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Noah Lundblade receives hero award

Julia Moore of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary presented Noah Lundblade of Beloit, Wisconsin with an American Legion Auxiliary Hero Award. Noah Lundblade, age 4, helped save his father, Matt Lundblade, after his dad had a seizure while driving. Matt Lundblade's car hit a telephone pole and went down a 20-foot ravine, and that's when Noah sprang into action. "Noah grabbed his dinosaur and climbed out of the front passenger side door," Matt said. "He saw a lady walking with her granddaughter, he climbed over power lines that were right next to the vehicle and ran down and got help for us." First responders got there just in time to save Matt's life. Matt explained, "The paramedics and the doctors said that if it wasn't for Noah having such courage and doing what he did, I wouldn't be here today."

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Lady Panthers win three straight

By Trenten Scheidegger
SPORTS REPORTER

After a bit of a rocky start, the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers have hit their stride as of late, winning three straight and going 5-1 over their last six games. After dropping the first two games of the 2022 softball season, the Lady Panthers bounced back with a pair of wins over Morrison and Boylan Catholic. Once they reached a five hundred winning percentage, Le-Win found themselves needing to bounce back again, as they fell to 2-3 after a March 30 loss to Newman Central Catholic. There was no panic for Le-Win and their Head Coach Ryan Hahne, however, as the Panthers responded by winning three consecutive games.

On Monday, April 4, Le-Win played host to the South Beloit Sobos in a non-conference matchup. The Lady Panthers found themselves trailing early as the Sobos posted a two spot in the top of the first inning. That lead would not last long, however, as the Panthers responded by taking advantage of some defensive miscues in the bottom half. Kyah White had a big first inning as she rounded the bases on an inside the park homerun.

After going up 5-2 after just one inning, the Panthers would only extend their lead over the next few innings. Rachael Setterstrom was in the circle for Le-Win. Setterstrom settled down after the first inning and went on to pitch three innings, allowing just two hits and one earned run, while striking out six. With Setterstrom and the Le-Win defense keeping the

Sobos off the board, the Panthers were able to work their way to a 17-2 lead, allowing them to end the game early by way of the mercy rule.

Freshman Maddy Chiles came in to pitch the final inning. Chiles was nearly perfect as she struck out the side but allowed a walk in her lone inning of work. Chiles was also one for two at the plate with a walk. Le-Win had three players with three runs batted in each, as Setterstrom was two for two with four runs scored, two walks, and three RBIs. Kieran Madigan was three for four with three RBIs and two runs scored, and White was a perfect three for three with three runs scored and three RBIs.

Two days later, the Panthers were back on the diamond as they faced off with the Pecatonica Indians in a double header between two NUIC opponents. The Indians came into the games with a record of just 1-3.

Game one featured an offensive showdown as both teams had the bats working early. Chiles was in the circle for the Panthers and despite having the strikeout pitching, the freshman would allow eight earned runs against the Indians. Fortunately for Le-Win their offense was even more impressive as they combined for 16 hits in game one.

The Lady Panthers found themselves trailing 6-2 when they entered the top of the fourth inning. That was where the bats came to life as Le-Win broke out for a ten-run inning which completely altered the course of the game. The mo-

mentum swing was clear as the Panthers took control for the remainder of the game going on to win by a score of 18-8.

Chiles pitched all seven innings, striking out 11 and walking three, while allowing nine hits. Chiles collected the win for game one. Emma Kempel led the way offensively, going three for four with three RBIs and one run scored. Setterstrom was right there with her, going three for five with three RBIs and two runs scored. Cierra Hatelak was one for one with two RBIs and a run scored.

In game two, Le-Win picked up right where they left off at the end of game one. They jumped out to an early four run lead thanks to a three spot in the bottom of the third. They added to that lead with five runs in the bottom of the third and went on to win the game 13-3 thanks to the ten-run rule.

Setterstrom was the winning pitcher in game two as she pitched all five innings, allowing four hits and three earned runs, while striking out three and having zero walks. Setterstrom was also a perfect four for four at the plate with three runs scored and two RBIs. Madigan had another big game going three for three with three RBIs and two runs scored. White was two for three with two runs scored in game two.

It was the Panthers' third consecutive win and their first two conference wins of the season. They will look to keep it rolling on Thursday, April 14, when they travel to face off with the Dakota Indians.

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CHARLES ALLEN OSTERDAY

Charles Allen Osterday, Sr., 92 of Freeport, passed away at the Monroe Clinic Hospital on Feb. 19. He was born in Lamont, Wisconsin on May 25, 1929, to Howard and Muriel (Anderson) Osterday. Charlie graduated from Darlington Wisconsin High School in 1947. He married Corolyn "Corky" Curry on Aug. 12, 1950, at the Methodist Church in Darlington. In 2021, Charlie and Corky celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary. They had two children together, their son



Charles A. Osterday, Jr., of New Paris, IN and daughter Vici Otte of Freeport.

Charlie was in the Army serving during the Korean Conflict. He and Corky moved to Stockton, IL where he built his business, Osterday Electric, before going into the building business. Later he worked as the Building Coordinator for Branager Organization at Galena Ter-

ritories until his retirement. During his working career, Charlie not only built homes but also built many lifelong friendships.

While living in Stockton, Charlie was involved in the Stockton Village Board, Stockton Volunteer Fire Department, and was on the original Stockton Fireworks Committee where he helped with the 4th of July Display and Development Group. He told many stories of the adventurous times while setting up displays and setting off the fireworks, recounting both planned and unplanned events. Charlie was a member of the Masons, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the American Legion.

Charlie and Corky moved to Freeport, IL in 1995 and lived there until his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Corky of Freeport; son Charles A. (Ellyn) Osterday, Jr. of New Paris, IN; daughter

Vici (Kevin) Otte, of Freeport. Six grandchildren; Charles A. (Kristi) Osterday, III of Middlebury, IN, Darrin (Abby) Osterday of Archbold, OH, Eric (Elizabeth) Osterday of Vernon, CT, Mitchell (Lauren) Osterday of Whitestown, IN, Heather (John) Cox of (Metamora, IL and Matthew (special friend, Amy) Otte of Freeport; sister Ardith (Larry) Benson; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Osterday and Cynthia Eastlick; sister and brother-in-law Bobby and Jake Werkheiser; ten great-grandchildren; Allyson, Christian, Anna, Graycen, Lydia, Owen, Liam, Charlotte, Harrison and Ellie; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Lois and her husband Harlie Miller; brother Lyle; brothers-in-law Ted Curry and Dale Eastlick.

He dearly loved his family and friends, seldom missed a class reunion, and enjoyed time on the Mississippi River

with his boating friends at the Dubuque Marina, where he was affectionately known as the "Mayor of I-Dock". Charlie will always be remembered as a gentle man and a gentleman.

Cremation Rights were accorded, and family graveside

services will be held at a later date at Union Grove Cemetery in Darlington, WI. with the intent of military honors.

Memorial money will be given to the Stockton Fireworks Committee. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.letonmfh.com.

Lawmakers wrap up session with early-morning passage of \$46.5 billion budget

Package includes temporary tax cuts to soften impact of inflation

By Jerry Nowicki and Peter Hancock

CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois lawmakers worked until the early hours of April 9 to pass a \$46.5 billion spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year, as well as a \$1.8 billion package of mostly-temporary tax cuts that Democrats

time the bills were being discussed by the Senate Executive Committee. Republicans took issue with the late filing of the more than 4,700 pages of legislation outlining spending and tax policy for the upcoming fiscal year that begins July 1.

"Everybody in this room knows it's damn near impossible to know what's actually happening here without a bill being filed," Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, said at the hearing that concluded after 10 p.m. "How do you possibly begin to ask questions about something that doesn't yet exist?"

Democrats didn't directly answer, but the numbers discussed at the evening hearing and later in floor debate were generally the same ones announced by Gov. JB Pritzker and Democratic leaders in the General Assembly during an April 7 news conference.

"This budget funds education, health care, public safety, it funds our pension liabilities, and it continues investing in our priorities," Sen. Elgie Sims, D-Chicago, said during floor debate Saturday morning.

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A way to make Illinois' tax system more fair, and boost the state's economy

By Ralph Martire
CONTRIBUTOR

For more than three decades, flaws in Illinois tax policy have resulted in two really bad consequences.

Illinois has created the textbook definition of a "structural deficit" by allowing annual revenue growth in the state's General Fund to be typically insufficient to cover the cost of providing the same level of services from one fiscal year into the next. With more than 95 percent of General Fund expenditures in four core areas — education, health care, social services and public safety—the result is problematic. Add on Illinois' consistent ranking as one of the most unfair, regressive tax systems nationally, and you have a painful net result:

If you are low income in Illinois, you pay a high tax burden yet funding for the core services that enhance your community is low.

But a combination of good fortune, federal aid, and smart choices have significantly improved the fiscal outlook this

year. So much so that Illinois now projects it will have a \$3.4 billion on-budget surplus in its General Fund by year's end. To his credit, Gov. JB Pritzker has proposed using a good portion of this surplus to pay down existing debt, fund pre-existing bills Illinois owes for things like health insurance claims and college assistance programs, and build up Illinois' rainy day fund, to hedge against unforeseen future problems—all of which is very responsible.

There is, however, one more fiscally responsible thing the state can do that will really help families across Illinois: enact the initiatives detailed in House Bill 4920 and Senate Bill 3774.

First, the legislation would enhance the state's existing Earned Income Credit—by increasing its dollar value as well as expanding eligibility for claiming it. Illinois' EIC, which is based on the EITC given at the federal level, is a "refundable" tax credit targeted to low-income workers. This effectively puts money

in the pockets of folks who need it most. And we know it works. When benefits provided under the federal EITC were increased as part of the American Rescue Plan Act, almost 1.5 million Illinoisans benefited.

The proposed Illinois legislation would also create a new refundable Child Tax Credit to help low-to-no-income families with dependent children. Again, we know this will make a meaningful difference if it becomes law. When the federal Child Tax Credit was increased under ARPA, it benefited nearly 90

percent of Illinois children who are under age 17.

Expanding the EIC and creating a Child Tax Credit make all the sense in the world at this point in time. A growing chorus of advocates across the political spectrum recognize the predicament faced by low-income workers—the hardest hit by the pandemic's economic damage and suffering most from the inflation spike. They believe these tax policy changes are the right thing to do—and the data agree.

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•Grief (Continued from page 4)

When you lose someone who is your someone it is devastating. I used to describe grief as devastating because I was devastated, or I thought so. I don't describe myself as devastated anymore.

Devastating indicates obliteration. At first, I felt obliterated. But I climbed out from the rubble and found, quite surprisingly, I was intact and alive. But still grieving. Holy hell.

It was then that I realized I would still live, but I would always grieve. At the end of the sentence, grief isn't so much devastating or obliterating as it is enduring and permanent.

Grief is a survivor. But you know what?

So am I.

I am still here—breathing, living and even laughing on occasion. Grief is here as well and it isn't going to leave—not ever. That's a tough pill to swallow, but even if I have to choke it down, I'll get through it.

Because I am a survivor. I am a survivor. I am a survivor.

Yes, I am.

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Lengthy negotiations between the governor and the leaders occurred throughout the week. A House proposal containing a budget framework was introduced April 5 and brought to a House committee April 6. But it was not the package that passed by the time lawmakers adjourned.

After 3 a.m. April 9 in the Senate and 5:30 a.m. in the House, lawmakers approved House Bill 900 appropriating funding, House Bill 4700 as what is called the budget implementation bill, and Senate Bill 157 laying out the tax relief proposal and revenue-re-

lated measures. The spending plans passed the House. It passed both chambers without Republican support, while the tax relief proposal passed with all but a handful of lawmakers supporting it between the two chambers.

Tax relief plan

Sen. Michael Hastings, D-Frankfort, in the Senate Executive Committee hailed the tax relief package as "probably one of the largest savings to taxpayers that we've seen in the last decade."

All but a handful of Republicans voted for the measure,

but the GOP criticized it for consisting of mostly temporary tax relief.

The package would include \$50 checks sent to Illinoisans earning less than \$200,000 annually for single filers and \$100 checks for those filing jointly and earning less than \$400,000. Families would also receive \$100 per dependent up to three.

It would also permanently expand the earned income tax credit to 20 percent of the federal credit, up from 18 percent, at a cost of roughly \$100 million per year. It would extend EITC eligibility to

noncitizens who have an individual taxpayer identification number rather than a Social Security number.

It also calls for doubling the property tax rebate to qualifying homeowners, up to \$300 per household, suspending a 2-3 cent motor fuel tax increase for six months, and suspending a 1 percent grocery tax for a year.

The motor fuel tax is the main funding source for road construction projects, so revenues lost from it would be replaced from other state funds.

The budget would also suspend the sales tax on back-to-school items and qualifying clothing items for a 10-day period, Aug. 5-14.

Other details

The Fiscal Year 2023 spending plan also provides for the statutorily required \$350 million in additional funding for public schools through the Evidence Based Funding formula that was originally adopted in 2017. Higher education would see

increases as well.

The portion of the state's income tax going to local governments would increase from 6.06 percent to 6.16 percent.

Sims said the budget also included an increase of \$80 million in the Criminal Justice Information Authority, \$90 million to fund three state police cadet classes to provide an additional 300 state troopers, \$33 million for a law enforcement camera grant program and \$10 million for a newly created law enforcement officer recruitment retention pilot program.

The budget also directed an investment of \$235 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding to the Reimagine Public Safety Act aimed at early crime intervention.

It directs \$1 billion to the state's "rainy day" fund, which had been spent down to essentially nothing during a two-year budget impasse between Republican former Gov. Bruce Rauner and legislative Democrats. Another \$929 million was dedicated

to paying back interfund borrowing.

Sims brought up the impasse during floor debate to contrast the current budget from the two-year period that crippled state finances.

"(The budget) is built on and based on revenues that were higher than expected in the current fiscal year which will allow us to do some very innovative and positive things for the people of the state of Illinois," Sims said at the earlier committee hearing.

Rep. Greg Harris, D-Chicago, also invoked the impasse during his floor speech in praising the budget.

"This is a balanced budget. It's a responsible budget. I know we're gonna hear a lot of speeches. I know we're gonna hear a lot of stunts," he said. "But for the people of Illinois, Democrats are delivering, Democrats are balancing the budget. Credit rating agencies are noting it, the civic organizations are noting it."

The stronger-than-expected revenue performance created a surplus for the current year and led to increased projections for the upcoming fiscal year that begins July 1.

That was due in part to pandemic-triggered shifts in consumer behaviors that led to more spending on taxable goods than services which are not taxed in the state, increased federal unemployment benefits which are taxed at the state level, and increased tax revenue due to higher-priced consumer goods relating to inflation.

Those and other factors led to higher performance of sales tax and both personal and corporate income tax revenues, according to a presentation last month from the Illinois Department of Revenue.

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Panther boys clawing back to five hundred

By Trenten Scheidegger
SPORTS REPORTER

Much like the Lady Panthers, the 2022 Lena-Winslow baseball team has won three straight after getting off to a rocky start. With high expectations surrounding the team before the season the first four games of the year could not have gone much worse for the Panthers and their Head Coach Nick Werhane. Lena-Winslow lost their first three games by just 11 combined runs as they found themselves on the short end of the stick early on. They lost their fourth straight when Newman Central Catholic handed them a 10-3 loss on Wednesday, March 30.

Down to 0-4 and beginning to wonder when their first win would come, the Panthers did not give up hope. On Friday, April 1, the Panthers played host to a tough Eastland Cougars squad. Le-Win found themselves trailing 2-1 as they entered the bottom of the fourth inning. The Panthers played some small ball, taking advan-

tage of a defensive error and a walk to tie the game at 2-2. It was Drew Streckwald who singled to center field, allowing Maddex Sargent to score from second base. The inning would end with a runner on third however, leaving the game tied as they went into the fifth.

After Ethan Fye shut down the Cougars with a pair of strikeouts in the top of the fifth, Le-Win went right back to work on offense in the bottom half. It was Fye who sparked the offensive rally as well. With one out Fye singled to right field. Luke Benson followed up with a single to center field that allowed the speedy Fye to round the bases, giving the Panthers their first lead of the game up 3-2. Sargent followed that up with a single of his own, but with the ball hit to the left side Benson was forced to stay at second. Rowen Schulz then came to the plate and hit the fourth consecutive single for the Panthers which loaded the bases with only one out. Unfortunately, they were unable to

take advantage of the situation as a strikeout and a ground ball would bring an end to the scoring opportunity.

Fye was locked in, however. When he was back on the mound for the top of the sixth, he struck out the side in order, two of which were caught looking at strike three. Fye's work on the mound appeared to motivate the Panthers again as they came out in support in the bottom of the sixth. A pair of leadoff walks gave Le-Win another scoring opportunity and Jake Zeal was not going to let this opportunity go to waste. The junior roped a line drive to center, allowing Streckwald and Brody Mahon to score and giving Le-Win a 5-2 lead. Two batters later Benson singled to center to drive Zeal in for their sixth run. Fye then scored on a wild pitch to go up 7-2 as the senior was leaving his handprints all over the Panthers' first win.

With the five-run lead, Fye was able to finish the game off in the seventh when the pitcher induced a double play ball and a

ground out to get the final three outs. Fye was the winning pitcher throwing three and one third innings, while allowing zero hits, striking out six, and having zero walks. Fye was also two for four at the plate with two runs scored. Zeal led the way offensively going three for four with three runs batted in and one run scored. Benson was close behind going two for four with two RBIs. Sargent was the only other Panther with multiple hits, going two for three with a run scored.

Following their first win the Panthers went on to sweep Durand-Pecatonica in a double header, winning by scores of 17-7 and 11-0. The three consecutive wins improved Le-Win's record to 3-4 on the season. While the Panthers continue to claw back to five hundred, they can build off the momentum they have established in recent games. Le-Win will be back in action on Thursday, April 14, when they travel to face off with the Dakota Indians.

Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Easter Sunday,

April 17, 2022, to celebrate and God's life. Lena UMC and Good Shepherd joint Easter Sunrise worship service will be at Lena Cemetery at 7 a.m. In case of rain, the service will be held at Good

Shepherd. Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service. There is also a 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service at Good Shepherd with special music by brass, choir, and handbells. Holy Commu-

nion will be celebrated in this service. There will be Easter Sunday Fellowship Hour before and after worship. This week's gospel reading is from Luke 24:1-12. reading will be from Luke. The state and CDC guidelines will be followed for gathering. For the safety for everyone it is encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing inside the building.

On Tuesday, April 19, Bible Study group will meet at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join. On Wednesday, April 20, Peace Corps Quilting group

will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience necessary and new members are welcome. On Saturday, April 23, Good Shepherd will be volunteering at the Le-Win Food Pantry.

All the services will be recorded and will 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. Please contact the church office at 815-369-5552 with any questions.

Holy Week at St. John's Lutheran

Join St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City on Thursday, April 14 for Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:30 p.m. St. John's will also hold a Good Friday Worship Service on Friday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Week will conclude with Easter Morning Worship Service on April 17 at 9 a.m. Pastor Shellie Knight will lead all services. The Easter Morning worship service will include both the Joy Choir and Chancel Choir.

The Women's Gathering will meet on Tuesday, April 19 starting at 8:45 a.m. for Fellowship, Bible Study and to clean the kitchen and storage pantries at the church. The April Grace Meal will be held on fourth Sunday of the month on April 24 due to Easter being on the Third Sunday. The menu is ham, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, and pudding. All curbside reservations are due no later than Friday, April 22 at 5 p.m.

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Pearly City students in action

Pearl City fourth graders have been studying the western region of the U.S. in Social Studies and Earth's features in science. They used Google Earth to tour the Grand Canyon and create videos to share facts about the various places in the Grand Canyon. Pictured here is Jesse Marsh sharing his learning on a flip-grid video.



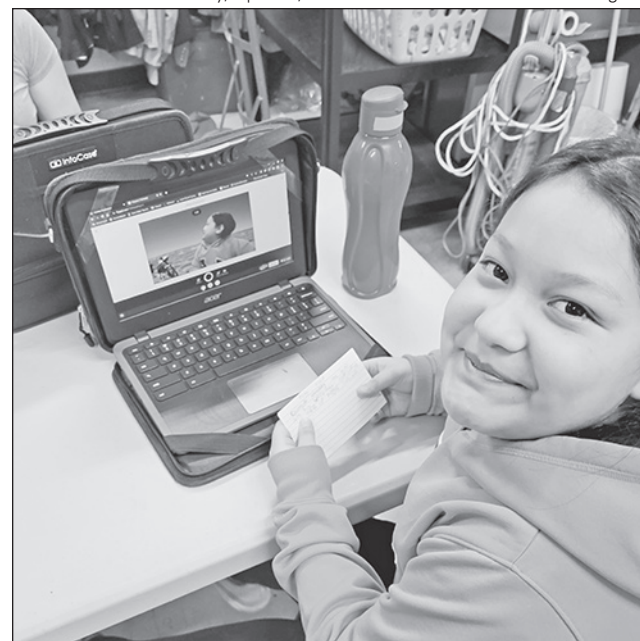
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Brody Dahl shares his project with his classmates in 6th grade.



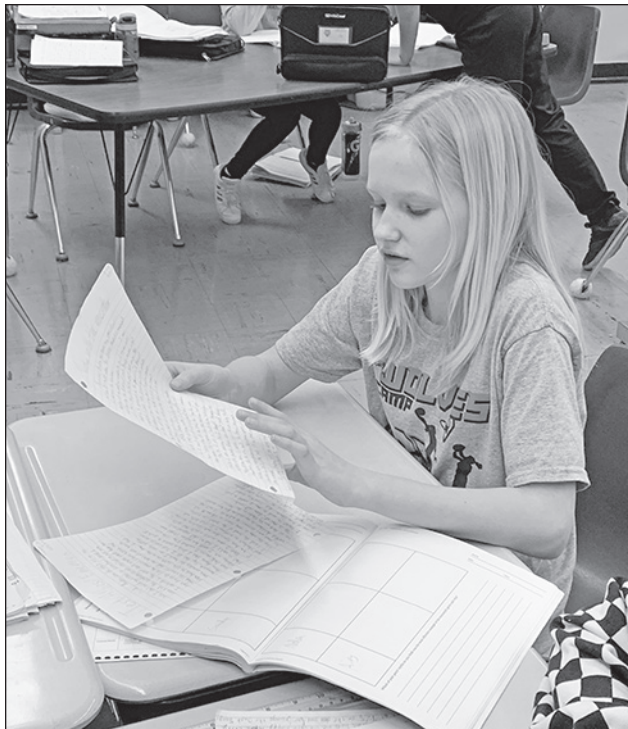
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Jared Dinerman tours the Grand Canyon using Google Earth in Mrs. Brouhard's 4th grade class.



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Deisy Silva creates a flip-grid video to share some Grand Canyon facts in 4th grade.



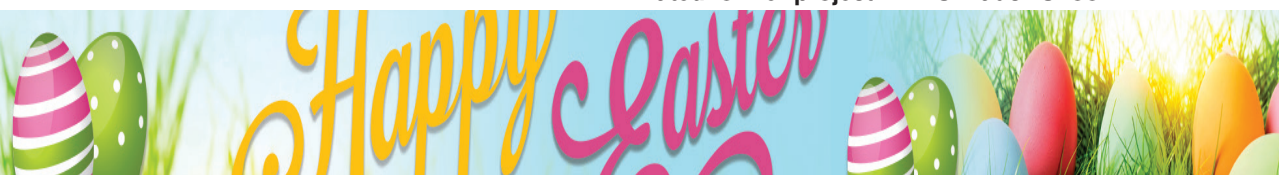
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Moderna vaccines available in the afternoon. Registration is necessary for this event; visit <https://fhn.org/vaccination-booster-signup-april> for more information and to register.

A drive-through vaccination clinic will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 30 at the FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills, 1010 W. Fairway Drive in Freeport. First and second boosters will be available at this event. No registration is required.

FHN is following CDC guidelines regarding eligibility, available at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.

Booster shot recipients must bring a photo ID and their COVID-19 immunization card with them to their appointment. All patients should 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).

Northern Illinois 4-H Summer Day Camp

Registration for 4-H Day Camp 2022 is open. 4-H Day Camp is set for June 14, 15, and 16 at Rock River Christian Camp, Polo, IL. Youth may choose to participate in all three days of camp or attend the dates that work best in their schedule.

The 2022 4-H Camp is a day camping experience that

is conducted cooperatively by University of Illinois Extension staff in Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago Counties and the professional staff at RRCC.

The camp is open to all boys and girls, ages 8-14 by June 14, 2022. 4-H member-

ship is not required, however, all participants will be expected to comply with the same high behavior standards expected of 4-Hers. Youth need to be interested and excited to have a day of outdoor fun, away from television and technology.

Cost each day is \$70. All camp fees must be paid in

full by May 2, 2022. Download a camper application online or register online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/northern-illinois-4-h-camp> or call an office Jo Daviess County at 815-858-2273; Ogle County Extension at 815-732-2191; or Whiteside Counties at 815-632-3611.

Highland celebrates Community College Month

April marks a month-long celebration for community colleges across the country, and Highland Community College is celebrating 60 years of service in Northwest Illinois. In the 60 years of Highland's existence, the college has handed out more than 17,000 degrees and cer-

tificates.

Chris Kuberski, president of Highland Community College, is proud of community colleges like Highland, saying this is a great place of discovery for students to help shape, pursue, and realize their dreams as they aspire to higher learning.

Community College Month allows colleges to educate the public about the benefits of the academic institutions that are right in their neighborhoods. These colleges serve the needs of working men and women; 40.8 percent of community college students work full-time, compared to 22.8 percent of their four-year college counterparts.

Recent studies indicate that community college students who transfer to four-year schools are more likely to graduate than students who enrolled directly out of high school. According to the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), 46 percent of all

undergraduates in the U.S. are community college students.

A community college education offers financial aid options, school and life balance, STEM education, transfer agreements, and job placement into the trades or healthcare. Most students of community colleges prefer studying at lower prices. Community college students tend to save between \$5,000 and \$20,000 every year compared to university students.

Summer and fall are right around the corner. Fall registration begins on April 11. To get registered or schedule a campus tour, call 815-599-3414 or visit highland.edu/admissions/new-students.

Incidentally: Habitual lip, cheek, or tongue biting and chewing

Parafunction means abnormal function. Oral parafunctional activities are habits that are not related to chewing, swallowing food, or speaking. Habitually chewing on your lips, tongue or cheeks are parafunctional activities that damage the oral tissues. These habits have a wide variety of underlying causes but are most often associated with stress and anxiety. Sometimes the habit may be initiated by an injury to the mucosa of the lip, cheek, or tongue. Trauma from the injury causes swelling of the mucosa and the person winds up accidentally biting into the enlarged tissue. This additional trauma leads to more swelling, further swelling leads to further damage from biting and chewing (or even speaking) and a destructive habit is formed. Over time, the oral tissues involved become thicker, discolored, swollen, scarred, and ulcerated. Although it may be painful, chronic lip, cheek, and tongue biting and chewing are compulsive and may feel like normal behavior to the person biting and chewing on the damaged area. It is often an unconscious way to deal with stress, waxing and waning in severity in direct proportion to anxiety levels (college exams, significant work projects, deadlines, etc.).

These dysfunctional habits can also occur while you sleep. As discussed in previous columns, bruxism, or teeth grinding and clenching can occur both during the day and while you sleep. While bruxism during sleep generally affects the teeth and jaws, it can



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also cause a person to bite their tongue or cheek. Tongue-biting is common in many people with sleep apnea. This is because people with sleep apnea often have tongues that are especially large or muscles in the mouth that relax abnormally during sleep.

Habitually chewing on your lips, tongue or cheek may occur during the day, night, or both. Successful treatment must address the underlying dental, medical and/or psychological cause or causes. It can be a sign of a mental health condition like obsessive-compulsive disorder driven by stress and anxiety. Although a dental device may not treat the underlying cause of the habit, they are often employed to control further destruction while the psychological causes are being addressed. Surgical intervention and/or the specific oral device chosen by your dentist will depend on the location and severity of the damage, the patient's age, associated conditions such as brain trauma, neurological disabilities, presence of dysfunctional sleep conditions, general health, and his/her ability to cooperatively participate.

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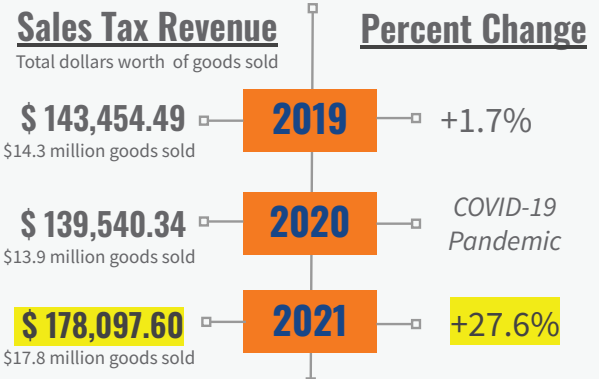
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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Our weather continues to give us much to talk about with rain, snow, cold, and wind. Our spring is just waiting to come out, and it looks like Easter isn't going to hurry it along. We have received some much-needed rain, and my sump pump has run for the first time in a long time. We will patiently wait for the warm weather. This week Easter recipes will be featured, so I hope you have a great week of cooking.

tional tea sandwich spread at the Kentucky Derby.

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 T. mayonnaise
1/4 t. salt
1/8 t. white pepper
1/2 t. dill weed
1 drop green food coloring
3/4 C. finely chopped peeled cucumber, patted dry

1/4 C. finely chopped onion
Snack rye bread, pita bread wedges, fresh vegetables

In a bowl, combine cream cheese, mayo, salt, pepper, dill weed and green food coloring. Beat mixture until smooth. Stir in cucumber and onion. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving. Serve with snack rye bread, pita wedges or fresh vegetables.

Apricot Salad

It is hard to find any Jell-O salad recipes these days as it is really a retro recipe. So many people want green lettuce salads and Jell-O is not in vogue. I love a good gelatin salad especially at holiday times. This apricot salad is tasty and pretty for an Easter table.

2 pkg. (3 oz. each) apricot gelatin
2 C. boiling water

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, undrained
1 C. whole milk
1 3/4 C. frozen whipped topping, thawed
Canned apricots drained for garnish

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water; set aside. Beat cream cheese until smooth; gradually beat in milk until smooth. Stir in gelatin. Add pineapple, mixing well. Refrigerate. When mixture begins to thicken, fold in whipped topping. Pour into a 2 1/2 qt. glass serving bowl. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. If desired serve with canned apricots as garnish.

Shrimp Pasta Salad

If you are looking for a pasta salad with a twist, try this shrimp loaded pasta with a lemon and dill sauce. It goes great with any seafood meal.

8 oz. cooked small pasta shells (2 2/3 C.)
1 lb. peeled and deveined cooked shrimp, chopped
1 C. frozen peas, thawed
4 green onions, chopped
1/4 C. minced fresh parsley
1 C. mayonnaise
1 C. plain yogurt
1/4 C. lemon juice

2 T. snipped fresh dill
1/2 t. salt
1/4 t. white pepper
Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and rinse with cold water; drain again. In a large bowl, combine pasta, shrimp, peas, green onions, and parsley. In a small bowl, mix mayo, yogurt, lemon juice, dill, salt, and pepper until smooth. Pour over pasta mixture and combine. Refrigerate, covered for at least 2 hours or overnight before serving.

Perfect Baked Cod

This crusty cod is an easy way to have fish in a hurry. You can use lemon pepper instead of black pepper. Serve it with rice and a spinach salad for a great (and economical) seafood dinner.

4 T. butter
10 Ritz crackers, crushed
1 lb. thick-cut cod, cut into quarters
1/4 t. black pepper
1/4 C. dry white wine
1 1/2 T. fresh lemon juice
1 T. sliced green onion
1 lemon, cut into wedges
Preheat the oven to 400. Microwave 2 T. butter in a bowl until melted, 30 seconds. Stir in crushed crackers. Melt remaining 2 T. but-

ter in a baking dish (7 x 11 inch), 1 to 2 minutes in the oven. Add the cod and turn to coat. Sprinkle with pepper. Bake 10 minutes. Turn fish over and drizzle with wine and lemon juice; top with cracker crumbs. Bake 10 minutes more until fish is opaque, flakes with a fork, and an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part reads 145. Transfer fish to a platter. Scatter with green onions and serve with lemon wedges.

Easter Ham

We took care of Good Friday with the last recipe, so we move to Easter. Ham is probably the meat of choice for Easter. This recipe uses an apricot glaze to keep the ham moist and tasty.

3/4 C. packed brown sugar
3/4 C. orange marmalade
1/2 C. Dijon mustard
1/2 fully cooked-bone in ham (6 to 8 pounds)
1 1/2 t. whole cloves
Preheat oven to 325. In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, marmalade, and mustard. Set aside. Score the surface of the ham, making diamond shapes 1/2 inch deep; insert a whole clove in the center of each diamond.

Place ham cut side down on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Bake, uncovered, until a meat thermometer reads 140, about 2 hours. Brush ham with some of the glaze. Bake 45 minutes longer, brushing with glaze every 15 minutes. Serve remaining glaze with sliced ham.

Texas Tumbleweeds

Looking for some Easter baskets that are edible? This sweet treat is an easy and tasty one to make. Serve them in Easter cupcake or pastel papers and you have a cute dessert for Easter dinner.

1 C. butterscotch chips
1 C. creamy peanut butter
1 can (9 oz.) potato sticks (about 6 C.)

Pastel chocolate M&Ms or jelly beans

In a large microwave-safe bowl, melt the butterscotch chips and peanut butter; stir until smooth. Gently stir in potato sticks. Drop mixture by rounded tablespoonfuls onto waxed paper-lined baking sheets. Refrigerate 15 minutes until set. Place candy in cupcake papers. Decorate with pastel M&Ms or jelly beans.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS.

MICHELE L SMITH, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DENNIS R SMITH; MICHELE L SMITH A/K/A MICHELE L JAEGER; JUSTIN J SMITH; MELISSA ETTLEMAN; DENNIS SMITH, JR. A/K/A DENNIS R SMITH; NATHAN R JAEGER-SMITH; NICK SMITH; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 19 CH 26
608 SOUTH BENCH

STREET
GALENA, IL 61036
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Dennis Smith, Jr. a/k/a Dennis R Smith Nathan R Jaeger-Smith Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

Lot Number Five (5) between Main and Bench Streets, in the City of Galena, on the West side of the Galena River, The Southwest part of Lot Six (6) between Main and Bench Streets, fronting (25) twenty five feet on Bench Street and running back of even or greater width Sixty feet (60) feet more or less to the stone warehouse formerly owned by R. S. Harris and all the interest of the Grantors in said Lot six (6) and the adjoining Lot Five (5). That part of Lot Six (6) on the Levee fronting fifty (50) feet on the West side of Water Street and extending Westward toward Bench Street Fifty four (54) feet and seven (7) inches or more in depth in the City of Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois. Excepting: The Northerly half, being the North Twenty Five (25) feet, of that part of Lot Six (6) on the Levee fronting Fifty (50) feet on the West side of Water Street and extending Westward toward Bench Street 54 feet and Seven inches more or less in depth, situated in City of Galena, situated in the County of Jo Daviess in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

Commonly known as: 608 South Bench Street Galena, IL 61036 and which said Mortgage was made by,

Dennis R Smith Mortgageor(s), to Firststar Bank, N.A. Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, as Document No. 288599; and for

other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before April 29, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

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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.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
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File No. 20-04515IL-612859
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Stockton Community Unit School District #206
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, April 11, 2022
6:00 pm
Middle School

Conference Room
Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Closed Session under the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) for the purpose of discussion pertaining to the selection of a person to fill a public office - **Action**

4. Appointment of person to fill vacant seat on the Board of Education to be seated at the April 19th regular Board of Education meeting - **Action**

Adjournment: By order of Mrs. Nicole Haas, board of education president

Applicants for the open position:

- Duane Andrews
- Josh Weltzin

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Stockton Community Unit School District #206
Monday, April 11, 2022
Middle School
Conference Room
at 5:30 p.m.

Building and Grounds Committee Agenda
1. Call to Order
2. Review samples for the new addition to the high school

3. Discuss playground for the new elementary school
4. Adjournment

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NOTICE

Village of Pearl City will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of a parcel of land located within the Village, in the Business district. Property Index # 89-02-17-08-284-016 (formerly known as 126 S Main St) Lot size is 30ft x 60ft. All bids must be received by June 4, 2022 with bid opening June 6, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Village Hall. Bids may be sent to Village Hall, 302 Station St, Pearl City, IL 61062. The Village retains the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Spring Big Bird Day

On May 7, Terrence Ingram will conduct his sixth Spring Big Bird Day. He started this annual bird count in 2016 to document the loss of birds to the agricultural sprays and the devastation that these sprays have been causing to our bird life in the area, as well as the damage to our insect and plant life, which is the lifeblood for the birds. Each year he has been seeing fewer and fewer birds, both in numbers and varieties.

Members of the public are invited to join Mr. Ingram at 8384 North Broadway Road, south of Apple River, who will be counting birds from dawn until dusk. If planning to join him, please call 815-594-2592 in advance to confirm arrival and meeting time.

To help the Eagle Nature

Give blood during National Minority Health Month

April is National Minority Health Month — a time to raise awareness about health disparities that disproportionately affect racial and ethnic minority populations. The American Red Cross is reminding blood and platelet donors it's critically important to maintain a stable blood supply this spring to support those with chronic illnesses and other blood needs in the U.S.

As a thank-you, those who come to give through April 18 will receive an exclusive Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. Those who come to give April 19 through May 19 will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice and will be automatically entered to win a new travel trailer camper that sleeps eight, all courtesy of our partners at Suburban Propane. (Terms apply, see rcblood.org/camper.)

Earth Day activities with 4-H

The University of Illinois Extension and 4-H and the Children's Hand-On Museum (CHOM) have teamed up to bring Stephenson County youth, ages 4 to 12, a fun-filled after school hour of Earth Day Activities. On April 21, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., participants will be making crafts with recycled items, planting a flower, and learning how they can help make the planet cleaner and healthier.

This event will be held at the Children's Hands — On Museum, 1233 W. Galena Ave. Freeport, IL. This is a free event for all youth, no 4-H membership necessary to attend. Pre-registration is required at go.illinois.edu/CHOM and either a membership or daily rate to enter the museum.

Foundation raise money for their efforts to save the bald eagle. Mr. Ingram is asking for pledges to ENF for how many species of birds he can identify on that day. After the count those people responding will receive a report as to how many bird species were seen on that date.



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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
CIRCUIT COURT
STEPHENSON COUNTY
**PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(MINOR CHILDREN)**

REQUEST OF:

Janelle Lee Sarandi

2022MR7

Case Number

TO CHANGE NAMES
OF MINOR CHILDREN

Publication is not necessary if both parents, confirmed on birth certificate, agree to the name change or have been given notice. There will be a court date on a *Request for Name Change (Minor Children)* for these children:

1. Current Name of Minor Child: Kinzlee Hope Taylor; Proposed New Name of Minor Child: Kinzlee Hope Esser

2. Court Date Information: Date 05/23, 2022 Time: 11:00 a.m., Address: 15 N. Galena Ave., Freeport, Stephenson County. Courtroom: 3.

/s/ Janelle Sarandi

Janelle Sarandi

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STATE OF ILLINOIS,
CIRCUIT COURT
STEPHENSON COUNTY
**PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(MINOR CHILDREN)**

REQUEST OF:

Janelle Lee Sarandi

2022MR6

Case Number

TO CHANGE NAMES
OF MINOR CHILDREN

Publication is not necessary if both parents, confirmed on birth certificate, agree to the name change or have been given notice. There will be a court date on a *Request for Name Change (Minor Children)* for these children:

1. Current Name of Minor Child: Autumn Carole Taylor; Proposed New

Name of Minor Child: Autumn Carole Esser

2. Court Date Information: Date 05/23, 2022 Time: 11:00 a.m., Address: 15 N. Galena Ave., Freeport, Stephenson County. Courtroom: 3.

/s/ Janelle Sarandi

Janelle Sarandi

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STATE OF ILLINOIS,
CIRCUIT COURT
STEPHENSON COUNTY
**PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(MINOR CHILDREN)**

REQUEST OF:

Janelle Lee Sarandi

2022MR8

Case Number

TO CHANGE NAMES
OF MINOR CHILDREN

Publication is not necessary if both parents, confirmed on birth certificate, agree to the name change or have been given notice. There will be a court date on a *Request for Name Change (Minor Children)* for these children:

1. Current Name of Minor Child: Gia Grace Taylor; Proposed New Name of Minor Child: Gia Grace Esser

2. Court Date Information: Date 05/23, 2022 Time: 11:00 a.m., Address: 15 N. Galena Ave., Freeport, Stephenson County. Courtroom: 3.

/s/ Janelle Sarandi

Janelle Sarandi

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IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY -
GALENA, ILLINOIS
ROCKET MORTGAGE,
LLC F/K/A QUICKEN
LOANS, LLC F/K/A
QUICKEN LOANS INC.,
PLAINTIFF
vs.

CYNTHIA J.
SITZMANN-
PETITGOUT; MIDLAND
FUNDING LLC;
UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANT

2021CH59

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, CYNTHIA J. SITZMANN-PETITGOUT; and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 15th Judicial Circuit, Jo Daviess County, Illinois by the plaintiff against you and other defendant, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows to wit:

LOT NUMBER ELEVEN (11) IN BLOCK NUMBER ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN (111) IN THE CITY OF EAST DUBUQUE (FORMERLY DUNLEITH) AND AS ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF EAST DUBUQUE IN THE COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COMMON ADDRESS:
223 Wisconsin Ave., East Dubuque, IL 61025

P.I.N.:

05-503-530-00

and which said mortgage was signed by CYNTHIA J. SITZMANN-PETITGOUT, Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Jo Daviess County as Document No. 396864; and for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Jo Daviess

County against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of this Court in Jo Daviess County at 330 North Bench Street, Galena, IL 61036 on or before May 13, 2022, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

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**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON
COUNTY - IN
PROBATE**

In Re the Matter of
the Estate of:
HARRY G. PERA, JR.
Deceased.

No. 22-PR-32

**NOTICE FOR
PUBLICATION -**

CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Harry G. Pera, Jr. of Freeport, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 4, 2022, to:

Amber L. Goebel
1256 W. Empire St.

Freeport, IL 61032

as independent Executor of the Estate of Harry G. Pera, Jr., 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.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 14, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Date: 4/5/22

Amber L. Goebel

Executor

By: Anthony V. Coon

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The Lena-Winslow School District, Lena, IL, has an opening for an Elementary Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Please direct inquiries, letter of application, resume, and credentials to Mrs. Ann DeZell, Principal, Lena-Winslow Elementary, 401 Fremont Street, Lena, IL 61048 or dezella@le-win.net. Applications will be accepted through April 29.

Lena-Winslow School District currently has an immediate opening for a **full-time Evening Custodian**. This is a 12-month position with benefits that works evenings during the school year and days during the summer. Starting pay is \$14/hr. with a \$.50 shift differential. Benefits include medical, dental, vision, and retirement. Please send letter of interest and credentials to Doug Wybourn, Lena-Winslow School District, 401 Fremont Street, Lena, IL 61048. Applications accepted until position is filled.

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real estate

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•Kitchen (Continued page 11)

Hawaiian Sunset Cake

This pretty layer cake is a showstopper for Easter that isn't hard. It will be one you will make for other occasions as well.

1 pkg. white or orange cake mix
1½ C. milk
1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix
1 pkg. (3 oz.) orange Jell-O
4 large eggs, room temperature
½ C. canola oil

Filling:
1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, well drained

2 C. sugar
¾ C. sweetened shredded coconut (about 10 oz.)
1 C. sour cream
1 carton (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
Garnish with toasted coconut, fresh pineapple rings or pieces, orange slices

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, milk, pudding, Jell-O, eggs, and canola oil; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Pour into 3 greased and floured 9-inch round baking pans. Bake until a toothpick

inserted in center comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

In a large bowl, combine the pineapple, sugar, ¾ C. coconut and sour cream. Set aside 1 C. for frosting. Place 1 cake on a serving plate or cake stand, top with ½ of the remaining pineapple mixture. Repeat layers once, top with remaining cake. Fold whipped topping into the reserved pineapple mixture. Spread over the top and sides of cake, garnish with coconut, pineapple, or oranges. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.

fore serving.

Final Thoughts

Congratulations to Willie Kayser, who celebrated his 95th birthday last week. Willie was a longtime cheerleader for Lena. He made movies about "Lena, a Good Place to Live." He and his wife, Esther, founded Lena Maid Meats which is still a vibrant part of our local economy. He was also one of the founders of the Lena Historical Society and served as a fireman for many years. Mr. Wiele and Willie wrote the history of the Fire Department that people still use today. Happy

Birthday, Willie!

My friend's daffodils are still standing (maybe a little wilted) despite the snowstorm. I am hoping my tulips are waiting for better weather before they pop up out of the ground! Spring sports are trying to have some games and meets but reschedule seems to be the word of the week. I know my farmer friends are getting anxious to

get into the fields, but the grass is not even green yet. Patience is all we have. Hopefully you will all have a blessed Easter. We will be looking for some spring recipes that feature some spring vegetables and fruits. You can 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.

•System (Continued from page 5)

For instance, as noted previously Illinois has one of the most unfair tax systems in the nation. In fact, Illinois' tax policy is so regressive it actually worsens the growing income inequality that has manifested in the state's private economy over the past three decades. Indeed, between 1978 and 2018, 99 percent of Illinois households saw their annual income after inflation grow by 20 percent—a far cry from those in the top 1 percent, whose inflation adjusted incomes grew by 254 percent, or more than 10 times as much. Expanding the EIC and

creating a refundable Child Tax Credit targeted to low-income workers would counter that trend and help make Illinois' tax burden fairer.

Yet, we can still feel the very real, very painful economic after-effects of COVID-19 all around us: 17 percent of Illinois adults in rental housing are behind on paying rent. More than a quarter of adults here say they have a problem dealing with daily necessities like purchasing food, paying for housing or cars, or covering medical expenses.

Expanding the state EIC

and creating a new Child Tax Credit as legislators have proposed, would give up to 4.8 million Illinoisans—or about 40 percent of the state's population—at least \$600 back in tax refunds, make the state's tax policy fairer, reduce child poverty, and support lower-wage workers.

Better yet, those refunds will get pumped right back into local economies across Illinois. In fact, we estimate the state's private sector economy will realize a stimulus that could top \$1 billion if these credits are fully implemented as proposed – far

more than the estimated upfront cost of about \$415 million.

Now is the right time for Illinois to take income inequality head on and give working families the relief they deserve. Expanding the state's EIC and creating a Child Tax Credit as currently proposed would be sound fiscal policy that will help Illinois build on its welcome good fiscal fortune.

Ralph Martire is executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability in Chicago.

•Session (Continued from page 6)

Rep. Tom Demmer, R-Dixon, who is running for treasurer, said the pandemic-related revenue windfalls have allowed Democrats to grow funding faster than year-after-year revenues.

"And when this one-time revenue dries up, the only thing you'll know how to do is go back and raise taxes yet again," he said.

Previous debt relief

A surplus from the current fiscal year funded a large portion of some of the taxpayer relief measures and was also the source for an earlier debt reduction plan passed last month.

That plan included \$1.4 billion to pay down state debts and allocated \$2.7 billion in federal funds to partially pay down a \$4.5 billion hole in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

That debt repayment action directed nearly \$900 million from a current-year budget surplus to paying down past-due group health insurance bills, as well as \$300 million in added pension payments and \$230 million to pay off the debts of the state's College Illinois program.

The budget approved April 8 would add another \$200 million to the pension fund beyond statutory

requirements, bringing the total added investment this session up to \$500 million.

Still, the proposal left an unaddressed \$1.8 billion hole in the Unemployment Trust Fund, and lawmakers did not take major action to address it. They did, however, push back major insurance premium hikes on employers and benefit cuts to people collecting unemployment until January to allow more time for negotiation.

Early adjournment

Final budget bills are typically among the last bills

lawmakers pass before adjourning a legislative session, and this year as no different. What was different was the fact that the session ended in early April rather than the end of May.

The shortened schedule was largely due to this year's election calendar being pushed back because of delays in releasing 2020 U.S. Census data, which in turn caused a delay in the decennial redistricting process.

As a result, this year's primary elections, which normally would have been held in March, were pushed back

to June 28. The shortened legislative session now gives lawmakers and other candidates for state offices more time to campaign ahead of the primaries.

And Republicans charged that the majority party's budget conveniently scheduled much of the tax relief to expire after the election season.

"Let's call this budget what it really is—an attempt to buy your vote," Senate Republican Leader Dan McConchie, of Hawthorn Woods, said in a statement.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 • 9 A.M. SCHRADER'S CONSIGNMENT AUCTION 5995 IL 75 E. • Dakota, IL

— Sale order: shop & yard equip., fencing, vehicles, hay, field equip. —

FIELD EQUIPMENT: 1570 Agriking Case D with cab; JD 730 21' disc with harrow; JD trailer sprayer, 500 gal. tank, 60' boom; Knight 8018 spreader; NI spreader; JD 40 spreader; 18.4x38" duals; Moline 11' broadcast seeder; JD 7200 planter parts; Midwest heavy duty front loader; NH 499 Hydra Swing; 60"x6" auger; Woods mower; tires for front wheel assist tractors; Krause 21' disc; 500 gal. trailer sprayer; 14' H & S Chopper Wagon; 16' H & S Chopper Wagon; 7155 Hesston Chopper; Corn & Hay heads.

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT: Foremost catch chute on wheels; 4'x48' vinyl feed bunk liner; Apollo SX 18 semen tank; Leahy electric 150 egg incubator; 2 Foremost catch gates; hog feeder; 3 Rubbermaid water tanks; cf hutches; rabbit cages, feeders & nipples; feed pans & buckets; leg hold animal traps.

FENCING: 100 T-posts; good rolls woven wire.

SHOP & YARD EQUIPMENT: JD 830 tractor with canopy, JD 272 grooming mower; lawn mowers; 2 pony carts; steel frame adult swing set.

HAY: 100 bales third cr; always more.

VEHICLES: 2000 Ford Ranger, 4-wheel drive, runs good; 2003 4-door Ford 150; '98 Dodge 1500 4-wheel drive; '89 Cadillac.

No household goods or guns.

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815-449-2215 • Ron Schrader 4400000453 - David Schrader 4410001020

REAL ESTATE NOTICE

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

FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND
TRUST COMPANY

Plaintiff,

-v.-

PAMELA KAY ATILANO A/K/A
PAMELA K. ATILANO et al

Defendant

2021CH39

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 13, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on April 28, 2022, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 9A80 EVERGREEN DRIVE, APPLE RIVER, IL 61001

Property Index No. 43-18-009-080-00

The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes

no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Lena American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Poster winners



Junior High winners (pictured left to right) are Evelyn Gabel, Colbie Roberts, Mia Diffenderfer, Mallory Sheppard, Shay Smith, and Bri Edler.

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The Lena American Legion Auxiliary held the annual Poppy Poster Contest in February. All students in 4th to 12th grade were eligible to participate for a chance to compete at the state level. Mrs. Amendt, Le-Win Elementary School art teacher, and Mrs. Voreis, Le-Win Junior and Senior High Schools art teacher instructed students at Le-Win. A total of 146 posters were submitted.

This year's winners were Jonah Schubert and Sophie Wirtz, MaKenna Adams, Mason Coulthard, Landon Raab, Colbie Roberts, Evelyn Gabel, Bri Edler, Shay Smith, Mia Diffenderfer, Mallory Sheppard, Laughlynn Leamon

and Brooklyn Quinn.

Each winner received a Sweetie Me gift certificate from the Lena American Legion Auxiliary. Poster winners have been sent to the Department Headquarters of the American Legion Department of Illinois to be judged and awarded cash prizes. Any winners awarded at Department will receive a notification letter mailed directly to them.

Thank you so much to all the students, and to Mrs. Amendt and Mrs. Voreis for making this contest a success.

Posters not sent to Department Headquarters will be hung up in local Lena business windows during the month of May to commemorate Memorial Day. Please visit the Facebook page Lena American Legion Auxiliary with any questions.



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The Senior High winners were Laughlynn Leamon and Brooklyn Quinn.



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Le-Win Elementary winners (pictured left to right) Sophie Wirtz, Jonah Schubert, Landon Raab, MaKenna Adams, and Mason Coulthard show off their Poppy Posters.

• Churches (Continued from page 8)

Intro to Embodiment Yoga will start a new group of classes on Fridays at 10 a.m. starting on April 15. See all the information online at www.electickate.com

Join St. John's on Thursday, April 28 at 1 p.m. for an afternoon of playing Domi-

noes and cards.

St. John's Lutheran Church is located at 229 S First St., Pearl City, IL. Worship Services are currently in-person and livestreamed on Facebook Live by visiting www.StJohnsPearlCity.org.

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The Village of Lena

will be flushing hydrants
from April 18 - 29.

Watch clothes.

There may be some discoloration of the water... therefore, test water prior to using for washing machines.

