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Lena Milling closing after 64 years

Virgil Martin and his wife Joanne would like to thank the community for an amazing 34 years of ownership of Lena Milling. Virgil has been working at Lena Milling for about 64 years and has been the proud owner for 34 years. It is bittersweet that at the end of June 2022 he will be closing the doors to Lena Milling one last time and will be enjoying a much-deserved retirement. He has been a devoted community member and businessman throughout his career. When asked what he was most proud of he said, "I have gotten to know a lot of people and gotten to work with good, loyal people in the community." Please join his family in wishing him well in his retirement!

Flour millers anticipate ample supply of wheat

By Daniel Grant
FARMWEEK

Flour millers should have an ample supply of quality wheat in the state this season, based on findings of the Southern Illinois Wheat Tour.

The annual tour, hosted by the Illinois Wheat Association (IWA), projected an average yield of 68.56 bushels per acre, but more importantly, generally low insect and disease pressure at this point.

"The yield is obviously important for the farmers," said Mark Miller, plant manager of Mennel Milling in Mount Olive and IWA board member. "As a flour miller, we're looking for quality, good test weights, milling yield, low vomitoxin and good falling numbers (which reflect the starch content)."

Miller started working in the industry in 1982 and recently reached a 40-year milestone. Mennel Milling, one of five wheat mills in the state, opened in 1876.

He anticipates an ample supply of wheat in Illinois

this year.

"There's a lot of competition in this market," Miller said. "But there's enough wheat grown that we can all get what we need. We've got a good draw."

Soft red wheat processed at Mennel goes into everything from pancake flour, Aldi's toaster pastries and French's fried onions to Pillsbury biscuits and cookie dough.

"We've got a wide variety of products that we're in," Miller said. "That's probably one of the things not well known about us is all the different products we're in."

Dave DeVore, grain merchandiser for Siemer Milling in Teutopolis, established in 1882, also looks for an adequate supply of wheat this harvest.

USDA projects Illinois farmers will harvest 50,000 more acres this year compared to 2021, with total production in the state pegged at 49.5 million bushels, up about 1.3 million from a year ago.

"I think (the tour) kind of went as expected from talking to farmers," DeVore said. "Everybody thought wheat looked pretty good, and I'd agree with that."

"I don't know that it's a record-breaker. But it's a pretty good crop."

The key between now and harvest hinges on the weather to avoid any type of major disease outbreak in the crop.

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Electronics recycling event

In partnership with the Stephenson County Health Department, University of Illinois Extension Office, and the City of Freeport, the annual electronics recycling event will be held on Saturday Aug. 20, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (or until trucks are full) in parking lot B of Highland Community College, rain or shine.

This event is open to residents of Stephenson County only. There will be a \$20 cash charge (only correct change accepted) per vehicle and only seven items total are allowed per vehicle. Of those seven items, only the following items

can be accepted. If anything, else is brought, it cannot be accepted. This is an IEPA approved event, and their guidelines must be followed.

Accepted items include: Computers and Small-Scale Servers Computer Monitors Televisions Printers, FAX Machines, and Scanners DVD Players, DVD Recorders, and VCRs Video Game Consoles, Digital Converter Boxes, Cable Receivers, and Satellite Receivers Electronic Keyboards, Electronic Mice, and Portable Music Players.

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Obituaries

SHANE MICHAEL STOUFFER



Shane Michael Stouffer, 55, of Winslow, IL passed away at home after a brief illness on Saturday, June 4. He was born on Nov. 29, 1966, to Ron & Charlene (Wastel) Stouffer in Waddams Grove, IL. Shane graduated from Lena Winslow High School in 1985. He married Cathy Sue Campbell Stouffer on Aug. 6, 1996. He worked as a Social Worker at Maryville for 10 years, then in the Agricultural Industry with the family business, Lane View Ag Supply for the last 15 years.

Shane enjoyed visiting with his beloved family and

watching golf and tennis, discussing social justice issues and taking care of his adored dog, Tisha and cat, Meow Meow.

Shane is survived by his daughter Aslan Stouffer (John Cuny) of Winslow, IL; his parents of Waddams Grove, IL; mother-in-law of Winslow, IL; his brothers:

friends, working on cars, cooking new recipes, cracking jokes, sharing his love of music, hanging out by the pool, friends, working on cars, cooking new recipes, cracking jokes, sharing his love of music, hanging out by the pool,

Shad and Shawn Stouffer of Waddams Grove, IL; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife Cathy Sue Campbell Stouffer and father-in-law Claire Campbell Sr.

A private family funeral was held at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL with from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 10. A public graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 11, at Rock Lily Cemetery in Winslow, IL. Troy Keene officiated the service. A memorial has been established in his name. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

DEANNA L. GILLETTE



Deanna L. Gillette, 54, of Warren, IL passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 5, surrounded by her family, after a three-year battle with cancer. Deanna was born on March 6, 1968, in Freeport, IL to Duane and Judy (Jones) Shaw. She was a 1986 graduate of Warren High School.

Deanna married Todd Gillette on Sept. 11, 1993, at Oakdale Pavilion in Freeport, IL. Deanna and Todd owned and operated Bastian Beverage and Party Supply in Freeport until 2013. She then embarked on her favorite job as a paraprofessional at Warren High School until her retirement in 2022.

Deanna was very crafty and creative. She enjoyed crochet-

ing, quilting, doing cross stitch, and anything she could let her creative side take over. Her happy place was visiting her

trailer on the river in Sauk City, WI. Alongside her best friend, Diane Meinen, they enjoyed creating themed baskets that they raffled off, benefiting St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Deanna is survived by her parents, Duane and Judy Shaw of Warren, IL, her brother; David (Tami) Shaw of Janesville, WI, nephews; Cameron and Ian Shaw, Nathan Bliss, Kyle and Cory Gillette, niece; Savannah Bliss, mother and

father-in-law; Sylvia and Allen Gillette, and her brother-in-law; Brian Gillette. She was preceded in death by her husband Todd in 2013, and her maternal and paternal grandparents.

A visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 18, at the Warren United Methodist Church in Warren, IL. Private family memorial services will be held at a later date. Pastor Roger Bronkema will officiate the services. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial has been established in her memory for St. Jude Children's Hospital and the District 205 Foundation Scholarship. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

ELEAINE J. BARTHEL



Elaine J. Barthel, age 79 of Freeport, IL passed away peacefully on June 4, at Heritage Woods, Freeport, IL. She was born on Nov. 12, 1942, in Iowa City, IA, the daughter of Aloysious and Bertha (Reistroffer) Ties.

Elaine married Ken Barthel and together they had six children. Richard Barthel of Orangeville, IL; Cindy (Kirk) Schubert of Mount Carroll, IL; Jerry (Eloise) of Lena, IL; Susan (Keith) Cochran of Freeport, IL; Michael Barthel of Mineral Point, WI; and Curtis (Kathy) Barthel of Lena, IL. Elaine was a homemaker

and devoted mother who dearly loved her family; sixteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, three sisters, Marilyn Ties of Dubuque, IA; Maxine Peters of Galena, IL and Lori (Dave) Loney of Dubuque, IA, and four brothers, Ronald (Maggie) Ties of Graf, IA; Raymond Ties of Freeport, IL; Charles Ties of Dubuque, IA; and Larry (Julie) Ties of Galena, IL and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Evelyn, and Algean, and three brothers, Robert, Richard, and Melvin.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 18, at Zion Church of Freeport, 4292 W. Stephenson St. Road, Freeport with Pastor Steve Rios officiating.

Friends may call after 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial will follow in Greenwood cemetery, Galena, IL. The Furlong Funeral Chapel, Galena is assisting the family. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.furlongfuneralchapel.com.

FHN offering COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters at clinics

FHN will offer COVID-19 vaccinations as well as first and second COVID-19 booster vaccinations at a number of clinics scheduled at its locations throughout the area.

A Pfizer pediatric initial vaccination and booster clinic for patients ages 5 to 18 will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 22 at the FHN Family Healthcare Center Burchard Hills, 1010 W. Fairway Drive in Freeport. Call the office at 815-599-7755 to schedule an appointment. For initial vaccinations, a second dose appointment will be made

for the same time of day for 21 days after the first dose (July 13) at the patient's first appointment.

A Moderna initial vaccination and booster clinic for patients 18 and over will be held at the same time as the pediatric clinic above in the Burchard Hills Family Practice office. Call the office at 815-599-7170 to schedule an appointment. For initial vaccinations, an appointment to receive the second dose 28 days after the first dose (July 20) will be made for the same time of day at the patient's first appointment.

A Moderna initial vac-

cination and booster clinic for patients 18 and over will be held from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 6 at the FHN Family Healthcare Center Forreston, 803 First Avenue in Forreston. Call the office at 815-938-3130 to schedule an appointment. For initial vaccinations, an appointment to receive the second dose 28 days after the first dose (August 3) will be made for the same time of day at the patient's first appointment.

A Moderna initial vaccination and booster clinic for patients 18 and over will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 14 at the FHN Family Healthcare Center - Lanark, 602 W. Olympic Drive in Lanark. Call the office at 815-493-2831 to schedule an appointment. For initial vaccinations, an appointment to receive the second dose 28 days after the first dose (August 11) will be made for the same time of day at the patient's first appointment.

FHN is following CDC guidelines regarding eligibility, available at <https://tinyurl.com/FHNCDCboosters>.

For all of the clinic events, patients receiving a first or second booster should bring a photo ID and their COVID-19 immunization card, and all patients and persons accompanying them must wear a mask while in the facility. 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).

On behalf of the Le-Win Post Prom Planning Committee of 2022, we would like to thank the following people and businesses for their generous support of Post Prom. We received a lot of positive feedback and most importantly, the weekend was a safe and fun experience for the juniors and seniors of Lena-Winslow High School (and their dates!).

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Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension

The regular monthly meeting of Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension will be held Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Pearl City Library. The major lesson, Happy Hacks for Positivity, will be led by Jo Wenzel. The minor lesson, One Day Trips, will be presented by Anita Costello. The raffle items will be brought by Paula Gerke and Colleen Brown. All are invited to join.

SONS of the Lena American Legion raffle

The Annual Calendar Raffle sponsored by the SONS of the Lena American Legion will be held this year. This fundraiser helps the SONS support The American Legion and their programs such as Boys State and Legion Baseball among others.

The cost is \$10 per ticket and the ticket is returned to the drawing which is eligible each day during the month of July. The prize on weekdays is \$50, Saturday prizes are \$100, and the Fourth prize is \$500.

Purchase tickets directly from SONS members, at the American Legion Home on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or call 815-369-4684.

Discovery Center Museum to host Family Fun Day events

Nine Family Fun Day events will be held between June 17 and August 12. Family Fridays focus on a specific subject matter and then explore that subject through various means, including activities, demonstrations, make-and-take projects, and performances.

All event activities are included with admission. Tickets are \$10 per person and are free to members and all children ages one and younger. Advance online tickets are recommended. Walk-ins are welcome. Advance tickets can be purchased at <http://www.discoverycentermuseum.org/reservations#Reserve> or by phone at 815-963-6769.

Visit Discovery Center and experience life on a farm

Discovery Center is turning into Old MacDonald's Farm on Friday, June 17. Meet some live animal friends as you explore the sights, sounds, and feel of barnyard life. Create an animal hat, construct a corn husk doll, play barnyard bingo, try your hand at critter crafts and enjoy some furry and feathered babies during this barnyard bonanza of fun. Our friends from Midwest Dairy will be on hand with activities sure to excite future farmers. Activities run 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cantina Taco will have their food truck onsite from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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Wheat supply projected to rise

Mark Miller, plant manager of Mennel Milling in Mount Olive, celebrated his 40th anniversary in the business this year and expects an adequate supply of wheat this season.



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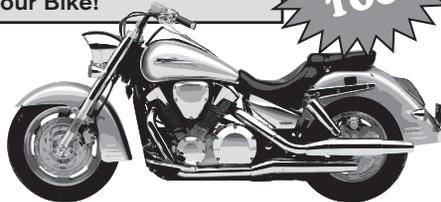
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OPINION

Slices of life

A letter to my husband



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

Dear Thom,
Hey honey. I sure do miss you. More than you can ever know, but I think you do, because I know you are close. I sense and feel your closeness.

It's been a year-and-a-half since you left this physical earth, and I'm doing better every day. Well, most days.

We're all allowed to have an off day every so often. But, by and large, I'm doing better.

Today I put on a dress that I hadn't worn for awhile and found a tissue in the pocket. It made me realize that at some point I quit carrying tissues with me everywhere.

It used to be a staple in my wardrobe—pockets and a tissue—because I never

knew when I'd break out in spontaneous, uncontrolled and unadulterated tears.

For the most part, I can now contain my crying to private moments. It's a step forward.

I know you applaud my victories, no matter how small. You are my biggest cheerleader.

Currently, my days pass by. I have new routines. They are becoming comfortable and sometimes it's hard for me to

remember what my days—and life—were like before, when you were here. It's almost as though they are something I might have dreamed about, like they aren't real. I wonder, sometimes, if you ever really were here at all. Maybe I made it up in my imagination. Maybe everything we all experience is imagination. Maybe that would be so much better than reality.

Whatever reality is, I know I didn't make up 33 years of us. Logical me knows that, but when your reality—the life you thought you knew so well—is gone, you wonder if you ever really had it in the first place. Your very definition of what is real feels blurry and

untenable. Like a mist, or a cloud, that can't be grasped or contained—it is there, yet it isn't. It was there, but maybe it wasn't. Or maybe it still is, but you just can't see it anymore.

I miss you every day. Losing you is the first thing I think of each morning. When I awaken I realize—again—that I am alone and being without you leaves me lonely and (dare I say) a bit pitiful. Or at least it feels pitiful. Sometimes I cry. I'm sorry for that; I know you want me to be happy.

I think of you many times each day, and I don't want that to change. But I would like to find something, eventually, that gives my life enough

purpose so that I wake up thinking of all I've got to gain versus what I've already lost. It's a lofty goal, and one worth working toward. But it's hard.

I know you miss me, too, but I also know you are in a good place—a blissful, joyous place where the world's worries and weights no longer exist. I also know you worry about me and want me to do well. You are waiting for me to join you. I appreciate that. I love you for that. Present tense. I always will. To infinity and beyond.

I think you appreciate the person I've become. I've done things I never would have before. I sold a house and bought a new one. Ditto that

for cars. I had to take your name off bank and insurance accounts. (That hurt.) I wrangled with repair people who tried to take advantage of me, and stood up for myself. I changed my hair. I took up a new hobby in painting (not walls, canvas). I unabashedly ask for directions or help wherever I go. I know you'd be proud, and that makes me smile.

Because it makes you smile. I like it when we smile together. I always have. Always will. Love you.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

Letter to the editor

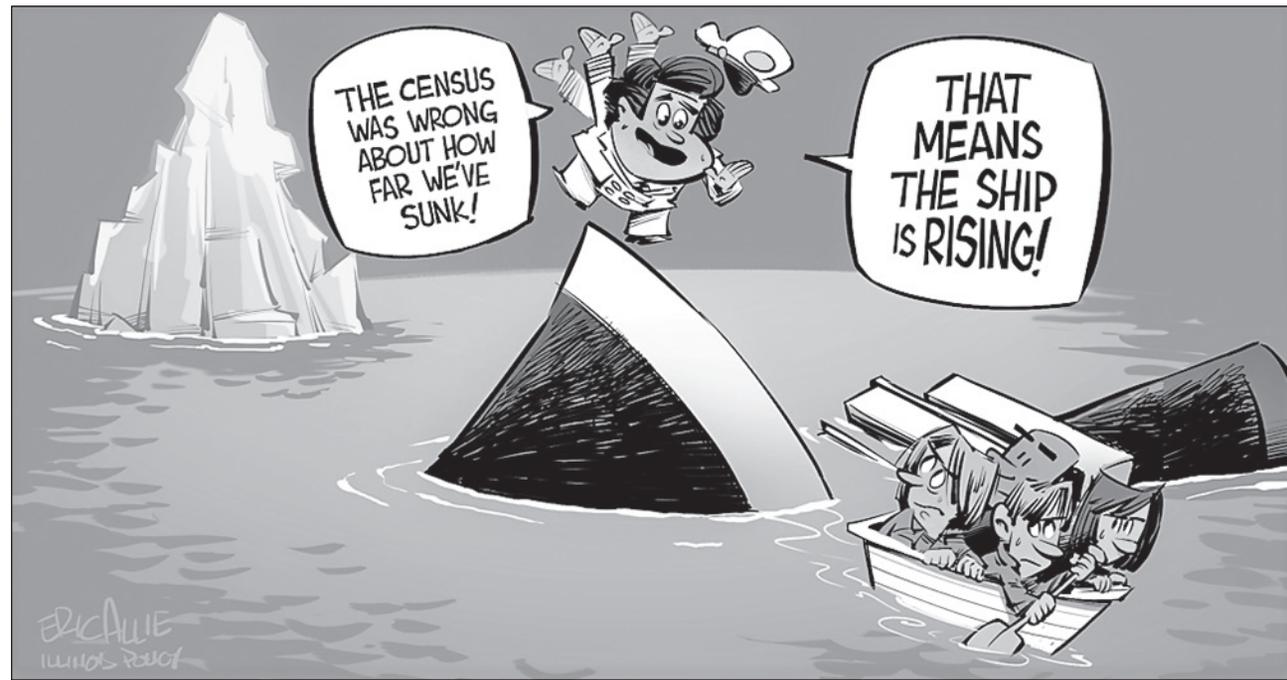
I would like to report to you the results of the Warren Lions Community Service Day held on June 4, 2022. Three volunteers from the Lions Club and six students from Warren Community Unit School District 205 combined to complete projects for the park district. We as Lions have a motto, "We Serve." Our purpose is to help instill in others a feeling of accomplishment when you do something for others and/or the local community with friends.

The Lions Club also provided meals for all volunteers after their three-hour shift. It was great to see these individuals working on the projects throughout the community. Some of the projects that were completed included garbage/yard waste pick up and painting dugouts at the little league diamond, the gazebo, and the picnic tables at Meridian Park.

We hope that all of you that helped this year will help again next year. For those of you that missed out on the fun and camaraderie, we hope you will join us next year.

The Warren Lions would like to thank all of you for your hard work and time you put forth to make the community a better place to view and live.

Shawn Teske
Warren Lions Club member



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Attorney general files first civil hate crime lawsuit under authority expanded in 2018

Carroll County residents allegedly lynched an effigy of their neighbor, displayed slurs, swastikas

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

For the first time since lawmakers expanded the state's hate crime law in 2018, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul is launching a civil lawsuit against two Illinoisans for allegedly engaging in hate crimes.

The lawsuit says two residents of Carroll County in northwest Illinois lynched an effigy of their neighbor, who is Black, to intimidate him. Cheryl Hampton and her adult son, Chad Hampton, both white, also allegedly displayed a Confederate flag and a racial slur in a window facing their neighbor Gregory Johnson's home.

Raoul's complaint argued the effigy was used "as a threat of racial violence against Johnson, because he contacted law enforcement about the Hamptons" stemming from a dispute about damage to Johnson's lawn.

The attorney general's complaint includes two counts each against Cheryl and Chad Hampton for intimidation and disorderly conduct as part of a hate crime, seeking a \$25,000 maximum fine under state law for each count.

Each count also seeks other unspecified relief deemed necessary by the court and a prohibition on the Hamptons from contacting Johnson or participating in any damage to his property or other violations of Illinois hate crime laws.

Raoul said the lawsuit would "send a message that hate and bigotry of any kind are not welcome and will not be tolerated."

"Our complaint alleges the defendants intentionally used the shameful history of lynching and racism in America to terrorize and instill fear in their next-door neighbor simply because he is Black. No one should be subjected to this kind of hate," Raoul said in a news release.

The complaint details a history dating back to July 2020, when Johnson notified police in the city of Savanna that a fence on his property was damaged after Cheryl Hampton had threatened to tear it down.

Johnson again contacted police after witnessing Chad Hampton "purposely" spray weed killer on Johnson's lawn, damaging the grass. Chad Hampton was charged with a misdemeanor for damage to property, and in September 2020 he allegedly

painted swastikas on his garage facing Johnson's house.

Court records show the criminal damage to property case is still pending.

Police returned to tell Hampton to remove the swastikas in September 2020, and by October 2020, the effigy of Johnson was hung from the Hamptons' tree.

"The life-size effigy resembled Johnson by design," the complaint stated. "The head

consisted of a mask intentionally painted black and a curly wig altered to resemble Johnson's hair. The stuffed clothing used for the body resembled Johnson's clothing. A noose made of rope hung the effigy by the neck from a tree a few feet from Johnson's property. A large chain bound the effigy's hands and torso."

Savanna police returned to the Hampton home and, according to the report, Cheryl

Hampton "openly admitted" she hung the effigy to target Johnson because she was "tired" of Johnson complaining about "everything she and her son did."

After a visit from police and the town's mayor, she refused to move or alter the effigy, so police took custody of it and charged Cheryl Hampton with a felony for intimidation of a witness. Court documents show that case is still pending.

On Nov. 1, Chad Hampton contacted the police department stating he would like to

file a complaint for damage to property because police had cut the hanging figure down from the tree.

The Hamptons rented the property in question and no longer resided there as of the filing of the lawsuit, according to the complaint.

In a news release distributed by Raoul's office, Johnson said the lawsuit is "about never giving up on the mission of our United States Constitution."

"I looked out of my new home at a Black-faced man-

nequin shackled and lynched on a tree branch, the N-word scrawled upon a window, and swastikas," Johnson said in the release. "Our American flag was replaced with their Confederate flag. Have we not come any farther than this? This lawsuit is about tearing off the shackles that still restrain us to this day. ... We, as a nation, are better than this."

The ability for the AG to file suit on behalf of the people of Illinois is found in a 2018 update to the state's hate crime law.

FHN Pediatrician Beaves offers appointments in Pecatonica

Board-certified pediatrician Sarah Beaves MD, FAAP will begin seeing patients at the FHN Family Healthcare Center – Pecatonica in July.

Dr. Beaves earned her medical degree from the University of Iowa College of Medicine in Iowa City, Iowa, and completed her residency there at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Before joining FHN, she cared for children as a pediatrician for Rockford Health System/Mercyhealth. She spent a year as a nanny in France and served as a volunteer NICU cuddler in medical school. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Beaves will continue to see patients in Freeport and will begin seeing patients at the FHN Family Healthcare Center – Pecatonica, 1301 S. Main Street in Pecatonica, beginning July 6. To make an appointment with Dr. Beaves in Pecatonica, call 815-239-1400.

To make an appointment with Dr. Beaves in Freeport, call FHN Family Healthcare Center Burchard Hills at 815-599-7755.

Gran Fonda Tour Against Cancer set for June 25

Area cyclists and families are invited to enjoy some healthy exercise and see some of the area's most beautiful roads on their own, or in person as part of a safely socially distanced group for this year's 15 Gran Fonda Tour Against Cancer.

The in-person event will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 25 at the pavilion at Oakdale Nature Preserve, 4433 S. Cranes Grove Road in Freeport. Day-of registration begins at 7 a.m.,

and the ride begins at 8 a.m. Riders can choose from various routes or simply enjoy a fun bike ride of any length dedicated to those who are battling or have battled cancer. Virtual participants are asked to complete their chosen routes between Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 26.

In lieu of a registration fee, participants and supporters are invited to donate to the Leonard C. Ferguson Cancer Center at FHN Memorial Hospital in

Freeport. To find out more and to donate, visit fhn.org/gran-fonda.

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Miss Carly' Rice to keynote GED ceremony at Highland Community College

On Thursday, June 16 at 6 p.m., the Highland Community College Adult Education Program will hold its 49th annual GED ceremony in the Student Conference Center (Room H-201) at 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, Ill.

The public is invited to witness more than 15 completers receive their certificates and listen to guest speaker Carly Rice of Rockford, who received her GED diploma from Highland. Rice runs Miss Carly's, a home where anyone can find support and connect with others. Miss Carly serves people in need who may have slipped through the cracks, providing hot meals and unconditional love with a side of sass.

For more on free programs available to the community through Adult Education, visit highland.edu.

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Public health officials stress importance of being updated on vaccinations, boosters

The CDC reported last week that 15 Illinois counties are now rated at High Community Level for COVID-19, an area that includes Chicago, Cook County and surrounding counties in northeastern Illinois as well as counties around Peoria. An additional 30 counties in Illinois are now rated at medium community level, according to the CDC.

The counties listed at high community level are Cook, DuPage, Lake, McHenry, Will, Grundy, Boone, Lee and Winnebago in Northern Illinois and Fulton, Knox, Henderson, Mason, Peoria and Tazewell in Central Illinois.

"With 15 counties in Illinois now rated at a high community level, everyone in the state should be paying close attention to the guidance from public health authorities and taking action to protect themselves, their loved ones, and friends," said IDPH Acting Director Amaal Tokars. "Everyone should make sure they are up-to-date with vaccina-

tions and booster shots. Wearing a mask in indoor public places and avoiding crowded indoor spaces as much as possible will also make a difference. If you are at risk of severe outcomes, you should also consider avoiding indoor activities in public places.

"And if you test positive, promptly contact a healthcare provider to discuss which treatment is right for you. The treatments are much more effective at preventing hospitalizations and deaths when they are taken early in the course of the illness."

The CDC recommends the following measures for people in areas that are rated at high community level for COVID-19 transmission:

- Wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status (including in K-12 schools and other indoor community settings);
- If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease;
- Wear a mask or respira-

tor that provides you with greater protection;

- Consider avoiding non-essential indoor activities in public where you could be exposed;

- Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to take other precautions;

- Have a plan for rapid testing if needed (e.g., having home tests or access to testing);

- If you test positive: Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you are a candidate for treatments like oral antivirals, and monoclonal antibodies;

- If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for severe disease consider self-testing to detect infection before contact consider wearing a mask when indoors with them;

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters;

- Maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spac-

es when possible

- Follow CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine, including getting tested if you are exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19.

At the medium community level, persons who are elderly or immunocompromised (at risk of severe outcomes) are advised to wear a mask in indoor public places. In addition, they should make sure to get up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines or get their second booster, if eligible.

IDPH has been supporting pharmacies and health-care providers in efforts to increase their inventories of the various FDA-authorized treatments.

There are over 1,200 treatment locations in Illinois, including all the major retail pharmacies. More than 96.7 percent of the state's population is within a 10-mile radius of one of these locations.

Pritzker willing to call out National Guard to Chicago, if asked

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker indicated last week he would be willing to deploy the National Guard to help deal with a violent crime spree in Chicago, but only if he's asked to do so.

"Well, I think you know that I have called up the National Guard whenever local mayors that I've spoken to have wanted that done, have needed that done in their local communities," Pritzker said at a news conference. "And I'll continue to make the National Guard available whenever it is necessary."

His comments came when reporters asked him to respond to a statement from Republican gubernatorial candidate Jesse Sullivan, who called on the Democratic incumbent to issue a disaster declaration in Chicago and deploy the National Guard to help quell the city's violence.

"Somehow, 28 months in (to the pandemic), JB Pritzker is still signing monthly COVID disaster proclamations, but he is unwilling or

unable to act on an even more pressing crisis—the senseless violence ravaging the streets of Chicago," Sullivan, a venture capitalist from Petersburg, said in a statement. "If Pritzker says that COVID is still an emergency but police shootings aren't, he needs to open his eyes."

Sullivan's statement came after two Chicago police officers and a deputy U.S. marshal were shot and wounded in the city in less than a week.

According to the *Chicago Tribune*, the most recent shooting of an officer happened June 5 in the Englewood neighborhood on the city's south side where an officer was shot and wounded during a brief exchange of gunfire following a traffic stop.

On Wednesday, June 1, a female officer was shot and wounded in that same neighborhood while attempting to make a traffic stop. And on June 2, a U.S. marshals officer and a police dog were shot and wounded while trying to make an arrest on the city's

northwest side.

According to statistics from the Chicago Police Department, as of June 6, there had been 232 murders in the city so far this year and 952 shooting incidents. And while those numbers are down from the same period last year, the overall rate of major crimes in the city is up 35 percent.

In a statement, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said the recent shootings highlight the need for stronger federal action on gun control.

"Let me say again, every single day, on every watch, our brave men and women of the Chicago Police Department risk their lives for our safety," she said. "But I must ask again, when is enough, enough? Are we not fed up with the catastrophic consequences of having too many illegal guns readily available to criminals, the mentally ill, and juveniles? How many times must I, and my fellow mayors across the country, plead with the Senate to take action and end the easy access to illegal guns?"

The crime rate in Illinois, and Chicago in particular, has become a major issue in this year's race for governor where Pritzker is campaigning for reelection against a field of Republicans who have been critical of his record on public safety. Republicans will choose their candidate in the June 28 primary.

Most notably, GOP candidates have criticized him for signing the 2021 criminal justice reform bill known as the Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today, or SAFE-T Act, which, among other things, ends the use of cash bail starting Jan. 1, 2023, expands the rights of people held in jail or detained by law enforcement, establishes new certification and decertification standards for officers, imposes new use-of-force standards and expands the use of police body cameras.

Even though many provisions of that law have not yet taken effect, Republicans have nevertheless tried to

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Local students inducted into National Honor Society

The Pearl City High School National Honor Society held an induction ceremony on May 18 for five new members of the local chapter. They join current members Addison Bremmer, Nathan Brinkmeier, Jordan Johnson, Brea Musser, and Laine Rosentiel. The group is advised by Mr. Joel K. Zink. New inductees pictured (from left to right) are Brooklyn Schreck, Ava Bremmer, Randi Posey, Kyle Niehaus and Lexton Endress.



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Spring highway pickup

Spring highway pickup took place in May. Shown here are Lions Bill Engel, Jim Meyers, Dan Smunt, Don Strohecker, Glenn Harman, Lois and Bruce Shelton and Lena-Winslow student, Sarah Edler.

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Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, June 19, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. Second Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service. This is communion Sunday. The reading will be from Luke 8:26-39.

On Tuesday, June 21, Bible Study group will meet at 10 a.m. On Wednesday, June 22, Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. On Saturday, June 25, Good Shepherd will be volunteering at the Le-Win Food Pantry.

All the services will be recorded and be available on church's Facebook page and website. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 815-369-5552.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Join St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City on Sunday, June 19 for worship led by Pastor Shellie Knight. The June Grace Meal will be held on Sunday, June 19 with all orders at curbside pick-up. The menu will feature lasagna. All meals are by reservation only and must be placed no later than June 16 at 5 p.m. to the church office by phone or email (prshadmin@gmail.com). The Grace Meal program is supported by a grant from the Freeport Community Foundation.

Join St. John's Lutheran Church for Tree of Healing Vacation Bible School and learn that people of all different abilities are part of God's family and that we can make spaces more accessible to all

•Event (Continued from front page)

Several volunteers are still needed for this event to take place. Volunteers are eligible to bring seven free items to recycle. If interested, please call Director of Communications Kevyn Sutter at the City of Freeport at 815-801-8008.

Residents of Stephenson County are encouraged to participate.

God's children. The event will be held on Saturday, June 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for all youth ages 3 (potty trained) through sixth Grade. This one-day event will be filled with fun activities such as crafts, games, story time, and music. Lunch will be served from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. which includes hot dogs/brats, popcorn, applesauce, and cookies. Parents and adults are welcome to join the children for lunch.

Registration is accepted until the event. However, to assure appropriate supplies, please register before June 15 if possible.

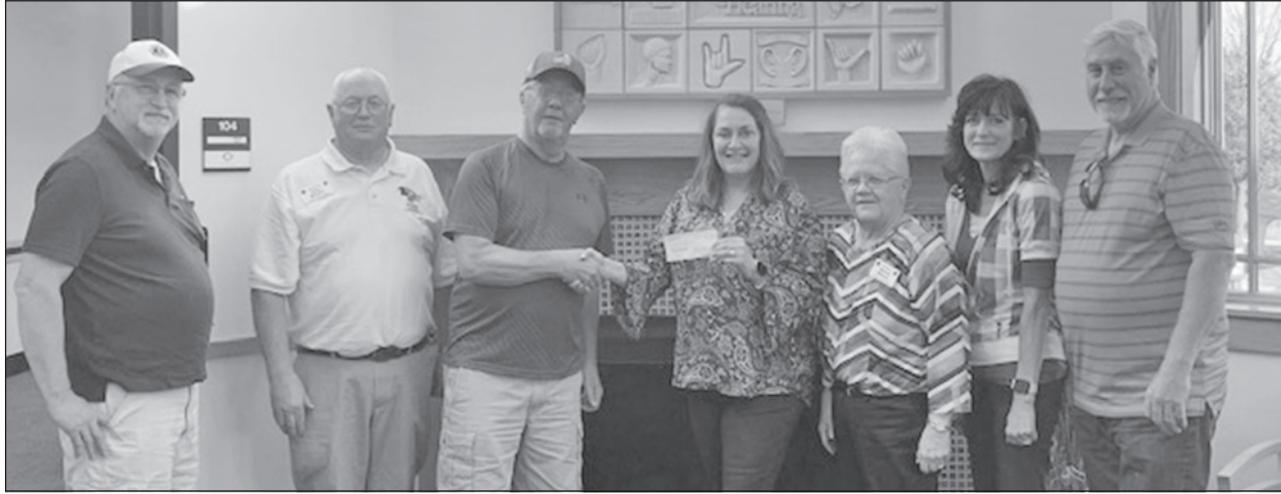
All children and families are welcome to join for worship on Sunday, June 26 at 9 a.m. The children will be singing VBS songs during worship. Visit St. John's website at www.stjohnspearlcity.org or email prshadmin@gmail.com for registration forms. Contact the church at (815) 443-2215 with any questions.

The Women's Gathering will have a Bible Study and fellowship starting at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21 in Luther Hall, and join the fun for cards and dominoes on Thursday, June 23 at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

The Summer Brat Stand has resumed in downtown Pearl City. The Brat Stand will be open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 25. A Brat or Hot Dog meal deal is \$6 with individual sandwiches are also available.

St. John's has an exciting opportunity for a versatile, proactive office administrator to lead daily operations. The part-time position (avg. 20 hours/week) offers flexible work hours. For a full job description visit www.stjohnspearlcity.org or call the church office at 815-443-2215 (mornings).

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Lena Lions offer donation

A check for \$1,000 was given to the Center for Sight and Hearing to Maureen Mall, Director of the Center in Rockford. The donation was celebrated by Lions Jim Meyers, Gary Meyers, Glenn Harman, Maureen Mall, Marcia Meyers, Claire Smunt and Dan Smunt.

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 Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2021

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by LENA is Ground Water. For more information regarding this report contact:
 Name: Kory Polhill
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Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
 - Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricul-

tural livestock operations, and wildlife.
 - Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
 - Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
 - Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
 - Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
 Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the

same protection for public health.
 Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.
 Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
 If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Source Water Information:

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
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WELL 3 (11873)	GW	ACTIVE	122 E. MAIN ST
WELL 4 (01904)	GW	ACTIVE	401 E. MAIN ST

Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at (815) 369-4016. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: LENA To determine Lena's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, the following documents were reviewed: a Well Site Survey, published in 1989 by the Illinois EPA, and a report entitled "Phase 2 and Phase 5 Waiver Application/Vulnerability Assessment" prepared for the Village of Lena by Fehr-Graham & Associates Engineering and Science Consultants in 1994. During the survey of Lena's source water protection area, Illinois EPA staff recorded two potential secondary sources within the minimum setback zone of well #2 and two possible problem sites within the minimum setback zone of well #3. Several other possible problem sites are located outside the minimum setback zone, but within the survey area of both wells. Based on information provided by Lena's water supply officials, the following facilities has changed their status: Lana Farmers' Exchange has been razed and the tanks removed, Stamm Farm Systems Inc. has had the tanks removed, Lena Winslow School District 312 has been changed to Dietz Apartment Building, Stewarts Motor Service has been removed, and Green Country Express is now Werhane Enterprise. The Illinois EPA does not consider the source water susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells, monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system, and the available hydrogeologic data on the wells. In anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that this water supply is not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the completed evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; a hydrogeologic barrier exists that should prevent pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and a sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, that could minimize the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the vulnerability determination. Hence, well hydraulics were not evaluated for this groundwater supply.

2021 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	07/29/2020	1.3	1.3	0.81	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below

which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:
 The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:
 The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
 na: not applicable.
 mrem: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
 ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
 ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2021	0.9	0.71 - 1.03	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2021	1	1.06 - 1.06	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2021	6	6.2 - 6.2	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination

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Arsenic	07/15/2020	1.5	0 - 1.5	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	07/15/2020	0.39	0.35 - 0.39	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	07/15/2020	0.586	0.569 - 0.586	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	07/15/2020	0.78	0.47 - 0.78		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	07/15/2020	8	4.8 - 8	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	07/15/2020	1.1	0 - 1.1	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
Sodium	07/15/2020	10	4.8 - 10			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2021	2.43	1.27 - 2.43	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2021	3.52	0 - 3.52	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

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PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Elizabeth Ann Werntz;
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DEFENDANTS

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STEPHENSON COUNTY
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2022MR13
Case Number

REQUEST OF: Chelsey K. Schaar TO CHANGE NAMES OF MINOR CHILDREN
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firmed 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: Jaxon Alex Veer
Proposed New Name of Minor Child: Jaxon Alex Schaar

2. Court Date Information: July 18, 2022, 11:00 a.m., 15 N. Galena, Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois. Courtroom 3.

/s/Anthony V. Coon
Anthony V. Coon
Attorney for Petitioner
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
STEPHENSON COUNTY
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILDREN)
2022MR14
Case Number

REQUEST OF: Ashley Goodman (on behalf of) Israel Elijah Ellis TO CHANGE NAMES OF MINOR CHILDREN
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firmed 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; Proposed New Name of Minor Child:
a. Israel Elijah Ellis; Israel Elijah Goodman
b. Lovely Sunday Diamond Rose Ellis; Lovely Sunday Diamond Rose Goodman

2. Court Date Information
a. Date: 07/18/2022
Time: 11:00 AM

b. Address: 15 N. Galena Ave., Freeport, IL Stephenson County Courtroom: 3
/s/ Ashley Goodman
Ashley Goodman
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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We are back in summer weather again. The people who love the sun and heat are in their element. This weather should make that corn grow. We did have a

discussion as to whether it would be knee high by the Fourth of July. The recipes this week are hot weather friendly. Happy cooking as we try to beat the heat.

Cucumber Onion Dip

This recipe is for a five-ingredient dish. It makes a great appetizer, a good topping for a baked potato, or a spread for a sandwich. There will be some more five ingredient dishes as the summer goes on.

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream

cheese, softened
 ½ C. finely chopped seeded and peeled cucumber
 ¼ C. finely chopped onion
 2 T. mayonnaise
 1/8 t. salt
 1/8 t. pepper
 Serve with rye crackers or bagel chips

In a small bowl, beat cream cheese and cucumber together; add onion, salt, and pepper and mix until blended. Refrigerate at least one hour before serving.

Creamed Peas with Crispy Onions

Soon peas will be coming from the garden, and you can substitute fresh peas for the frozen ones. You can also add cubes of potatoes to this dish, and you will have your starch and vegetable all in one.

2 T. salted butter

1 medium shallot, chopped
 2 T. flour
 1¾ T. flour
 1¾ C. half-and-half
 3 C. frozen peas, thawed
 2 t. white vinegar
 Pinch of grated nutmeg
 ½ t. salt
 1/8 t. pepper
 ½ C. fried onion rings

Melt the butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the shallot and cook until just softened, but not browned, 1 to 2 minutes. Sprinkle in the flour and cook, stirring, until incorporated and bubbly, about 1 minute. Slowly stir in the half-and-half and bring to a simmer. Stir in the peas and cook until the sauce is thickened, and the peas are just tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in the vinegar, nutmeg, salt, and pepper. Pour into a serving bowl and top with the fried onions.

Pan Fried Sweet and Sour Chicken

Another hot weather recipe is this tasty chicken skillet recipe. You can make it just as good as the Chinese restaurant and not have to travel. The pineapple tidbits can be used instead of dicing up pineapple rings or fresh pineapple. Serve it on rice, and it is a great weeknight meal.

1½ C. pineapple juice
 1/3 C. rice vinegar
 ¼ C. packed brown sugar
 ¼ C. ketchup
 2 T. soy sauce
 3 T. cornstarch
 1 t. sriracha or Tabasco sauce
 6 skinless, boneless chicken thighs, cut into 1-to-2-inch pieces
 2 T. oil
 3 green onions, white parts chopped, and green ends thinly sliced

2 red peppers, cut into 1-inch pieces
 1 C. diced pineapple
 White rice
 Whisk together the pineapple juice, vinegar, brown sugar, ketchup, soy sauce, and sriracha in a large measuring cup. Remove 2 T. to a small bowl; and whisk with 1 T. of cornstarch. Set aside. Toss the chicken with the remaining 2 T. cornstarch in a large bowl until coated. Heat the vegetable oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until very hot. Add half the chicken in a single layer and cook, turning until browned, crispy, and cooked through, about 6 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to remove to a plate. Repeat with the remaining chicken and remove to the plate. Add the whites of the onions and peppers to the drippings in the skillet and cook over medium-high heat until the peppers start to blister slightly, 3 to 4 minutes.

Add the pineapple juice-vinegar mixture to the skillet and bring to a simmer. Cook until the mixture is glossy and reduced slightly, 3 to 4 minutes. Add the cornstarch mixture and return to a boil. Cook until the mixture is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the pineapple to the skillet and stir to coat and heat through, about 1 minute. Add the chicken and stir to coat. Serve over rice and sprinkle with the greens of the onions

Shells with Sausage Bolognese

This Italian dish is also a great skillet supper for those hot nights. You can buy Italian sausage at Sullivan's or A.J.'s Lena Maid Meat. Prego makes a tomato, basil, garlic sauce that you can buy at Sullivan's. The medium pasta shells hold the tomato sauce and make for a delicious meal.

8 oz. medium pasta shells
 3 links Italian sausage, about 8 oz., casings removed
 2 C. mushrooms, chopped
 2 C. tomato-basil pasta sauce
 ½ C. finely shredded Parmesan cheese
 ¼ C. chopped fresh parsley

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook pasta according to package directions for al dente, about 8 minutes. Reserve ½ C. pasta cooking liquid. Drain pasta well. Coat the pasta pot with cooking spray; heat over medium heat. Crumble in sausage and then add the mushrooms; cook, stirring occasionally and breaking up the sausage pieces with a wooden spoon

LEGAL NOTICES

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 2022MR15
 Case Number

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
 NORA-RUSH-WARREN MULTI-TOWNSHIP
 ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
 FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 2022
 REVENUE SUMMARY: PROPERTY TAXES -
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 \$50, Ben Wooden \$75, Donna Ernst \$300, Laura Busch
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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION
 Beginning Fund Balance,
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 I, Garrett J Toay, Clerk-Treasurer of the Nora-Rush-Warren Multi-Township Assessment District, 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 31st, 2022.
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Garrett J Toay, Clerk-Treasurer
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Ancient microorganisms provide new information

Scientific research is often limited by a lack of technology. It is enhanced when researchers can look at a problem from more than one angle. While scientists have known since the late 1970s that DNA and proteins can survive in fossilized dental calculus, they faced many challenges in how to safely harvest and study them together. Thanks to recent advances in scientific technologies, including the unprecedented speeds of next-generation gene sequencing (NGS) developed during the Human Genome Project, paleomicrobiology is gaining insight into the complex nature of the oral microbiome (microorganisms and their genes) and the unique and varied roles its components play in promoting and maintaining health both today and in the past.



By **DR. STEPHEN PETRAS**
Illinois Licensed
General Dentist

While your *genotype* is the genetic makeup you inherited from your parents, your *phenotype* is how these genes are expressed, or your observable traits (hair and eye color, height, etc.) *Epigenetics* is the study of how behaviors and environment can change how your genes are expressed. It may help to think of epigenetics as a switch that can turn on, enhance, repress, or turn off how a gene is expressed. NGS is allowing researchers to expand from genomics (the study of the complete genetic information of a single organism) to metagenomics (studying the

genetic information from multiple organisms) as well as proteomics (simultaneous study of multiple proteins and their functions). Having the ability to study how both the proteins and genetic material interact throughout mankind's history is revealing information that could not be shown by either alone. Even in these preliminary stages, scientists studying fossilized calculus around the world are generating substantial amounts of data about the links between our health, environment, human migrations and interactions, diet, and the evolution of the oral microbiome. NGS has revealed data about the pathogens that caused some ancient diseases, epidemics, and pandemics. This information has led to a better understanding of pathogen evolution, pathogen-host interactions,

immune responses, genetic mutation, and the role of microbes in basic life functions, as well as in acute and chronic diseases. A healthy oral microbiome plays a critical role in promoting and maintaining health, but only when the different microorganisms it contains remain in balance. When it is not in balance the microorganisms that would normally protect us from a pathogen do not function properly and may even cause/initiate disease themselves. When the oral microbiome is out of balance it negatively affects the other microbiomes in the body. Last week I discussed how the incidence of decay and periodontal disease grew exponentially when sugar became a staple in the diet. Information gleaned from studying the evolution of microbiomes shows that

our modern diet reduces the number of short-chain fatty acids that microbes historically produced. This produces a domino effect that prevents other macrobiotic events from occurring and ultimately changes how certain genes from the liver are expressed. These changes help us to understand why our modern diet is associated with chronic inflammation, diabetes, and other health disorders. We used to believe that the bacteria *S. mutans* was the sole cause of decay. Analysis of fossilized dental calculus revealed several past populations that had decay in the absence of *S. mutans*. This led to the identification of three additional pathogens that can cause decay. Data also identified two other oral pathogens that can inactivate genes that would normally

suppress tumor growth. In addition, researchers found that several epigenetic changes to the DNA, particularly one that adds an additional methyl group, play a critical role in the development of oral cancers. As paleomicrobiologists gain further insight into the oral microbiome, this knowledge provides a guide to improvements in the early detection, prevention, and treatment of oral diseases and their negative effects on overall health.



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•Kitchen (Continued from page 12)

until meat is no longer pink and mushrooms have started to soften, about 10 minutes. Add pasta sauce to pot as well as the pasta cooking liquid; heat over medium-high heat, bringing to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and cook until flavors blend, 10 minutes. Return pasta to pot with sauce mixture; stir until combined. Transfer to serving bowl. Top with Parmesan and parsley.

Spring Cleaning Cookies

When you look at the ingredients in these cookies, you will see why they are named as they are. You can put any kind of chocolate, white, semisweet, or even butterscotch chips in them. You can add any kind of dried fruit, and you can use up any leftover potato chips or pretzels. Enjoy these "leftover" cookies.

- 1 C. flour
- ½ t. baking powder
- ½ t. baking soda
- ½ t. salt
- ¼ C. butter, softened
- ¼ C. vegetable shortening
- ½ C. sugar
- ½ C. packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 T. milk
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 C. chips (semi sweet, dark, milk, white or a mix)
- ½ C. regular rolled oats
- ½ C. pecans
- ½ C. mini pretzels or potato chips, coarsely crushed
- ¼ C. sweetened coconut
- ¼ C. dried cranberries, raisins, or chopped apricots

Preheat oven to 375. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a separate bowl. In a large bowl, beat together butter, shortening and sugars with a mixer until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Beat in egg. Beat in milk and vanilla. Stir in flour mixture just until combined. Stir in chips, nuts, pretzels, coconut, and dried fruit. Drop onto baking sheet by rounded tablespoons, 2 inches apart. Bake cookies until golden brown 11 to 12 minutes, rotating pans half-way through. Cool slightly on baking sheets, about 2 minutes, before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.

Strawberry Lemonade Poke Cake

If you are looking for a refreshing cake, this strawberry lemon combination will fill the bill. Strawberries are coming into season, so it is a winning way to serve them.

- 1 pkg. lemon cake mix (regular size)
- 2¼ C. cold water
- 3 eggs

- ½ C. oil
- 1 lemon, zested and juice (1 t. zest, 3 T. juice)
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) strawberry Jell-O
- 1 pkg. instant lemon pudding mix
- ½ C. milk
- 1 container (8 oz.) Cool Whip, thawed

Fresh strawberries and lemon slices for garnish
Preheat oven to 350. Coat a 9 x 13 baking pan with cooking spray. Beat together cake mix, 1 C. water, eggs, oil and lemon zest and juice in a bowl with an electric mixer at low speed until combined. Increase speed to medium and beat 2 minutes more. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake according to package directions or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

While cake is still warm, bring 1 C. water to a boil in a small saucepan. Add straw-

berry Jell-O mix and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Stir in remaining ¼ C. cold water. Use a toothpick to poke holes all over the cake. Pour gelatin mixture evenly over the top. Chill until completely cool, about 1 hour or overnight.

Stir together lemon pudding mix and milk in a bowl until slightly thickened. Fold in whipped topping. Spread pudding mixture over cake. Cake can be chilled, covered, up to 3 days. Just before serving, garnish with strawberries and lemon slices.

Final Thoughts

I have been at the pool for aquasize. It is a great way to get the joints moving. I also have been to the first Sunday night of Music in the Park. A soft ice cream cone makes for a true beginning of summer. I also attended the first musical at Timberlake.

My flowers are blooming on the steps of my house, and my herbs have been planted by a good friend. You can't get any better than all these things put together. I am waiting for summer produce and enjoying sitting on my deck. I know we are feeling the pinch of staggering prices, but we are no longer confined to our homes, we can see our families (if they want to see us), we can attend events, and we live in a beautiful area. I urge you to see all the positive things we have around us and smile at someone you don't even know. June is half over, so we need to enjoy summer whenever we can. We are still looking for summer recipes. 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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blame it for the rising crime rate and for a large number of resignations and early retirements of law enforcement officers throughout the state. But speaking at another media event June 6 in Chicago, Pritzker defended his record in supporting law enforcement.

"I want to remind you that we've made major investments in support of police, in particular in building back our Illinois State Police, which provides so many officers to back up Chicago Police Department, as well as police departments all over

our state," he said. Pritzker went on to say that he also has called out National Guard forces whenever he was asked to do so by local officials, including the city of Aurora after being asked to do so by its mayor, Richard Irvin, who is also a Republican candidate for governor.

"And I will tell you that I have never hesitated when asked by local law enforcement by local mayors to provide help from the National Guard," he said. "I've never, ever hesitated to do that. I've done that several times."

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REAL ESTATE NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Elizabeth Ann Wertz; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 04/19/2022, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on July 21, 2022 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse

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PIN 18-14-31-354-007

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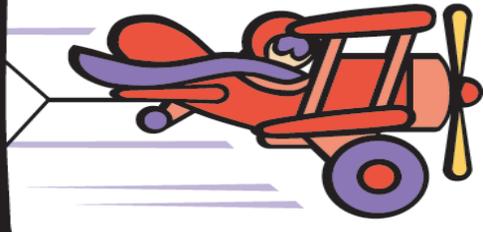
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