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A day to remember

Veterans Day services were held at Stockton High School on Thursday, November 11 with the entire student body. The Stockton VFW purchased this statue to be displayed at the VFW. The Stockton High art class painted the statue. See inside for more photos along with a scholarship essay from Maria Bender.

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Apple River Fort State Historic site is located at 311 E. Myrtle St., Elizabeth, IL 61028.

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Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is coming up on November 30, 2021. Since Giving Tuesday is a movement designed to unleash the power of radical generosity around the world, we are asking you to think of the CTE Academy on this year's Giving Tuesday. The Staff at the CTE Academy have created Wish Lists for their Classrooms and Curriculum - join the movement & help the CTE Academy DREAM BIG!

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*Tool boxes: $1700 X 4
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*Hose reels: $200 X 5
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Other CTE Academy Needs:
*Carpet throughout the building
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Farming provides veteran with roots, sanctuary

By Kay Shipman
FARMWEEK

For two decades, Amy Hess always had an evacuation bag packed with essentials.

"I was always ready to leave," the former Army Reserve major told *FarmWeek*.

It wasn't until she was standing in the middle of her Mercer County pasture—seven years post-retirement—that she realized she no longer had to go anywhere.

"I retired at 40 after 22.5 years of service. I had no idea how tired I was until I left the service. This gives me rest and also a purpose," Hess said, looking over the rolling fields. "If you had told me in 2012 where I was going to be, I wouldn't have dreamed it. I needed time to find what gives me joy."

Today, Hess finds joy in a small, diversified farm with heirloom breeds of pigs, chickens, ducks and turkeys; a few acres of hay and pasture; large garden; and big future plans. "I'm working toward self-sufficiency. It's a lifestyle for myself and my family," she said.

With a grant from the Farmer Veteran Coalition, Hess bought a cabinet incubator and started incubating 200 eggs on Nov. 1. "Now I won't have to rely on a hatchery anymore," she added.

Her "giant leap," a New Holland tractor with blade and mower, was delivered a couple of weeks ago. Now Hess won't have to miss a third cutting of hay again because she had to rely on others. "That (missed cutting) was the catalyst to buy," she said, noting the equipment also brings opportunities for custom mowing and snow removal.

With a commercial license, Hess delivers an "eggscape" that ranges from rusty red to soft greens and blues to customers across Mercer County. By next fall, she hopes to have spring turkey eggs and birds weighing in the 20-pound range available for Thanksgiving meals.

In the near future, she plans to offer customers starter eggs or poults to raise. When their birds mature, those customers may return to Hess for help processing the mature birds.

Next year's plans include completion of a small on-farm stand with a small grain bin roof. The "farmers market of one" will offer a variety of vegetables from her two gardens, cut flowers, eggs and meat birds.

"It's a lot of work, but if you love what you do," she said with her voice trailing off.

"I credit the Farmer Veteran Coalition for helping to fund my dreams, for understanding what it takes, giving me opportunities to pursue my dreams and for giving veterans a mission to serve a purpose," Hess said. "It's very important to be part of something bigger than yourself."

Farmers seeking hard working employees should consider hiring veterans, Hess said. Veterans are "equipped to handle and manage stress and remain calm. Until the job is done, our (veterans') workday is not over. That's the parallel to serving in uniform and farming," she explained.

While Americans owe much to veterans, they also owe those serving today. "We can never lose our awareness and appreciation for a volunteer force," she said. That awareness applies to Hess' twins. Her son, Ben, serves in the Marines and his twin, Rebecca, is in the Air National Guard. Their younger sister, Sarah, is a freshman at Mercer County High School.

On Nov. 11, the nation's thoughts turned to those who serve and sacrifice. While thanking a veteran on Veterans Day is a kind gesture, it's also important throughout the year. Hess recommends acknowledging them and asking basic questions that demonstrate a level of care.

"If you really want to thank a veteran, appreciate the freedoms you have," she said.

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Retired Army Reserve Major Amy Hess took a giant leap and bought a new tractor for her diversified Mercer County farm. To Hess, the equipment means she will be more self-sufficient.

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Thanksgiving dinner cost rises with inflation, other factors

By Tammie Sloup
FARMWEEK

Thanksgiving dinner is expected to cost 14 percent more this year, with higher turkey prices pulling up that percentage.

American Farm Bureau Federation's 36th annual survey indicates the average cost of this year's feast for 10 is still affordable at $53.31—or less than $6 per person. This is a $6.41 or 14 percent increase from last year's average of $46.90.

The centerpiece on most Thanksgiving tables—the turkey—costs more than last year, at $23.99 for a 16-pound bird. That's roughly $1.50 per pound, up 24 percent from last year, but there are several mitigating factors.

Farm Bureau volunteer shoppers checked prices Oct. 26 to Nov. 8, about two weeks before most grocery store chains began featuring whole frozen turkeys at sharply lower prices. So consumers shopping now for turkeys likely can find better prices.

All the items surveyed saw price jumps from last year—except stuffing—which trends with rising inflation for all goods. Taking turkey out of the basket of foods reveals a 6.6 percent price increase compared to last year, which tracks closely with the Consumer Price Index for food and general inflation across the economy.

"Several factors contributed to the increase in average cost of this year's Thanksgiving dinner," AFBF Senior Economist Veronica Nigh said. "These include dramatic disruptions to the U.S. economy and supply chains over the last 20 months; inflationary pressure throughout the economy; difficulty in predicting demand during the COVID-19 pandemic and high global demand for food, particularly meat," she said. Further, "The trend of consumers cooking and eating at home more often due to the pandemic led to increased supermarket demand and higher retail food prices in 2020 and 2021, compared to pre-pandemic prices in 2019."

Illinois Farm Bureau members participated as shoppers for the survey. In Illinois, prices are slightly higher than the national average, with the cost of a Thanksgiving feast for 10 coming in at $58.15, a $4.84 or 8percent increase from the national average.

"As the element of inflation comes into play, consumers can still rest assured that there are bargains to be found in their local grocery stores," Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. said. "The food supply is strong, steady and plentiful as Illinois farmers work tirelessly year-round to produce affordable products."

The shopping list for Farm Bureau's informal survey includes turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and coffee and milk, all in quantities sufficient to serve a family of 10 with plenty for leftovers.

In recognition of changes in Thanksgiving dinner traditions, the Farm Bureau price survey also includes ham, Russet potatoes and frozen green beans in an expanded holiday menu. Adding these foods to the classic Thanksgiving menu increased the overall cost by $15.41, to $68.72. This updated basket of foods also increased in price (up 14percent) compared to 2020.

Grocers have a large impact on food prices, which vary by region. Yet despite fluctuating costs for consumers, the farmer's share of the food dollar remains a steady 8 percent.

"Farmers have produced the food, but the food supply chain has faced its share of challenges within the past couple years, and it is always adjusting to the needs of U.S. consumers," Guebert said. "It's important to remember that it takes a lot of hands and a lot of miles to bring the traditional Thanksgiving spread from the farm to the grocery store."

This year's national average cost was calculated using 218 surveys completed with pricing data from all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Farm Bureau volunteer shoppers checked prices in person and online using grocery store apps and websites. They looked for the best possible prices without taking advantage of special promotional coupons or purchase deals.

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"With the rising number of COVID-19 cases, we were glad to see the FDA's decision, and we encourage everyone who was fully vaccinated before July 2021 to get their booster shot," said FHN President and CEO Mark Gridley, MBA, FACHE. "Whether you received the Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson vaccine, getting a booster shot now will help protect you and your loved ones from the most serious effects of COVID-19."

Registration is required for these clinics, which will be held from 8 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3; Monday, Dec. 6; Tuesday, Dec. 7; Friday, Dec. 10; Monday, Dec. 13; Tuesday, Dec. 14; and Friday, Dec. 17 at 1763 S. Dirck Drive in Freeport.

Appointments also are available for a number of November clinics: Monday, Nov. 29; and Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 1763 S. Dirck Drive in Freeport.

Appointments for these vaccination clinics are available at www.fhn.org/booster-registration_ModernaPfizer.asp. Recipients must bring their COVID-19 immunization card with them to their appointment and plan to stay for 15 minutes after receiving the vaccination (30 minutes for persons who have had immediate reactions to vaccinations such as flu shots, or regularly need to carry an EpiPen). There is no cost for a COVID-19 booster shot.

Those unable to use the online scheduling page can call 815-599-7183 or 815-599-7184 for assistance. If someone does not answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

Obituaries

LLOYD M. BOELK, 82

Lloyd M. Boelk, age 82, of Winslow, IL passed away peacefully on Friday, November 19,2021 in Freeport, IL. He was born on April 2, 1939, in Warren, IL to Paul and Freida (Butts) Boelk. He married Carma Rabe on May 5, 1962, at the Martintown Church in Martintown, WI. They were married 46 years until her passing in 2008. Lloyd worked at Kelly Tire for 33years and retired July 1997. He served in the United States Army from 1962 to 1964, and in the reserves until 1967.

He was very active in many organizations during his life. He was a Fireman, President of the Winslow Park District for many years, where he was very involved in getting the park diamonds started. He could never get enough of sports, slow-pitch softball, golf, Cubs, Packers, deer hunting and taking trips up North. He enjoyed singing, especially Statler Brothers.

He is survived by his brother Allan Boelk of South Wayne, WI; many nieces and nephews and special friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife Carma; two infant sons in 1975 and 1977; two brothers Roger Boelk and Marvin Boelk; niece Julie Boelk; sister-in-laws Phyllis Boelk, Corrinne Williams, Karen Newill; brother-in-laws Harold Williams, and Don Newill.

Visitation was held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Funeral Service was at 11:00 a.m. following the visitation on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Officiating at the service was Reverend Robert Patin.

Burial was at Rock Lily Cemetery in Winslow, IL.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

RICHARD J. MIRANDA, 79

Richard J. Miranda, 79, of Apple Canyon Lake, IL, passed away Sunday afternoon, November 14, 2021 at Midwest Medical Center in Galena, IL.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 29, 2021 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL, with Fr. Michael Morrissey officiating. The Miller-Steinke Funeral Home of Scales Mound, IL is assisting the family.

Richard was born on September 30, 1942 in Chicago, IL, the son of Joseph J. and Victoria A. (Laskovy) Miranda. He was united in marriage to Christina Brown on April 4, 1964 at St. Williams Church in Chicago, IL. They were united in marriage for 57 years.

Richard was formerly employed at the First National Bank in Chicago as an Electrical Foreman, retiring in 2000.

Richard and Christina moved to Apple Canyon Lake permanently shortly after his retirement. Richard loved lake life and being with large groups of friends, playing cards, bocce ball, going dancing with Tina and entertaining in their home. He enjoyed the bus trips to casinos and site seeing throughout the country with his wife and friends.

Surviving is his wife, Christina; two daughters, Vicki Miranda of Hampshire, IL, and Lisa Ten Bruin of Bloomingdale, IL. He was Papa to Trent, Josh, and Matt; his sister Mary (Beto) Ramirez of Chicago, IL, and many nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.millerfhed.com.

JUSTIN K. CAPP, 32

Justin K. Capp, 32 of Freeport, formerly of Lena, Illinois, passed away Thursday November 18, 2021. He was born Oct. 22, 1989, in Monroe, Wisconsin to Jesse and Roberta (Kerr) Capp.

He was a graduate of Lena-Winslow High School Class of 2008. Justin served in the United States Army from 2008 to 2011, during that time he was deployed to Iraq. He loved the Minnesota Vikings, fishing, deer hunting, and basketball. He also enjoyed watching Nascar.

Justin is survived by his parents; two brothers Austin Capp of Browntown, WI, Shawn Capp of Madison, WI; sister Elynore Capp of Lena; His beloved dog Giai; grandparents David Kerr Sr. of Cedarville, IL and Gwen Capp of Backus, MN; nieces and nephews; numerous cousins.

He is preceded in death by his brother Tyler, grandmother Donna Kerr and Grandfather Raymond Capp.

Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021, at the Lena United Methodist Church in Lena, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until time of service on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at the Lena United Methodist Church.

Interment will be held at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, Illinois.

Officiating will be Pastor Keri Rainsberger.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

NORBERT M. MLOTT, 94

Norbert M. Mlott, 94, of Stockton, formerly of Lake Zurich, IL, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Monday, Nov. 15, 2021. He was born June 6, 1927, in Chicago, Illinois to Michael and Clara (Tomczak) Mlotkowski.

He married Beverly Ann Eichmann on June 18, 1955, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Lake Zurich, IL. Norbert served in the United States Army from 1942-1945 where he fought in World War II. He went on to be the plant supervisor at Burgess Vibrocrafters Inc. for 18 years. He then started his own dry-cleaning business in the early 1960's and continued until his retirement in 1990.

He loved being outside and taking care of his property. He made it enjoyable and when he was finished, he took extra pride in the fact that it looked like a park. Norbert was a huge fan of golfing and bowling. During the winter months they would travel to South Padre Island in Texas and Florence, Arizona. He would enjoy listening to music but always preferred his Jazz.

Norbert is survived by his loving wife of 66 years Beverly Ann (Eichmann) Mlott of Stockton, formerly of Lake Zurich, Illinois; four Children- Julie (Joseph) Kedzior of Streamwood, Illinois, Jim (Lynne) Mlott of Indianapolis, Indiana, Jill Rice of Harrisville, Michigan, Joan (Randy) Brown of Lake Zurich, Illinois; 12 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; three brothers-in-laws Glen (Peggy) Eichmann, Kevin (Siony) Eichmann, Dale (Tammy) Eichmann; many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters- Helen (Osman) Durmus, and Alice (Henry) Buch.

Funeral Service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL.

Visitation was held from 9 a.m. until time of service on Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL.

Burial was held at Holy Cross Cemetery in Stockton, IL.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in his memory for Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

News briefs

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited Dec. 5, to Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, for worship service at 9:30 a.m. This will be the Second Sunday of Advent, and Holy Communion will be celebrated in worship. The service may be joined in-person or via Facebook Live. The reading will be from Luke 3:1-6. Choir practice is at 11 a.m. and Chime Choir practice will is 5 p.m.

We follow the state and CDC guidelines for gathering. For the safety for everyone masks and social distancing are encouraged indoors.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, Bible Study group will meet at 10 a.m. and will be reading from Genesis. Everyone is welcome to join.

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, Piece Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience necessary and new members are welcome.

All the services will be recorded and be available on church's Facebook page and website. Please visit our website http://goodshepherdlena.org/ and Facebook https://www.facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL for information. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 815-369-5552.

New Glarus Christkindli Market 2021

The New Glarus Christkindli Market will make its first appearance in downtown New Glarus Dec. 10 and 12, 2021. This outdoor Christmas market will host vendors offering a variety of high quality, locally made and sourced gifts, along with Christmas decorations and foods, all housed in wooden on-street chalets. Shop local and support small businesses, while enjoying holiday lights and music.

Santa will be in his chalet Friday through Sunday, and special appearances by Samichlaus and Schmutzli will occur. Free horse-drawn sleigh rides will be offered Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Live outdoor music performances and entertainment will be scattered throughout the weekend. Admission to the Market is free.

New Glarus Christkindli is put on by the New Glarus Chamber of Commerce, and made possible through generous donations from the New Glarus Brewing Company, Bank of New Glarus, Chalet Landhaus Inn & Restaurant, BNG Investment Services, Helvetia Systems, Jack Links, New Glarus Retreats, and LSM Chiropractic.

Market hours will be Friday, Dec. 10 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. 6 p.m.

For more information, visit Swisstown.com or call 608-527-2095.

Salem United Church of Christ

The service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021, at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road will begin the Advent season with members of the congregation presenting and participating in a seasonal pageant. Lunch and craft making projects will follow the service. The Wednesday Lunch Bunch will meet at the Big Apple Family Restaurant, 1427 W. Galena Avenue in Freeport on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 8 a.m. Salem is participating in the Lena Lions collection of warm hats, mittens, and scarves for veterans. Donations should be brought to the church and put in the collection box in the church Narthex. A Bible Study on the book of Revelation will begin on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

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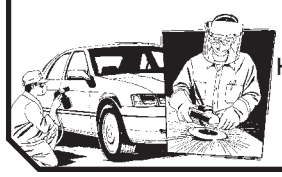
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1450 Winter Dr., Freeport
$65,000
Cute ranch home that has been well maintained featuring 2 sizable bedrooms, 1 bath, eat-in kitchen, 1 stall detached garage and a fenced in back yard.

627 S. Burchard Ave., Freeport – $65,000
Located on a corner lot off an alley in a quiet area sits this 1.5 story home featuring 2 spacious bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, dining room opened to the living room, and a 2 stall detached garage.

1217 W. Stover St., Freeport
$65,000
Cute ranch home featuring 2 bedrooms with double closets, 1 bath, eat-in kitchen with pantry, living room, 1 stall detached garage, and privacy fenced in back yard. Newer furnace and hot water heater.

207 S. East St., Orangeville
$185,000
Updated Ranch home featuring 3 bedrooms, master suite has a walk-in closet, 2 full baths, 1 on the main floor and 1 on the lower level, beautiful spacious family room with gas fireplace, kitchen with island, dining room, main floor laundry, lots of room for storage, and a 2 stall heated attached garage (shelves do not stay). New furnace 2021, Roof 2020.

316 S. Rees Rd., Pearl City
$239,000
Updated Ranch home with open floor plan on 2 acres M/L in Pearl City School District. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths (master bath has a jacuzzi tub), kitchen, dining room, living room, main floor laundry, 2 stall attached garage, fenced-in yard, and pole building. Updates include: Roof in the last 5 years, all bathrooms in the last 3 years, water heater - 2015, almost all new plumbing, most windows - 2019. In 2021 - Kitchen, all floors, septic pumped, and central air.

150 W. Main St., Lena
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Slices of life

Another angle on forgiveness

By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

Earlier this year, I wrote about forgiveness.

Forgiveness gets a lot of brain time in forgiveness circles. Many believe that before we can move forward, we need to forgive. That wasn't the topic of my previous column.

I didn't write about our need to forgive others. Quite the opposite. In my humble opinion we don't have the duty or obligation to forgive others. That end of forgiveness only bogs us down.

If we are fretting about whether or not to forgive someone then we are ignoring our own need for growth—except in one critical circumstance which involves offering not only forgiveness, but grace, to the one person we often judge most harshly: ourself.

I've struggled with this quite a bit in the last year. I think it's probably natural when you walked beside someone during a terrible and fatal illness which left you still here and them not.

It's probably natural; But it doesn't feel that way.

It feels wrong and sad, but second guessing ourselves happens in numerous life situations: after a divorce, car accident, with addiction, failed relationship, job loss, death and the list goes on.

It's hard not to wonder if there might have been something—anything—more that you could have done to help, to advocate, to support, to change the outcome.

That, my friends, is a haunting thought to live with.

Many people live with similar thoughts, and I'm so sorry for that—in my own life and in the life of anyone who struggles with these feelings.

We are so hard on ourselves. And it shouldn't be that way.

That's where forgiveness comes in.

If you blame yourself for something in your past, the blame does nothing to right the wrong. It does nothing to help the situation that happened and is (quite honestly) in the past. There's nothing any of us can do to change yesterday. Reliving it does nothing to change any circumstance. It most often only rubs salt in the wound.

It can be a harsh cycle: reliving and reviewing and wondering and wishing the outcome was different. It can be a harsh cycle: blaming ourselves for something that has no blame.

Therein lies the truth in this whole conundrum.

We beat ourselves up for myriad things in life. For things beyond our control. For things we didn't plan or never would have wanted. For things that just happened, despite our best intentions. We worry and we fret and it's time to stop.

It's time to understand and acknowledge honestly that we are all doing the best we can with what we have. It's time to forgive the one person who most needs our forgiving, move forward and offer the unconditional love that he or she so desperately needs.

The first step in loving others and the world around you is loving yourself. And that often starts with forgiveness, for your shortcomings, for your past, for being human. Because none of us is without faults.

The sooner we see and acknowledge this in ourselves, the sooner we can see and acknowledge it in others.

And that, my friends, might just put us one step closer to the truth.

Be kind, especially to yourself. You deserve it. Today, and everyday.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. She invites readers to follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

CROP Walk for Hunger deemed a success

The CROP Walk for Hunger collected $16,833.72 for hunger relief in the community and around the world. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will go to local food pantries, with the remainder being distributed by Church World Services and its partners. The CROP Walk was first held in 1969 and has continued in more than 1000 communities over the years. Freeport has held a CROP Walk for 38 years.

Thank you to the generous donors, approximately 60 walkers, 12 churches and The Boys and Girls Club for their participation. A special thank you is extended to 1st Lutheran Church for hosting the walk, for providing a space for the kick-off, providing materials, and for sharing their amenities. Thank you to the Church of the Brethren and The Boys and Girls Club for providing additional water and restroom stops. Thank you to Sullivans Grocery Store for collecting donations from shoppers and publicizing the walk and to CUB Food for the gift card. Thank you to Papa Murphy's for contributing 20% of one day's sales to support the cause and to Scoopshopper, the Journal, and the Standard for publicizing the walk. Thank you, Kristy Philliber, for your accounting skills and the time spent helping to register walkers.

Thank you from the 2021 CROP Committee; Linda Truckenmiller-Krum, Pat Leininger, Pam Stampfli, Larry Thomson, Dan King, and Christine Ihde.

FHN offering Family Fun at Festival of Trees events

FHN will offer a full slate of family-friendly, pandemic-safe events for this year's FHN Festival of Trees.

The lighting of the newly planted Community Holiday Tree will take place on Sunday, Nov. 21, at 5 p.m. in front of FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport. There will be a singalong and some special visitors to "flip the switch" and officially start the season.

Throughout the season, FHN invites children to write a letter to Santa and drop it off in the Freeport Public Library Youth Services Department or in the red bins in the lobby at FHN Memorial Hospital, FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills or FHN Family Healthcare Center – Highland View Drive in Freeport. Parents can download a decorated letter template at www.fhn.org/festivaloftrees. It is requested that parents fill in the information so Santa can write back. Parents outside Freeport can take a photo or scan their child's letter and return it to wecare@fhn.org. Please drop off children's letters by Dec. 13 to make sure Santa has time to write back.

The FHN Holiday Movie Series is back at the Classic Cinemas Lindo Theatre, 115 S. Chicago Avenue in Freeport. Families are invited to enjoy a fun movie at the special price of $4 compliments of FHN. All children attending will receive a holiday gift. Pandemic precautions will be taken, and masks must be worn in the theater.

Showtime each Saturday is 10 a.m. and doors open at 9:30. Seating is limited and there are no advance ticket sales. This year's movies are:

Nov. 27 – *King Richard* (PG-13)

Dec. 4 – *Ghostbusters: Afterlife* (PG-13)

Dec. 11 - *Encanto* (PG)

Dec. 18 – *Spiderman: No Way Home* (PG-13)

This year's Classic Movie Series bonus movie is the holiday classic *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (PG-13) at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14. Admission is a free-will offering and/or a food drive donation. Ed Finch and Alan Wenzel will be offering fun trivia and information about the movie prior to the start of the film. Designed to offer movie-goers the experience of viewing time-honored American film classics on the big screen, the Classic Movie Series is hosted every spring and fall by the Lindo Theatre in Freeport in partnership with the Stephenson County Historical Museum and Highland Community College.

Virtual BINGO with prizes will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30. Families are invited to register online at www.fhn.org/festivaloftrees to get a virtual bingo card and a link to the Zoom activity. There is no cost to participate, but registration ends Sunday, Nov. 28.

The Community Festival of Trees at the Freeport Public Library, 100 W. Douglas Street in Freeport, kicks off Monday, Nov. 29. Tour the library and see all the Community Festival of Trees entrants. This popular free event brings non-profit organizations together to decorate trees and compete for cash prizes. A panel of judges will award prizes in a number of categories, and you can vote for your favorite in the People's Choice competition through Saturday, Dec. 11. The trees will be on display through Thursday, Dec. 23.

And finally, FHN Memorial Hospital is proud to join our neighbors on Freeport's Stephenson Street and Lincoln Boulevard for this year's Freeport Community Luminaria Night. Enjoy the soft light of luminaries beginning at dusk Sunday, Dec. 19.

You can find details on all of our Festival of Trees events online at www.fhn.org/festivaloftrees.

Inicidentally; Thankful for fluoride

By
DR. STEPHEN PETRAS
Illinois Licensed General Dentist

When you are making your list of what you are thankful for on Thanksgiving you might want to include a healthy, beautiful smile and the fluoride that makes that possible.

Up until the 1900s, tooth decay was not considered a preventable disease. Today I want to share with you how dental researchers discovered and eventually proved that fluoride, a mineral found in the earth's rocks, soil and natural waters, prevents tooth decay.

The story began in 1901, when a young dental graduate, named Frederick McKay, decided to move out west and establish a dental practice in Colorado Springs. Dr. McKay was shocked to find that the majority of the residents of his new community had severe brown staining in most or all of their teeth. Unable to find anything about this staining in the dental literature of that time, he decided to investigate it further. He made extraordinarily little progress until 1909 when he was finally able to persuade the famous, but highly skeptical dental researcher, Dr. G. V. Black to come to Colorado so he could see that the "Colorado Brown Stain" was a real phenomenon. From 1909 until his death in 1915, Dr. Black worked with Dr. McKay to research this mystery. During these years they discovered that, while unsightly, those mottled teeth were extremely resistant to decay. Both men suspected that it had something to do with the water, but testing was crude and yielded no information to prove their theory.

In 1923, Dr. McKay traveled to Oakley, Idaho to investigate reports about brown stains appearing in children's teeth. When Dr. McKay discovered that this phenomenon had developed after the construction of a new water pipeline, he suggested that the town utilize a different nearby spring as a water source. The children's next teeth to erupt were not stained. Now Dr. McKay knew that the staining had something to do with the water, but he still did not have an effective way to analyze what the problem was.

In 1931, both Dr. McKay and Dr. Kempf, from the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) were asked to investigate brown staining that was occurring in Bauxite, Arkansas.

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The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Stockton CUSD #206	540 N Rush St, Stockton IL 61085	815-947-3391	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
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Also by **January 15, annually** the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021**, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ **www.isbe.net.**

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2021

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	3,820,740	611,902	0	178,850	224,348	338,129	36,646	149,884	62,073
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	1,388,706	1,572	0	170,826	4,668	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	764,619	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		5,974,065	613,474	0	349,676	229,016	338,129	36,646	149,884	62,073
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		5,960,955	548,546	0	253,208	189,386	99,839		149,637	11,155
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		4,924,129	367,773	0	306,740	121,560	858,084	244,481	36,674	114,776
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		4,937,239	432,701	0	403,208	161,190	1,096,374	281,127	36,921	165,694

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Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
AED ESSENTIALS	$5,052.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	$31,552.35
AMERICAN FUNDS SERVICE	$46,025.00
ARNOLD, DARCY	$9,000.00
AUTO-JET MUFFLER CORP.	$2,818.29
B & J CONSTRUCTION	$29,274.46
B L MURRAY COMPANY, INC	$5,600.55
BAUER AGENCY	$65,636.00
BENNING GROUP LLC	$10,500.00
BK DIESEL	$5,222.51
BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD IL	$908,251.54
CDW.G GOVERNMENT INC	$9,664.96
CENTRAL STATES BUS SALES	$11,368.90
COMED	$57,827.30
CONNECTION FINANCIAL SERV	$26,766.45
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GOVCONNECTION INC	$42,847.79
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RAMEY, DOROTHY	$3,000.00
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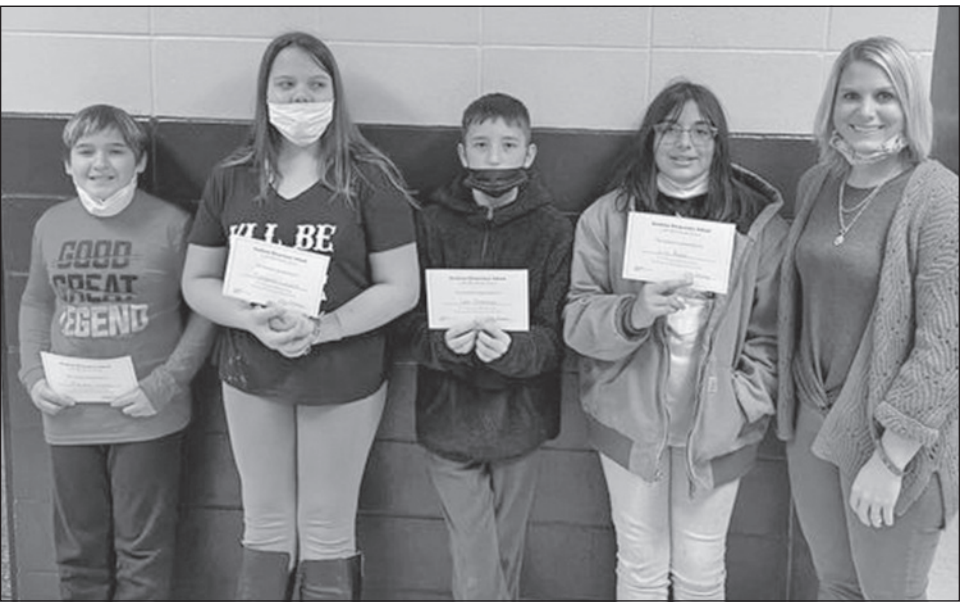

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Little Blackhawks

These Elementary & Middle School Little Blackhawks were recognized by Principal Downey for doing an amazing job this week.

Around the Northern Hills

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau offering $250 towards R.O.P.S. purchase

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau would like to offer funds to reimburse farmers for purchasing Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS). Fifty-five percent of farm tractors in Illinois do not have a cab or ROPS. Only 1 in 5 victims will survive a tractor rollover accident. The leading cause of farm related deaths in Illinois is tractor rollover accidents and they account for more than 30% of farm related deaths. ROPS help protect farmers and family members from being crushed in the event of a tractor turnover or rollover. Safety Chairman, Dan Robbe, states, "Safety is a priority of the farm bureau, and we would like to encourage our members to install ROPS on their tractors". Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau members who purchase a ROPS could receive a reimbursement of $250 towards the purchase of a ROPS (there are two more available this year). To receive the $250, members need to bring in their paid invoice to the Farm Bureau office in Elizabeth. Customers

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are responsible for the cost, freight, and installation which are available through the dealer. If you have been thinking about putting a ROPS on one of your tractors – now is the time! For more information about this program, or to become a member of our organization, contact the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau office at 815-858-2235 or email jdcfbmgr@gmail.com

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Do you know a graduating senior or college student?

The IAA Foundation just announced the lineup for the 2022 IAA Foundation Scholarships. This includes 82 scholarships totaling $159,500. We have had several winners from Jo Daviess County in the past, so I would encourage anyone interested to mark January 1st on their calendar so they don't miss this great opportunity.

Would you like to keep up to date on the happenings at the JDCFB?

Sign up for our newsletter. We send out a few emails a year with information about upcoming programs, member benefits and such. If you would like to sign up email jdcfbmgr@gmail.com with your email address so we have it in our system.

Farm Fun Fact:

One U.S. farm feeds 165 people annually in the U.S. and abroad.

NWILED announces first diversity and inclusion event

Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED) will host a Spanish-Language Small Business Outreach event at the DeSoto House Hotel on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.. NWILED welcomes individuals and businesses from the Spanish community of Carroll and Jo Daviess Counties to attend and learn how to start, expand, and relocate a business. Established community leaders will be onsite to serve as translators.

The sharing of resources will be the primary focus of the open house event. There is no set presentation or program. Attendees are free to come at their leisure to meet NWILED staff, schedule a free private Spanish-language business consultation, pick up a Spanish-language business packet, and enjoy a free breakfast. Bilingual inclusion staff from Dupaco Community Credit Union will also be at the event.

NWILED is committed to building an inclusive, varied business community that welcomes people from all backgrounds. Of the reasoning for having the event, NWILED Executive Director Emily Legel stated, "Immigrants often have an entrepreneurial spirit and are nearly twice as likely to start a business as native-born residents. We want to give a voice to our local Spanish community and provide them the resources they need to grow their businesses."

NWILED intends to have similar events throughout 2022. For more information about NWILED visit www.NWILED.org.

College news

Stockton's Rillie earns spot on 2021-22 UW-Whitewater Wrestling Team

Simon Rillie, a native of Stockton and graduate of Stockton High School, will compete for the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater wrestling team during the 2021-22 season.

Rillie, a freshman at UW-Whitewater, is majoring in general management.

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater wrestling team begins the 2021-22 regular season Nov. 10 as it hosts Division II Parkside for a dual at Kachel Gymnasium.

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Presentation of colors

The presentation of the colors is shown during the Veterans Day service held at Stockton High School on Thursday, November 11.

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Veterans gather

Veterans gather for a photo during a Veterans Day service held Thursday, Nov. 11 at Stockton High School.

'America: Where do we go from here?'

The following is a scholarship essay written by Maria Bender.

Here we are, slowly coming through a pandemic, and the state of America is like we have never seen before. So we ask, what happens now? There is no way to know how to proceed until we know what "now" is. But the "now" is impossible to concisely define. Instead of asking, "Where do we go from here?" we may want to ask, "What can we do right now?" What can we do right now to take care of our future and levy positive change on our country as a whole? I believe the younger generation is the key to improving our "now," and a route to reuniting America.

As of now, the country is divided to a point we have not seen since the Civil War. The discriminatory chasms between those with different political views, the poor or rich, and even racial and ethnic backgrounds need to be resolved. The pandemic only added another division, from which prejudice has grown from both sides; the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. If the younger generation is taught to be open-minded, listen to others, and respect each other's opinions, it would be a grand step to bringing the country back together. With bridges of knowledge, understanding, and empathy, we can reunite America. One of the most wonderful aspects about America is that it is the melting pot. I believe that the younger generation, who has grown up with all of the diverse parts of America, can unite us in the understanding of our differences.

Taking care of America's younger generation is how we are going to take care of the future of our country. The most important factor to healing a fractured culture is education. Naturally, we tend to grow up following our parents' (or any influential adults') views, whether that is political or the types of food we prefer. This makes it impossible to actually inflict change. We are stuck in this echo-chamber of opinions and ideas. What if the younger generation was encouraged to act on their own views? With more knowledge comes greater independent thinking. Especially around voting age, knowledge, or at least awareness, of economics, foreign affairs, and most importantly, current events would help the younger generation form their own opinions, vote from their own mind, and therefore truly create change. When we vote, we should be aware of not just how the government works, but what exactly it's doing for America right now. The more knowledge about the current state of America, the more people will want to unite and help, and with luck, change will be achieved.

Just like the middle and older generations, the younger generation has its good and bad qualities. However, we cannot help make a difference for the good of America unless we are listened to and respected. As human beings, it is natural that we listen best when our own ideas and opinions are reflected. However, that continues to promote the echo-chamber problem, and no real change is achieved. Other generations are not as familiar with the world that the younger generation is currently growing up in. Think of the technological advancements that have been made in the past ten years alone. So now, grandparents with the new smartphones always

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From Lena's Kitchen

The not so skinny cook

We had our usual fluctuating temperatures this past week. It was windy and cold, and then it got warmer. A lot of leaves were picked up this week either by the village or by the wind. I guess it is perfect weather for Thanksgiving. This week we have some recipes for the big eating day as well as some for after. Enjoy these recipes as we begin our countdown of 2021.

Cranberry-Pecan Cheese Ball

This cheese ball has all the makings of a holiday appetizer. It uses cheeses, cranberries and nuts. You could substitute any blue cheese for the gorgonzola. This appetizer is a pretty one if served on a pretty plate. Eat it with butter crackers, and it is great!

8 oz. cream cheese at room temperature
1¾ C. grated cheddar cheese
½ C. gorgonzola cheese, crumbled
1 t. Worcestershire sauce
1 t. cayenne pepper
1 small garlic clove, finely grated
2 green onions, thinly sliced
¾ C. dried cranberries
½ t. salt
½ t. pepper
¾ C. chopped toasted pecans

Combine the cream cheese, cheddar, gorgonzola, Worcestershire sauce, cayenne, garlic white part of green onion, ¼ C. dried cranberries, salt and pepper in a food processor. Pulse until the mixture is almost smooth, with just a few bits of cheese and cranberries.

Finely chop the remaining ½ C. dried cranberries and pecans, toss in a shallow dish. Scoop the cheese mixture from the food processor with a rubber spatula and add to the dish with the pecan mixture. Coat your hands with cooking spray and shape the cheese mixture into a ball. Roll and press the ball in the pecan mixture to coat. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour and up to 8 hours before serving.

Butternut Squash Jumble

If you like squash, this side dish is perfect for Thanksgiving or any winter meal. I heard on the television that the Native Americans introduced squash at the first Thanksgiving. The squash may have been the only part of the first meal (besides corn) that was present back in 1620 and today. This jumble adds the sweet potatoes, cranberries, and pecans for a little different taste.

1 medium butternut squash, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
2 lbs. sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
2 T. olive oil
1 t. salt
¾ t. dried thyme
½ t. pepper
1 C. crumbled gorgonzola cheese
1 C. chopped pecans, toasted
¾ C. dried cranberries
¼ C. chopped parsley

Preheat the oven to 425. In a large bowl, combine the squash, sweet potatoes, olive oil, salt, thyme, and pepper. Transfer to a greased jelly roll pan. Roast until tender about 40 to 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. To serve, place mixture in a serving bowl. Sprinkle with cheese, pecans, cranberries and parsley.

Chicken Mushroom Pot Pie with Biscuits

This casserole is a spin off of a traditional pot pie. I think you could substitute the dark meat of cooked turkey for the chicken if you wanted. If you use the herbs in a dried stage, you need to remember that you substitute 1 teaspoon dried herbs for 1 tablespoon fresh herbs.

Filling:
1 T. olive oil
1 lb. skinless, boneless chicken thighs, trimmed of excess fat and cut into ½ inch pieces
½ t. salt
Pepper to taste
4 T. salted butter
2 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into ½ inch chunks
8 oz. mushrooms, sliced
¼ C. frozen pearl onions, thawed
¼ C. flour
2 t. chopped fresh sage
2 t. chopped fresh thyme
2½ C. chicken broth

Biscuits:
2 C. flour
4 t. baking powder
½ t. salt
1 stick cold salted butter, cut into small pieces
2 t. chopped fresh thyme
¾ C. cold whole milk, plus more as needed

Preheat the oven to 400. For the filling, heat the olive oil in a 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and season with the salt and a shake of pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until browned, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove the chicken to a plate. Reduce the heat to medium and add the butter. Once the butter is melted, add the potato, mushrooms, and pearl onions. Cook stirring, occasionally, until the mushrooms begin to wilt and brown, about three minutes. Sprinkle with the flour, sage, and thyme and stir to coast. Add the chicken broth and cook until thickened, about one minute. Bring to a simmer. Return the chicken to the skillet and cook until the vegetables are almost tender, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, for the biscuits: combine the flour, baking powder and salt in a food processor and pulse to combine. Add the butter pieces and pulse until the mixture looks like coarse crumbs. Add the thyme and drizzle in the milk. Pulse just until the dough begins to clump together, adding a tablespoon or two of additional milk if needed.

Place the filling in a 9 x 13 baking dish which has been sprayed with cooking oil. Drop the biscuits in spoonfuls onto the filling. Place baking dish on a cookie sheet to catch any run overs of the filling. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until the biscuits are golden brown. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving.

Turkey Vegetable Bake

I always like to give you a recipe for leftover turkey. This one is easy and uses some great vegetables. Enjoy a new way to eat turkey.

2 C. sliced fresh mushrooms
¾ C. chopped red pepper
1/3 C. chopped onion
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 T. butter
2 T. canola oil
¼ C. flour
¾ t. salt
½ t. dried thyme, crushed
¼ t. pepper
2 C. milk
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained
2 C. cooked brown rice
2 C. chopped, cooked turkey
½ C. finely shredded Parmesan cheese
Parsley for garnish

Preheat the oven to 350. In an extra large skillet, cook and stir mushrooms, pepper, onion, and garlic in butter and oil over medium heat until tender. Stir in flour, salt, thyme, and pepper. Slowly stir in milk and cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Stir in spinach, rice, turkey and ¼ C. Parmesan. Spoon mixture into a 2 qt. rectangular baking dish that has been sprayed with cooking spray. Sprinkle with remaining Parmesan. Bake covered for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake for 10 minutes more or until heated through. Let stand for 15 minutes before serving. Garnish with chopped parsley.

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Local Sources	1000	3,713,384	1,046,999	345,345	294,916	314,919	906	20,256	109,092	110,330
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	2,507,954	125,000	0	228,356	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	829,023	11,160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		7,050,361	1,183,159	345,345	523,272	314,919	906	20,256	109,092	110,330
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		6,759,047	1,235,263	343,225	416,841	251,445	0		117,105	176,149
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		4,678,537	1,409,678	10,641	1,009,029	380,038	55,410	517,869	179,818	462,306
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		4,969,851	1,357,574	12,761	1,115,460	443,512	56,316	538,125	171,805	396,487

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than $25,000 Benson, Luke; Copus, Barbara; Crandall, Richard; Duncan, Tamara; Erb, Susan; Gerbode, Joy; Hillmer, Katherine; Jeffrey, JoAnne; Jogerst, Nancy Jean-Paige; Krug, Patricia; Kuhlmyer, Susan; Marggraf, Hannah; Moest, Barbara; Mulhall, Timothy; Popp, Alan; Russell, Roger; Scheider, Susan; Schneider, Karly; Schneiderman, Steven; Simler, Linda; Sleezer, Kathleen; Stachowicz, Ali; Unger, David; Wagner, Karly; Werhane, Adam **Salary Range: $25,000 - $39,999** Arendt, Conor; Belander, Sarah; Duchow, Tiffanie A; Ferguson, Emily; Gift, Jerrid; Killian, Lindsey; Lazzara, Jamie; Linden, Andrea; Lyvers, Alison; Maurer, Hannah; McMullen, Matthew; Raab, Katy; Schultz, Katelyn; Stepanek, Melissa; Stodden, Lindsay; White, Emily **Salary Range: $40,000 - $59,999** Anderson, Rebecca; Baldauf, Brooke; Benson, Kyle; Blakely, Jessica; Blakely, Mark; Blakely, Matthew; Bonebright, Sara; Daughenbaugh, Tamarah; Feiner, Jane; Freedlund, Brianne; Fry, Tabitha; Geiseman, Michael; Hahne, Ryan; Hasselman, Jessica; Jones, Kristin; Kent, Lindsey; Larson, Kari; Leamon, Kimberly; Linnemann, Katrina; March, Jason; Meador, Mary; Meyers-Matz, Stephanie; Modica, Mary; Monigold, Debra; Ortiz, Jacqueline; Parkinson, Christina; Pieper, Kelli; Richardson, Erin; Rickels, Austin; Robinson, James; Schoeny, Tracy; Schultz, Renee; Snook, Jacob; Spidahl, Allison; Tiesman, Kristin; Voreis, Linda; Werhane, Katherine; Werhane, Nick; Wilks, Tiffanie; Wirtz, William; Woodley, Jamie **Salary Range: 60,000 - $89,999** Amendt, Susan; Arand, Richard; Benson, Heather; Chrisman, Holly; DeZell, Ann; Lobdell, Andy; Milder, Kevin; Milder, Kimberly; Price, Leslie; Sargent, Stacy; Smargiassi, Brenda; Smargiassi, Thomas; Stevens, Catherine **Salary Range: $90,000 and over** Chiles, Thomas; Kuehl, Mark

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Salary Range: Less Than $25,000

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BENNING GROUP LLC	12,000.00
BRAIN POP LLC	2,950.00
BRG Precision Products Inc	4,926.54
Capital City Tent Rental	3,150.00
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COMMUNITY BANK HSA	47,738.75
CONNOR CO.	3,172.00
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Curriculum Associates Inc	19,958.53
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ENTRE COMPUTER SOLUTIONS	86,159.38
Explore Learning	2,965.50
Follett School Solutions	5,360.32
Freeport Metal Specialties	8,393.34
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GILL`S FREEPORT DISPOSAL	12,581.93
GM Financial Leasing	4,509.32
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Symmetry Energy Solutions LLC	34,389.63
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Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	1,882,356	0	0	106,838	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	604,691	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		4,652,520	220,897	108,277	229,973	206,505	0	30,668	124,293	30,356
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		4,706,242	514,284	129,506	258,658	173,913	58,877		116,578	502
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		-9,711	0	21,004	0	0	650,000	-661,293	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		189,366	423,643	485	284,446	102,860	3,506	1,507,125	45,375	315,354
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		125,933	130,256	260	255,761	135,452	594,629	876,500	53,090	345,208

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than $25,000 ANDERSON, CAROLYN; ASCHE, RILEY; BANGHART, HOLLY; BRUNNER, SOPHIA; CLAY, ELIZABETH; COATS, J MICHAEL; COOPER, KAITLIN; DORTY, CLARENE; HAYES, ASHLEY; JEFFREY, JOANNE; JOGERST, NANCY; KEMPEL, TESSA; KROGULL, KIMBERLY; KRUSE, JO; KUBERSKI, DEBBIE; KUHLMYER, SUSAN; LOGEMANN, WILLIAM; MALLEY, KEVIN; MCPEEK, PERRY; MOSCATO, JAMES; MULHALL, TIMOTHY; PETERS, BONITA; RADFORD, LINDA; ROBBINS, JOSHUA; RYAN, BRIDGET; SCHAVE, ERIC; SCHNEIDER, KARLY; TURNER, JAMIE; UNGER, DAVID; URISH, CHRISTEEN; VANDEBURGH, PAMELA; WADE, RHONDA; WHITEBREAD, CARLA **Salary Range: $25,000 - $39,999** BOYER, SARAH; COLLINS, ALEXANDRA; DUNCAN, SHANON; JONES, KAYLEIGH; KEMPEL, DANIELLE; MERBOTH, NICOLE; PICKARD, KATELYN; RASMUSSEN, HANNAH; SCHLEMME, KYLIE; SERVIN, DEVIN; TESSENDORF, HEATHER **Salary Range: $40,000 - $59,999** BROUHARD, ALLISON; BUNKER, JODEEN; DOWNEY, SEAN; EHLERS, TAMMY; FRANSEN, KRISTI; GALLAGHER, KRISTEN; GRAF, JAMIE; HAMILTON, DEBRA; JOHNSON, WILLIAM; KOSTALLARI, ADRIAN; KREISER, CRAIG; LAWLER, KELLY; LORIG, KIMBERLEY; MILAM, MATTHEW; MOORE, ASHLEY; PAULEY, JODY; PITTS, JENNIFER; RAUCH, JANET; ROBINSON, JUDY; SCOTT, SANDRA; SMITH, COURTNEY; SPAHR, MEGAN; TESKE, MILENA; VISEL, BARBI; WILLIAMS, KIMBERLY; WOODLEY, SCOTT; ZINK, JOEL **Salary Range: $60,000 - $89,999** ASCHE, BENJAMIN; CHRISMAN, BRENT; ENDRESS, SHAUNA; HAWKINSON, STEVEN; SCOTT, DONALD **Salary Range: $90,000 and over** MICHAEL SCHIFFMAN

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than $25,000 ADAMS, TARA; ALBRECHT, KATHY; BOYER, LORI; BREMMER, MELANIE; BRINKMEIER, AMY; BRISCOE, MICHAEL; BROUHARD, ALLISON; CHRISTIANSEN, JESSICA; CIFONIE,CLAIRE; DAMPMAN, KRISTY; DAWS, LAIKEN; DIETMEIER, LAVONNE; DITZLER, ROBERT; DOWNEY, SEAN; DOWNS, ZACKERY; ELLIOTT, JENNIFER; ENSOR, JACEY; FALK, TAMMY; FINN, SCOTT; FORTH, BRENDA; FRANSEN, HALLE; FRANSEN, KRISTI; FREESE, JAMES; GARDNER, ALAINA; GRONEWOLD, ANDREW; HENRY, DIANE; HERSHBERGER, HANNAH; HOERER, ANNE; HOUGH, HEATHER; JOHNSON, WILLIAM; KAMPAS, JULIE; KEMPEL, LINDA; KEMPEL, SAMANTHA; KEMPEL, TESSA; KOEHN, SUSAN; KOHL, KEVIN; KONING, KEVIN; KROGULL, KIMBERLY; KROGULL, NICHOLAS; KUBERSKI, DEBBIE; LARAK, WENDY; LESKO, SAMANTHA; LITTLE, HANNAH; LORIG, KIMBERLEY; LOTT, MARSHA; LUTHER, REBECCA; LUTZ, JEAN; MALLEY, KEVIN; MANTHEI, NICOLE; MCKINNEY, ASHLEY; MILLER, LINDSAY; MILLER, STEVEN; MULHALL, TIMOTHY; MUSSER, BROCK; MYSLIWIEC, JOSEPH; OAKLEY, TYLER; PENA, ISABEL; PETTA, JENNIFER; PICKARD, JOSEPHINE; PICKARD, JULIE; PITTS, MADISON; PLAGER, RYNE; RADFORD, LINDA; REINING, DORAL; SCHIESHER, MEGAN; SCHLEMME, KYLIE; SCHNEIDER, ELIZABETH; SCHNEIDER, KARLY; SCOTT, DONALD; SHALLENBERGER, GRETCHEN; SMIELEWSKI, CELIA; SMITH, MICHAEL; TESSENDORF, HEATHER; TILLIS, CHELSEA; URISH, CHRISTEEN; VANDEBURGH, PAMELA; VINES, ROBERT; VOSS, DEANNE; WADE, RHONDA; WELP, RANDALL; WEST, JANE; WOKER, HARRIET **Salary Range: $25,000 - $39,999** HUENEFELD, LONNIE; HUENEFELD, TAMMY; SIEBER, PHILLIP; STEPHAN, LINDSAY; STONER, NATALIE **Salary Range: $40,000 - $59,999** KELTNER, JOHN; SHEFFEY, JANIS

Payments over $2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

Person, Firm, or Corporation	**Aggregate Amount**
ADRENALINE FUNDRAISING	3424.50
AERO GROUP, INC.	7340.80
ALPHA CONTROLS & SERVICE	5226.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	13802.51
ARTHUR J GALLAGHER R	4433.00
AUDIO ENGINEERING	3600.00
B & T AUTOMOTIVE INC	6261.60
BENNING GROUP, LLC	10600.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	552111.19
BONNELL INDUSTRIES IN	3589.13
BSN SPORTS, INC.	3428.73
BUNKER CORPORATE LEASE	4171.92
CareerTEC	43611.93
CDW-GOVERNMENT	123244.22
COMMONWEALTH EDIS	55716.26
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE	4398.50
DOLAN EDUCATION CENTER	41300.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INS	4180.04
FISCHER EXCAVATING, INC	5326.00
GAME TIME	10247.47
GFD, INC.	7253.08
GORDON FOOD SERVICE	18419.13
GREAT MINDS PBC	7308.22
HARDER CORPORATION	12028.62
HEARTSPRING	253227.65
HORACE MANN	26200.00
IASB	3819.00
ILL. DEPT. OF REVENUE	135824.49
ILL. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	115337.46
ILLINOIS FIBER RESOURCE	7200.00
ILLINOIS STATE DISBURSEMENT	3848.16
IMPREST FUND	24153.21
INSTITUTE MULTI-SENSORY	9475.00
JANIS SHEFFEY	3500.00
JENNIFER PETTA	96725.19
JOSTEN`S	6900.73
KUNES COUNTRY	27129.60
LAKESIDE INTERNATIONAL	8394.69
LENA STATE BANK	7336.20
LENA-WINSLOW DIST. #202	3952.38
LINDSAY STEPHAN	4007.07
MCDERMAID ROOFING & INSULATING CO.	158877.00
MENARDS	4066.68
MIDLAND PAPER	3077.64
MONTICELLO SPORTS	6879.00
N.W. SPECIAL EDUC. DIST.	249323.82
NCS PEARSON, INC.	3320.00
NEWPORT TRUST COMPANY	3600.00
NICOLE MERBOTH	2683.60
NICOR GAS	8526.61
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIV	9000.00
NORTHWEST EVALUATION	3120.00
P.C.F.T.	22120.00
PEARL CITY ELEVATOR	20856.36
PEARL CITY PARK DISTRICT	3000.00
PEARL CITY SCHOOLS	19602.69
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE	11927.02
QNC, INC	8274.50
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS	22731.41
RICHARD JOHNSON ASSOC	59090.92
RIDDELL/ALL AMERICAN SPORTS	11778.25
ROBBINS SCHWARTZ	72365.00
ROCKFORD STEAM BOILER	7946.20
SANTANDER LEASING LLC	85652.00
SAVVAS LEARNING COMPANY	6978.96
SCOTT STICHTER	6701.00
SECURLY	12465.00
SELECTIVE	50776.00
SKYWARD ACCOUNTING DEPT	3551.00
STALKER SPORTS FLOORS	2500.00
STATE BANK OF PEARL CITY	430813.23
STATE NATIONAL INSURANCE	14459.00
SULLIVAN`S FOODS	3380.00
SYSCO BARABOO, LLC	39941.15
TEACHER`HEALTH INS. SEC.	47650.87
THE ATLANTA NATIONAL BANK	107973.33
THE HARTFORD	6000.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	10066.50
THRIVENT FINANCIAL	12200.00
THRIVENT MUTUAL FUND	9100.00
TIMBER-LEE	14460.00
TOTAL PLUMBING & HEATING	3776.90
TOUCHIT TECHNOLOGIES	5798.00
TRS-PAYROLL	217082.80
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	5707.01
VANGUARD ENERGY SERVICE	21850.23
VARSITY SPIRIT FASHION	2875.50
VISA	12781.17
WERHANE ENTERPRISES, LTD	15334.07
WEST INTERACTIVE SER	5250.13
WISC. DEPT. OF REVENUE	5219.31

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LEGAL NOTICES

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

River Ridge CUSD #210	4141 IL Rt 84 South, Hanover IL 61041	815-858-9005	8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
School District/Joint Agreement Name	*Address*	*Telephone*	*Office Hours*

Also by **January 15, annually** the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021**, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ **www.isbe.net.**

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2021

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	5,449,346	1,052,692	0	411,942	262,429	285,930	0	111,243	2,140
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	608,774	0	0	166,051	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	785,595	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		6,843,715	1,052,692	0	577,993	262,429	285,930	0	111,243	2,140
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		6,829,842	747,526	0	408,454	276,959	1,006,485		84,613	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		6,020,770	3,301,461	0	2,200,684	178,155	1,259,087	0	256,468	54,423
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		6,034,643	3,606,627	0	2,370,223	163,625	538,532	0	283,098	56,563

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than $25,000 Allendorf, Dianne M; Behlke, Brandon J; Crandall, Richard Wayne; Decker, Michael D; Diestelmeier, Tracy M; Hendren, Allen F; Howard, Linda J; KRUG, PATRICIA A; Parry, Kent R; REESE, NOELLE C; Roberts, Sue A; Sinagra, Brittany L; Thorsen, Kimberly V; Wiegel, David L **Salary Range: $40,000 - $59,999** Anderson, Ari A; Benson, Guinevere J; Bingham, Kate L; Brooks, Kelli A; Green, Jacob W; Hartman, Celia T; HOLCOMB, CARMEN C; LEHMAN, STEPHANIE; Mc Manus, Ciara A; Richmond, Sara J; Taylor, Thomas S **Salary Range: 60,000 - $89,999** Bochniak, Ann M; Byrne, Natalie J; Ditsworth, Tamara L; Downs, Dennis D; Ebensberger, Deborah Ann; Einsweiler, April J; Fry, Brett W; Fry, Krista A; Kelzer, Michelle L; Ketelsen, Tara M; Klippert, Alaina M; Knauer, Jeremy J; Kuzniar, Laura A; Lawson, Brittany A; Mc Govern-Mensendike, Molly A; Nicholas, Karla B; Ransom, Rhonda L; Reese, Debra C; Schafer, Linda K; Steele, Mary A; Stewart, Candace S; Tindell, Pamela T; Trone, Margaret L; Vandigo, Douglas H; Walters, Lara S; Wurster, Brian L; Wurster, Stephanie L **Salary Range: $90,000 and over** Albrecht, Bradley W; Albrecht, Corey K; Albrecht, Shean M; Buchs, Beau D; Dittmar, Michael E; Ertmer, Kevin M; Foltz, Jack M; Harkness, Robin E; Laity, Jennie A; Miles, Susan M; Potter, Brenda A; Smith, Tamera K; Tippett, Judy A

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than $25,000 Anderson, Carolyn W; Bainbridge, Nellie E; Basten, Debra L; Baxa, Kathryn V; Berlage, Jared K; Berning, Valerie J; Brenner, Lucy A; Brotherton, Heather M; Brown, Brian R; Brubaker, Kristina M; BUCK, SHAWN R; Cass, Brian Fred; Crist, Sandra A; Daugherty, Wendy L; Denys, Sandra Kay; Doran, Terri R; Douvikas, Kim A; Ertmer, Darcy E; Gabel, Mary S; Gerlich, Donna M; Grissinger, Elizabeth M; Harms, Ted M; Hatfield, Rebecca Ann; Holcomb, Patrick H; Iacomini, Michael R; Klepack, Gary L; Knauer, Cheryl L; Knauer, James D; Kutz, Bruce E; Kuzniar, Julianna M; Mahoney, Kellie Ann; Martinez, Heather A; MeKeel, Jessa L; Miller, Reese K; Naumann, Eugene J; Nobis, Deborah L; Palmer, Margaret A; Patterson, Terry L; Potter, Duane S; Rayhorn, Debra L; Richmond, Kally M; Ries, Joshua J; RIGDON, SHARON K; Ritchie, Natasha L; Schnitzler, Elizabeth K; Smith, Kylie A; Smith, Sharon K; Sprengelmeyer, Lily C; Stoewer, Tracy L; Thomasson, Jason Q; Vail, Kassie R; Walters, Kathryn M; Winter, Carrie L **Salary Range: $25,000 - $39,999** Cliff, Jennie K; Haas, Lloyd J; Klippert, Monica; Lisk, Donald R; Ludwig, Terri L; Miller, Scott W; Potter, Terri L; Schoenhaar, Jeffrey C; Walker, Mary Ann **Salary Range: $40,000 - $59,999** Basten, Robert A; Haas, Lisa M; Smallwood, Michael T **Salary Range: $60,000 and over** Nicholas, Douglas C; Randecker, Sharon L; Schleicher, Gloria J

Payments over $2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
** IMPREST FUND **	$15,331.68
2ND GEAR	$81,943.78
AFLAC WORLDWIDE HEADQRTS	$10,378.60
AMERICAN FUNDS SERVICE CO	$4,520.00
APPLE RIVER STATE BANK	$21,111.04
BENNING GROUP LLC	$10,450.00
BIMBO BAKERIES USA	$4,827.66
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD OF IL	$828,926.99
BROADSTEP ACADEMY-IL	$55,331.20
CHILEDA INSTITUTE INC	$213,839.27
CIVIL CONSTRUCTORS	$955,500.94
CONSERV FS	$5,409.73
COUNTRY LIFE INS CO	$4,320.00
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	$34,016.64
ELIZABETH GARAGE INC	$8,575.21
ELIZABETH ST BANK-FED TAX	$478,185.76
ELIZABETH ST BANK-FICA	$156,475.01
ELIZABETH ST BANK-MEDICAR	$107,944.91
EQUITRUST LIFE INS CO	$3,750.00
FRONTIER	$14,496.26
HARDER CORP	$5,708.48
HELM MECHANICAL/HELM SERV INC	$160,890.93
HM FLEX-DAYCARE	$13,004.00
HOME DEPOT PRO	$24,734.75
HOR MN-FLEX MEDICAL CARE	$45,785.56
HORACE MANN LIFE INS CO	$4,171.65
HORACE MANN-LIFE & ANN	$126,098.07
HULSCHER`S FENCING INC	$3,120.00
IA STATE TAX	$15,021.00
IFIBER	$8,400.00
IL ASSOC OF SCHOOL BOARDS	$4,495.00
IL BANK & TRUST	$7,959.04
IL CO RISK MANAGMNT TRUST	$36,294.00
IL DEPT OF REVENUE	$204,783.17
IL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENCY	$6,958.00
ILL MUN RET FUND-IMRF	$196,125.42
JAMES L DRAFTZ	$4,780.00
JO DAVIESS-CARROLL CTEA	$118,179.96
JO-CARROLL ENERGY	$240,019.03
KLOSS-WINTER ELECTRIC INC	$8,205.25
M & N SPROULE CONSTRUCTN	$6,020.00
MIDLAND PAPER COMPANY	$5,257.20
MIDWEST MEDICAL CENTER	$5,665.00
MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIP INC	$146,658.35
MONTGOMERY TRUCKING INC	$2,666.00
MONTICELLO SPORTS INC	$4,580.00
NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE SOLTN	$7,454.00
NIELAND REFRIGERATION	$3,270.33
NORTHWEST SPECIAL ED DIST	$526,226.33
POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC	$8,091.00
PROJECT LEAD THE WAY INC	$3,200.00
QUILL CORPORATION	$4,290.15
RED 8	$12,103.95
REGIONAL OFF OF EDUCATION	$4,440.50
RENAISSANCE LEARNING INC	$10,949.00
RICHARD L JOHNSON	$32,300.59
SAUNDERS OIL CO INC	$31,842.61
SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC	$6,035.14
SKYWARD INC	$7,234.00
SPECIALIZED DATA SYSTEMS	$5,410.00
SYSCO FOODS OF BARABOO	$49,902.02
T.H.I.S.	$93,829.63
TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTE	$400,960.79
TEAMSTERS LOCAL #120	$2,835.00
TRS-NEC .58%	$25,196.24
US FOODS	$13,153.98
WARD`S SCIENCE	$8,217.09
WASHINGTON NATL INS CO	$17,900.32
WERHANE ENTERPRISES LTD	$22,347.88
WISCONSIN DEPT OF REV	$3,474.74
WORKERS` COMPENSATION	$38,546.00

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

Finance of America Reverse LLC
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Dixie Davis; Roxanne Gordon; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Roger Busch; United States of America - Federal Housing Commissioner; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Roger Busch (deceased)
DEFENDANTS
2021CH23
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Roger Busch
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
14444 W Blackhawk Road
Pearl City, IL 61062

and which said Mortgage was made by:
Roger Busch

the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Evolve Bank & Trust, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stephenson County, Illinois, as Document No. 201800163900; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Nathan A. Luy
Clerk of the Circuit Court
15 North Galena
Freeport, IL 61032

on or before December 10, 2021, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
Our File No. 14-21-03523

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
ERIC R DITTMAR A/K/A ERIC DITTMAR; KATHLEEN DITTMAR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.
21 CH 11
812 SOUTH LOCUST AVENUE
FREEPORT, IL 61032
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on October 21, 2021, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on 01/04/2022, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 09:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

THE NORTH HALF OF LOTS 19 AND 20, AND THE EAST 10 FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 18 IN BLOCK 6 OF KNOWLTON'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF FREEPORT, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 4, 1850 IN BOOK I OF DEEDS, PAGE 122 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2976.

TAX NO. 18-14-31-309-020

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 812 South Locust Avenue

Freeport, IL 61032

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is brick. The color is brown. The gas is on. The water is on. The property does not have a fence. The property is vacant.

The Judgment amount was $62,252.86.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

For Information: Visit our website at http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 21-07037IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
PEARL CITY PARK DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2020 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2021

Revenues: Property Taxes, $119,480; Replacement Taxes, $6992; Program Fees, $8776; Misc., $70. TOTAL = $135,318.

Salaries: Cole Miller, $21837; Seth Owen, $4703; Michael Palmer, $8511; Quinn Schneider, $3852; Kristine Visel $3244. TOTAL = $42,147.

Vendors: EFTPS, $13,130; I Parks, $7869;VISA, $6708;Deere & Co, $6490; The Hartford, $5815; ComEd, $5789; Menards, $5069; Spahn &Rose, $3038; Rise Broadband, $2934; IL Dept of Revenue, $2576; Nicor, $2549; Sub Total = $61967; All Disbursements under $2,500 = $14843. Grand Total = $76,810

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION
General

Beginning:	
Fund Balance……	$ 78,214
Revenue……	$135,318
Expenditures……	$118,957
Other Financing	
Transfers In (Out)……	0
Ending:	
Fund Balance……	$ 94,575

I, Kristine Visel, Treasurer of the Pearl City Park District, Stephenson County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021.

Kristine Visel, Treasurer

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION

Public Notice is hereby given that on **November 9th, A.D. 2021,** a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business **GLOW** located at **2010 W. Galena Ave., Freeport, Illinois 61032.**

Dated this 9th day of November A.D. 2021

LISA K. BARKALOW
Deputy County Clerk and Recorder

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
In Probate
IN THE ESTATE OF:
NANCY C. O'LEARY,
deceased
Case No. 21 P 100
CLAIM NOTICE

TO: CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

1. Notice is hereby given of the death of NANCY C. O'LEARY who died on July 25, 2021, a resident of Freeport, Illinois.

2. Letters of Testamentary were issued on August 31, 2021 to the Executor for the estate, KEVIN O'LEARY.

3. The attorney for the estate is Paul J. Huber, 226 Lake Summerset Rd., Davis, IL 61019

4. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 15 N. Galena, Freeport, IL 61032 or with the Executors, or both, on or before May 25, 2022, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney with 10 days after it has been filed.

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New Prairie Farms CEO looks to build off successes

By Daniel Grant
FARMWEEK

Prairie Farms Dairy recently named Matt McClelland as chief executive officer, effective Jan. 1.

He'll replace longtime CEO Ed Mullins, who decided to step down and assume an advisory role as senior executive officer, after more than 40 years with the largest dairy cooperative in the Midwest.

With more than 30 years of his own experience at Prairie Farms, founded in Carlinville in 1938 and currently headquartered in Edwardsville, McClelland looks to build off successes and maintain a strong network of farmer members.

"We've got to maintain quality. That's the foundation of our business, from the farm to the consumer," McClelland told the RFD Radio Network as he envisions a Prairie Farms 2.0. "There's no reason to fix something that isn't broken. We just have to be ready to move with technology, the times or whatever it might be."

Elements of the cooperative include more than 700 farm families, 8,100 employees, 50 manufacturing plants, more than 100 distribution facilities and annual sales of more than $3 billion.

"It all starts with our producer members," McClelland said. "We've got to do everything we can to make sure we continue to maintain and grow the market share for the products coming off the farm and make sure they (farmer members) are getting the support they need from the company to maintain that."

Prairie Farms continues to expand its lineup of products and recently received 47 awards at the 2021 World Dairy Expo Dairy Product Contest.

Its small curd cottage cheese won grand champion for taste, quality and freshness. Prairie Farms products, including cheese, cream cheese, yogurt, ice cream, flavored milk and onion dip, also received 14 first-place awards, 19 second-place and 13 third-place at the contest.

"We continue to fight the uphill battle of declining consumption of dairy products, specifically gallons of white milk," McClelland said. "We do a lot of work to maintain that segment of our business. But, we do even more work to grow the business, whether it be value-adds or flavored products, we're always looking to expand the portfolio. Those are the things helping us grow the business."

As for his vision of promoting milk sales in a cluttered and highly competitive beverage market, McClelland said it's back to basics.

"There's no better bang for your buck (than milk) when it comes to nutrition," he said.

A key challenge during the change of leadership at Prairie Farms likely will continue to revolve around supply chain and workforce issues.

"I think, unfortunately, what we experienced the last year is probably something we'll continue to experience for six months or another year," Mullins said.

"The lack of available workforce that's willing to work and do the job you need them to is a challenge that goes all the way through the system."

Mullins, who looks forward to spending more time with his family and doing charity work in his new, reduced role, believes Prairie Farms has the right person for the job in McClelland to tackle the challenges and grow the cooperative.

"Prairie Farms built a culture, and Matt embodies that culture," Mullins said.

McClelland first started working for Prairie Farms as a senior in high school in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He took the job to make truck payments to his father.

"For some reason, I thought it would be neat to load milk trucks after school in the afternoons. That's how it all got started 31 years ago," McClelland said.

As a senior in college at Southeast Missouri State, McClelland wrote a letter to Mullins to express his interest in turning his job into a career at Prairie Farms. McClelland started in Prairie Farms' management training program after college and, as of Jan. 1, he moves from senior vice president of sales to CEO.

• Fluoride

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While the children in Bauxite had severe staining, the children in the next town just five miles away did not. Fortunately, Bauxite was home to the headquarters of the Aluminum Company of America, which had a highly sophisticated lab capable of performing photospectrographic analysis. The company chemist, H.V. Churchill, reported that the water contained elevated levels of fluoride and encouraged Dr. McKay to collect samples from the other towns so he might assess those as well. These findings led to a flurry of investigations at the PHS, headed by Dr. Trendley from the National Institute of Health (NIH). Dr. Trendley wanted to discover at what level fluoride could prevent decay, but not stain the teeth. To do this he needed a way to precisely measure fluoride levels. It took NIH chemist Dr. Elias Elvove two years, but he ultimately developed a way to measure fluoride levels with accuracy to 0.1 parts per million(ppm). By the late 1930s, the PHS investigators reported that fluoride levels up to 1.0 ppm did not cause staining (fluorosis) in the majority of people and only mild fluorosis in a small percentage. Dr. Trendley needed a way to prove that adding fluoride to drinking water, at levels that did not stain, could help prevent tooth decay. In 1945 Grand Rapids Michigan voted to add fluoride to its drinking water. Researchers would then monitor the rate of tooth decay in their 3,000 school children for fifteen years. After just eleven years Dr. Trendley was able to report that tooth decay had dropped by 60%. We have Dr. McKay's determination and tenacity to solve the riddle to thank for giving us fluoride as the most significant tool to fight tooth decay and change dentistry to a prevention-oriented profession.

A recent study reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association, which examined Medicaid claims for children ages 0-9 living in Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts and Texas, showed that even a slight increase in the number of people reached by community water fluoridation (CWF) resulted in fewer cavity-related dental visits. Once again proving that CWF benefits children, families and our health system.

• Kitchen

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Caramel Pecan Pretzel Bars

Someone sent this recipe to me because they know I like to make cookie bars. The hardest part of the recipe is unwrapping the caramels. Try this no bake recipe that could be a great go-to treat.

2¼ C. semisweet chocolate chips
1 (16 oz. bag) Pretzel Twists, gently crushed
1½ C. chopped pecans
2 bags (11 oz.) soft caramels, unwrapped
¼ C. heavy cream
1½ t. vegetable oil
Sea salt

Grease a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. Line baking dish with parchment paper, leaving a 2-inch overhang on all sides. In a medium microwave safe bowl, microwave the chocolate chips until just melted, about 2 minutes and 30 seconds. Stir until smooth. Pour all but ¼ C. of the melted chocolate into the prepared baking dish and spread into an even layer with an offset spatula.

Reserve 1 C. of the pretzels. Scatter the pecans evenly over the top of the melted chocolate in the baking dish, gently pressing them into the chocolate. Pour pretzels evenly over the top of the pecans. In another medium microwave safe bowl, combine the caramel and the heavy cream and microwave until just melted, about three minutes. Stir until smooth. Drizzle the caramel, evenly over the top of the pretzels and chocolate in the baking dish. Scatter reserved 1 C. of pretzels over the top and gently press into caramel. Stir the oil into the reserved ¼ C. of melted chocolate and drizzle over the bars in the baking dish. Refrigerate until well chilled and set, about 2 hours. Cut into bars, sprinkle with sea salt, and serve chilled.

Cranberry Magic Bars

I have made the traditional magic bars many times. Someone suggested this recipe using cranberries. They make a pretty addition to a holiday plate and are perfect for Thanksgiving.

Crust:
1 C. sugar
1 t. baking powder
3 C. flour
¾ t. cinnamon
1 egg, lightly whisked
¼ C. sliced almonds
1 C. (2 sticks) butter, cold and cubed

Filling:
¾ C. white chocolate chips
1 C. fresh cranberries
½ C. sweetened condensed milk
½ C. sliced almonds
½ C. shredded coconut

Preheat oven to 350. Line a 9 x 9 baking dish with parchment paper. If your parchment paper isn't sticking, lightly spray some baking spray between the baking dish and the parchment paper to help it stick. In a large bowl, add the first six ingredients (sugar, baking powder, flour, cinnamon, eggs, and almonds) and mix well. Using your hands or a fork, add the cold butter and mix until crumbly and coarse. Pour and press half of the crust mixture into the prepared baking dish. Bake for 10 minutes or until set. Once the crust is done and set, sprinkle the chocolate chips and cranberries on the crust. Drizzle the sweetened condensed milk over the chocolate and cranberries. Sprinkle the almonds and coconuts on the top of the other filling ingredients. Crumble the remaining crust mixture over the top. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until set and lightly browned.

Final Thoughts

We celebrate Thanksgiving this week. Some people are still not having a full-fledged Thanksgiving because of the increase in COVID cases. Unfortunately, I know of some people who are struggling with this disease. I urge you all to be careful at all times until we see these cases go down again. On a more positive note, Christmas decorations are popping up all over. Many people took advantage of the warm days to put up outside decorations. Downtown Lena looks really festive. I am waiting for my elves to bring things from the basement so I can start decorating this year. We will be looking for some good cookie recipes. If you have found any new ones or want to share some old ones, be sure to send them our way. We continue to look for holiday recipes for Christmas. We are in the market for recipes that use cranberries, apples or pumpkins. We are also in the market for some seasonal side dishes and some soup recipes. I hope that you all have a safe and happy Thanksgiving full of eating and visiting. If you would like to share, contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *Shopper's Guide* at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

REAL ESTATE LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
ERIC R DITTMAR A/K/A ERIC DITTMAR; KATHLEEN DITTMAR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.
21 CH 11
812 SOUTH LOCUST AVENUE
FREEPORT, IL 61032
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on October 21, 2021, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on 01/04/2022, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 09:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 18-14-31-309-020
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Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is brick. The color is brown. The gas is on. The water is on. The property does not have a fence. The property is vacant.

The Judgment amount was $62,252.86.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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Stockton FFA holiday door signs

The Stockton FFA Chapter has been making Thanksgiving door signs in its shop. These Thanksgiving "Gobble 'til You Wobble" and Merry Christmas signs are for sale at $20 each. Signs can be customized and are available in multi-colored wood or a single wood color. Additionally, the Merry Christmas sign can be in red or green. To place your order, contact the Stockton FFA Advisor Hannah Brudi at hannah.brudi@stocktonschools.com or send the Stockton FFA Chapter a message on Facebook. All proceeds will go to the chapter and help with the cost of attending conventions, conferences, and contests.

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Stockton FFA Senior's Alexi Haas and Jenna Haas show off the hand-made, multi-colored wood Thanksgiving door signs.

Reservations open for Warren Music Program trip to Chicago

The Warren Music Program is seeking adults who want to attend the music trip to Chicago. The Warren Music Program takes a trip every four years to a destination where the kids can learn about music and see a different city and way of life.

Participating students fundraise for four years in order to be able to afford the cost of their trip. Unfortunately the trip scheduled for last year to New York was cancelled due to Covid. In lieu of the New York trip, the Music Program will be taking a shortened trip to Chicago from Apr. 11 to 13 with fewer students attending. The program is seeking adults who may want to attend this trip with the students in order to keep the cost of the trip low for students.

The cost of the trip for adults is $875 for a double room or $1091 for a single room. This cost includes the tour bus ride to and from Chicago, the hotel fee, tickets to many attractions, as well as some of the meals on the trip. Some of the destinations that will be visited during this trip are the John Hancock Building (360 and Tilt), The Art Institute of Chicago, a Boat Tour of Chicago, shopping on the Magnificent Mile, Moulin Rouge the Musical, the Field Museum, The Shedd Aquarium, and Navy Pier.

Reservations must be made by Dec. 15. For questions, please reach out to Ashley Almquist at 815-745-2641 ext 1256.

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go to their grandchildren for help. What if our new ideas and opinions were sought and respected like our smartphone skills? Think of the input we could contribute when we are better educated in America's current state. Like generations before us, we each create a picture of the world in which we would like to successfully, safely, and happily live life. Today's world is not a picture anyone expected. When the older generations listen and truly hear our ideas, concerns, fears, dreams, and goals, we may feel better united. For everyone, open-mindedness is the key to empathy, leading to unity, giving us the power to change America for the better.

In order to know where we go from here, we need to know what to do now. What is the "now"? "Now" is complicated, "now" has no short definition. We create the "now." Now, we can start educating ourselves about the current state of America. Now we can start listening to each other's concerns and solutions. Now we can learn, understand, and respect. The more we achieve that as a country, the more we can reunite to change and improve America as a whole. As Abraham Lincoln once said, "The best way to predict the future is to create it."

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