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June Dairy Month spotlights a resilient industry

By Daniel Grant

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Things are generally looking up for milk producers this year after a long stretch of economic challenges.

USDA recently forecast average milk prices for 2022 at \$25.75 per hundredweight for all milk, \$22.75 for Class III and \$23.80 for Class IV. If realized, the prices would be up from \$5 to \$7 per hundredweight compared to last year.

Tasha Bunting, Illinois Farm Bureau associate director of commodities and livestock programs who manages the Illinois Milk Producers Association (IMPA), discussed the state of the industry and promotional work taking place as part of June Dairy Month.

“Stronger prices are starting to come back. So, that’s certainly helpful to our dairy farmers in Illinois,” Bunting said. “We have definitely seen a shrinkage of the number of dairy farms the last several years.”

The number of licensed dairy farms in the U.S. contracted from 70,375 in 2003 to 31,657 in 2020, the American Farm Bureau Federation reported. Illinois has about 450 Grade A dairy farms with a total herd around 81,000 milk cows following a multi-year stretch of consolidation.

“Fortunately, our cow numbers aren’t shrinking quite as drastically,” Bunting said. “What that tells us is our farms are getting a little larger. And with that comes different efficiencies and ways to utilize those scales of economies to maybe get a better price for feed or inputs they need.”

June Dairy Month officially began in 1939 as an effort to promote sales during the annual spring flush of milk production and celebrate an industry that was facing economic struggles, which many

farmers can relate to today.

“June Dairy Month is really a time dairy associations and dairy men and women throughout the U.S. promote and highlight the different products available and the headway all our farmers made on improving the industry,” Bunting said.

IMPA will promote information about the dairy industry and provide dairy-related recipes at its website, www.illinoismilk.org, and Facebook page throughout the month.

IMPA to host Dairy Tech Tour

The association will also host its annual Dairy Tech Tour July 14 to highlight the latest advancements in the industry and give dairy farmers a chance to network.

The Dairy Tech Tour will be held at Beer’s Robo Holsteins Dairy Farm near Mascoutah.

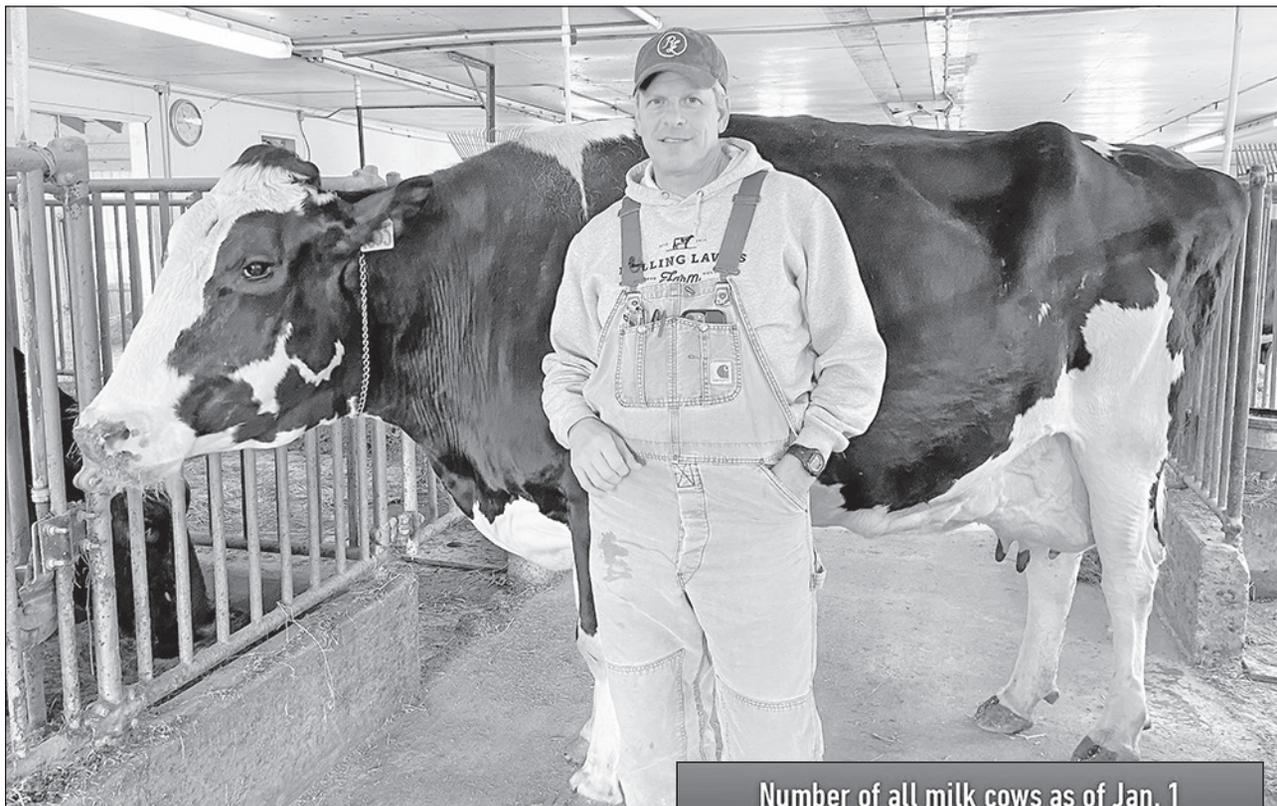
“That farm uses robotic milkers and, from what I understand, it’s one of the first in the state to put robotic milkers in place,” Bunting said. “We’re going to talk to them about what they’ve learned the last 11 years and how that experience has gone.”

“It (the dairy tour) is always a great time for our dairy farmers and those in the industry to connect.”

Dairy output, export opportunities grow

While the number of U.S. dairy farms decreased the past 20 years, the amount of milk produced by the industry actually increased 37% since 2001 due in part to improved efficiencies and genetics.

That not only reduced the industry’s footprint, but also positions it to meet growing demand around the world. Long-term global dairy consumption is projected to rise



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Michael Turley, a fourth-generation dairy farmer in Bond County, says high-quality care keeps cows like “Lovely” happy at Rolling Lawns Farm in Greenville. See story inside.

while the two largest suppliers, the European Union and New Zealand, face structural constraints that could limit the ability to significantly increase milk output in those places.

The U.S. is better positioned than any other country to grow milk and dairy production in a sustainable manner that meets rising global demand, if the industry continues to invest in exports, noted Krysta Harden, president and CEO of the U.S. Dairy Export Council.

The U.S. is the third-largest dairy exporter in the world with about 17 percent of its production shipped to other countries. USDA projects the industry could produce 226.7 billion pounds of milk this

year, up from 226.3 billion last year.

The U.S. dairy industry also managed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent during a recent period of increased output (2002-17) and remains committed to reducing water use, improving water quality and achieving greenhouse gas neutrality by 2050.

Number of all milk cows as of Jan. 1



1. Clinton, 11,800
2. Stephenson, 10,600
3. Washington, 6,400
4. Jo Daviess, 4,100
5. McLean, 4,000
6. Effingham, 3,400
7. McHenry, 2,400
8. Winnebago, 2,300
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Illinois dairy farm heritage spans multiple generations

By Katie Zelechowski
ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU
Twice each day, dairy cows line up 12-at-a time to be milked at Rolling Lawns Farm in Greenville. As the animals enter the milking parlor, caretakers clean and sanitize each cow's udder before attaching an automatic milking unit.

The entire milking process takes about eight minutes per animal, with milk going from the cow to a customer's glass in fewer than 6 hours.

"Cows look forward to the milking process," says Michael Turley, owner and operator of the Bond County farm. "You have your early arrivers, who are first in line, and your cows who are last in line but they're always in the same place every day."

The farm has been home to

purebred Holsteins for more than 100 years, starting when Turley's great-grandfather founded the dairy. Pedigrees and registration documentation help track each animal's ancestry.

For example, Baltimore Barb represents the 29th generation in her family at the farm. Her predecessors came over from the Netherlands in 1882, when many U.S. farmers began using European genetics to grow the dairy sector.

With 120 cows at Rolling Lawns Farm, there's a lot of personal interaction between each animal and their handlers.

"We see each animal every day and can pretty much tell when they're having a good day or an off day—just like people," Turley says.

Each cow has her own personality, too. Lovely, a 7-year-old cow whose family has been on the farm for 75 years, is the biggest and most playful. Turley says she's also the most spoiled.

"She's seen me pretty much every day of her adult life and she knows she's going to get cared for," he says. "She exemplifies the type of care that we try to give our cows every day. There's a lot of trust and interaction between the animal and the owners."

In 2017, Turley expanded his business to include a processing, bottling and retail facility 8 miles down the road from the farm. Customers at The Milk House can choose from a selection of white and flavored milks, as well as homemade ice cream. They can also watch fresh milk

from the farm undergo pasteurization, which includes heating to remove bacteria, before it's turned into dairy treats.

Turley says his goal with adding transparency to how dairy products are made is to demystify any misconceptions shoppers might have. That includes answering questions about how his family and employees raise cows and the use of practices such as antibiotics.

"I love answering those types of questions because we can assure them about the safety of the product," he says. "There are no antibiotics [in milk] because of the rigorous testing that not only our farm does, but every dairy farm in the United States undergoes. There isn't a more heavily regulated product than milk."

Obituaries

JUSTIN WARNER

Justin Mark Warner, age 42, of Arbor Vitae, WI, formerly of Stockton, passed away Tuesday, June 14, 2022. He was born Feb. 19, 1980, to Dennis and Sharon (Brokaw) Warner. Justin married Alicia Stich on Sept. 19, 2015.

Justin was a 1998 graduate of Stockton High School. He loved the outdoors, especially the Northwoods, and would often spend his free time hunting and fishing. Justin was a handyman who enjoyed building things, working on machines, and welding. Most of all, he loved his family and his dog, and enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephew.

Justin is survived by his wife, Alicia; his mother, Sha-

ron (Bill) Zigmont; his father, Dennis Warner; his brothers, Andrew (Melissa) Warner and Robert Warner; his nieces, Leah and Winnie Warner; his nephew, Landon Warner; special friend, Barb James; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and special friend, Barry James.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 21, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton at 11 a.m. There was a visitation that began at 9:30 a.m. Interment took place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

KELVIN DOUGLAS

Kelvin "Kirk" Douglas, 55, of Portage, WI passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, June 16, 2022. Kirk was born on Feb. 11, 1967, in Madison, WI to Bernard "Glenn" and Alberta (Gallagher) Douglas. Kirk was employed at Schoep Car in Madison. He worked many years at Courtney Battery in addition to Schwenn Service Station. He loved working on cars and could fix anything. He also enjoyed working in his yard.

Kirk is survived by his children; Mandi (Marquardt) Pagle, Stephen Douglas, Brandi Rische, and Melanie Kopec; his beautiful grandchildren who lit up his life Andrew and Nickolas Douglas, Justin and Kaitlynn Rische, Thomas Davis, Alexander Forehand, Brianna Marquardt, and Knoxville and Eevie Pagle; his mother Alberta Leehan of Apple River, IL, his partner Angie Thom; siblings Steven Kilian, Gerald (Sylvia)



Kilian, Dr. Karla Kilian (Joe Noltner), Pamela (Jeff) Stadler, Sandra (Mark) Rissner, Sharon delaO (Brian Judd), Kevin

(Veronica) Douglas, and his beloved dog Sasha. He was preceded in death by his father, Bernard Douglas, his stepfather Thomas Leehan.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren, IL. A visitation was from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Monday, June 20, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren, IL. Burial took place at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren, IL. Pastor Sean Hugenin will officiate the services. A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.learmonfh.com.

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OPINION

Slices of life

Phone connections: Part 1 of 2

If the fire alarm went off in your home or workplace and you had to evacuate quickly, what would you grab on your way out?

Besides pets, spouses, Chapstick and an extra change of underwear, I'm guessing most of us could agree on one item: our phones.

Our phones have become an extension of us. We wouldn't consider leaving home without them.

I didn't see it coming—this reliance I have (we have) on our phones.

They're our communication link to the outside world, but that's only the beginning. They are calendars, calculators and contacts. Anyone remember the days when we actually memorized the phone numbers of friends and family? I don't know anyone's phone number anymore. Even my own. I've got myself on speed dial.

Our phones are cameras. They record video. They are games and memes. They are FaceTime and Facebook, TikTok and alarm clocks. They track your health and your wealth. They are apps, maps and Snaps. They are banking, bill pay and better than cash. They are shopping and free shipping. They are movies and streaming. They are the weather.

My son told me the other day that he converted his weather icon into a widget so it is sized bigger than the other apps on his phone in order to allow him easier access to knowledge about the weather each day. I had to laugh.

What about just looking outside?

He didn't have much of an answer to that.

It's the world we live in, isn't it? We find it checking the weather on our phone screen easier than looking out the screen door.

My phone helps me meditate and create my art. It teaches me how to complete home improvement projects and has even helped with the purchase of a used car.

We spend a lot on our



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

phones, and I've been known to complain about that. But they take the place of so many other appliances and gadgets that we used to have as uni-taskers. Regular folks—not professionals—used to spend hundreds or even thousands on cameras and video cameras. Long distance phone calling used to be an expensive thing.

Our phones are the ultimate multitaskers.

If I didn't know better, I might say my phone is my best friend. If you could have an inanimate object as a best friend. But maybe phones aren't inanimate...

Consider Siri.

I know I do. I ask her questions all the time. She tells me where to go and what to do. Even if she doesn't know the answer to my question, she'll be up front and honest about it.

If she is tired, or low on battery life she'll always do her best to respond. As a friend. I talk to her regularly, and she gets back to me at record speed. You can always count on a good friend to respond. I like that about Siri.

So, yeah, if the fire alarm went off in the wee hours of the morning and I was jarred from a peaceful sleep, I'd grab my phone, because Siri's always been good to me. And I wouldn't want to leave her in the lurch, or worse yet, in danger of going up in smoke.

Plus if I got lost during exit, she might be able to help me navigate a way out.

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



In my opinion

The court that appoints itself

Six of the seven members of the Illinois Supreme Court reached their lofty bench by appointment, even though the Illinois Constitution is quite clear that members of the court shall be elected. In effect, the court has been appointing itself.

The following practice has developed in Illinois: Illinois Supreme Court judges are elected to the state high court on a partisan basis for 10-year terms. When a vacancy occurs as a result of retirement or whatever, the state Supreme Court appoints a replacement until the next election.

This appointment of their own members is unique in the U.S.

As the practice has developed, a supreme court judge makes his or her retirement effective just after the final date for filing candidacy petitions has passed. This means the supreme court makes an interim appointment that is effective for more than two years.

The judges defer to the wishes of the retiree as to his/her own successor. This is similar to "aldermanic privilege" in Chicago, where



By **JIM NOWLAN**

the 50 aldermen nearly always vote to support the wishes of an alderman on matters within her/his ward. You scratch my back; I'll scratch yours.

In effect, Illinois Supreme Court judges appoint their successors. But, retort the judges, the appointee ultimately has to run for election to serve a full 10-year term. Yes, but the fortunate appointee runs later with all the trappings of incumbency. You have seen the billboards: "Keep Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Quite Contrary on our state's highest court. Retain Justice Quite Contrary June 28."

This dampens interest among lawyers and lower court judges in contesting the "incumbent," and few do.

So, basically, the Illinois Supreme Court appoints itself.

This came to mind when I read that Supreme Court Justice Rita Garman recently

announced her retirement (doing so after the candidate filing deadline). Immediately thereafter, the court (meaning Garman, because of "aldermanic privilege") appointed Appellate Court Judge Lisa Holder White to take Garman's place on the high court bench. Indeed, in earlier years, Garman had also appointed Holder White, first to the circuit bench, and

then to the appellate bench.

All of this appointing has become a high-toned form of job patronage, and there is lots of it. To illustrate, each Illinois supreme court judge is authorized, by the court, to make one or more personal appointments to the appellate bench, without cover of a filling a retirement

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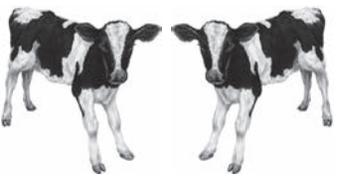
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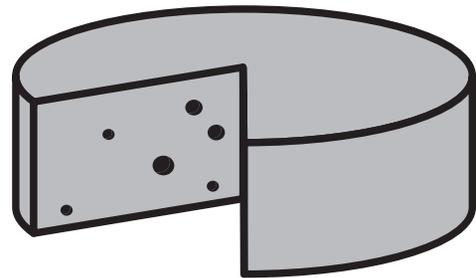
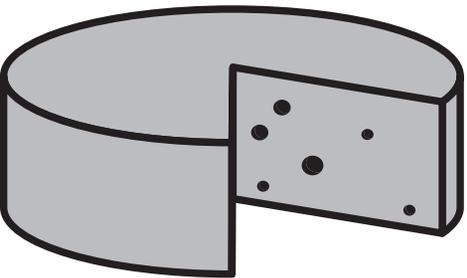




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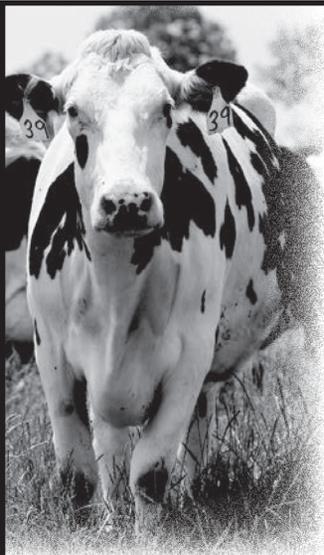
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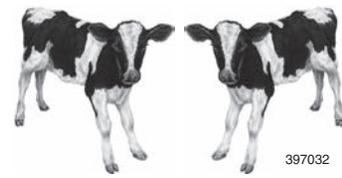
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Bank awards scholarships to local students

Apple River State Bank and First Community Bank of Galena recently awarded \$1,000 college scholarships to five area high school graduates. Recipients included Jovian Pham, Margaret Cahill, Emma Wentz, Claire Riedl, and Sabrina Splinter.

In addition to these five scholarships, the bank's Trust Department has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Earl, Vera, and Hal Heller Educational Trust to Payton LuGrain.

Apple River State Bank is located throughout Jo Daviess County in Apple River, Elizabeth, Hanover, Scales Mound, Warren, Galena (First Community Bank of Galena), and in Hazel Green, Wisconsin.



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Emma Wentz from Scales Mound High School, and daughter of Chris and Sara Wentz, plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Platteville and major in music education.



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Sabrina Splinter, daughter of Brian and Laurie Splinter and recent Southwestern High School graduate, plans to attend Southwest Wisconsin Technical College where she will major in graphic and web design.



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Warren High School's Claire Riedl, daughter of Doug and Becky Riedl, plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in agricultural business management.



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Galena High School graduate Jovian Pham is one of the five recipients of the Apple River State Bank and First Community Bank of Galena scholarships. Pham is the son of Duc and Nikki Pham and plans to attend Macalester College majoring in statistics.



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River Ridge High School graduate Margaret Cahill was one of five students who received a \$1,000 scholarship from Apple River State Bank and First Community Bank of Galena. Cahill will attend Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology to pursue a career in digital media.



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LuGrain receives scholarship

Payton LuGrain received the \$1,000 scholarship from the Earl, Vera, and Hal Heller Educational Trust. LuGrain is the son of Jennifer Kaiser and P.J. LuGrain. He plans to attend Minnesota West Community and Technical College to become a powerline technician.

Around the Northern Hills

Are you looking for something fun to do with the kids? Our Farm Fun Day at the Apple Canyon Lake property owners club is this Saturday, June 25. The event goes from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and has a lot of activities for everyone. Of course, there are plenty of opportunities to interact with the animals.

Start out with taking a walk through our mobile petting zoo and then try your hand at milking a real cow! You can also make ice cream and butter, circle of earth bracelets, make feed sack snack mix and much more. Keep in mind that this event is dependent on the weather. If there is rain, the event may be canceled.



By
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Watch our Facebook page for updates if there is any doubt. If you are unable to attend this event, we have another event scheduled at Shenandoah Riding Center on July 9.

Fresh peaches

Orders for peaches are due by Wednesday, July 22 and must include payment and order form. Checks should be made payable to the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau. The price is \$42/box for members and \$47/box for non-farm bureau members. New this year, we are offering Aunt Wesie's Cobbler mix for \$7 each. Pick-up will be in the farm bureau basement with

an anticipated delivery August 3, depending on weather. Peaches must be picked up the day of delivery to ensure freshness. Order forms are available at our office or on our website.

Members picnic a success

Thanks to everyone that came out to our member appreciation picnic that we sponsored with COUNTRY Financial and Stephenson Service Company. We had a great night with steak sandwiches and all the fixings. It's always great to talk to our members!

Prairie Farms Our Caps, Your Cause

Don't forget that the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Foundation is part of the *Prairie Farms Our Caps, Your Cause* program and is looking for your support. For every cap entered, we

receive 5-cents to go towards Ag in the Classroom programs and agricultural scholarships.

Locate the stickers on the caps of Prairie Farms milk in gallon or half gallon sizes. Reveal a unique, redeemable code by peeling of the Prairie Farms sticker and enter it at www.prairiefarms.com/ourcapsyourcause. When prompted with the choice of which organization to give to, please choose Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Foundation. After 1,000 caps are entered, Prairie Farms Dairy will send a check to support our Foundation. You're going to be drinking milk anyway, so help our foundation support agriculture as well!

Farm Fun Fact

On average, each American eats 33.3 pounds of cheese per year. My family certainly does its part in supporting our dairy farmers!

Celebrating the 190th anniversary of Black Hawk's attack with living history activities at the Fort

This year marks the 190th anniversary of the Battle of the Apple River Fort. In the spring of 1832, Black Hawk led over a thousand of his warriors and civilians back into Illinois to try and reclaim their lands. His return caused a panic, and settlers across northwestern Illinois and southern Wisconsin began to build small forts to defend themselves—one such fort was built at the Apple Riv-

er Settlement, now Elizabeth, IL.

On June 14, 1832, the Apple River Fort was attacked by two hundred Sauk and Fox braves, led by Black Hawk himself. The Fort was defended by 45 men, women, and children for almost an hour. In the end, the settlers lost only one man and Black Hawk, who had been raiding nearby settlers' cabins for much need-

ed supplies, moved on.

To commemorate this anniversary, the Fort will come alive on Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26. Costumed interpreters will demonstrate hearth cooking, musket firing demos, militia drills, and more. Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong, who courageously rallied the women and children

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Pritzker signs bills targeting wage theft, expanding HIV care options

Measures among more than 400 signed into law thus far this year

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker has signed 401 bills sent to him this calendar year, leaving just 10 of those passed by lawmakers this year awaiting his action as of June 13.

His most recent crop of signed bills from Friday, June 10, included a measure taking aim at wage theft in the construction industry and a pair of bills aimed at increasing access to treatment for HIV.

The wage theft measure, House Bill 5412, was a major initiative of a regional carpenters' union that allows a worker with a wage theft or fringe benefit grievance against a subcontractor to sue the primary contractor to rectify the situation.

The Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council was the main backer of HB 5412. Minority contractors lobbied against the proposal, which they said would drive up costs and limit work opportunities for smaller contractors.

The minority groups, including the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association, the Black Contractors Owners and Executives, and the Federation of Women Contractors, argued that the measure was a union attempt to drive up the cost of non-union labor.

HB 5412 specifically exempts union projects, homes built on private property where the property owner is the general contractor, and projects contracted through state, local and federal governments.

A follow-up measure, House Bill 4600, was also signed Friday. It exempts any renovations or repairs to existing residential structures, any project that costs less than \$20,000 to complete, and construction on any single unit within a multi-family dwelling. It also created the Bond Reform in the Construction Industry Task Force to report to the General Assembly by March 1, 2023.

The laws took effect upon the governor's signature.

HIV treatment: 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 law takes effect Jan. 1, 2023.

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, but it would not require

a prior patient referral.

The law also requires pharmacists to receive training and specifies that insurance providers must cover the treatments provided by a pharmacist at the same rate as treatment from a physician.

The governor signed that bill the same day he signed House Bill 5549, which requires that for every \$3 million in the state's special African American HIV/AIDS Response Fund, the fund must maintain at least one Black-led Center of Excellence HIV Biomedical Resource Hub. Its fund balance was \$4.5 million as of June 13, according to the Illinois Comptroller's database.

Family bereavement: On June 9, Pritzker signed Senate Bill 3120 expanding the state's child bereavement leave act to allow for unpaid

leave related to pregnancy loss, failed adoptions, unsuccessful reproductive procedures and other pregnancy-related events.

It expands existing law that allows 10 days of unpaid leave for workers suffering losses, and the new law expands the list of individuals for which a worker can take the leave.

The measure didn't specify an effective date, meaning it will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023.

Health care visits: Senate Bill 1405 requires that a health care facility must ensure "an opportunity for at least one visitor to visit a resident or patient," even amid a gubernatorial disaster declaration. A clergyperson would not count against the limit. It became effective when signed

on May 27.

Health safety guidelines set by the facility, U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would still apply. The person seeking entry may be required to pass a health screening and denied entry if they fail it.

Rep. Chris Bos, R-Lake Zurich, the bill's chief House sponsor said in April it was in response to constituent anger over Pritzker's COVID-19 executive orders. Bos said facilities would still have to comply with local health department guidance as well.

Fentanyl testing: House Bill 4556 expands access for pharmacists and other health care professionals to distribute fentanyl testing strips to help reduce opioid overdoses.

The testing strips can detect fentanyl in 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.

The measure took effect immediately when signed June 2.

Higher education: House Bill 5464 requires state public universities and community colleges to develop and implement equity plans to increase the access, retention, completion, and student loan repayment rates for minority students, rural students, adult students, women, and people with disabilities.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education and Illinois Community College Board will guide implementation of the new equity plans. HB 5464 took effect when signed on Tuesday, June 7.

House Bill 4201, which goes into effect Jan. 1, 2023, requires state universities and community colleges to employ "benefits navigators" to connect students to any federal, state or local assistance programs.

Vegan lunches: House Bill 4089 requires school districts to provide a plant-based lunch option that complies with federal nutritional requirements to any student who submits a prior request to the district asking for such an option. The law takes effect in August 2023 and was signed May 13.

Summer in Northwest Illinois offers endless adventure

ANDREW CHESNEY
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 89

With gas prices at record highs, many families are looking for affordable getaways and fun activities closer to home, making this the perfect summer to rediscover all the amazing places northwest Illinois has to offer.

For the outdoorsy and adventure seeking among us, enjoy hiking or camping at Apple River Canyon State Park in Jo Daviess County or the Mississippi Palisades State Park in Carroll County; and go fishing, swimming or camping at the newly renovated Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park in Stephenson County. I had the honor of participating

in the ribbon cutting at Lake Le-Aqua-Na last October when it reopened after being closed for 20 months of renovations. If you haven't been back yet, now is the time.

County Fair season is just around the corner, giving our local 4-H youth a chance to show their animals and families a chance to enjoy an elephant ear and more traditional Fair food, and of course rides! Check out this year's Stephenson County Fair in Freeport July 26-30; the Ogle County Fair in Oregon August 3-7, the Jo Daviess County Fair in Warren August 5-8, the Carroll County Fair in Milledgeville August 9-13, and the Winnebago County Fair in Pecatonica August 17-21.

The Greater Freeport Partnership has a terrific list of resources on their website with Day Trip Ideas, Craft Breweries, Good Eats and Drinks, Arts and Culture, Museums and Monuments, Lodging/Places to Stay, Outdoor Recreation, Shopping and local events. Check them all out online and plan your next adventure at greaterfreeport.com.

If antiquing is one of your hobbies, the Galena area is a must-visit destination with numerous shops always filled with unique and interesting collectibles. There is so much more to see and do in the area too. Discover your next day trip or night out by going to visitgalena.org online.

Summer is also an ideal

time to enjoy leisure time at home reading books. Studies have shown that reading over the summer break can prevent learning loss for students. To help students stay ahead, I am offering my annual Summer Reading Club to encourage fun and educational reading for kids currently in (or just finished) first through fifth grade. Deadline to join is August 1. Participants choose their own books and keep track of their own reading. Students who successfully complete the reading challenge will be sent special recognition in late summer including an official certificate from the Illinois House of Representatives. Learn more by visiting my website at rep-

chesney.com.

We are blessed to live in an area full of natural beauty and great people. This summer let's explore local, eat local, shop local and enjoy all the places and events that make Northwest Illinois the best place to call home. I hope to see you out there!



• Attack (Continued from page 6)

into action during the battle, will also make an appearance on Saturday.

This event will run on Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendance is free, but donations are appreciat-

ed and help to continue the Fort's living history program for all to enjoy. For more information visit our website www.appleriverfort.org or contact the site at info@appleriverfort.org or 815-858-2028.

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PUBLICATION
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DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(MINOR CHILDREN)**

2022MR13

Case Number

REQUEST OF:
Chelsey K. Schaar
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: 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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COURT FOR THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY
- FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

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Shellpoint Mortgage
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PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Elizabeth Ann Werntz;
et. al.

DEFENDANTS

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**STATE OF ILLINOIS
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**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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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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**STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
STEPHENSON COUNTY
PUBLICATION**

**NOTICE OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(MINOR CHILDREN)**

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Case Number

REQUEST OF:
Ashley Goodman
(on behalf of)

Lovely Sunday Ellis
TO CHANGE NAMES
OF MINOR CHILDREN

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1. Current Name of Minor Child; Proposed New Name of Minor Child:

a. Lovely Sunday Diamond Rose Ellis; Lovely Sunday Diamond Rose Goodman

b. Israel Elijah Ellis; Israel Elijah 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: 2

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News briefs

**Nora Community
Baptist Church**

Nora Community Baptist Church in Nora, IL announces Deb Leininger, an accomplished musician, presenting songs and music at their 11 a.m. worship on June 26, 2022. Deb is the coordinator for the World Day of Prayer for Stephenson County, heads up a prayer ministry, resides in Freeport, IL, is a wife and mother. Deb is a very active person for any of God's ministry.

American Legion raffle

The Annual Calendar Raffle sponsored by the SONS of the Lena American Legion

is being 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 and is eligible each day during the month of July. On weekdays the prize is \$50 and on Saturdays the prize is \$100. On the Fourth the prize is \$500.

Tickets are available for purchase from SONS members, at the American Legion Home on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., or you may call 815-369-4684.

College news

**Local students
celebrate graduation
and dean's list
Aurora University Dean's
List**

Lazime Limani
Abigail Weber

**Clarke University
Dean's List**

Tayden M. Patterson
Noelle C. Reese
Burgundy J. Barklow
Mitchel J. Coffey

Graduation

Noelle Reese
Burgundy Barklow
Gavin Krahmer

**Northern Illinois
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Graduates**

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Joseph Lenz

Jenna Robinson
Haley Brudi

**University of Dubuque
Dean's List**

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Riley Finn
Tabria Thomas
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Ty Chrisman
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Jenna Bidlingmaier

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

After a blistering couple of days, the perfect June days made Father's Day a great summer event. It is hard to believe that June is half over, and we are looking at celebrating the Fourth of July. This week we have some summer favorites with a little zip, and some yummy desserts. Happy cooking this week as we get ready to close out June.

Hot Olive Cheese Puffs

This make ahead appetizer is great for any season. Olives seem to be the appetizer of the summer. Put a little cheese in them, and you are good to go.

1 C. Grated sharp cheddar Cheese
3 T. Butter, softened
¼ t. salt
½ C. sifted flour
¼ t. paprika
24 Large stuffed green olives

Blend all ingredients except the olives in a food processor until cheese is broken up and mixture is crumbly. Wrap about 1 t. of dough around each olive. Freeze on a cookie sheet. When frozen remove from cookie sheet and place into a sealed container. To Serve: Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 10-15 min.

Scalloped Chicken and Potatoes

My friend was looking through some old recipes and found this one. She made it to share with friends, and everyone loved it. You can use any of the prepared scalloped potatoes that Betty Crocker has (my favorite is the triple cheese). She used canned chicken and drained it. She used the broth from the chicken as part of the water, and the flavor was delicious. You can use rotisserie chicken or canned tuna, drained. You can also substitute cooked baby carrots for the peas.

1 pkg. Betty Crocker Sour Cream 'n Chives Scalloped Potato mix
2 1/3 C. boiling water
¾ C. half-and-half or whole milk
3 C. cubed cooked chicken
1 C. frozen sweet peas
1 can (8 oz.) mushroom pieces and stems, drained
½ C. plain breadcrumbs
¼ C. butter or margarine, melted
1 T. chopped fresh parsley
Heat oven to 450. Mix potatoes, sauce mix, water,

half-and-half, chicken, peas, and mushrooms in ungreased 2-quart casserole. Bake uncovered 30 to 40 minutes, stirring once, until potatoes are tender. Mix crumbs and melted butter in a small bowl. Sprinkle over potato mixture. Bake uncovered about 5 minutes or until light golden brown. Sprinkle with parsley.

Smash Burgers with Pimiento Cheese

Fourth of July is just around the corner, and these burgers would be a great picnic hit. The cheesy sauce makes for a great burger addition.

1 C. shredded Monterey Jack cheese
½ C. canned pickled jalapeños, drained
¼ C. cream cheese, at room temperature
1 t. Tabasco
1 t. Worcestershire sauce
½ t. plus 2 t. pepper
½ t. plus 1 T. salt
2 lbs. ground beef
6 burger buns
2 tomatoes sliced and lettuce leaves for garnish

Mix the cheese, jalapeños, cream cheese, mayo, Tabasco, Worcestershire, ½ t. pepper, 1 t. salt in a bowl. Cover until ready to use. Heat large skillet over high heat. Divide beef into 6 balls, season with remaining salt and pepper. Place in skillet; with spatula, firmly press to ½ inch thick patties. Cook 4 minutes; flip. Place about ¼ C. jalapeno cheese on each burger. Cover; cook until cheese melts, 2 to 3 minutes. Serve burgers on buns. Garnish with tomatoes and lettuce (and onion too).

Orange-Lemon Poke Cake

Unlike a traditional poke cake, this poke cake uses lemon pudding instead of Jell-O. You need to use a larger "poke" for the pudding to seep into the cake. The recipe suggests the handle of a wooden spoon. Enjoy this refreshing cake.

1 C. unsalted butter, softened
2 C. sugar
4 eggs, room temperature
1 T. packed lemon zest
1 T. packed orange zest
1 t. vanilla
3 C. cake flour
1 T. baking powder
½ t. salt
3 C. whole milk, divided
1 C. chopped sliced almonds
1 box (3.4 oz.) lemon instant, pudding mix
1 can (15 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained well and chopped
1 container (15 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
Garnish with sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 325. Spray a 9 x 13 pan with baking spray with flour. In a large bowl, beat butter and sugar with a mixer at medium speed until fluffy, 3 to 4 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in zests and vanilla.

In another large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt. With mixer on low speed, gradually add the flour mixture to butter mixture alternating with 1 C. milk, beginning, and ending with flour mixture; beat just until combined after each addition. Stir in chopped almonds. Spread batter into prepared pan.

Bake until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, 33 to 35 minutes. Let

cool on a wire rack for 5 minutes. Using the handle of a wooden spoon, poke holes all over top of warm cake at 1-inch intervals. In a medium bowl, whisk together pudding mix and remaining 2 C. milk until slightly thickened; stir in oranges. Spread mixture all over cake. Cover with plastic wrap, pressing wrap directly onto surface of pudding to prevent a skin from forming. Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes; refrigerate until cold, at least 4 hours or overnight. Before serving, spread whipped topping onto cake. Garnish with sliced almonds.

White Chocolate Cereal Bars

These bars are a take on traditional Rice Krispies Bars.

There are only a few ingredients and easy to make. They are great for road trips and picnics.

4 C. miniature marshmallows

8 oz. white baking chips (about 1 1/3 Cups)

¼ C. butter, cubed

6 C. rice cereal

In a Dutch oven or large pot, combine marshmallows, baking chips and butter. Cook and stir over medium-low heat until melted. Remove from heat. Add cereal and stir to coat. Transfer to a greased 9 x 13 pan; gently press mixture evenly into pan. Cut into bars. I place waxed paper over the cereal to spread them out evenly; some people spray their hands with cooking spray. You can add red, white, and blue sprinkles on these for

a festive patriotic look.

Final Thoughts

I saw my first Lena Park District Music in the Park. It was a beautiful warm summer night. We are lucky to have these free concerts all summer long.

I also have enjoyed aqua-size during this beastly hot weather. Hats off to the Lena Park District pool director and crew. There were a lot of people who enjoyed swimming during those over ninety-degree days. Keeping everyone safe with so many people wanting to get cooled off is a very difficult and challenging job. We are lucky to have the personnel to open the pool. I have read

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Links between Periodontal, Vascular, and Alzheimer's Disease



By **DR. STEPHEN PETRAS**
Illinois Licensed
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We all want to spend our senior years maintaining our independence. This requires retaining our cognitive abilities with a healthy brain and a sharp memory. For those of you who struggle to make flossing a habit, findings from two recent research projects may help you to understand how skipping this crucial part of your oral hygiene routine can negatively impact your brain health.

As I have stated in previous columns, your oral microbiome is teeming with bacteria. To keep this bacteria under control it must be removed by both brushing and flossing. You can't reach the food and bacteria in the tight spaces of your teeth and under the gumline with a toothbrush. Only flossing can remove these bacteria and keep them from hardening. Not removing these bacteria sets up a vicious cycle of irritation, inflammation, and bleeding of

the gums (gingivitis) which leads to further accumulation of disease-causing bacteria, irritation, inflammation, tissue destruction, and bleeding (periodontal disease).

People with periodontal disease face a significantly higher risk of systemic disease. There are several reasons for this. First of all,

your mouth is the entry port to both your respiratory and digestive tracts, so the bacteria from oral diseases can travel there. Secondly, periodontal inflammation and bleeding allow disease-causing bacteria to travel throughout the blood vessels of the body, causing inflammation and damage to both your blood vessels themselves (blood clots, narrowing of blood vessels heart attack, and stroke) and to your organs. Thirdly, chronic inflammation weakens the immune system making you more vulnerable to disease. In turn, several

of the systemic diseases associated with periodontal disease can make your periodontal disease worse and even harder to control.

The blood-brain barrier is a semi-permeable highly controlled border defense that keeps disease-causing microorganisms and toxins in the blood from entering the brain cells. Recent research has shown that the bacteria mainly responsible for periodontitis, P gingivalis, can breach the blood-brain barrier, where it releases toxic enzymes, kills neurons, and increases the production of

beta-amyloid plaques (clumps of tangled proteins indicative of Alzheimer's).

A separate genomic research study has revealed that a gene (FMNL2) which normally functions to allow the blood-brain barrier to clear these beta-amyloid plaques, can be blocked as a result of cerebrovascular disease (conditions such as vascular inflammation that affect the blood vessels and blood flow in the brain).

While previous studies have shown that cognitive decline is six times faster in people who have both Alzheimer's disease and periodontal disease, this latest information is helping researchers to understand the complex links between these

diseases.

While ongoing genomic research seeks answers on how to treat Alzheimer's, you can help prevent it by making flossing part of your daily routine. Your dental team is here to assist you by demonstrating how to floss, observing you floss, and suggesting different floss types or flossing tools to meet your individual needs. As always, preventing disease is much preferable to treating it.

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of several community pools who have limited hours, or they are not open at all.

My garden friends brought me fresh strawberries from the U Pick Gardens near Elizabeth. There is nothing better than a garden strawberry. I also have enjoyed the deli-

cious ice cream from the Lena Drive Inn. Maybe it is because we didn't have it for so long that it tastes so yummy. I guess I am really enjoying all of our wonderful summer activities. I hope you are enjoying life too. Smile at someone you don't know to make their

day brighter.

We continue to look 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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or whatever. For example, ex-supreme court judge Tom Kilbride had appointed Robert Carter to the appellate bench for 15 years straight, without him ever having been elected, until 2020, when the court appointed Kilbride protégé Carter to the supreme court.

This is not new. In the 1960s, for example, a Republican judge from Canton named Albert Scott served as chief judge of the 3rd District Appellate Court (an honorific, rotating position), without ever having been elected to the appellate court. Indeed, Scott was rejected by the voters in his bid to be elected to the appellate court in 1974, yet was subsequently appointed again as a member of that court.

The supreme irony of this appointing process is that it may give us better judges overall than would pure election. What do you and I know about judicial candidates? For example, Judge Lisa Holder White is, I am told, a fine judge. She is also an African-American from modest financial background. So, she may never have had a chance via the election process to become a circuit, appellate, and first black female Illinois Supreme Court judge.

Yet the process of appointing your successor is fraught with problems. Does it result in perpetuation of a particular legal philosophy? For example, the trial lawyers have always had

strong influence within the state high court. These lawyers oppose, of course, any caps on awards to their clients, which would in turn cap their fees. These savvy lawyers have always been big contributors to supreme court judges.

And, does the process cause lawyers and lower court judges who want to be higher court judges to suck up to those who might appoint them, and generally exclude those who don't?

I am a PhD, not a JD, and I have not followed the

courts closely, so I have more questions than answers.

Selection of judges has been a quandary for American democracy throughout our history, because of the separation of powers, and our belief in the election process. Should the executive or the legislative branches, or the voters, select judges?

No system is perfect, and "politics," that is, who gets what, plays a part in any selection process. Personally, I like the Missouri Plan, where nonpartisan panels

of lawyers and nonlawyers come up with nominees of acceptable candidates, and the governor selects judges from among the names given him. A number of states have adopted this plan, or something like it.

I have trouble with the Illinois system. In effect, the high court appoints itself.

Jim Nowlan is a retired professor and former Illinois legislator and state agency director. He has worked for three Illinois governors.



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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