradio.com in the podcast section on the "listen live" page.

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## Flu shots (Continued from front page)

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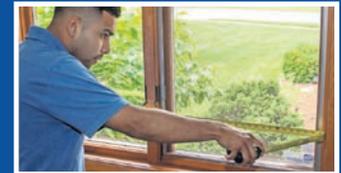


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STEPHENSON  
COUNTY-IN PROBATE  
In Re the Matter of the  
Estate of:  
Doris V. Carr,  
Deceased.

No. 21-P-98

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PUBLICATION -  
CLAIMS**

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**Honolulu, HI 96826**

as Independent Executor of the Estate of Doris V. Carr, whose attorney is

**Anthony V. Coon**  
**Attorney At Law**  
**10 N. Galena Ave.,**  
**Ste. 210**

**Freeport, Illinois 61032**

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 28.4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition To Terminate to the Clerk.

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Date: August 27, 2021

Melissa C. Bowen  
Executor

By: **Anthony V. Coon**  
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COURT OF THE 15TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF  
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WILSON EDWARDS,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
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STURTEVANT a/k/a  
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JOSHUA STURTEVANT,  
CITY OF FREEPORT, a  
Municipal Corporation,  
and UNKNOWN  
OWNERS and NON-  
RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.

Case No. 2020 CH 31  
NOTICE OF SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to a Judgment entered on the 30th day of December, 2020, as amended by Order entered April 23, 2021, David Sniders, Sheriff of Stephenson County or such other Deputy as may be sitting in his stead, will conduct a sale of the premises involved in this case as follows:

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Kim M. Casey  
HolmstromKennedyPC  
800 North Church Street  
Rockford, IL 61103  
(815) 962-7073

B. The common address of said property is: See Exhibit A attached hereto.

C. The legal description of the property is: See Exhibit A attached hereto.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate: Residences, single family and multi-family as designated on Exhibit A at-

tached hereto.

This information is considered reliable but not warranted.

E. The time and place of the sale: October 7, 2021, at 9:30 A.M. on the 1st floor of the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032.

F. The terms of the sale are as follows: to the highest and best bidder with Twenty-five (25%) percent cash or certified funds down and balance within 24-hours by cash or certified funds. Property is conveyed in an "AS IS" condition. Sale subject to Court approval. Ordinarily, buyer will not be entitled to possession of the property until thirty (30) days after confirmation of sale by the Court. SALE SUBJECT TO RIGHTS OF PARTIES IN POSSESSION.

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COUNT I

The North 61 feet of the South 120 feet of Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10) in Block Eight (8) of Guitau's Addition to the Town of Freeport, EXCEPT the West 100 feet thereof; situated in the City of Freeport, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois.

Common Address: 1236-1242 South Float Avenue  
Freeport, IL 61032

P.I.N. No. 18-14-31-483-020

COUNT II TRACT I

Part of Lots Two (2) and Three (3) in Block Thirty-three (33) of Knowlton's Second Addition to the Town (now City) of Freeport, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Lot 2, said point being 49 feet Westerly from the Northeast corner of said Lot 2; thence Westerly on and along the Northerly line of said Lots to a point 18 feet Westerly from the Northeast corner of said Lot 3; thence Southwesterly to a point on the South line of said Lot 3 which point is 25 feet Westerly from the Southeast corner of said Lot 3; thence Easterly on and along the Southerly lot lines to a point 56 feet Westerly from the Southeast corner of said Lot 2; thence Northeasterly to the Place of Beginning; situated in the City of Freeport, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois.

Common Address: 11 West Dexter Street  
Freeport, IL 61032

P.I.N. No. 18-14-31-406-009 Single family  
TRACT II

The South 30 feet of Lot One (1) in Block Twenty-four (24) in Knowlton's Second Addition to the Town (now City) of Freeport; situated in the City of Freeport, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois.

Common Address: 1110 South Cherry Avenue  
Freeport, IL 61032

P.I.N. No. 18-14-31-380-008 Single family  
TRACT III

Part of Lots One (1) and Two (2) in Block Six (6) in Guitau's Addition to the Town (now City) of Freeport, described as follows, to wit Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Block 6 and running thence South 81 feet thence East 100 feet thence North to the Southerly line of South Galena Avenue, thence Northwesterly on and along the line of said Block 6 and the Southerly line of said South Galena Avenue to the place of beginning; situated in the City of Freeport, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, EXCEPT: A part of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 6 in Guitau's Addition in the Original Town (now City) of Freeport, situated in the Southeast Quarter of Section 31,

Township 27 North, Range 8 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Stephenson County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin in the Northwest corner of said Lot 1; thence South 52 degrees 51 minutes 12 seconds East, 19.27 feet (Bearings assumed for description purposes only) on the Northeast line of said Lot 1, thence South 67 degrees 23 minutes 08 seconds West 16.20 feet to the West line of said Lot 1; thence North 1 degree 17 minutes 24 seconds West, 17.87 feet on said West line to the Point of Beginning; situated in the County of Stephenson and State of Illinois.

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TRACT IV-

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TRACT V

Lot Number Eight (8) in Block Number Seventeen (17) of Wright and Purinton's Addition to the Town (now City) of Freeport, EXCEPTING the South 7 feet of Lot Seven (7) in Block Seventeen (17) of Wright and Purinton's Addition to the Town (now City) of Freeport; situated in the City of Freeport, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois.

Common Address: 482 South Float Avenue  
Freeport, IL 61032

P.I.N. No. 18-14-31-293-016 Single family  
TRACT VI

Part of Lot Twelve (12) in Block Thirty-two (32) in Knowlton's Second Addition to the Town, (now City) of Freeport, described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the West line of South Chicago Avenue (formerly Union Street) with the North line of said Lot and running thence West on and along the North line of said Lot, 130 feet thence South parallel with the West line of said South Chicago Avenue, 63 feet, thence East parallel with the North line of said Lot, 130 feet to the West line of said South Chicago Avenue, thence North on and along the West line of said South Chicago Avenue, 63 feet to the place of beginning; situated in the City of Freeport, County of Stephenson

and State of Illinois.

Common Address: 914 South Chicago Avenue  
Freeport, IL 61032

P.I.N. No. 18-14-31-453-036 2 units  
TRACT VII

A part of Lots Six (6) and Seven (7) in Block Thirty-One (31) in the Original Town (now City) of Freeport, described as follows, to-wit: Commencing on the North line of Lot 6, 34 feet Westerly from the Northeast corner of said Lot 6; and running thence Westerly on the North line of Lots 6 and 7, 46 feet thence Southerly parallel with the East line of Lot 7, 120 feet to the alley; thence Easterly on and along the North line of the alley, 18 feet; thence Northerly parallel with the Easterly line of Lot 7, 40 feet; thence Easterly parallel with the North line of Lots 6 and 7, 28 feet; thence Northerly parallel with the East line of Lot 6, 80 feet to the Place of Beginning; situated in the City of Freeport, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois.

Common Address: 307 West Spring Street  
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P.I.N. No. 18-14-31-188-008 2 units

Dated at Rockford, Illinois, this 1st day of September, 2021.

Wilson Edwards, Plaintiff,  
BY: Holmstrom Kennedy PC

His Attorneys,  
/s/Kim M. Casey  
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*Dr. Stephen Petras is an Illinois-licensed general dentist at the Stockton Dental Center.*

## •Harvest

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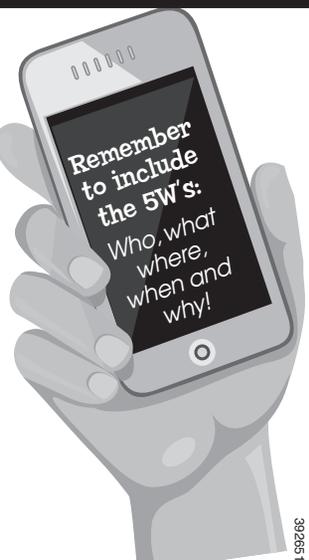
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# Massive energy bill becomes law, investing billions between renewable, nuclear sectors

By Jerry Nowicki  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker was joined by environmental and social justice activists, union representatives, and lawmakers from both parties Sept. 15 as he signed into law a sweeping energy regulation overhaul that aims to phase out carbon emissions from the energy sector by 2045 while diversifying the renewable energy workforce.

His signature marked a celebratory end to negotiations that began shortly after he took office in 2019, ended as he seeks a second term, and were feared permanently derailed on numerous occasions in between.

"We've seen the effects of climate change, right here in Illinois, repeatedly in the last two-and-a-half years alone," Pritzker said at a bill-signing ceremony at Chicago's Shedd Aquarium. "A polar vortex, devastating floods, microbursts that destroy buildings, record lake levels, extreme heat and emergency declarations in more than a third of Illinois counties."

The governor mentioned Hurricane Ida's destruction to the South and fires at the Boundary Waters wilderness area in Minnesota, describing the energy bill, Senate Bill 2408, as "the most significant step Illinois has taken in a generation toward a reliable, renewable, affordable and clean energy future."

Specifically, the bill forces fossil fuel plants offline between 2030 and 2045, de-

pending on the source and carbon emissions level, although the Illinois Commerce Commission, Illinois Power Agency and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency would have the authority to alter plant closure timelines in order to ensure energy grid reliability.

It subsidizes three nuclear plants with \$694 million paid over a period of five years, and increases subsidies for renewable energy by more than \$350 million annually. The latter is the driving piece in an effort to increase state's renewables output from 7-8 percent of the energy mix currently to 40 percent by 2030 and 50 percent by 2040.

Another goal aims for 100 percent carbon-free energy by 2050, elevating the importance of the nuclear plants, which will continue to operate as a result of the massive subsidy.

Estimates for the cost of the bill have ranged from \$3 to \$4 monthly added to ratepayer bills according to the Citizens Utility Board, to \$15 according to the senior advocacy group AARP. In terms of percentages, bill sponsor Sen. Michael Hastings, D-Frankfort, said residential electric bills would increase by about 3-4 percent, commercial bills by about 5-6 percent, and industrial bills by about 7-8 percent.

Large business and industry groups such as the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and Illinois Chamber of Commerce opposed the bill due to

its effects on businesses. But advocates argue the advent of more renewables will lower residential bills over time, creating savings for ratepayers as the cheaper renewables become more widely available.

While critics have also said the bill could cause grid reliability issues downstate, creating a need to import more expensive carbon-emitting power from neighboring states, supporters pointed to the five-year review by ICC, IPA and IEPA as a safeguard against such a reality.

Much of the hourlong news conference Sept. 15 was a celebration for the various interest groups and lawmakers that negotiated the bill.

Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, represents multiple nuclear plants and was one of two Republicans to vote for the bill in the Senate.

With the bill, she said, "we ensure that our state's nuclear fleet will stay online and thousands of jobs and the tax revenue that they provide won't be lost. We ensure that our state won't lose the source of over 50 percent of its total energy and nearly 90 percent of the carbon-free energy. We ensure that our state has a better energy path."

Exelon Corporation, which owns the state's six nuclear plants, had threatened to close two of them in the coming days and months without the legislative action to make nuclear more competitive and cost-effective compared to fossil fuels and highly subsidi-

dized renewables. Five of the six Exelon plants will now receive subsidies.

Pat Devaney, secretary treasurer of the Illinois AFL-CIO federation of labor unions, said the bill "sets the strongest labor standards in the country" for renewable projects. It mandates project labor agreements for large-scale renewable projects and requires a prevailing wage be paid on non-residential renewable projects.

"This now-enacted piece of legislation proves that we do not have to choose between good jobs and a clean energy future for our state. We can do both," he said.

Unions and environmentalists had struggled to come to an agreement on the bill, due in large part to the effect on coal plants which are heavily staffed and maintained by union labor. Two municipal coal plants – the City, Water, Light and Power plant in Springfield and Prairie State Energy Campus in the Metro East near St. Louis – were a particular sticking point.

Ultimately, those plants were neutral on the final bill language, which provides they must be carbon-free by 2045 and reduce emissions by 45 percent by 2035. If they cannot do so, they'd have three years to come into compliance or shut down part of their operations.

The signing also garnered attention from Washington, D.C., with U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm praising the measure in a

news release.

"Preserving our existing fleet of nuclear reactors, adopting more clean and renewable energy, and incentivizing sales of electric vehicles are all key components of President Biden's Build Back Better agenda and essential to reaching our nation's climate goals," she said in a statement. "Thanks to the leadership of Gov. Pritzker and legislators, Illinois will keep a number of nuclear power plants online – preserving thousands of good paying jobs – all while showing just what bold state-level action can do to usher in the clean energy future."

The electric vehicle portion of the bill aims to put 1 million electric vehicles on Illinois roads by 2030, partially by offering incentives up to 80 percent of the cost of charging stations that were built by labor paid at the prevailing wage, based on a number of factors.

The bill also provides for a \$4,000 rebate on an electric vehicle purchase starting in July 2022, which Pritzker said would be available to all Illinoisans, not just those in certain counties, as had been discussed during floor debate of the bill. That could be clarified in follow-up legislation which lawmakers have said will be considered in the fall veto session to clean up portions of the nearly 1,000-page bill.

The law also provides subsidies to convert coal-fired plants to solar or energy storage facilities at about \$47 million annually starting in 2024. That provision, according to Hastings, will be a boon to downstate by helping "transition shuttered coal plants into state-of-the-art solar energy sites with world-renowned battery storage," a provision

aimed at boosting the reliability of otherwise intermittent resources such as wind and solar.

Equity advocates said the law sets Illinois apart from other states by creating a \$180 million annual investment in clean energy workforce diversification programs, as well as training programs aimed at providing the fossil fuel workforce with inroads into renewable energy.

Among many such provisions, the bill directs the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to create the Clean Jobs Workforce Network program, which establishes 13 hubs in different communities across the state that rely on community-based organizations to provide job training and a career pipeline for equity-focused populations.

It also establishes training programs for those recently leaving incarceration, and creates a "Climate Bank" within the Illinois Finance Authority to help fund renewable projects and a "Jobs and Justice Fund" aimed at ensuring "the benefits of the clean energy economy are equitably distributed."

Delmar Gillus, a social equity advocate with Elevate Illinois, praised the equity provisions as "nation-leading."

At the bill signing, he explained how it would help those who, according to the bill, hail from areas where "residents have historically been excluded from economic opportunities" or have "historically been subject to disproportionate burdens of pollution."

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## • Mandates

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PreK-12 schools to follow joint guidance from ISBE and the Illinois Department of Public Health by requiring all students, staff and visitors to wear masks indoors at school.

Since then, the state board has taken an aggressive stance in enforcing that rule by either placing districts on probation or, in the case of nonpublic schools, revoking their official state recognition.

According to data from the state board, 47 public school districts have been placed on suspension for refusing to comply, although all but four of them have since agreed to come into compliance. Beecher City CUSD 20, Hutsonville CUSD 1, Cowden-Herrick CUSD 3A and Nauvoo-Colusa CSD 325 remained on probation as of last week, meaning they are at risk of losing state recognition and state funding.

A total of 15 nonpublic school systems have had their state recognition revoked for noncompliance, although six of those have since had their recognition restored. Losing

recognition can mean, among other things, that their graduation diplomas are not recognized by state colleges and universities and they are ineligible to take part in interscholastic events.

DeWitte and other Republicans on the panel questioned whether the state board had any statutory or administrative authority to take enforcement action against schools that refuse to comply with "guidance" issued by state agencies.

"Guidance is guidance. Guidance is not a rule," said Rep. Keith Wheeler, R-Oswego. "A rule is enforceable. A statute is enforceable. I don't believe that an executive order is enforceable to the same degree as statute or (a rule)."

But Kristen Kennedy, deputy legal counsel for ISBE, said the agency was relying on an existing administrative rule that says, "A school district shall be placed on probation if it exhibits deficiencies that present a health hazard or a danger to students or staff" as well as Pritzker's executive

order and the joint guidance issued by IDPH and ISBE.

She also cited a 2020 Sangamon County court ruling involving the Hutsonville school district — one of the four public districts on probation — that held Pritzker's executive orders and the joint guidance were all legally issued and enforceable.

Wheeler, however, compared ISBE's actions with the situation lawmakers faced in the early phases of the pandemic, when JCAR pushed back against emergency rules issued by the Department of Public Health that would have allowed for criminal prosecutions of businesses that violated Pritzker's initial stay-at-home order.

"And we went through lots of iterations and hours and hours of discussions trying to land on something that was better than what we started with, and I think we actually did that last year," he said. "But it was all done by emergency rulemaking. When it comes to how you direct things toward the pub-

lic, guidance says 'should' and rule and law say 'shall.' And rarely can you cross over those two, because otherwise there's no point in us having a legislature to oversee these things, to set the policy."

Soon after that, the panel went into recess behind closed doors. Several minutes later, members emerged and voted on a motion expressing "concern that policies outside of rule may exist" and encouraging ISBE "to place all policy and guidance in rule." The motion specifically urged ISBE to propose rules that more clearly defined process to be used before revoking a school's recognition.

The motion passed, 10-0. JCAR's next scheduled meeting is set for Tuesday, Oct. 19, in Springfield, which is the first day of the General Assembly's fall veto session.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN

Our weather continues to feel more like summer than early fall. The weather people are saying we should be done with the 90s after this week. Some of the trees are starting to turn, and some leaves are falling in my yard. Mowing is getting less frequent, but the raking will begin.

I wonder how long I should leave my flower pots out; they are getting rather sad looking. I still like lots of the plants, but I don't know which ones I should pull out. I like mums, but if you get them too early, they will just dry up and die. Such a dilemma to have!

We continue to feature recipes for fall cooking.

## Bacon Double Cheese Dip

This dip is an easy one to make because it only has a few ingredients. You can use the precooked bacon or use regular bacon. I have mentioned before that I do my bacon in the oven ahead of time, freeze it, and take out what I need. Use this appetizer at a football party or save it for the holidays.

- 8 slices of bacon chopped and cooked crispy, divided
- 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 C. mayo (or substitute plain Greek yogurt)
- 2 C. (or two 8 oz. pkg.) shredded cheese (Swiss and

cheddar jack are great combos)

2 green onions, finely chopped

Beat together cream cheese and mayo in a bowl and place in a 4-quart slow cooker that has been sprayed with cooking spray. Stir in two cheeses and onions. Gently stir in 6 slices of the crumbled bacon. Cook on low for three hours or until hot and smooth. Garnish with reserved bacon. Serve with pita chips and assorted crackers.

## Quick Ambrosia Salad

Ambrosia salads are an easy way to put fruit on the table in a hurry. They are also great to

make ahead. Most of the time you have all the ingredients in the pantry. If you make it ahead, omit the banana until before serving.

1 can (8 1/4 oz.) drained fruit cocktail

1 can (8 oz.) drained unsweetened pineapple tidbits or chunks

- 1 C. seedless green grapes
- 1 C. seedless red grapes
- 1 C. mini marshmallows
- 1 C. sliced banana
- 3/4 C. vanilla yogurt
- 1/2 C. sweetened shredded coconut

In a large bowl, combine the fruit, marshmallows, banana and yogurt. Carefully stir in coconut. Place in a

pretty glass bowl to serve. Refrigerate for at least an hour before serving.

## Cabbage with Caraway

My aquasize friend Sarah Maxey gave me this cabbage recipe. She is a good cook, and she does a lot of cooking of wild game and fish. It is that time of year when cabbage is harvested, and the heads are usually good sized. Sarah uses a product called "Bacon Up." It is rendered bacon grease and is distributed by Better N Bacon, LLC from a company in Texas. This product is available on Amazon. It is shelf stable and doesn't need to be refrigerated, so if you don't keep bacon grease around, you can get it here. It is great to have a recipe using cabbage that isn't coleslaw. Thank you, Sarah, for it sharing with us.

- 1 C. chopped onion
- 3 T. bacon fat
- 6 C. shredded cabbage
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 T. sugar
- 1/2 T. caraway seed
- 3 T. vinegar

Cook onion in fat in skillet until golden. Add cabbage and remaining ingredients, except vinegar. Cover. Cook until just tender, about 20 minutes. Add vinegar before serving.

## Ravioli Lasagna

The use of cheese ravioli makes for a great lasagna. In the grocery store there are several brands of ravioli; I like the Buitoni Italian products. Enjoy this different lasagna with a salad and bread. You won't miss cooking and draining lasagna noodles. The recipe calls for two sizes of ravioli; it is not an error. You need both of the packages.

- 2 T. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
- 2 C. chopped onion
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 1/2 t. dried Italian seasoning, divided
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. crushed red pepper
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 3 jars (28 oz. each) Prego
- 1 container (15 oz.) ricotta cheese
- 1/2 C. shredded Parmesan cheese

1 egg, lightly beaten  
1 pkg. (20 oz.) refrigerated four-cheese ravioli  
1 pkg. (9 oz.) refrigerated four-cheese ravioli  
1 pkg. (16 oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese  
Fresh basil leaves for garnish

Preheat the oven to 375. Spray a 9-by-13 baking dish with cooking spray (or you can use a lasagna pan if you have one). Place dish on a foil-lined rimmed baking sheet. In a large Dutch oven or pot, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add beef and

onion; cook, stirring occasionally, until beef is browned and crumbly, seven to eight minutes. Stir in garlic and cook for one minute. Stir in 1 t. Italian seasoning, salt, red pepper flakes and pepper. Stir in red sauce; cook, stirring occasionally, until heated through, five to six minutes.

In a medium bowl, stir together ricotta, Parmesan, egg, and 1/2 t. Italian seasoning. Spread 3 C. meat sauce in bottom of prepared baking dish. Top with half of ravioli. Spread 2 C. meat sauce onto ravioli. Spread ricotta mixture onto meat sauce. Sprinkle with half of mozzarella. Spread 2 C. meat sauce onto mozzarella. Top with remaining ravioli and remaining meat sauce. Loosely cover with foil.

Bake until hot and bubbly, about one hour. Uncover and sprinkle with remaining mozzarella. Bake until cheese is melted, about 15 minutes more. Let stand for 15 minutes before serving. Garnish with basil.

## Mexican Corn and Chicken Casserole

This recipe was suggested by a reader because of its ease of preparation and its great taste. You can serve it with tortilla chips, with a green salad or all by itself. The corn and rice combo is a good mix. You can use the rotisserie chicken for a faster preparation.

- 1 can (14.5 oz.) chicken broth
- 1 C. uncooked long grain rice
- 1 T. oil
- 1/4 C. chopped onion
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 C. frozen corn, thawed
- 1 1/2 C. shredded, cooked chicken breast
- 1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 C. tomato sauce
- 1 C. shredded Mexican-style four cheese blend
- 1 T. chili powder

Sour cream, chopped cilantro and sliced green onions for topping

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 2-quart casserole; set aside. In a large saucepan, combine broth and rice. Bring to a boil and reduce heat. Simmer, covered, about 15 minutes or until rice is tender.

In a large sauce pan, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; cook until onion is tender. Remove from heat. Add corn, shredded chicken, tomatoes, tomato sauce, 1/2 C. of the cheese and chili powder; add mixture to onion mixture; stir until well mixed. Transfer to the casserole dish. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake, uncovered,

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for 20 to 25 minutes or until cheese is lightly browned and mixture is heated through. Top with sour cream, cilantro and sliced green onions.

## Mom's Apple Cake

Someone asked for a good apple cake recipe, and I was thinking of making my mother's recipe. I haven't made it in several years, but I like it. The hardest part of the recipe is peeling the apples. I don't have the rotating apple peeler because I don't peel a lot of apples at a time. They are handy, but sometimes I don't get things because storage at my house is limited. Enjoy this tasty apple cake.

- 1/4 C. cooking oil
- 2 C. sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1 t. salt
- 3 C. flour
- 3 C. chopped apples
- 1 C. chopped nuts
- 2 t. vanilla
- Sauce
- 1 C. brown sugar
- 1/2 C. butter
- 1/4 C. canned milk
- 1 t. vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 9-by-13 pan with cooking spray. In a mixing bowl, combine the oil, sugar and eggs until blended. In a separate bowl, mix the soda, salt and flour until blended. Add to the sugar mixture and mix until combined. Add the apples and mix them in by hand. Mix in the nuts and vanilla. Place in prepared baking pan.

Bake for 50 to 55 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Cook sauce ingredients on low to slow boil. Remove from heat and stir until thickened. Pour over cake.

## Chocolate-Blueberry Zucchini Bread

This bread is an interesting combination of white flour and wheat flour with flaxseed meal thrown in. If you can't find the flaxseed meal, you can grind regular flaxseed in your spice grinder. (See note at the end of the recipe about flaxseed). You can also use 2 1/2 t. of cinnamon if you don't have cardamom and don't want to buy it special.

- 1 1/2 C. flour
- 1 1/2 C. whole-wheat flour
- 1/2 C. flaxseed meal
- 1/2 C. unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 t. cinnamon
- 1/2 t. baking powder
- 1/2 t. baking soda
- 1 t. salt
- 1/2 t. cardamom
- 2 C. white sugar
- 1 C. oil
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 C. packed brown sugar
- 1 t. vanilla
- 3 C. shredded zucchini
- 2 C. fresh blueberries

Preheat oven to 350. Grease two bread pans (5-by-9). Whisk together flour, flaxseed meal, cocoa powder, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cardamom in a medium bowl. In a large bowl, whisk together, sugars, eggs and vanilla. Fold in shredded zucchini. Add flour mixture and gently stir until batter is combined. Fold in blueberries. Divide batter between prepared pans.

Bake until toothpick inserted into the center of each loaf comes out clean, 50 to 55 minutes. Let cool in pans on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely.

(Note: Flaxseed meal is in the health food section of the

grocery store. You can spread flaxseed on your cereal or fruit. It is supposed to be good for reducing cholesterol; however, I am not a doctor or nutritionist, so you can take this advice with a grain of flaxseed.)

## Final thoughts

When I said that we could start making soup, I didn't know we would still be using air conditioning and wearing summer clothes. I do have my fall decorations out, and I am enjoying them in my cool home.

I did get apples from a friend and made the apple cake. I also got my first acorn squash. I baked it, and it was delicious. I know you can get them al-

most year round now, but boy, do the farm-grown ones from friends taste the best!

If you have started to change your cooking habits and have some recipes with apples and pumpkins, some seasonal side dishes and some soup recipes that use fall veggies, send them our way. Contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide, 240 W. Main St., Lena IL 61048 or email us at scoopshopper@rv-publishing.com.



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Case No. 2020 CH 31 NOTICE OF SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to a Judgment entered on the 30th day of December, 2020, as amended by Order entered April 23, 2021, David Snyders, Sheriff of Stephenson County or such other Deputy as may be sitting in his stead, will conduct a sale of the premises involved in this case as follows:

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Kim M. Casey  
HolmstromKennedyPC  
800 North Church Street  
Rockford, IL 61103  
(815) 962-7073

B. The common address of said property is: See Exhibit A attached hereto.

C. The legal description of the property is: See Exhibit A attached hereto.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate: Residences, single family and multi-family as designated on Exhibit A attached hereto.

This information is considered reliable but not warranted.

E. The time and place of the sale: October 7, 2021, at 9:30 A.M. on the 1st floor of the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032.

F. The terms of the sale are as follows: to the highest and best bidder with Twenty-five (25%) percent cash or certified funds down and balance within 24-hours by cash or certified funds. Property is conveyed in an "AS IS" condition. Sale subject to Court approval. Ordinarily, buyer will not be entitled to possession of the property until thirty (30) days after confirmation of sale by the Court. SALE SUBJECT TO RIGHTS OF PARTIES IN POSSESSION.

G. No warranty is made as to the state of title. Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances, as well as all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and rights of parties in possession.

H. The property is not open for inspection.

I. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(1) and (g)(4).

J. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO RE-

MAIN 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.

COUNT I

Common Address: 1236-1242 South Float Avenue Freeport, IL 61032 P.I.N. No. 18-14-31-483-020

COUNT ITRACT I

Common Address: 11 West Dexter Street Freeport, IL 61032 P.I.N. No. 18-14-31-406-009

Single family TRACT II

Common Address: 1110 South Cherry Avenue Freeport, IL 61032 P.I.N. No. 18-14-31-380-008

Single family TRACT III

Common Address: 1111 South High Avenue Freeport, IL 61032 P.I.N. No. 18-14-31-483-001 2

units TRACT IV- INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

TRACT V

Common Address: 482 South Float Avenue Freeport, IL 61032 P.I.N. No. 18-14-31-293-016

Single family TRACT VI

Common Address: 914 South Chicago Avenue Freeport, IL 61032 P.I.N. No. 18-14-31-453-036 2

units TRACT VII

Common Address: 307 West Spring Street Freeport, IL 61032 P.I.N. No. 18-14-31-188-008 2

units Dated at Rockford, Illinois, this 1st day of September, 2021.

Wilson Edwards, Plaintiff, BY: HolmstromKennedyPC

His Attorneys, /s/Kim M. Casey

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