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## Stockton Chamber of Commerce presents annual golf outing

The Stockton Chamber of Commerce is excited to present the 5th annual Stockton Golf Outing, taking place at Woodbine Bend Golf Course on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Registration will start at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10

a.m. The golf outing includes a 9-hole best ball tournament, silent auction, delicious lunch by Woodbine Bend Golf Course, games on the course, drinks to order, goodie bags, and so much more! Get to-

gether with three friends and form a team to compete. Golfing is \$50 per person. To compete email info@stocktonil.com. Lunch-only tickets are available as well. Lunch will start around 12 p.m. Businesses and profession-

als can donate silent auction items, sponsor holes, or become sponsors for the event which promotes networking amongst the community. If interested in sponsoring or donating, please email the Stockton Chamber at info@

stocktonil.com. The fund-raising from this event goes towards Chamber efforts in supporting activities, economic/business development, and the promotion of the community. Yearly, the Chamber supports Stockton

Student Leadership, Stockton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, the Food Pantry, Stockton Music Boosters, and more. This could not be possible without the help and support from the fantastic local businesses.



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### A fundraising success

Stockton NHS members present Nicole Haight and her daughter with a check for \$2500. Back row: David Lancaster, Morgan McPeek, Elijah Rice, Matthew Cook, Kayden Schubert, Caleb Mammoser, Joseph Brudi and Ian Broshous. Front row: Justin Eden, Maria Bender, Maddie Harbach, Kyla Kurek, Kenze Haas, Jenna Haas, Nicole Haight, Brienna Morgan, Abby Wilkinson, Olivia Harnish and Diana Montalvo. Not pictured: Katie Crome.

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# Obituaries

## DAVID E. SMYTHE

David "Dave" E. Smythe, 83, of Browntown, Wisconsin departed the earthly realm on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at the Smythe estate (his home). He enjoyed his last cigarette earlier that day. David was born on January 28, 1939, to Eben and Hilda (Clare) Smythe in Adrian, Michigan.

David's academic accomplishments were well established. He attended the Howe Military school from 8<sup>th</sup> grade until high school graduation. Dave was an Eagle Scout. He proceeded to Illinois State College specializing in the 2-year architectural program which launched his storied and outstanding professional career.

He began working with Allis Chalmers of Chicago where he was a production foreman. Like many others, in 1964 he was drafted. He began his military career with the Air Force where he was transferred to Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. His role was an outliner/antennae/ radio and maintenance repairman. He served six active years for our country and many more with the Air National Guard of Illinois as a reservist. He also served Chicago as a Fireman and an EMT.

After his honorable discharge, David began working at Mogen David wines in Chicago. He developed and set up production lines and expanded the company into a 7-acre campus. A few years later David was recruited to Sweetheart Cup Company where, among other inventions and manufacturing advancements, David invented the polypropylene straw that McDonalds uses every day for every drink. To Dave's humble personality, it was just another day at work.

Through a Chicago friend and neighbor, he was lured to Mitek Corporation in Winslow



where he became the plant manager and helped take the company from a small speaker manufacturer to an international multi-function sound corporation. David moved to Winslow and then Browntown and stayed with Mitek until retirement.

It was also in Winslow that he met the love of his life, Miss Bonnie. They worked together for many years until one day Bonnie grew weary of Dave's perfectionist ways and departed with a few choice words to Dave. A few months later, on Nov. 1, 1996, they married at The Smythe Estate. They stayed true to their vows for better or worse until his last breath. Bystanders will tell you their relationship has been both inspiring and entertaining.

David lived life to the fullest and enjoyed each moment. Interesting highlights are when Dave and Pete DiPalo drove to Cuba together. While they were enjoying the country Dave went outside the hotel to have a cigarette and was joined by none other than President Fidel Castro. They enjoyed the bench, cigarettes, and an hour-long conversation where Fidel "spoke in perfect English".

Dave felt that education and knowledge were more important than sports, yet he would yield to events that involved family members. And if Bonnie wanted to watch football, he would typically yield the remote.

He loved driving fast and had the opportunity to assist IndyCar Team Playa Del Racing at many events, including 4 Indy 500's. In his free time Dave enjoyed playing cards,

going to supper clubs (especially Beaches and Norseman's).

When he was younger, Dave used to sneak into blues and jazz clubs in Chicago. It is in these legendary and long-gone historic clubs where he developed his love for music. Dave saw live performances of many of the greats. He loved Genesis, Chicago, Herp Albert, and Dave Brubeck.

Throughout his life he enjoyed taking "road trips". Dave was always up for a weekend get-away and the destinations were endless. He was a true Aquarius.

He also loved riding his snowmobile, and boating. He looked forward to taking motorcycle trips with his best friend Brad (Linda) Subler. They traveled the country many times and most of those stories cannot be printed here.

Dave was always proud of his home and lawn. He loved The Smythe estate. He loved having people over and hosted several parties for friends, family, and employees at his home. Dave was a great friend to all and always offered a drink or smoke to those who came across his path. He was a fantastic teacher, adventurer, and friend.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie of Browntown, WI; 3 children- Karl (Terri) Davis of Lebanon, IN, Patti (Tom) Sedletzeck of Fort Meyers, FL and Wendy (Dale) Broge of Orangeville, IL; grandchildren- Cheyenne Switzer, Sierra Switzer, Christopher Davis, Kyle Broge and Jacob (Nicole) Broge; great-grandchildren- Michael, Cecilia and Ava; 1 sister- Brenda Velasquez of Atlanta, GA; special nephew- Peter Velasquez of Atlanta, GA; Special Friends- Susan (Donny Fox) Schafer, Grace Fox, Brad (Linda) Subler, Don (Mary Pat) Meyers, Jeff Meyer, and numerous other family members and friends. He lived a great life and was loved by many. He is preceded in death by his parents, son-Scott Viel and grandson- Ryan Switzer.

Visitation was held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 15, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial has been established in his name. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com)

## SHARON J. LOMAS

Sharon J. Lomas, 69 of Lena, IL, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on Sunday, April 10, 2022. She was born on May 12, 1952, in Reedsburg, WI to Edwin and Betty (Wade) Schroeder. She graduated from Wisconsin Heights High School in 1970. Sharon married Jim Lomas on September 30, 1978, in Monroe, WI. In April of 2021, Sharon retired as a CNA from the Lena Living Center.

Sharon enjoyed going shopping, especially for flowers. She loved her flower gardens. Sharon and Jim enjoyed taking rides to Lake Le-Aqua-Na, and she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Jim of Lena, their three daughters; Sherri (Mark) Hanna of Richland Center, WI, Ashley (Casey) Schoger of Winslow, IL and Amanda (Chris) Esser of Lena, IL, grandchildren; Chelsea (Kyle) Stauffacher, Briana (Randy) Wahl, Madyson (Ashton) Hanna, Dayton Ceruti, Mika, Lillian, and Johnny Schoger, Livia, Emma, Myles, and Christian Esser, great-grandchildren; Brigitte, Carter, Hunter, Tai-

lor, and Rhya Stauffacher, member of the Lutheran Church in Black Earth, WI.

Sharon is survived by her husband and three grandchildren in infancy.

Memorial services were held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at the Leamon Funeral Home. A visitation was held before the service at the funeral home.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial has been established for her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## Public health officials announce 14,049 new cases of coronavirus last week

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today reported 14,049 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 45 deaths since April 8.

Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 3,094,485 cases, including 33,510 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic. The age of cases ranges from younger than one to older than 100 years.

As of April 14, 464 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 70 patients were in the ICU and 32 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators. The preliminary seven-day statewide case rate is 110 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 Illinoisans.

A total of 21,648,058 vaccines have been administered in Illinois. The seven-day rolling average of vaccines administered daily is 19,799 doses. Since April 8, 138,595 doses were reported administered in Illinois.

Of Illinois' total population, more than 76 percent has received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, more than

68 percent of Illinois' total population is fully vaccinated, and more than 50 percent is boosted according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Data indicates that the risk of hospitalization and severe outcomes from COVID-19 is much higher for unvaccinated people than for those who are up to date on their vaccinations.

On April 12, IDPH announced it is using new federal guidelines for tracking COVID-19 at the community level. The new CDC guidelines emphasize the case rate and hospitalizations in order to better track the impact of COVID-19 in communities.

In addition, as a result of HHS announcing that testing providers are no longer required to report some negative test results, IDPH will no longer know how many tests are being done and will therefore no longer report test and case positivity.

All data are provisional and are subject to change. Additional information and COVID-19 data can be found at <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19.html>.

## Highland Big Band to perform spring concert

The Highland Community College Big Band will perform in its spring concert on

Friday, April 22, at 7 p.m.

in the Fine Arts Theatre located in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, Ill.

The Big Band, under the di-

rection of Bill Petersen, is comprised of talented community members and Highland students. The concert is free and open to the public.

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# European farmers aren't that different from American producers

By Timothy Eggert  
FARMWEEK

Standing in front of a decades-old stand of 6,500 apple trees, Vianney Pelletier is content with his family's orchard, cider mill and dairy in northern Normandy.

Pelletier doesn't plan to expand the current production of apple juice, ciders, Calvados and jams. He's not even sure if he will reestablish parts of the orchard after they age past maximum production life or eventually take over the business.

"We are OK with the

farm," Pelletier recently told a Market Study Tour delegation of Illinois Farm Bureau members, staff and agribusiness representatives. "Our life is good ... we would not want to (expand) and give up the happy, the good life."

Apart from rolling views of the French countryside and a loyal farm dog named Sheepy, life here hasn't always been ideal. The business has had to lean on farm tours, on-farm lodging and other agritourism efforts to boost revenues.

There's also the constant

pivoting around variations in yields and returns caused by environmental and economic factors.

That tension—balancing an agricultural livelihood with the quality of rural life—is just as ubiquitous in European agriculture as it is in American agriculture.

And similar to American farmers, 34% of whom are 65 years or older, European farmers are also aging, with 57.9% of European Union farmers 55 years or older and 36% of UK farmers 65 years or older.

European farming operations are also mostly multi-generational, with the total number of people farming declining, too.

What their farms look like, however, is much different than in the U.S., which has an average farm size of 485 acres. The United Kingdom's average farm size is 200 acres, while only 3% of European Union farms are more than 250 acres.

## Government ag subsidies

All those demographics were on display at a 120-head,

345-acre dairy and beef farm near La Carrel in northern Normandy, where the family had recently transitioned their operation, started in 1985, to their son.

Through an interpreter, he said small farms in the area are consolidating and large farms are growing. Those changes have shifted the price of milk and meat sold to the local cooperative.

He'd like to expand his own operation to remain competitive with the larger farms, but "it would be complicated" because of environmental and other ag-related regulations.

Much like American farmers, French farmers also face pressure, and in some cases mandates, from the government and consumers to move toward environmentally friendly farming practices, according to Sénateur de l'Aisne Antoine Lefèvre.

That pressure, Lefèvre added, collides with a producer's bottom line.

"It's all about finding a sweet spot between sensible (organic) farming and conventional farming," Lefèvre said. "It's all about supporting farmers through that tran-

sition. We have to transition but that transition has to make sense economically."

Since 1962, the EU has attempted to balance the scales in its member countries through a range of financial and legislative support under the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP). It includes direct payments to farmers to help offset a loss of farm income due to disruptions in markets and other factors.

In 2003, the CAP program's direct payments were reformed, with officials tying them to mandatory conditions that farmers practice specific land conservation and animal welfare practices.

Ten years later, CAP payments were again reformed to establish a minimum national average per hectare payment across all member countries. The program was also expanded to include significant funding for rural development. In 2020, CAP totaled nearly 60 billion euros, or 35% of the entire EU budget.

The United Kingdom, which left the EU in 2020, distributes a similar subsidy. Each country—England, Wales, Scotland and Northern

Ireland—administers the payment alongside tailored environmental regulations.

Lefèvre, the French senator who represents a rural area in the northern region of France, near the Belgium border, said the CAP payments are crucial for French farmers. In 2017, 20% couldn't make ends meet on production income alone.

But with EU subsidies becoming increasingly more intertwined with environmental regulations and the French government passing more rules limiting what producers can do on their land, Lefèvre said farmers are worried about competitiveness distortion.

"EU laws and national rules can have a big impact on local farming," Lefèvre said. "They could have strong impact on competitiveness (and) make French farmers less competitive than other European farmers."

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## Egg supplies tighten

By Daniel Grant  
FARMWEEK

It appeared consumers would be paying more for eggs this Easter and beyond compared to last year.

A significant drop in production along with strong demand recently pushed wholesale table egg prices to more than \$3 per dozen, up 170% from a year ago, according to the CME Group's Daily Livestock Report (DLR).

The sharp increase in prices was due in large part to recent outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Nationwide, at least 11 million layers have been lost to the potent virus, according to a CoBank report, while estimates this month suggest total losses could reach 18 million birds, or 5.5% of the layer supply, DLR reported.

"The impact of HPAI on the egg production industry has been devastating, which is also what the industry experienced in 2015," DLR authors noted. "If 2015 is any guide, we could see more outbreaks and losses in the next two months, further worsening the egg supply situation and pricing."

With USDA reporting new cases of HPAI almost daily and depopulation of operations ranging from dozens to millions of birds, estimating total expected losses remains challenging, according to CoBank.

USDA's weekly shell egg demand indicator showed about five days of inventory on hand at the start of the month, which suggests a snug but not alarmingly tight supply, CoBank noted. However, it does not appear supplies will be able to accommodate the reduction in layers as a result of HPAI outbreaks, especially at a regional level.

The outbreak of HPAI is the latest blow to the egg layer industry, which is dealing with skyrocketing feed prices and struggled with a lack of packaging equipment and supplies needed for grocery sales at the height of the

COVID pandemic.

"U.S. producers have been hard-pressed to align supplies with market demand over the last two years," said Brian Earnest, lead animal protein economist with CoBank.

"The U.S. layer flock typically expands ahead of the surge in demand for Easter and contracts during the summer months," he continued. "But recent losses due to HPAI have combined with high feed costs and other challenges that are severely limiting flock size management."

Overall, protein for Easter meals was expected to be more expensive than in years past. The lamb cutout value has averaged more than \$6 per pound so far this year, down slightly from a record value of \$6.39 per pound last August, but still well above average.

Meanwhile, the wholesale boneless beef ribeye price has averaged \$8.43 per pound this year, more than \$1 above the five-year average, ham prices remain above the five-year average and broiler prices gained 20% the first quarter of this year to \$1.60 per pound, DLR reported.

Losses from HPAI also could affect sales to other countries. The U.S. exported 16.8 million dozen eggs in January, down 35% compared to last year, the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council reported.

And, while the value of chicken and turkey exports increased in January due to higher prices, volumes decreased 4.5% for chicken and 16.2% for turkey.

USDA's world ag supply and demand estimates project broiler sales could decline as higher prices reduce export opportunities. The forecast for turkey exports was lowered due in part to HPAI-related import restrictions to Mexico.

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## I-DOT news

### Illinois 26 bridge in Cedarville closes April 11

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that construction has begun to replace the deck on the bridge carrying Illinois 26 over Cedar Creek just north of Cedarville in Stephenson

County. The work will require a full closure of the bridge with a marked detour directing traffic from Freeport, Ill. to Monroe, Wis.

A marked detour will route traffic on Bypass U.S. 20, U.S. 20, Illinois 78, Wisconsin 78 and Wisconsin 11. The \$1.6 million project is an-

anticipated to be completed by mid-October.

### Bridge closure in Jo Daviess County begins April 18

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, the bridge carrying East Can-

yon Road over Clear Creek in Apple River Canyon State Park in Jo Daviess County will be closed for bridge joint repairs beginning Monday, April 18. The bridge is expected to reopen on Thursday, April 21, pending the completion of the project.

## Move More for Better Health workshop

University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator Diane Reinhold will be offering an educational workshop, "Move More for Better Health." The workshop will provide insight into the many health benefits of physical activity during this workshop and tips for activities you can do without even leaving the house.

Join in person for this free event on Thursday, May 19, from 1 - 3 p.m., at the

Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W Spring St, Freeport. Join virtually on Wednesday, May 18, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

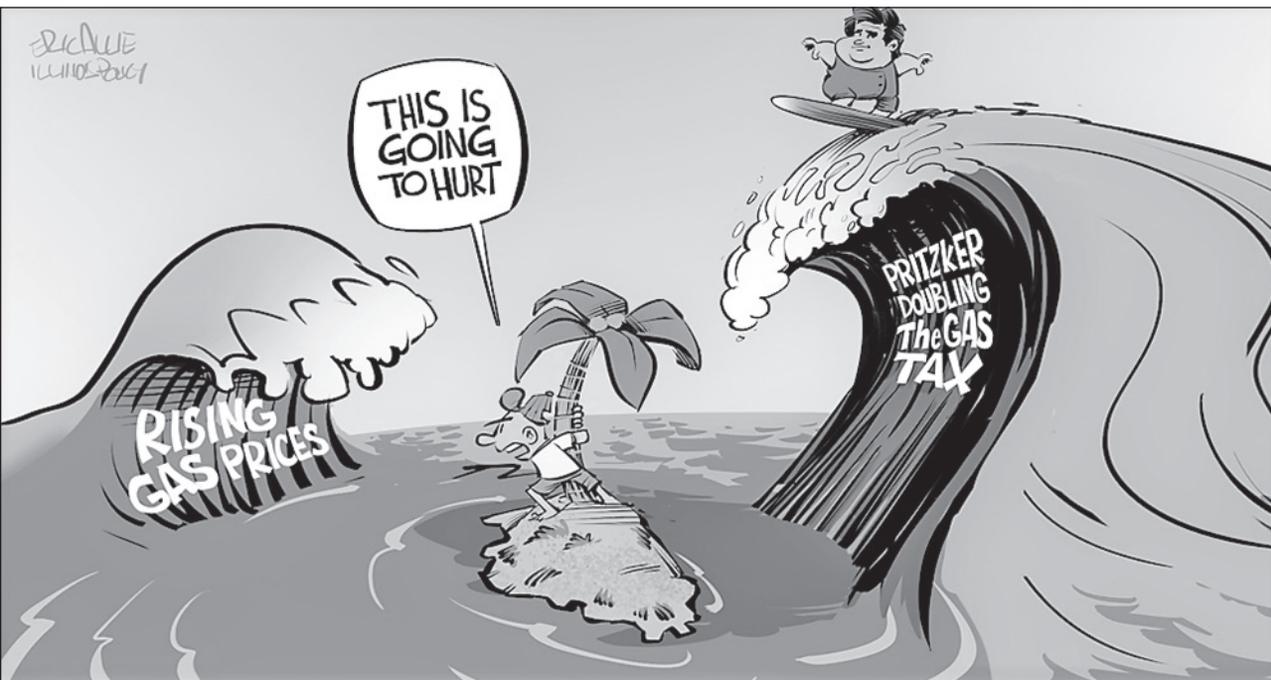
Preregistration is requested for this free event. Beat the registration deadline of May 17 and receive a Zoom link to join the presentation virtually or reserve a spot if attending in person. For more information on this program please contact the office at (815) 235-4125, or visit at go.illinois/jsw.

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# OPINION



## Slices of life

# Cacophony of chatter, chaos and beauty



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

The birds outside my bedroom window go crazy every morning. I love it.

They wake up—sometimes one by one, other times as groups—all with something to say, something to contribute. Perhaps they are calling out to friends or family; perhaps they are marking their territory or chasing squirrels from their nest; perhaps they simply like to hear themselves sing. It doesn't matter to me. I just like the music—and or—noise they make.

Because when they all chirp and tweet and whistle and trill and screech and caw and hoot and peck and squawk it often doesn't sound much like music. It's almost like they each are trying to outdo the other and that comes across as a rather cacophony of chaos.

I did not come up with that term on my own. I heard it and knew I loved it and knew it was the makings of a column.

And then I thought of the birds in the morning, and I knew where the cacophony would land.

The birdcalls are a cacophony of chaos. They compete with each other and contribute to the overall symphony of noise. It is music and chaos all at the same time.

Birds creating musical chaos: I thought that was the end of it.

Until I found myself sitting by the edge of a pool in the afternoon. I was in love with the sunshine.

Then the children entered. Sometimes one by one, but mostly in groups, accompanied by their adult counterparts. They splashed their way into the water and it was obvious from the start that everyone had something to contribute. They began calling out to sisters and brothers—dunking and diving and squealing and

giggling—each claiming their own spot in the pool. Some demanded the attention of grown-ups to see them do a water trick. Others rejoiced loudly as they practiced swim strokes or dives. They added to their noise by splashing and laughing.

They were, in a word, loud. It was almost as they were all trying to outdo one another.

It didn't matter to me.

I love the sound of children playing: their chatter, their squeals, their screams and their laughter. None of them seems to be listening to the other because they often aren't and I thoroughly enjoy tuning to their own fun and glee. It's almost like they are each trying to speak over the other and that comes across as a second cacophony of chaos.

Another one! Who would have thought this cacophony could happen more than once in nature?

Got me to thinking. Maybe cacophony isn't so much of an accident. Maybe chaos is planned.

Perhaps chaos is more common than we think. Birds in the back yard. Children at the pool. A family gathering. The dynamics of a workplace. A baseball, basketball or soccer game. A group of friends from high school or college. A book club. A golfing group. A classroom. A neighborhood. A church. A school.

Perhaps we are all part of the cacophony of chaos. Wouldn't that be lovely?

I think maybe it would be. Maybe it already is because lately I've come to the conclusion that maybe chaos is beautiful – if we allow it to be.

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

## Incidentally Oral Cancer and Oropharyngeal Cancer

April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month. The Oral Cancer Foundation reports more than 54,000 oral and oropharyngeal cancers are diagnosed each year, resulting in approximately 11,000 deaths annually in the United States. As with all cancers, early diagnosis contributes to improved prognosis and survival rates. Every patient should be screened for oral and oral pharyngeal cancer and precursor lesions during their dental exam. To augment this, you are encouraged to do a monthly self-exam of your mouth, looking for anything new, abnormal, or persisting. Keep in mind that people with oropharyngeal cancer often do not have oral symptoms but may



By **DR. STEPHEN PETRAS**  
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notice a lump on their neck. A dedicated website, [www.checkyourmouth.org](http://www.checkyourmouth.org) has been established to show you how to perform a self-exam. Their simple how-to video is user-friendly and extremely easy to follow. The idea of self-exams is not new and has already proven to be quite effective in helping to detect breast and skin cancers.

Oral cancer and oropharyngeal cancers differ in a

number of ways. During an oral cancer screening, your dentist will examine the oral cavity, the oropharynx (which includes the soft palate, the base of the tongue, the tonsils, and lateral and posterior pharyngeal walls), and the lymph nodes of the neck. Warning signs of cancer or precancerous lesions include, but are not limited to, frequent bleeding in the mouth, a lump or dense tissue in the cheek or neck, a mouth ulcer or sore that does not heal, patches of red or white irregular spots, persistent pain or numbness in the mouth or lips, difficulty chewing, swallowing or moving the tongue or jaw, a lesion on the tonsil and/or one tonsil significantly larger than the other and enlarged lymph nodes.

It is important for the pub-

lic to know that in its initial stages, oral cancers rarely cause any pain. If you have any of these warning signs, do not assume that a lack of pain means you can put off an exam or any recommended biopsy and diagnostic tests. A biopsy and diagnostic tests will provide a definitive diagnosis and guide treatment going forward.

While smoking is a risk factor for both these cancers, it is the major risk factor for oral cancer. The major risk factor for oropharyngeal cancer is the human papilloma (HPV) virus. Other risk factors for both these cancers include vaping, smokeless (chewing) tobacco, second-hand smoke, and alcohol abuse. While oral cancer occurs in the young, it is most prevalent in adults over forty. Oropharyngeal HPV cancers are most prevalent in people under forty. These cancers often appear in patients who do not use tobacco products or abuse alcohol and are considered to be sexually transmitted. The significant rise in these cancers has led to the CDC recommendation that all males and females receive the HPV vaccination by the age of 11-12. Long-term

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

This week we can start the column out the same as last week with the idea that our weather gives us a lot to talk about. We have received much needed rain. We need some warmer weather, and it can stop blowing things around too. I write this column as 50 mph gusts are ripping through our area. The rain has subsided, and we could have some sunshine on Easter Sunday. I hope you all had a great Easter celebration. A lot of people serve ham at Easter. This week's recipes feature how to use the leftover ham. There is also a great vegetable recipe and some yummy desserts.

## Navy Bean Soup

Often when Easter ham is bought, people buy a bone in ham for the sole purpose of having that ham bone for navy bean soup. It is a great to serve as a meal with crusty bread and fruit. This recipe also allows you to use the leftover ham without the bone if you opted for a boneless ham. There are a lot of people who have never had bean soup. I think they take a look at it and decide not to try it. What is the old saying, "Try it, you will like it"? This soup was a staple during the Depression. It is a good way to feed a hungry crowd very economically.

3 C. dried navy beans  
1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained  
1 large onion, chopped  
1 meaty ham bone or 1 C. diced cooked ham  
2 C. chicken broth  
2½ C. water  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Minced parsley

Rinse and sort beans; soak according to package directions. Drain and rinse beans after soaking, discarding the liquid. Place in a Dutch oven. Add the tomatoes with juice, onion, ham bone, broth, water, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until beans are tender, about 1½ hours. Add more water if it becomes too thick. Remove ham bone and let stand until cool enough to remove meat from bone; discard the bone. Cut meat into bite-sized pieces; set aside. (For a thicker soup, cool a cup of beans and place in a blender or food processor. Puree the beans and return to soup pot.) Return ham to soup and heat through. Garnish with parsley.

## Ham and Veggie Wraps

If you are in the mood for a sandwich that is different than a plain old ham sandwich, this wrap is a great way to get both veggies and ham in one place.

2 T. rice wine vinegar  
1 t. sugar  
1 medium carrot, cut into matchsticks  
¼ C. Mayonnaise  
1 T. Tabasco sauce  
4 10-inch wraps  
12 oz. thinly sliced ham  
1 cucumber cut into matchsticks  
4 radishes, thinly sliced  
½ C. fresh cilantro  
In a bowl, whisk together

vinegar, sugar, and ½ t. salt. Add carrot and toss to coat; let stand 10 minutes. Mix mayo and hot sauce and spread on each wrap, top with ham. Toss cucumber with carrot; drain. Spoon veggies on top of ham. Top with radishes and cilantro. Roll into a wrap. Slice in two for serving.

## Cheesy Bakes Asparagus

Asparagus is being offered on sale at the grocery store, and hopefully when it is warmer it will begin popping up in gardens and on roadsides. This is a great way to make the wonderful spring

vegetable.

3 lbs. fresh asparagus, trimmed  
1 C. heavy whipping cream  
½ t. salt  
½ t. pepper  
1½ C. shredded mozzarella cheese  
2 C. chopped cashews  
1 C. grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 400. Arrange asparagus in a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Add cream, salt and pepper over asparagus. Top with mozzarella cheese, cashews and parmesan cheese. Bake until the asparagus is tender and the cheese is melted and golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes.

Transfer dish to wire cooling rack; let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

## Farmer's Casserole

This casserole is an easy one to prepare the night before. Layer the ingredients in a casserole the night before, cover and refrigerate. Place the casserole into the oven an hour before serving and you will have supper ready to go. You can substitute another shredded cheese if you want. Serve with salad and bread and you have a great meal.

3 C. frozen hash brown potatoes  
¾ C. shredded Monterey

Jack cheese  
1 C. cooked ham, diced  
¼ C. chopped green onions  
4 eggs, beaten  
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk  
¼ t. pepper  
1/8 t. salt  
Preheat oven to 350.  
Grease a 2 qt. baking dish. Arrange hash brown potatoes evenly in the bottom of the casserole. Sprinkle with shredded cheese, ham, and green onions. In a medium bowl, mix the eggs, evaporated milk, pepper, and salt. Pour the egg mixture over the potato mixture in the dish.

See KITCHEN, Page 13

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# Hoops 4 Hammann puts the 'fun' into fundraising

On March 3, the community of Stockton and many people from nearby towns gathered for an evening of fun and fundraising. Eight teams consisting of coaches, administrators, teachers, board members, school staff, alumni and students played off for a fun (and funny) evening of seven 10-minute basketball games. Although all players put in an excellent effort, the team consisting of Stockton HS Seniors edged their way to the top.

All the money made from the tournament event went to two people that night for help with medical bills, John Hammann and Nicole Haight. With food proceeds at \$2,500 going to Nicole and ticket sales over \$3,400 going to John, the community helped to bring in almost \$6,000 for this worthy cause that was co-organized by Stockton HS Servant Leaders, National Honor Society members and National Art Honor Society members.



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The eight different teams that participated in Hoops 4 Hammann gather for a photo at the conclusion of the tournament.



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Rock Valley Publishing

Trace Williamson presents John Hammann with the winning team's trophy.

## Around the Northern Hills

By Annette Eggers  
**Family Farm signs**

It's that time of year that we are all thinking of planting and sprucing things up around the farm. Why not add a "This is a Family Farm" sign to your landscape? The signs are 17.5" X 23" and cost \$30.



Annette Eggers

video clip. Eligibility guidelines and submission requirements are at [fb.org/land/fdoty](http://fb.org/land/fdoty).

The public will once again be invited to vote on social media for People's Choice Pup. Bragging rights and a year's worth of dog food from Purina will be awarded to the winner.

**Do you shop on Amazon?**

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**Did you know that you don't need to be a farmer to be a farm bureau member?**

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# Warhawks bounce back from loss with pair of wins over Wildcats

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

After suffering their second loss of the season to the Lena-Winslow Panthers, the Warren-Stockton Warhawks bounced back with a pair of wins over the River Ridge-Scales Mound Wildcats. Prior to their matchup with West Carroll on April 19, the Warhawks held an overall record of 9-2 for the 2022 baseball season.

On Tuesday, April 12, the Warhawks were coming off a 6-2 loss to Le-Win. Before they were able to get back to the comfort of their home diamond, Warren-Stockton would have to go on the road again to face off with the Wildcats.

Warren-Stockton wasted no time in this one as they posted three runs in the top of the first. It was senior Ian Broshous who got the early rally started with a single to the left side. One out later another senior in Drew Mensendike singled to the left side, giving the Warhawks an early scoring opportunity. By putting the ball in play the Warhawks were able to take advantage of some defensive miscues by the Wildcats. Caleb Mammoser hit a hard ground ball which led to an error that allowed Ian Broshous to score the game's first run. The next at-bat, in a 3-2 count, Owen Logemann singled to right putting the Warhawks up 2-0. The Warhawks would score another run before the inning was over giving them a 3-0 lead before the Wildcats even came to the plate.

Alex Marsden was dealing for the Warhawks, however. The senior lefty gave the Wildcats problems all game as he pitched six full innings, while striking out thirteen and allowing just one hit. With one walk, Marsden allowed just two base runners in his six innings of work.

The Wildcats wouldn't crack the scoreboard until the bottom of the seventh. Zayden Ellsworth got the inning started by reaching safely on an error by Mammoser.

George Winter followed that up with a single to right field allowing Ellsworth to reach third. Breyton Fry would drive in the Wildcats' first run with a double to right field. Following a walk to Jacob Deurr, Dylan Diehl hit into a fielder's choice. A run was scored bringing the Wildcats within seven, down 9-2. They were down to their final two outs, however. The Wildcats hit their second double of the inning when Caden Albrecht hit a fly ball to right. The hit allowed Fry to score, but it would be RR-SM's last run as they went on to lose by a score of 9-3.

Mammoser was consistent at the plate going three for four with three runs scored. Logemann was impressive, going two for four with two runs batted in and one run scored. Fry led the Wildcats, going two for three with one run scored. Albrecht and Winter were the only other Wildcats to record a hit on the day.

A few days later these teams were back in action. Only this time the Warhawks were playing host to the Wildcats for their second meeting in just three days. Much like their first meeting, the teams wasted little time cracking the scoreboard. It was the Wildcats who were on the board first this time, however.

This time, it was the Wildcats taking advantage of some Warhawk miscues as an error and a hit-by-pitch had RR-SM in an early scoring opportunity. It was Maddox Knauer who drove in the game's first run with a single to right, allowing Winter to score. One out later Diehl drove in the second run on a groundout to shortstop.

The Wildcats' early lead would not last long, however. Ian Broshous got the Warhawks going with a lead-off single in the bottom of the first. After advancing

to third on a passed ball and a wild pitch, Broshous was able to score on a Mensendike groundout. At the next at-bat Marsden would score on a passed ball, tying the game at 2-2. Warren-Stockton would tack on two more runs as Brady Broshous and Drew Stietz would score before the end of the first.

The Wildcats would respond with two runs in the top of the third. A single by Diehl would drive in the Wildcats' third run and Damon Dittmar would score on a following error, allowing the Wildcats to tie the game at 4-4.

The Warhawks would take control again in the bottom of the fourth. A run in the fourth and two more in the fifth would give Warren-Stockton a 7-4 lead. It was a big sixth inning that busted the game open, however, as five runs in the bottom half gave the Warhawks a 12-4 lead with just one inning left to play.

The Wildcats would score a late run, but it would not matter as the Warhawks held on to win by a score of 12-5. Mammoser got the win for the Warhawks, pitching five and two third innings with just three hits allowed and 10 strikeouts. All four of RR-SM's runs were unearned. Mammoser was also impressive at the plate, going three for four with two RBI. Ian Broshous was two for three with two runs scored, and Mensendike was two for three with three RBI and one run scored.

Knauer led the way for the Wildcats, going two for three with an RBI and a walk. Charlie Wiegel was one for three with a pair of runs scored, and Diehl was one for three with a pair of runs batted in.

The Warhawks will travel to face off with West Carroll on Thursday, April 21. The Wildcats, who sit at 4-9, will play host to East Dubuque, the same night.

## Repair and replace in focus in Stockton

By Christopher Johnson  
REPORTER

Attempting to take a look at the plan to utilize pooled citizen tax dollars to pay off a few major expenses and many other "less-impressive" requests for dollars due, proved to be somewhat challenging for some community members and other perusers of the digital highway through town.

As a basic practice and through fairly strong support courtesy of action taken by the Illinois State Legislature, letting people know what community leaders are spending money on is of primary importance.

Posting of the Agenda is mandated by State Law. It's the schedule for what elected officials will discuss or approve that evening. The action has to be done to assure citizens know where and how much of the tax revenue is being spent.

Posting must be done at nothing less than at the "Principal" facility, through Illinois State Statute ILCS 5/120. That could mean on the front window of the Village Hall, which allows citizens and those interested the chance to pull in and park and take the short stroll to 155 W. Front Avenue.

With today's technology, sub-paragraphs in the Illinois State Statute make exceptions for "means to communicate," with the community by posting the information online, within 48 hours of the meeting's tip-off.

In Stockton, two highly accessible websites often feature meeting dates and links to previous meetings. Primary focus for community info-seekers seems to be available through the Village of Stockton's own digital platform, villageofstockton.com.

Ahead of the recent "scheduled" meeting

of the Stockton Village Board, on Tuesday, April 12, issues such as road improvements and how much of the budgeted tax dollars would be on hand to be spent were thought to be up for discussion.

Since projects such as new underwater transfer systems and drainage, in addition to surface modification and road repairs are a continuing vacuum of expense, it's expected that action will continue on spending money, and finding it as needed, based on previous session's Meeting Minutes.

During the March meeting of the Stockton Village Board, it was explained by Trustee Linda Gonnerman that the Village had received the IEPA Loan 17-5555 WWFT Phase I Loan in the amount of just shy of \$50,000, allowing the village to utilize more funds, for eventual repayment.

In early session action, Stockton Village Clerk Stefanie Hatley, presented for payment eleven additional invoices, which were due to be considered for payment.

The amount of just under \$7,000 was added to the payment roster through action initiated by Trustee Terry McGovern and seconded by Gonnerman. The measure passed by majority vote.

The March 8 meeting was the last with which Board Member Matt Timpe was active. Village President Rodney Brandt explained he had a received a resignation letter from him, to officially close down his service to the community as Village Trustee.

The Village Board retired to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and other issues, which are not immediately available to readers or media representatives courtesy of the protective action taken by State Statute.

## Quest for Jo Daviess' Best Burger has begun

The quest for Jo Daviess County's Best Burger, sponsored by the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Young Leaders, is now underway! Participants can nominate their favorite burger from a restaurant or food service establishment located in Jo Daviess County now through April 26. The top three restaurants will be announced on

April 27, and a second round of online voting will be held to determine a winner.

The winning restaurant will be announced on the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Facebook Page as well as in other media outlets. Winners receives a plaque to proudly display and a free Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau membership.

Each online voter will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 gift certificate from Lena Maid Meats. Votes can be made by visiting <https://docs.google.com/.../1wop5I-he8PeKpp73XnG.../edit>. For more information about the contest visit [www.jodaviess-cfb.com](http://www.jodaviess-cfb.com) or the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Facebook page.

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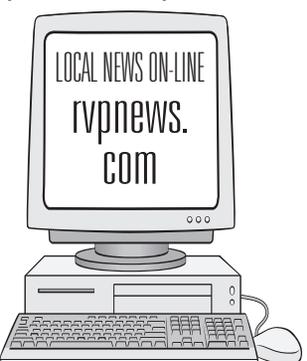
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2021CH59 PUBLICATION NOTICE The requisite affidavit for publication having

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 ELEV-EN (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.

or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite 1125 Chicago, Illinois 60606 Email: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Ph. 312-541-9710 Fax 312-541-9711 JB&A # IL 21 9084 I3191881 (Published in The Scoop Today April 13, 20 & 27, 2022) 415558

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Rush Township Fuel Bid**  
Rush Township is soliciting fuel bids for the period of June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023. Conditions of the bid:  
1) The bidder will supply diesel fuel and gasoline to Rush Township.  
2) The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularity in any of the bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Township.  
3) Bid specifications may be obtained by calling Garrett Toay at 515.710.9055. Bids are due at 3882 N Canyon Park Road, Stockton, IL 61085 by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Rush Township Mowing Bid**  
Rush Township is soliciting mowing bids for the 2022 mowing season. Grounds to be mowed include Puckett Cemetery, Townsend Cemetery, Robinson Cemetery, and the Rush Township Hall location. Please contact Supervisor Garrett Toay at 515.710.9055 for more information. Bids are due at 3882 N Canyon Park Road, Stockton, IL 61085 by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Ben Wooden Township Clerk (Published in The Scoop Today April 20, 2022) 416289

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**WEST POINT TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2022**

**TOWN FUNDS:**

**Revenues:** Property Taxes - \$165,630.93; Replacement Tax - \$15,257.17; Interest - \$690.52; Dividends - \$648.00; Misc Income - \$2,840.48. **TOTAL REVENUES: \$185,067.10**

**Disbursements:** Salaries: Under \$5,000 - Z. Mau, W. Staton, W. Bohnsack, R. Daws, M. Kempel, J. Smeck, J. Goebel, D. Erickson, D. Brinkmier, K. Gerbick, D. Langy and C. Fahr. Under \$10,000 - P. Kempel Under \$20,000 - B. Daws and Karen Peight. Under \$60,000 - J. Daws. Total Salaries: \$110,347.00. Social Security taxes - \$6,841.50. FICA Taxes - \$1,600.02. IL Unemployment Tax - \$438.55. Stephenson County Assessor - \$6,762.00. Sandra Davis, assessor \$3,382.75. Transferred to Cemetery Account for mowing - \$8,920.00. Lucas Group(audit) - \$5,500.00. TOIR-MA Insurance - \$4,381.00. Donations - \$6,750.00. Misc expenses under \$1,500 - \$8,660.57. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$163,583.39.**

**CEMETERY FUNDS**

**Revenues:** Lots - \$75.00; Transfer from Town Fund: \$8,920.00. **TOTAL REVENUES - \$8,995.00**

**Disbursements:** Heilman Mowing - \$6,270.00; True Vine - \$2750.74.

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$9020.74**

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND**

**Revenues:** Property Tax - \$3,517.78; Interest - \$127.56. **TOTAL REVENUES: \$3,645.34**

**Disbursements:** Misc under \$1,000 - \$2,739.27. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$2,739.27.**

**ROAD DISTRICT FUNDS**

**Revenues:** Property Taxes - \$247,410.66; Replacement Taxes - \$36,634.81; Interest Income - \$785.65; Dividend Income - \$791.00; and Misc Income - \$6,431.00. **TOTAL REVENUES: \$292,053.12.**

**Disbursements:** Bonnell Industries - \$6,300.79; Cargill - \$4,255.74; Doc's Excavating Inc- \$34,178.60; Helm Truck & Equipment - \$4,227.18; Illowa Culverts - \$24,291.00; Jerry's Welding Service - \$7,508.35; Jon Daws - \$8,029.36; Stephenson Service Co - \$35,779.82; Toirma (Insurance) - \$5,355.00; McConnell Machine & Welding - \$3,668.60 and Midwest Diesel - \$5,328.96. All other disbursements less than \$2,500 - total of \$41,879.57. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$180,802.97.**

**BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND:**

**Revenues:** Property Tax - \$17,845.03; Interest - \$101.72. **TOTAL REVENUES: \$17,946.75**

**Disbursements:** None. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:** None

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION**

	Town Funds	Cemetery	Gen'l Assist	Road Dist Funds	Bldg& Equip
Beginning Bal	\$257,745.08	\$ 39.64	\$49,323.62	\$200,921.44	\$25,643.73
Revenue	185,067.10	8,995.00	3,645.34	292,053.12	17,946.75
Disbursements	163,583.39	9,020.74	2,739.27	180,802.97	.00
*Ending Balance	\$279,228.79	\$ 13.90	\$50,229.69	\$312,171.59	\$43,590.48

Subscribed and sworn to this 12th day of April 2022. Karen Peight, West Point Township Supervisor and Treasurer of West Point Township Road District. William Staton, Clerk of the West Point Township, Stephenson County, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

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**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**RUSH TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2022**  
**TOWNSHIP-REVENUE SUMMARY:** Property Taxes: \$64,080, Replacement Tax: \$1,423

**TOWNSHIP-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:** Advertisement: \$311; Donations: \$100; Township Officials of Illinois: \$172; Bauer & Fonseca: \$5,129; Office Supplies: \$177; ComEd: \$293

**COMPENSATION SUMMARY:** Bannon Fuchs: \$270; Kevin Pierce: \$30; Sarah Heller: \$180; Brad Mapes: \$360; Jeffery Schuldt: \$300; Marshall McKee: \$150; Garrett Toay: \$2,800; Ben Wooden: \$1,700; Jase McGivney: \$35,000, Delmar Nieman: \$6,675; Kyle Hubb: \$1,703; Mike Schultz: \$1,470, Austin Westaby: \$1,575

**ROAD DISTRICT - REVENUE SUMMARY:** Property Taxes - \$117,152, Replacement Tax: \$5,624, Interest Income: \$1,824.88; Precision Pipeline: \$773,451

**ROAD DISTRICT-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:** Dues and Subscriptions: \$285; Fuel: \$16,580, Job Materials: \$15,329; Licenses & Fees: \$140; Utilities: \$538 Maintenance Services Equipment - \$12,795 Subscribed and sworn this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

**Garrett J Toay,**  
**Supervisor**

I, Ben Wooden, Clerk of the Town of Rush, Jo Daviess County, IL, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Subscribed and sworn to this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

**Ben Wooden, Clerk**

(Published in The Scoop Today April 20, 2022)

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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# LEGAL NOTICES

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On May 9, 2022, at 9:00 am, a meeting conducted by Pearl City School District will take place at the Pearl City School in the HS Library. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2022-23 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Pearl City Schools, you are urged to attend.

If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Mike Schiffman, Superintendent of Pearl City Schools at 815-443-2715.

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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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## 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.

## 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 Anthony V. Coon, Attorney At Law Anthony V. Coon, #6269568 Attorney at Law 10 N. Galena Ave., Ste. 210 Freeport, IL 61032 815-235-2212 Fax 815-232-5500 tonycoonlaw@aol.com (Published in The Shopper's Guide April 13, 20 & 27, 2022) 415964

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ND, PLAINTIFF, VS. BERNARD TOMAN A/K/A BERNARD W TOMAN; KIPPE MEYERS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DOLORES TOMAN, DECEASED; DISCOVER BANK; ABSOLUTE RESOLUTIONS CORPORATION; DWIGHT HENSON; DENEA TAYLOR; DULARI TOMAN; DELEANA ATZ; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAVON TRIMBLE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DWAYN TRIMBLE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DOLORES A TOMAN, DEFENDANTS. 19 CH 56

2182 NORTH FLANSBURG ROAD FREEPORT, IL 61032 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Davon Trimble Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Dwayn Trimble Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Dolores A Toman 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:

A part of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Eighteen (18), in Township 27 North, Range 7, East of the 4th Principal Meridian described

as follows: beginning at a point 224 feet south of the northeast corner of said half quarter section, and running west parallel with north line of half quarter section, 818.5 feet; thence north 224 feet to quarter quarter line, thence north 117 feet; thence east parallel with quarter quarter line 256 feet; thence south 117 feet to quarter quarter line; thence east 150 feet to a point 412.5 feet west of northeast corner of said half quarter section; thence south parallel, with east section line, 189.75 feet; thence east parallel with north line of said half quarter section, 412.5 feet to section line; thence south 34.25 feet to place of beginning. Situated in the County of Stephenson and State of Illinois.

Commonly known as: 2182 North Flansburg Road Freeport, IL 61032

and which said Mortgage was made by, Bernard Toman a/k/a Bernard W Toman and Dolores Toman a/k/a Dolores A Trimble

Mortgagor(s), to U.S. Bank, National Association N.D. Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stephenson County, Illinois, as Document No. 200400059906; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before May 20, 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 Attorney for Plaintiff 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 Ph. (312) 346-9088 File No. 20-047271L-613960 I3192525

(Published in The Shopper's Guide April 20, 27 & May 4, 2022) 416242

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 (Published in The Shopper's Guide April 6, 13 & 20, 2022) 415356

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 (Published in The Shopper's Guide April 6, 13 & 20, 2022) 415358

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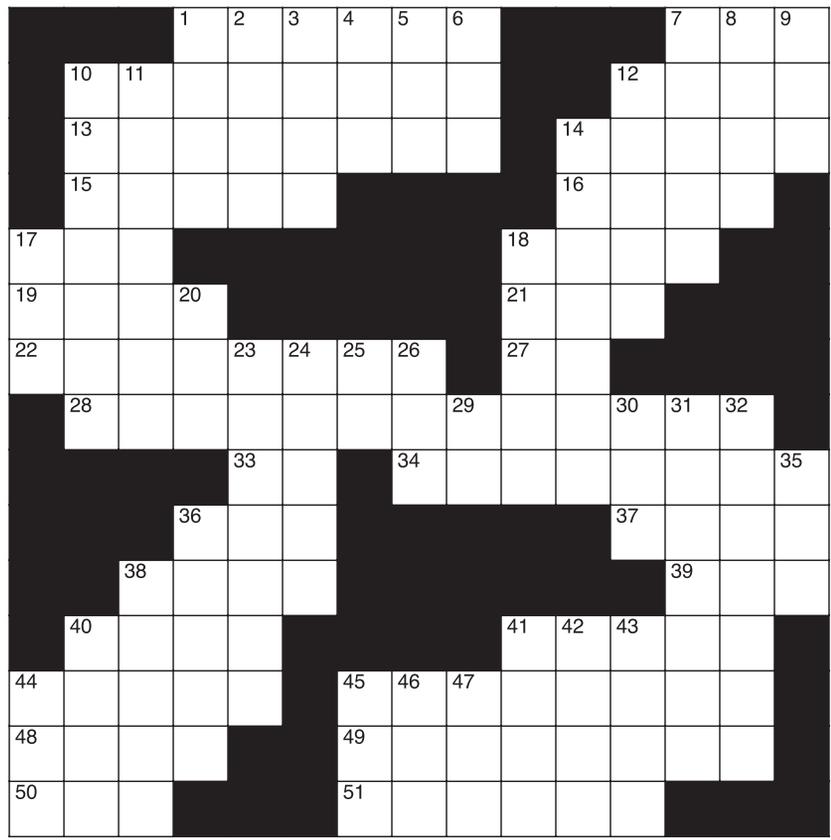
- 1. A woman of refinement
- 7. Body part
- 10. One who imitates
- 12. Tropical Asian starlings
- 13. A type of delivery
- 14. W. Australian capital
- 15. Many wombs
- 16. Wings
- 17. Expression of amusement
- 18. Brews
- 19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 21. Mild expression
- 22. Solitary
- 27. Distance to top
- 28. The rebirth of a soul in a new body
- 33. Police who investigate police (abbr.)
- 34. Begrudged
- 36. Popular sports league
- 37. Autonomous republic of Russia
- 38. Double-headed drum
- 39. Type of light bulb

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Inspiration
- 2. Resembling wings
- 3. Form of Persian
- 4. Consumed
- 5. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 6. Sea eagle
- 7. Jaguarundis
- 8. Poker stake
- 9. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 10. South American nation
- 11. A colorless, odorless gas
- 12. Disturbance
- 14. Artist's tool
- 17. Polish peninsula

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 18. Ottoman military leaders
- 20. Bird-like dinosaur
- 23. Drinking glass
- 24. Central Florida city
- 25. One's mother
- 26. To do it is human
- 29. Atomic #10
- 30. Used to write
- 31. The branch of medicine concerned with the ear
- 32. Adversaries
- 35. Have already done
- 36. One of conspicuous wealth
- 38. It flies over sporting events
- 40. Geological times
- 41. Net
- 42. Musical phrase
- 43. Chadic dialect
- 44. Private Internet Access (abbr.)
- 45. Lizard genus
- 46. Woman of the church
- 47. Having ten



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# Kitchen (Continued from page 7)

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes in the oven or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

about 5 more minutes.

## Deluxe Ham Casserole

This casserole is a great casserole for a cool spring night. It has pasta, ham, and peas to make it a complete meal. You can substitute cream of mushroom soup for the cream of celery if you want.

- 3 C. elbow macaroni
- 1 T. butter
- 1 C. cubed ham
- 1 C. chopped onion
- 1 T. minced garlic
- 2 C. shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 C. frozen peas
- 1 C. milk
- ½ C. sour cream
- ½ t. onion powder
- ½ t. garlic powder
- 1 can French fried onions, crushed

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Stir in macaroni. Cook pasta, stirring occasionally until the pasta has cooked through, but is still firm to the bite, about 8 minutes; drain and set aside.

Preheat oven to 350. Spray a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Cook and stir ham and onion in the melted butter until onion is tender, about 5 minutes. Stir garlic into ham mixture and cook for about 2 minutes more; remove skillet from heat.

Mix pasta, cheddar cheese, cream of celery soup, peas, milk, sour cream, onion and garlic powder into the ham mixture until well mixed. Place mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake until cheese is melted, about 25 minutes. Sprinkle French fried onions on casserole and bake until golden,

## Lime Divine Tarts

If you are gearing up for a Derby Party or just want something spring-like for dessert, these tarts will be a delicious treat.

- Curd**
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
  - 1 egg yolk, room temperature
  - ½ C. sugar
  - ¼ C. lime juice
  - 1 t. lime zest
  - ¼ C. unsalted butter, cubed

## Tart shells

- ½ C. unsalted butter, softened
- 3 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 C. flour

**Filling:** In a small heavy saucepan over medium heat, whisk eggs, egg yolk, sugar, lime juice and zest until blended. Add butter and cook, whisking constantly, until mixture is thickened and coats the back of your spoon. Transfer to a small bowl; cool. Cover and refrigerate until chilled.

**Tarts:** In a bowl, cream butter and cream cheese until smooth. Gradually add flour; mix well. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or until easy to handle. Preheat the oven to 375. Shape the dough into 1 inch balls; press onto bottoms and up sides of 24 ungreased miniature muffin cups. Prick bottoms with fork. Bake until golden brown, 13 to 15 minutes. Cool finished tarts for 5 minutes before removing from the pans to wire racks to cool completely. Fill shells with lime curd. Garnish as desired with grated lime zest or grated white chocolate. Refrigerate leftovers.

## Ultimate Carrot Box Cake

This carrot cake is an easy one to put together because it starts with a box cake. You can omit the nuts or raisins if you

don't have people who like these two. I have sprinkled the nuts on part of the top so that those people who like them can get them. I also use my own cream cheese frosting instead of buying it. This cake is perfect for spring or anytime.

- 1 box Betty Crocker® SuperMoist® carrot cake mix
- ½ cup orange juice or water
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 can (8 oz) crushed pineapple in juice, undrained
- 1 teaspoon orange peel
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- ½ cup coconut
- ½ cup chopped raisins

## Frosting

1 to 2 teaspoons orange peel, if desired

1 container (1 lb) Betty Crocker® Rich & Creamy cream cheese frosting

Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pans). Grease two 8- or 9-inch round cake pans or 13x9-inch pan and lightly flour, or spray with baking spray with flour. In a large bowl, beat cake mix, orange juice, oil, pineapple, orange peel, vanilla, and eggs on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes. Stir in nuts, coconut, and raisins. Pour into pans.

Bake 8- or 9-inch rounds 30 to 35 minutes, 13x9-inch pan 37 to 43 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Run knife around side of pans to loosen cakes; remove rounds from pans to cooling racks. Cool completely, about 1 hour.

**Frosting:** Stir orange peel into frosting. Place 1 cake layer, rounded side down, on serving plate. Spread with about 1/3 cup frosting. Place other layer, rounded side up, on top. Frost side and top of cake with remaining frosting or frost top of 13x9-inch cake. Store in refrigerator. Note: You can add

¾ cup finely shredded carrots, if desired.

## Final Thoughts

Last weekend I got to ride around the lake. It was beautiful. The water is coming up, there were people hiking, parents and children fishing, and a road without potholes. What a treat to have a beautiful place to go to. I hope the restaurant will be open soon, and that it will be full of campers. Someday the weather will warm up for our spring sports and for those people who are itching to get their flowers and gardens planted. We continue to look for some spring recipes that feature some spring vegetables and fruits. The rhubarb is coming, so remember to dust off those recipes to share. 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.

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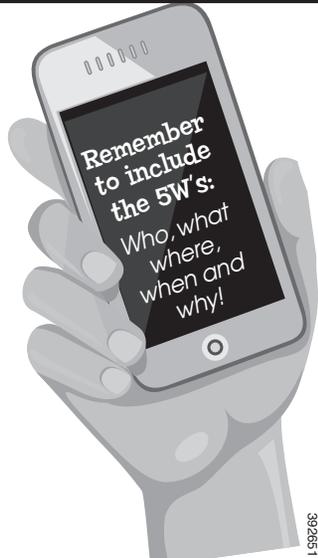
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Lena American Legion Memorial Day Breakfast fundraiser

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The breakfast will offer scrambled eggs, french toast, biscuits and gravy, sausage, ham, coffee cake, fresh fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. The price per ticket is \$8 per person, or \$4 for children under 10. Carryout meals are also available.

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# Session recap: Bills allow pharmacists to administer preventive HIV meds, fentanyl test strips

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Legislation allowing pharmacists to administer or dispense preventive HIV medication and fentanyl testing strips were among health-related measures passed by the Illinois General Assembly during the final week of session.

House Bill 4430 allows pharmacists to order and conduct testing and dispense pre- and post-exposure HIV medications to individuals who are at high risk for infection. The pharmacists would need to have a standing order issued by a licensed physician or county health department that would allow them to offer care for the individual seeking help.

The medications, referred to as PrEP for the pre-exposure drug and PEP for the post-exposure one, are designed to mitigate the risk of HIV infection.

Sen. Mike Simmons, D-Chicago, the bill's chief Senate sponsor, said it will help cut down on waiting times and provide "potentially lifesaving" care to thousands of Illinoisans.

According to the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, there are about 45,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in Illinois and 1,300 people each year learn they have HIV or AIDS.

The bill also lays out insurance reimbursement requirements for pharmacists offering

the services.

Sen. Jason Barickman, a Bloomington Republican, was the only GOP lawmaker from either chamber to vote yes for the measure.

Barickman said the solution to the issue "may be imperfect," but that Simmons has worked with the Illinois State Medical Society and the Illinois Pharmacists Association to find a solution to lower HIV exposure across the state.

"The proposed solution is much better than the status quo that exists today," Barickman said.

The measure passed the Senate 37-12 with 10 Senators not voting and passed the House 72-30 with 12 members

not voting.

Throughout debate in both chambers, Republicans raised concerns about legal, emancipated minors having access to the medication and receiving the medication on multiple occasions for their own personal use. In Illinois, a legal emancipated minor must be 16 years or older and have court documentation proving they are legally emancipated.

Under the Consent by Minors to Health Care Services Act, if a minor 12 years of age or older who possibly comes into contact with any sexually transmitted disease can give consent to health care providers to prevent, diagnose or treat a potential disease.

For an emancipated individual to receive HIV medical care from the pharmacist, under the Consent by Minors to Health Care Services Act, they must show the pharmacist documentation proving they are emancipated in order to receive the medical care they need.

Sen. Darren Bailey, R-Xenia, said the language leaves "too many loopholes" for minors, whether emancipated or not, to go to different pharmacies and refill their medications several times.

But Simmons said it is unlikely that an individual will become addicted to the medication since it has no side effects, and the hypothetical scenario is impossible because the individual must receive lab testing before a prescription can be given.

Under the bill, pharmacists are required to complete a training program that is related to HIV care before they can dispense the drugs. If an individual needs to get another prescription for the medication, done to determine if they are still at risk for infection or are HIV-positive, Simmons said.

The bill still needs approval from Gov. JB Pritzker and would take effect Jan. 1, 2023, if signed.

counterfeit pills and drugs.

The bill is designed to expand on the Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Act, passed in 2019. That law authorizes government agencies and nongovernmental organizations to create needle access programs aimed at reducing HIV and other bloodborne diseases.

Programs are community-based and provide a range of preventive services and educational information on overdose prevention and intervention, monitoring programs for opioids and other prescriptions, and safe drug disposal of unused medications.

All testing supplies for fentanyl must be stored in a licensed pharmacy, hospital, clinic or other health care facility.

Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, said that many opioid deaths occur in people who did not know they were ingesting a substance that was "cut with fentanyl, a synthetic, cheap, and extremely deadly opioid."

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, there were 2,944 opioid overdose deaths in 2020 which was more than twice the number of homicides. There were also 19,451 emergency responses to opioid overdoses in 2020.

Guzzardi noted that the bill won't end the fentanyl crisis but that it will provide young people who do experiment with drugs a measure of protection that could potentially save their life.

The measure still needs approval from Pritzker and would take effect immediately once signed into law.

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### Fentanyl strips

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