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## Honoring vets

Stockton hosted a Veterans Parade to honor the veterans in the area, followed by a service at the Stockton Veterans Memorial site. See more photos on page 12.

# Stephenson County listed at High Community Level for COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) reported 28,216 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois on July 1, as well as 74 deaths since June 24.

According to the CDC, 28 counties are now rated at High Community Level for COVID-19—an area that includes counties around the Chicago and Rockford areas, as well as counties around Peoria, Quincy, Springfield and Champaign in central Illinois.

An additional 53 counties in Illinois are now rated at Medium Community Level.

Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 3,435,405 cases, including 34,150 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

As of June 30, 1,154 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 122 patients were in the ICU and 44 patients with COVID-19 were on venti-

lators. The preliminary seven-day statewide case rate is 221 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 Illinoisans.

IDPH Acting Director Amaal Tokars is urging parents and guardians to take the steps necessary to get children vaccinated, especially small children under 5 for whom COVID-19 vaccines were recommended by the CDC on June 18.

Tokars said that the IDPH is supporting an education and outreach campaign by

the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics to educate healthcare providers and parents about the effectiveness and safety of the newly authorized vaccines for children under 5.

The counties listed at High Community Level are Cook, DuPage, Lake, Will, Stephenson and Winnebago in northern Illinois; Adams, Brown, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Douglas, Logan,

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# Obituaries

## CURT SCHEIDER

Curt F. Scheider age 67, of Freeport, Illinois passed away Monday, June 27, 2022, at FHN Hospital in Freeport. Cremation rites have been accorded and a celebration of Curt's life will be held at a later date. Friends and family are invited to share in Curt's life at [www.lawjonesfuneral-home.com](http://www.lawjonesfuneral-home.com).

Curt was born May 30, 1955, in Freeport, the son of Kenneth F. and Etta Lucille (Peck) Scheider. He attended Orangeville High School in Orangeville, Illinois and graduated with the Class of 1973. Curt married the love of his life Kathy L. Miller on June 22, 1974, in Orangeville. They celebrated 48 years of marriage. He worked for Honeywell in Freeport as a CNC Machinist for 46 years retiring in 2019.



Curt had a green thumb and always challenged himself on being able to grow whatever he wanted. He used his skills to help create his own business Whitetail Gardens. Curt enjoyed taking produce to the Farmer's Markets and donating produce to the local community. As his health began to keep him out of his fields he researched and developed his own hydroponics setup to still be able to enjoy tomatoes and other produce. Curt was an avid fisherman and was known to brag about how when the kids were younger, they could out fish the adults near them without getting all their lines tangled

up. Curt was a mentor and teacher to his family and never missed the opportunity to help when needed. Curt truly cherished the time he spent with his family and whenever it was time to go there was Curt with a big hug and "Bye, I love ya drive safe." Curt will be dearly missed by his loving and devoted wife, Kathy; son, Jeremy Scheider of Freeport; 2 daughters, Kelli (Chris) Martin of Mt. Carroll, Illinois, Tracy Scheider of Freeport; bonus daughter, Melanie (Matt) Hathaway of Evansville, Wisconsin; 2 grandchildren, Ava and Tristen Bird; his beloved dog, Raven and 3 grandpups; sister, Bonnie (Jerry) Obert of Freeport and many sisters and brothers-in-law. Curt was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Donna and brother, Lee.

## LOIS KLOEPPING

Lois Amanda Kloeping, 86, of Mt. Carroll, Illinois passed away with family by her side, Saturday June 25, 2022, at Freeport Memorial Hospital, Freeport Illinois. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Friday July 1, at the Mt. Carroll Church of God. Visitation was held 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30, at the Mt. Carroll Church of God and one hour prior to the service on Friday. Pastor Tim Yoder officiated. Cremation rites will be accorded with a private family graveside service on a later date.

Lois was born on July 27, 1935, in the family farmhouse in Lanark, the daughter of Wallace and Helen (Turnbaugh) Ware. She was the youngest of three daughters. Lois graduated from Lanark High school, class of 1953. She married Keith Kloeping, Sr. on November 27, 1953, in Chadwick, Illinois. They celebrated 51 years of marriage before his death in 2005.



Lois and Keith soon started a family raising 3 boys and 3 girls. Along with raising her family, she eventually had various jobs such as Dot's Cafe in Mt. Carroll (where they made the best donuts ever), Micro Switch in Freeport and then her 35-year career at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Mt. Carroll. She was the Director of Housekeeping and Laundry and was very passionate about her work. She was the employee that would clock out when her time was up and then go back to work a couple more hours.

Her goal in life was to be a grandmother, and at the age of 40 that was accomplished! She was eventually blessed with 13 grandchildren,

29 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren, with 2 more coming soon. Lois' happy place was in her home with family, and the more little ones around her the bigger her smile. The love she had for her family was like that of no other love! Later in her retirement she enjoyed watching the Cubs games, doing her puzzle books, and watching The Game Show Network.

Lois will be dearly missed by her children, Cindy (Leon) Weems of Mt. Carroll, Keith Jr. (Deloris) Kloeping of Mt. Carroll, Peggy (John) Leslein of West Plains, MO, Mike Kloeping of Pearl City, Jeff (Niff) Kloeping of Mt. Carroll and Wendy, (Bill) Houghtby of Savanna; 13 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Lois is preceded in death by her parents, husband Keith, two infant daughters, and her sisters Betty Shoup and Carol Barthel.

## BARBARA PINNOW

Barbara M. Pinnow age 80, passed away on Saturday, July 2, 2022, surrounded by her family. She was born on Nov. 25, 1941, in Lena, IL to Milford and Helen (Koehn) Becke. Barb graduated with the class 1959, which was the first class to graduate from the new Lena High School. She worked for the Orangeville CUSD #203 as a teacher's aide with special education in Rockford. She worked at General Casualty Insurance Company for 18 years until retirement. Barb also made many friends over the years bartending at Asa's, J&S Tavern, Huckleberry's, all in Orangeville and the Lena



Golf Course and the Iron Horse in Lena. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents Henry and Emma (Welt) Becke, maternal grandparents Otto and Margaret (Winter) Koehn, son Lonm Fogel and numerous aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, at St. John's Lutheran Church with a visitation from 9 a.m. until time of service. Officiating will be Rev. Rick Badier. Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial will be in Lena Burial Park. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

Becke of Cedarville, IL. Sister Kathy (Rich) Heinkel of Lena, IL. Numerous nephews, nieces, and special friends.

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## ALTON OWENS

Alton F. Owens age 91, passed away on Friday Dec. 10, 2021, at the Lena Living Center. He was born on June 22, 1930, in Cazenovia, NY to Clinton and Amelia (Sandberg) Owens. He married Dorothy A. Scott on October 15, 1955, in Big Rock, IL. He was a member of the Lena United Methodist Church. He enjoyed gardening and sharing all the vegetables with his neighbors. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was always doing things for others. He worked in Rockford for several years, as well as the town of Winslow where he was referred to as "The Town Mar-



shall". He also spent his time as a courier for the local area banks.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; 3 daughters- Patti (Jim) Gantt of Winter Springs, FL, Diane (Brad) Kempel of Lena, IL, and Susan (Steve) Bootz of Montgomery, IL; 7 grandchildren- Jason (Jennifer) Kempel of Winslow, Bethany (Teag) Haughan of Tempe AZ, Megan (Stuart) Slyter of Winter Springs FL, Jared Gantt of Jacksonville, FL, Alyssa Gantt (Justin) of Gilbert AZ, Steven Bootz Jr.

of Montgomery, IL, Kaylee Bootz of Montgomery IL; 5 great grandchildren- Owen Kempel, Emma Kempel, Luke Kempel, Liam Haughan, Ava Haughan; 2 sisters- Muriel Everets and May Stout. He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 brother Robert Owens and 1 sister Carol Marsh.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on July 9, at the Lena United Methodist Church. A memorial has been established for the Big Brother Big Sisters of Monroe WI, and the Lena Winslow Schools as education was very important to him. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

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# Bailey wins GOP nomination to challenge Pritzker

By Jerry Nowicki and Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

State Sen. Darren Bailey, who gained statewide notoriety challenging Gov. JB Pritzker's pandemic executive order authority in court, will be the incumbent's challenger in the November general election.

As of about 9 p.m. June 28, Bailey had carried more than 55 percent of the GOP vote from a field of six candidates, while tallies were unofficial.

"Tonight our movement sent a clear message to the establishment and the political elites: We will not be ignored," Bailey said in a victory speech just before 9 p.m.

Bailey, a farmer from downstate Xenia, gained the endorsement of former President Donald Trump over the weekend. He surged late in the race behind at least \$17 million in funding—either directly to his campaign fund or to political action committees attacking his opponent—from Republican megadonor and shipping supply magnate Richard Uihlein.

Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin, the early frontrunner in the race who received \$50 million from another GOP megadonor, Citadel founder Ken Griffin, conceded about 8:25 p.m.

The battle of billionaire benefactors which ended in Bailey's nomination drew national attention, largely because a campaign committee that has received funding from Pritzker—the Democratic Governors Association—spent approximately \$26 million to influence the Republican primary, largely on ads attacking Irvin and emphasizing Bailey's conservative record.

The Irvin campaign pegged the total anti-Irvin or pro-Bailey spending by Democrats around \$36 million, with Pritzker's campaign spending \$6.5 million and the Democratic Party of Illinois spending \$3.6 million.

In a concession speech, Ir-

vin wished Bailey well, later saying, "the Republican Party must be a party of policies, not personalities."

"You know, our background, our record and our message were so compelling, so overwhelmingly likely to prevail in November, JB Pritzker and the Democratic Party spent the most amount of money in the history ... meddling in a Republican primary to take us down," said Irvin, a combat veteran who would have been the first Black nominee for Illinois governor from either major political party.

As the tides shifted toward Bailey in recent weeks, Irvin adopted a new line of attack, repeatedly saying "a vote for Darren Bailey is a vote for JB Pritzker," arguing that the governor put his dollars behind Bailey because he judged him as the weakest candidate.

Bailey earlier in the campaign didn't disagree with the take that Pritzker viewed him as a weak candidate, but he warned Pritzker to "be careful what you wish for." He has stated his intent to reshape the state's GOP as a more conservative entity, including by endorsing primary challengers of incumbent Republican state lawmakers.

"We're all here because we know that Illinois is in trouble," Bailey said. "Decade after decade of mismanagement in Springfield. Back-to-back billionaire governors who don't understand the struggles of working people. And where has that gotten us? Nowhere."

Jesse Sullivan, a Petersburg venture capitalist who along with Irvin was carrying about 15 percent of the GOP primary vote as of 9 p.m. said he called Bailey to say he was glad to lose to a man of faith.

"Now it's all of our job to get behind Darren and make sure that we go and try to beat JB Pritzker," he said.

Bailey's nomination sets up a general election contest pitting Pritzker's progressive track record against a candidate who is far to the right of

previous leaders of the state's Republican party.

Pritzker, meanwhile, has touted Illinois' firmer fiscal footing since he became governor, pointing to a \$1 billion contribution to the state's "rainy day" fund, an added \$500 million pension payment beyond statutory levels and about \$900 million spent to pay down other interest-accruing health insurance debts.

"Four years ago I told you that we'd reverse the fiscal damage that Bruce Rauner did to this state, that I would end his hostage taking of the budget, reverse his credit downgrades and improve our state's finances," Pritzker said in a speech that concluded just before 10 p.m. June 28. "Today we've had four balanced budgets in four years. We put a billion dollars in the state's rainy day fund. We reduced our state's pension liability and now we've received six credit upgrades."

Bailey is expected to continue his criticism of Pritzker over the issues of rising crime, high taxes and support for law enforcement, while abortion rights will also be a central issue.

During his first term, Pritzker signed a sweeping abortion rights bill, the Reproductive Health Act, as well as legislation repealing a law requiring abortion providers to notify the parents of a minor child seeking an abortion.

He is also calling a special session of the General Assembly in the coming weeks to focus on legislation protecting access to abortion, a move he announced moments after the U.S. Supreme Court released a decision overturning the landmark 1973 ruling in Roe vs. Wade.

On election night, the governor led his supporters in a chant of "we will not go back."

Bailey, by contrast, is a conservative who opposes

abortion rights and has been endorsed by some of the state's most prominent anti-abortion groups.

The pair's previous disagreements on pandemic response and executive authority will also likely play a role in the campaign, as will Bailey's endorsement from Trump and nationwide rising inflation and gas prices.

Pritzker touted his pandemic response, his backing of marijuana legalization, and added funding for state police and violence prevention programs.

He also gave a window into the line of attack he'd employ in the coming months against the candidate that his dollars helped to propagate in the primary.

"A few days ago, Donald Trump came to our state and he did what he does best—spew bile on the ground and hope that it takes root in our soil. And proudly standing by his side was the Republican nominee for governor of Illinois, Darren Bailey," Pritzker said. "Let me be clear, someone who seeks out and accepts the endorsement of a racist, misogynistic, homophobic, xenophobic, twice impeached former president does not deserve to come anywhere near the state's highest office."

Pritzker had a nominal primary challenger in Chicago area nurse Beverly Miles, but that race was called in Pritzker's favor about a half hour after polls closed with Pritzker carrying more than 90 percent of the vote unofficially.

## Secretary of state

For the first time in nearly a quarter century, Democratic Secretary of State Jesse White was not on the ballot, having announced his retirement after six terms.

On the Republican side, state Rep. Dan Brady had a wide lead over former central Illinois prosecutor John

Milhiser, pulling more than three-quarters of the vote as of 10:30 p.m. June 28.

Brady, of Bloomington, is a funeral director by profession and a partner in the funeral home firm Kibler-Brady-Ruestman. He served as McLean County coroner from 1992 until he was elected to the Illinois House in 2000, rising to the post of assistant minority leader.

The Democratic winner was Alexi Giannoulias, a former state treasurer from 2007 to 2011 and unsuccessful candidate for U.S. Senate in 2010. After public life, from 2012 to 2018, he held a job in wealth management at the Chicago office of Bank of New York Mellon, and in 2019 he announced the formation of his own private investment company, Annoula Ventures. He said he wouldn't be involved with that private investment vehicle if elected secretary of state.

Giannoulias had a lead of about 120,000 votes with 60 percent of votes recorded as of about 10:30 p.m. June 28.

The office is primarily known for administering motor vehicle services—driver's licenses and vehicle registrations—but it reaches

far beyond that. The Illinois secretary of state is also the state librarian, which provides services to public libraries throughout the state. It also manages the state archives, serves as the state's official recordkeeper, administers lobbying laws and operates its own police force.

The major issues in the race will largely center on modernization of the office and shortening wait times at driver services facilities.

## Attorney general

Southern Illinois attorney Thomas DeVore's lead in the Republican primary for attorney general was substantial enough that Deerfield attorney Steve Kim conceded just after 10:30 p.m. June 28.

DeVore was the attorney who represented Bailey in his lawsuits challenging Pritzker's COVID-19 mitigation orders while Kim had the backing of megadonor Ken Griffin and a late endorsement from former Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar.

DeVore had a lead of about 60,000 votes with 60 percent of votes counted as of 10:30 p.m.

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61028

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# OPINION

## Slices of life

### Joy and sorrow



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

Tonight the sunset was beyond spectacular. It sat low and sinking in the sky in every shade of orange imaginable, plus a dozen or so hues that haven't been invented yet. Two loons floated serenely on the glassy waters of the lake, their silhouettes small and dark in the foreground amongst the orange symphony overhead.

We'd had an early evening summer storm, which gave the landscape a surreal misty feel of yellow tinged twilight.

The grass remained green through the yellow haze. The air was warm, but the breeze by the lake was just cool enough to take the edge off the heat.

As a backdrop, the frogs' songs were louder than a rock concert, with the loon calls serving as their chorus. Clouds quilted the horizon, adding even more depth and texture to the color-scape. They hung low in the sky, competing with the sun for leading role in the ending of this day.

The clouds were magnificent, but in the end, the sun won out.

I used my state-of-the-art mega, megapixel camera with super duper zooming capacity to try to capture my view from the end of the dock, but photos simply can't do justice compared to the real thing. Mother Nature beats megapixels any day (or in this case night.) I put down my phone and indulged in a moment to simply take it all in.

It was joyous and breathtaking, and it brought me to tears because beauty that great, when one truly beholds it for what it is in that moment, can be overwhelming.

It was wonderful. But

bittersweet.

Because the beauty of my surroundings, while breathtaking, made me think of my husband and I felt a longing for his presence. He would have loved this particular sunset. I know he did, because he always loved sunsets, and I'm pretty sure he isn't missing any of them now.

A wave of grief washed over me in amongst the beauty. Hence the duality of emotions.

As I stood watching the day fade away, soaking in the twilight sky, I was filled with joy and melancholy. I had tears of happiness, but they were also tears of sorrow.

I've always been an awesome multi-tasker.

The world can often be bittersweet. The word itself is a perfect example of the dichotomy of life. The bitter parts don't negate the overall beauty—or sweetness. Not at all. In some ways, difficulties magnify the beauty, because the losses of life leave you raw and honest and open to the miracles surrounding you every day.

So, as I stood at the end of the dock, listening to the frogs and the loons and breathing in the last moments of a magnificent sunset, I came to a realization: joy and sorrow aren't always separate entities. They can exist in tandem—together. And that's OK. It's possible to cry both happy and sad tears all at the

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- 2 p.m. Nora IL Community Church  
Hosts: Wilbur & Helga Sidor
- 4 p.m. 511 W. Lena St., Lena  
(Behind My Friend's Closet)  
Host: Claire Smunt

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# Around the Northern Hills with Annette Eggers

Congratulations to all the winners of our June Dairy Month Coloring Contest! Here is a breakdown of the winners by the age group:



By **ANNETTE EGGERS**  
Jo Daviess  
County Farm  
Bureau

## Pre-School

1st place - Wade Feltmeyer, Stockton  
2nd place - Macy Potter, Elizabeth

3rd place - Everly Honerbaum, Hanover

## Kindergarten

1st place - Dax Smith, Galena

2nd place - Olivia King, Galena

3rd place - Knox Culbertson, East Dubuque

## First Grade

1st place - Taryn Heitkamp, East Dubuque

2nd place - Elise Bertucci, Galena

3rd place - Cooper Lane, East Dubuque

## Second Grade

1st place - Tucker Wiene, East Dubuque

2nd place - Sadie Loeffelholz, Galena

3rd place - Kai Abitz, East Dubuque

## Peach orders

Are you thinking about those fresh Illinois peaches? Orders are due by Wednesday, July 22 with payment and order form attached. 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 Aug. 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.

## Farm Fun Day

The Farm Fun Day at Apple Canyon Lake last weekend had to be canceled due to the rain, but we still have another opportunity for you. Saturday, July 9 is our Farm Fun Day at Shenandoah Riding Center in the Galena Territory. This is a great chance for families to come out and milk a cow, see the animals in the Young Leaders' petting zoo bus, make ice cream

and butter and so much more. Stop out from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and take part in all the fun.

## Member benefits

Jo Daviess Farm Bureau members now can access additional member benefits and discounts when they are on the go with membership benefit web platform and iPhone App.

To access the new web platform at <https://ilfb.abenity.com>, members must create an account and provide their Illinois Farm Bureau membership ID number. Members can also go to the iPhone App Store, search IL Farm Bureau Membership benefits, and download the app on their iPhone or iPad. Once downloaded, members may customize the app to include frequently used offers; search offers by business name, location, and category; and provide instant in-store discounts at nearby restaurants and retailers.

Members who have questions about the app or additional Illinois Farm Bureau member benefits may contact our office or the Illinois Farm Bureau Membership call center at 309-557-2689.

Personally, I have downloaded the app on my phone and it alerts me when there are discounts in the area that I'm in. It's super easy!

## Farm Fun Fact

July is National Ice Cream Month. Americans are the number one consumers of ice cream, eating on average 48 pints of ice cream per person every year.



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## Stockton 5k/10k race a success

There was quite the turn out for the annual Stockton 5k/10k race and participants enjoyed the beautiful weather during the event.



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Citizens Bank is one of the major sponsors of the Stockton 5k/10k race.



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People of all ages enjoyed the event and many participated by running or walking the race.

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## Library receives grant from Wa-Tan-Ye Association

Stockton Wa-Tan-Ye Association presented the Stockton Township Library with a grant check for \$100. Each year Stockton libraries (schools included) can request this \$100 grant to be used for numerous things. This can include further education of librarians, purchase of print materials, audio books, DVDs, and computer upgrades/programs, etc. The Wa-Tan-Ye motto is "Service Foremost", and as a not-for-profit organization, members volunteer in the community, hold fundraisers, and strive in many ways to make each town a great place to live. Pictured here are (left) Kim Scafe, Director of the Stockton Township Library and (right) Sally Tucker, co-president of Stockton Wa-Tan-Ye.

## JDCF announces July dates for guided tours of Casper Bluff

The public is invited to join trained volunteer guides for an interactive tour of the magical Casper Bluff Preserve, a place where nature's treasurers meet with history's secrets. A morning tour will be held on Saturday, July 16 at 9 a.m. with an evening tour scheduled for Tuesday,

July 19 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. RSVPs are required at [www.jdcf.org/](http://www.jdcf.org/) events.

One of the first stops on the tour is the Mississippi River overlook. Casper Bluff commands some of the best views of the mighty River and its backwater sloughs

and is home to many rare and wondrous birds. Next, you will be shown part of the Aiken Mound group, a series of Native America mounds that were built approximately 700-900 A.D. as part of the Effigy Mound culture. The tour also winds through acres of restored native prairie that

is starting to bloom right now and is a sight not to be missed. Casper Bluff is open daily dawn to dusk and is located at 870 S Pilot Knob Rd. Galena, IL. If you enjoy your visit, please stop by the brown donation tube next to the welcome kiosk and help support the preserve.

## Discovery Center Museum presents Superheroes Unite

Put on a cape and tune up the spidey senses for a day of super fun for Superheroes Unite Family Friday on Friday, July 8, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Outwit evil, harness the power of lightning, explore x-ray vision and more!

This event gives children the opportunity to meet some of their favorite superheroes. Guests can meet Spider Hero from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Woman of Wonder from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Spider Girl from

12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Come in costume. All event activities are included with admission. Tickets are \$10/Adult; \$10/Child; and free to members and all children ages one and younger.

The museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and activities will be ongoing from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Superheroes Unite* is sponsored by US Bank and a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

# SOS+ to present an afternoon of music

The Senior Outreach of Stockton and Surrounding Areas (SOS+) will hold its July 14 meeting at the Calvary UM Church Fellowship Hall, 315 W Maple, Stockton, IL. Don Boelkens and his wife Barb will head up a group called "All for Him" to entertain our seniors with an afternoon of old-time favorites. They will perform a variety of patriotic songs, gospel songs and storytelling.

The program is free and open to all seniors in Stockton and neighboring communities. Seniors will have the opportunity to give a free will donation which helps in providing both educational and entertaining programs through-out the year. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments follow-

ing the afternoon of music. Anyone wishing to bring light finger food to share with group are more than welcome. Water and coffee will be provided. We extend a cordial invitation to all to join us on July 14.

SOS+ is commemorating its 18<sup>th</sup> year and is made up of area volunteers from all our area churches. SOS+ meets March through December on the second Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of Calvary UM Church.

Volunteers are always welcome. For more information on SOS+, if interested in volunteering, or if in need of a ride to the July 14 event, please call Mary Feltemeyer 815-297-5425, Nancy 815-275-0303 or Shirley Toepfer 815-947-3639.



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# Freeport man arrested on firearm charges

On June 30, 2022, around 11:55 p.m., an officer of the Freeport Police Department conducted an investigation into a subject who might have been armed with a handgun. Officers made contact with the suspect, identified as Brandon Tweed,

aged 24 of Freeport, in the 1200 Block of South High Avenue.

Tweed was arrested for driving while driver's license revoked, and during the ensuing investigation, a handgun was located in the vehicle. Brandon Tweed was charged with Un-

lawful Possession of a weapon by a felon, Possession of Firearm without requisite FOID and misdemeanor charges of driving while revoked. Brandon Tweed is being held at the Stephenson County Jail on \$30,000 bond.

## •Bailey (Continued from page 3)

He will go on to face incumbent Democrat Kwame Raoul, who did not have a primary opponent.

### Treasurer and comptroller

Neither's party's voters had a choice in the treasurer's race or for that of state comptroller.

Incumbent Comptroller

Susana Mendoza, of Chicago, had no primary challenger, while McHenry County Auditor Shannon Teresi ran unopposed on the GOP side.

Treasurer Michael Frerichs, of Champaign, ran unchallenged to retain the role as the state's chief investment officer, while state Rep. Tom Demmer, R-Dixon, had no challenger on the GOP side.

## •Slices

(Continued from page 5) same time. It is possible to find true joy, even when you are hurting.

I'm not sure which is more beautiful—that revelation or the sunset.

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

## LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. Plaintiff, -v.- JEREMY MILLER et al Defendants

2022 FC 6

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 9, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on July 28, 2022, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. PLAINTIFF

Vs. Justin Krohmer; Melissa Reynolds; Theresa Greene; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Gary L. Krohmer; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Gary L. Krohmer (deceased)

DEFENDANTS 2022FC8

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Justin Krohmer Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Gary L. Krohmer

Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

614 Dewey Ave Galena, IL 61036 and which said Mortgage was made by:

Gary L. Krohmer the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, as Document No. 393504; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

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

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Lena Community Park Board of Commissioners will hold a Regular Meeting on July 21, 2022 at 6pm at the Park Office, 609 N. Schuyler St., Lena IL. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the Proposed Budget for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year.

The Proposed Budget is available for public inspection at the Park Office, 609 N. Schuyler St., Lena IL during regular office hours. (M & W, 9am-12pm and TH, 4pm-6pm)

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### NOTICE

Bids are being accepted for providing bread and dairy products for the Lena-Winslow School District for the 2022-2023 school year. Bid specifications may be picked up at the Superintendent's Office at 401 Fremont St., Lena, IL. from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or you may call 815-668-0800 to request the forms. Bids are due at the Superintendent's Office no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2022. Lena-Winslow School District reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We are officially on the downside of summer. Everyone I know is asking, "Where did the month of June go?" It certainly was an interesting one with weather. The rain has come at a good time, and a lot of corn has reached the Fourth of July height. Gardens are beginning to produce some good things too. This week we feature some good salads, a great casserole, and good tasting desserts. Have a great week cooking!

## Cheddar Beef Cocktail Hot Dogs

If you need an easy appetizer for summer picnics or any party, this slow cooker cocktail recipe is a good one for your table. You can make it ahead of time, put it in the

slow cooker, refrigerate, and then take it out and plug it in. How easy is that? I am a big believer in A.J.'s bacon. I know it is more expensive than other bacon, but it really rolls well for appetizers, and there is not a lot of fat.

- 1 pkg. beef cocktail wieners
- 12 to 16 slices bacon, cut crosswise into thirds
- 2 T. butter
- 1 C. finely chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 C. beer
- 1 can cream of cheddar cheese soup
- 1 t. hot pepper sauce
- 1/2 t. chili powder

Preheat oven to 400. Line a jelly roll pan with foil or parchment paper. Tightly wrap each cocktail wiener in a piece of bacon and secure it with a toothpick. Place on prepared pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until bacon is browned and lightly crisp. Cool slightly. Remove and discard took picks.

In a saucepan, heat butter over medium heat until melted. Add onion and garlic; cook 5 to 6 minute or until onions are tender, stirring occa-

sionally. Remove from heat. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Place vegetables in a 1/2 qt. slow cooker; combine the cocktail wieners and sauce. Place in the snow cooker and stir until wieners are covered. Cover and cook on low 4 to 5 hours. Serve warm.

## Waldorf Salad with Walnut Oil Vinaigrette

This salad was sent to me by my friend, JoAnn. She likes to take it to dinner parties because there is no mayonnaise in the dressing. The flavors of the apples, nuts and raisins are fresh. If you can't find walnut oil, you can substitute olive oil. It is a great summer salad.

- 2 Red Delicious apples, cored and diced
- 2 Granny Smith apples, cored and diced
- 4 stalks celery, diced
- 1/2 C. raisins
- 1 C. toasted walnuts
- 2 T. walnut oil
- 1 T. cider vinegar
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. pepper

Toss together the apples, celery, raisins, and nuts in a

large bowl. Set aside. In a small bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper. Toss the apples with the dressing and serve.

## Pickled Egg Salad

I like a good egg salad sandwich. The price of eggs has come down, so this a great way to have a no meat lunch. The Dijon mustard gives it a little zip. It is good on Hawaiian rolls and croissants too.

- 2/3 C. apple cider vinegar
- 2/3 C. white vinegar
- 2/3 C. water
- 1 T. sugar
- 1/2 t. salt
- 8 large, hard-boiled eggs, peeled
- 1/3 C. mayonnaise
- 1 t. Dijon mustard
- 1 t. sweet pickle relish
- 3/4 t. pepper, divided
- 2 T. plus 1 t. chopped fresh chives, divided
- Toasted bread slices cut into triangles

In a small saucepan, bring vinegars, 2/3 C. water, sugar, and salt to a boil over medium-high heat. Remove from

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### I-DOT news

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, construction to replace two box culverts on Illinois 75 east of Freeport began Tuesday, June 28. The culverts are located east of Tower Road.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic signals and temporary concrete barrier

walls throughout the construction. This \$1 million project is anticipated to be completed by the end of September.

Repairs on an eastbound U.S. 20 Freeport Bypass bridge in Stephenson County will begin Tuesday, July 5. The bridge crosses the Jane Addams Trail about 2.5 miles east of Ayp Road. Work will repair the bridge joints in the eastbound inside lane. Repairs should be completed by July 8.

### Northwest Illinois Forestry Association news

The NIFA will tour the Dollinger Christmas Tree Farm and retail establishment near Lanark on July 9 with a rain date of July 16 starting

at 9:30 a.m. This tour will include a hike through their 26-acre plantation of spruce, pine, and fir trees as well as a visit to their gift shop and their work room.

In the weeks before Christmas, their trees can be cut-your-own or pre-cut by Dollinger. In addition, they sell table-top trees, wreaths, table arrangements, cemetery wreaths, swags, yule logs, porch baskets, centerpieces, and a wide selection of unique designs with a hint of country. If cutting your own, they supply saws and twine and help you compress the tree for easier car-top carry.

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### Share and Swap event

Lanark Public Library and

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There is no charge for the items as it is strictly share and swap. Clean out your closets and keep reusable items from going to the landfill. Leftovers will be donated to the Carroll County Help Center Thrift Shop. Items may be dropped off at the library, 111 S. Broad St., Lanark, from 12-7:30 on July 14 and from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on July 15.

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# •Kitchen (Continued from page 9)

heat and let cool for 10 minutes. In a large nonreactive bowl (a nonreactive bowl is stainless steel, ceramic, or glass), combine vinegar mixture and eggs, fully submerging the eggs. Cover and refrigerate for at least 12 hours or up to 24 hours. Remove eggs from bowl, discarding liquid. Coarsely chop eggs. In a separate bowl, stir together the mayo, mustard, relish, and 1/2 t. pepper. Gently stir in eggs and 2 T. chives. Sprinkle with remaining teaspoon of chives and remaining pepper. Serve with toasted bread.

## Poppy Seed Chicken and Broccoli Casserole

This casserole is good enough for company. You can substitute traditional broccoli for the Broccoli if you can't find it. Serve with a salad and a crusty roll, and you have a top-notch meal.

- 1/2 C. unsalted butter
- 1 C. sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1/2 C. diced onion
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 C. flour
- 1 C. chicken broth
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 C. whole milk
- 4 C. shredded cooked chicken
- 1 bunch fresh broccolini, trimmed and chopped
- 1 T. poppy seeds
- 1/2 t. celery salt
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 2 1/2 C. bite-sized bread pieces
- 1/4 C. unsalted butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 3-quart baking dish with cooking spray. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add mushrooms, onion, and garlic; cook, stirring occasionally until vegetables are tender, 3 to 4 min-

utes. Whisk in flour; cook, whisking constantly for 2 minutes. Gradually whisk in broth until smooth. Cook until thickened, 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat, whisk in cream cheese and milk until smooth. Stir in chicken, broccolini, poppy seeds, celery salt and pepper. Pour mixture into prepared pan. In a medium bowl, stir together bread and melted butter, sprinkle onto casserole. Bake until hot and bubbly, 25 to 30 minutes before serving.

## Blackberry Poke Cake

If you haven't noticed, I am into poke cakes this spring and summer. I like them because they are usually easy and pretty to serve. This one uses blackberries which will be in season soon.

- 2 1/4 C. flour
- 1 C. sugar
- 2 t. baking powder
- 1/4 t. baking soda
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1 C. unsalted butter, melted
- 3/4 C. buttermilk
- 3 eggs
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 C. blackberry preserves, divided
- 2 T. water
- 4 C. whipped cream sweetened with sugar and vanilla blackberries for garnish

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray with flour. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Make a well in the center; add melted butter, buttermilk, eggs, and vanilla. Beat with a mixer on low speed until thick and smooth, about 2 minutes. Spread batter into prepared pan. Bake until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, about 25 minutes. Let cool on a wire rack for 5 minutes. Using the handle of a wooden spoon,

poke holes all over the top of the warm cake at 1-inch intervals.

In a medium bowl, whisk together 3/4 C. preserves and 3 T. water; pour all over the cake. Cover and refrigerate until cold, at least 4 hours or overnight. Just before serving, spread whipped cream; drop remaining 1/4 C. preserves all over the cake. Swirl the preserves into the whipped cream with a knife. Garnish with fresh blackberries.

## Strawberry Cheesecake Cobbler

Strawberry season is here, and this recipe is an easy one to serve as a seasonal dessert. I think served with ice cream, this strawberry delight could be a hit.

- 1/2 C. unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 pkg. of an 8 oz. (4 oz.) cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 1/2 C. plus 3 T. sugar, divided
- 1 t. vanilla
- 2 C. flour
- 1 T. baking powder
- 3/4 t. salt
- 2 C. whole milk
- 4 C. fresh strawberries, halved
- 2 T. powdered sugar

Preheat the oven to 375. In a 2 1/2 qt. baking dish, pour in melted butter. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese with a mixer at medium speed until creamy, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Beat in 3 T. sugar and vanilla until combined. In another large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, salt and remaining 1 1/2 C. sugar, whisk in milk until smooth. Pour batter into prepared pan. (Do not stir together with butter.) Top batter with strawberries; dollop heaping teaspoonfuls of cream cheese mixture onto

strawberries. Cover with foil. Bake for 25 minutes. Uncover and bake until a wooden pick comes out clean, 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool on a wire rack for 30 minutes. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve warm.

## Final Thoughts

There has been great weather for the holiday celebrations. Several of my friends have tried recipes from the column and they have liked them. This feedback always gives me the inspiration to keep writing.

I have heard about people enjoying radish sandwiches. My dad loved them. You take white bread, smother it with butter, place sliced radishes on top, and sprinkle with salt. Top with buttered bread. I love radishes, but they don't love me. I know I am missing out on a summer treat. Others of you are probably wondering, "What kind of weird people eat radishes on sandwiches?"

Music in the park continues on Saturday and Sunday evenings. There is also a concert by the Freeport Concert Band every Sunday evening at the band shell in Freeport. Two Lena conductors have led or will lead concerts and several local musicians perform. All of these concerts are free, so enjoy some good music under the stars. My garden friends tell me that they have small tomatoes and peppers on their plants. I am waiting on fresh green beans; they are one of my favorites! If you have some good vegetable or fruit recipes for the season, send them our way. 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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# Honoring vets

A parade float with local veterans drives past as vets are honored by community members.



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