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Warren Junior High School social studies students in Mr. Joel Zink's classes began the school year recently by participating in a classroom social studies scavenger hunt.

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Panthers route Wildcats in first week matchup

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The 2022 Lena-Winslow Panthers picked up right where they left off after winning the 2021 Illinois Class 1A State Football Championship. On Friday, Aug. 26, Le-Win kicked off another campaign as they played host to the Eastland-Pearl City Wildcats. The Panthers and head

coach, Ric Arand, wasted little time putting on a physical running display in the typical Le-Win way.

It was the defense who put the first points on the board for the Panthers this season, however. Nick Indan snagged an interception on EPC's first drive of the season and returned it 44 yards for a touchdown. Gunnar Lobdell, the

newest Panther, tacked on the two-point conversion as Le-Win went up 8-0.

On the offensive side, it was Le-Win's Gage Dunker who had a breakout night. The five-foot, eleven-inch, two-hundred-pound fullback punched in his first score of the season from three yards

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Obituaries

JUDY MAE VEN HUIZEN

Judy Mae Ven Huizen, age 82, joined her fellow saints in heaven on Aug. 25, 2022. She was born March 31, 1940, in downtown Pleasant Valley, IL to Christoph and Marian (Haas) Beyer, the third of seven siblings. Judy attended Stockton High School before marrying Arnold (Arnie) Ven Huizen on March 10, 1956. Together they raised five amazing children on the family farm outside of Stockton.

Judy's life of service began nearly immediately as she raised and instilled a life of hard work and generosity in her family and community. She found one of the best ways to reach people was through their stomachs. Judy baked hundreds of cakes,



served thousands of meals and was a part of countless special occasions for families throughout the region with her restaurant and catering business. Judy's commitment to community was unmatched. More than being the catalyst of long-standing community events, she had an infectious positivity that attracted everyone to volunteer and trust in her vision. As a business owner, Judy entertained, hosted and was pivotal in the creation of the Stockton Christmas Walk and Taste of Stockton. Judy had a way

of getting people involved in community projects and always let them know that the world was a better place for their efforts. Main Street Café and The Gathering Place were the site of many good deeds and small miracles for those who took refuge within their doors. Patrons didn't just come for a good meal, but also the shared wisdom, quick witty quip, extra encouragement and helping hands. A stranger never left the door of the café. She was appropriately named the "Mother of Main Street or MOMS" by her dear friend Lucy Miele, and the title could not have been more fitting for Judy.

Even after the café closed and catering occasions were retired, Judy continued to feed the community and anyone she met with her

amazing food and love for each person. Anyone who passed through her doors was greeted with a warm smile, understanding conversation, and left full of love and treats. She was an amazing organizer and volunteer for Christ Lutheran Church committees including ladies fellowship, Ruth Circle, as well as the church board.

While Judy preferred to work her good deeds in private, her efforts were called to attention many times with awards and accolades. She always believed in getting involved to help make things happen for the betterment of Stockton and Jo Daviess County. She found worthy commitments with the Jo Daviess County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board, Stockton Develop-

ment Committee, Stockton Centennial Committee, Good Hope Memorial Cemetery, co-chair of the Stockton Kraft Family Reunion, Stockton Heritage Museum and co-chair of the Christ Lutheran Church Sesquicentennial. Judy was a pioneer for strong women business owners and was honored and surprised by her nomination for the Auxili Award for Women Business Owners from the Galena-Strauss Hospital Auxiliary in 1992.

Even more than her endless bags of popcorn, pans of rolls, and dishes of candy, Judy will be missed for her unrivaled kindness and support. Judy will always be celebrated by her dear children, Denise Albrecht, Dale (Stacie) Ven Huizen, Deanna Dow, Dixie (Bill) Zueger; all of Stockton, and Dawn

(Chuck) Tillett of Cedar Park, TX. Judy's 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren were her favorite people in the world; she would tell anyone who would listen. Judy is also survived by her two sisters Beverly Paisley of Stockton and Mila Beyer of Freeport and many close friends and extended family members. She joins in heaven her husband Arnie, her parents, siblings Joanne Hoffman, Cletus Beyer, Gary Beyer, Melody Randecker, and son-in-law Dennis Albrecht.

Funeral services took place at Christ Lutheran Church at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 29. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her name. Condolences may be shared with Judy's family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

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BONNIE ROSE MADER

Bonnie Rose Mader, 92, of Lanark, IL, passed away on Aug. 22, 2022. She was born Feb. 3, 1930, in Deaconess Hospital in Freeport, IL, the daughter of Glenn and Esther (Finifrock) Mader. She lived in the Lanark area until the family moved to a farm in the Loran Pearl City area in 1939, where she lived until moving into Lanark in 1989. She at-



tended country schools. She became a member of the Yellow Creek Church of the Brethren in 1942 and later attended Berreman Church of God for 29 years. Since moving to Lanark she has attended dif-

ferent area churches.

She was preceded in death by her mother on Sept. 13, 1980, her father on Sept. 4, 1986, and brother Harry on May 18, 2008.

Survivors include one nephew William Koester, three great nieces: Misty, Danyell, and Kelly; one great, great niece Arianna, and one great, great nephew Ryan, a special cousin Ellis Applegate

of Shelbyville, special second cousins: Linda Loxterman of Porter, Texas and Rita Davis of Clifton, Texas.

Funeral service were held on Monday Aug. 29, 2022, at 10 a.m., at the Russell-Frank Funeral Home in Lanark, IL. Rev. Robert Phelps of the Berreman Church of God officiated. Online condolences may be shared at www.schwarzfh.com.

JEROME "MIKE" DELYLE RAKOWSKA

Jerome "Mike" DeLyle Rakowska, age 86, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, in Stockton IL. He was born on Oct. 11, 1935, to Rudolph and Velma (Davidson) Rakowska in Waddams Township. He served his country in the U.S. Army in Korea. He married Marilyn (Balles) Rakowska on June 3, 1961, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Freeport IL.

He drove trucks most of his life, hauling milk, gravel, and limestone, and buying his own milk route in 1968. He was affectionately known as "Mike the McCornell Milkman," working for Ulan Schultz, Oak Brand



for another 14 years and then retired in 2010. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandkids. He enjoyed working on his trucks in the garage, going for rides in the car, and scratching lotto tickets. He was a hard worker, dedicated to providing for his family. He was a member of the American Legion, the IL Sheriff's Association and Holy Cross Catholic Church

in Stockton.

He is survived by his daughters Julie (Randy) Baysinger and Tracy (Warren) Offenheiser; his grandchildren Brittney (Kyle) Demeter, Mikayla Baysinger, Rachel (David) Taylor, Daniel Offenheiser, and Emily Offenheiser; his great-grandchildren Emma, Luke, Audrey, and Jonah Demeter and Isabella Taylor; and his sister Opal Weick.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, infant sister Doris, brothers Duane (Ski), Darrell (Chick), and Gary Rakowska.

A funeral Mass will be

held on Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton with the Rosary beginning at 8:30 a.m. and visitation from 9 to 11 a.m. Officiating will be Father Michael Morrissey. Interment will take place at Chapel Hill Cemetery in Freeport IL. A memorial has been established in his name.

The family wishes to extend sincere thanks to his caregivers Becky and Maureen for their love and kindness. They continuously went above and beyond to give him the best care and comfort possible.

STEVEN R. TROXELL

Steven R. Troxell, age 68, of Lockport, NY, husband of Janice Troxell (nee Jordan) died Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, at Roswell Park in Buffalo, NY. Steven was born on March 17, 1954, in Lena, IL. He is the son of Melvin Troxell and the late Elvia (Reutner) Troxell.

Steven served in the U.S. Army from 1972 until 1993 and served some of his tour as a Green Beret. He married Janice Jordan in April of 1981. He was a graduate of Niagara University where he obtained his master's in education. He worked for the City of Lockport School Dist. as a social studies teacher for 20



years, retiring in 2018. Steven also taught at the Niagara County Jail; recognized for his success with the incarcerated students. Steven is survived by his wife, Janice Troxell, his father, Melvin Troxell, his siblings, David (Enola) Troxell, Mark (Wendy) Troxell, Paul (Kim) Troxell, Tim (Dale) Troxell, Melva (J.J.) Johnson and Priscilla (Gary) Radmacher, also one niece and several nephews.

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 • Museum of Science and Industry
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Resource Card must be a resident of the 89th District and reserve the card in advance. The card can be reserved on a first come first served basis by contacting Rep. Chesney's office at 815-232-0774 or submitting an online request at RepChesney.com/Museum.

Freeport construction and road closures

Several projects throughout the City of Freeport are anticipated to begin this month. Please note the following current closures as well as start dates for other construction projects. Current closures include Laurel Street to Park Street, Balaire, and Willow are

closed during the day to traffic, Chicago Avenue will be closed for the duration of the construction season, Hillcrest Drive. The following will be closed to traffic from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday: Burchard Avenue from Empire Street to Amer-

ican Street, Edwards Avenue, Cleveland Avenue: Construction begins Sept. 12. Upcoming repaving and temporary closures include Farmdale Court, Sandy Point, Barley Ridge, Moss Canyon Also, Main Street and Stephenson Street from Chicago to Adams Avenue.

Residents are asked to follow construction markings and traffic signs, as well as comply with road closures to ensure resident and construction crew safety. For more timely construction updates throughout Freeport, please follow the City of Freeport Facebook page.

Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
 All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, on Sunday, Sept. 4, at 9:30 a.m. for the for Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service. This is communion Sunday. The reading will be from Luke 14:25-33. The office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day. On Tuesday, Sept. 6, Bible Study group will meet at 11 a.m. Anyone who enjoys learning is welcome to join for frank conversation about scripture and time of prayer.

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience necessary. All the services will be recorded and be available on church's Facebook page and website. Please visit good-shepherdlena.org and www.facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL for information. Please contact the church office at 815-369-5552 with any questions.
Apple River Young at Heart features EMT Lucas Bourquin in September gathering
 Join *Young at Heart* on Tuesday, Sept. 13 to hear Lu-

cas Bourquin of Warren Area EMS share personal experiences of what it is like to be an EMT, what it takes to run a 911 system, and what trends EMTs are seeing in the area. Bourquin will answer audience questions as well. The event will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will be held at Apple River United Methodist Church. There is no charge for this

event. Apple River UMC will host a *Young at Heart* gatherings on the second Tuesday of each month. It is a time of entertainment, food, and community. All are welcome to join. Please contact Pastor Libby Rutherford at 815-990-1428 or by email at rutherford.libby@gmail.com with any questions.

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Senior Citizens Services Golden Meals Program

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NICAA Golden Meals Program serves senior citizens in Stephenson, Jo-Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside Counties



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Hot meals are delivered Monday through Thursday with a cold tray delivered on Thursday for Friday's meal and frozen meals for the weekend. Sack suppers are available. A suggested donation of \$3.00 per meal is requested. No one will be denied service due to their inability to donate.

To begin home-delivered meal service, call the NICAA Golden Meals office at 815-232-8896. You will be asked some questions to determine eligibility. Meals can usually be started the next day.

Golden Meals Menus are available at nicaa.org

The Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Senior Citizens' Services Golden Meals program is funded in part with Title III-C Older Americans Act funds received through the Illinois Department on Aging and the Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging. NICAA Golden Meals does not discriminate in admission to programs or treatment of employment in programs in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act, the U.S. Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Age Discrimination Act and Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions.

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Slices of life

You don't make me cry

This past weekend I spent time at a class reunion with friends I don't see every day (but wish I still did.)

They were the friends who knew me when. And I knew them in the same way. We were innocent and young. Not yet adults, but on the budding cusp. Growing up together creates an enduring bond that can only come from experiencing pivotal years together.

This bond we created has only grown stronger through the years, and I think it is now like a snowball rolling downhill: only getting bigger and stronger. It's pretty amazing when you

live it up close.

The friends at my class reunion knew me when I



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

was only a girl named Jill. Before I became a wife or mother or grandmother. And they knew the boy who was to become my husband as well.

He and I graduated from the same high school class together. We met when

we were 15 and became instant friends. Some of our classmates didn't realize our close relationship back then because we didn't date; we were just best friends. But I think they appreciate it now. Most of them realize we were soulmates and all of them know he died much too soon.

And they care about me. Sometimes, when we talk about him and their memories and my memories, I might tear up. Some of the friends from my reunion have apologized for making me cry.

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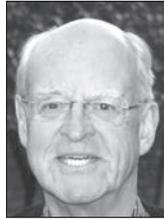
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The story of life explained, rather briefly

As I move into my 80s, I find myself standing back from the hurly-burly and mayhem of life around me, from local violence to the medieval barbarism in Ukraine. I can thus view matters with some detachment and, I hope, some understanding.



By **JIM NOWLAN**
Contributor

I draw for substance here on works like Stanford neuroscientist Robert Sapolsky's *Behave* and Harvard psychologist Steven Pinker's *The Better Angels of Our Nature*, among others. To start, I review some baseline human drives, which provide context, at least for me.

Like other animals, we strive to pass our DNA to successive generations. To increase our chances of success, we pursue increased "fitness," that is, the capacity to survive, even flourish, and become more attractive to possible mates. To display and boost our "fitness," the ambitious among us partake of something akin to the backyard childhood game "king of the hill."

There are many "hills." Some aspire to reach the top of their profession, or to pile up more wealth than others, or to win a Nobel, Pulitzer or other validating prize. All this

signals high levels of attractive fitness to other humans.

Nations and national leaders have drives similar to those of their citizens—to increase national wealth, expand territory, build technological prowess, all this obviously increasing the stature and power, or fitness, of their nations.

In the backyard game, youngsters tried not only to ascend to the top of the pile, but also to pull others down from the top. So it is in the adult game of life.

The best example I that I can think of is about the Jews. As a group, over the centuries, Jews have been disproportionately successful in achieving wealth as well as acclaim in science and the performing arts. Unfortunately, the incredibly powerful "us versus them" predisposition in humans, embedded in our brains over millions of years, dominates the mid-part

of our noggin. Tyrants like Hitler have drawn upon this prejudice to try to pull Jews down from the hill.

Life is, as we observe firsthand, rough and tumble, never easy, or fair. Steven Pinker develops the thesis that since the Middle Ages the world has actually become less violent and homicidal. A thousand years ago, summer was "campaign season," that is, the recurring, hideously violent military campaigns of one king striving to take over the territory and wealth of another people. Life was cheap.

Pinker posits that over time humans are evolving to be nicer, for the reason that nice is, overall, a more successful strategy for humans and nations than is laying waste to people and property.

But we are evolving slowly, so violence still breaks out widely, frequently.

I think of life as a continuing walk through a minefield. Some of the mines you can see, sticking up, and avoid them. Sometimes you can follow in the footsteps of another, who has found a path through part of the minefield, thus sidestepping many of the mines, if you're careful. But

there are other mines we can't see; some of us bypass them, through good fortune; others step on a mine, no matter careful, blowing themselves to smithereens, even causing havoc among friends nearby.

To deal with the never-ending vagaries of life, societies have developed cultural underpinnings: communities, religion, charitable organizations, liberal arts studies, libraries, governments and political parties, all to help us navigate life. As we thread our way through the "minefield," we tend to quest for a combination of order, harmony and prosperity.

The 17th century English philosopher Thomas Hobbes observed, to illustrate, that the job of religion was "to soothe the human heart and restrain the beast within us," certainly helpful in navigating life.

As for political philosophies, I sense that, generally, liberals see the world as they wish it to be, while conservatives see the world as it is. A moderate conservative myself, I tend to like liberals better, as they are trying to make the world a better place. Yet, I find conservatives generally more

practical. I sense a blend of the two perspectives would be most productive in navigation. These thumbnail musings offer to me a couple of guidelines. First, aim high, but don't expect or shoot for perfection, which is beyond our reach; improvement will be success. Second, life is tough, always will be. So, rather than simply helping others, help others help themselves, as best they can.

That will be more productive for others in the long run. *Jim Nowlan is a former professor, politician, government executive and newspaper publisher. His recent gigs have been as a senior fellow at the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs, and as a foreign expert (visiting professor) at Fudan University in Shanghai. He lives in Princeton, Ill.*

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Public health officials announce 24,297 new cases of COVID-19 over the past week

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today reported 24,297 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 82 deaths since Aug. 19.

According to the CDC, 33 counties are now rated at High Community Level for COVID-19. An additional 48 counties in Illinois are now rated at Medium Community Level.

Currently, the IDPH is reporting a total of 3,670,258 cases, including 34,677 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the

pandemic.

As of Aug. 25, 1,310 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 158 patients were in the ICU and 59 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators. The preliminary seven-day statewide case rate is 191 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 Illinoisans.

IDPH Director Sameer Vohra is urging all Illinoisans to get up to date on vaccinations and booster shots as the best defense against hospitalization and more serious outcomes from COVID-19. A second booster shot is rec-

ommended for all individuals over the age of 50 four months after they have received their first booster. In addition, he is reminding parents and guardians to get children vaccinated.

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 in Illinois listed at High Community Level are Adams, Boone, Carroll,

Champaign, Clark, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Franklin, Gallatin, Hardin, Henderson, Jackson, Jo Daviess, Johnson, Lawrence, Lee, Marion, Marshall, Massac, Perry, Pike, Pope, Saline, Stephenson, Vermilion, Wabash, Washington, Whiteside, Williamson, and Winnebago.

IDPH has been supporting pharmacies and healthcare providers in efforts to increase

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

A total of 23,213,858 vaccines have been administered in Illinois. The seven-day rolling average of vaccines administered daily is 6,728

doses. Since Aug. 19, 47,094 doses were reported administered in Illinois.

Of Illinois' total population, more than 77 percent has received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, more than 69 percent of Illinois' total population is fully vaccinated, and more than 54 percent of the vaccinated population has an initial booster according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Community donations

Thanks to support and assistance from the community, the Lena American Legion Auxiliary delivered several items to the Veteran's Pantry in Freeport. Items included 29 toothbrushes, 15 bottles of hand sanitizer, 26 bottles of shampoo, 18 razors, five boxes of tampons, 40 pairs of socks, 40 pairs of reading glasses, three hoodies, two sweaters, seven t-shirts, five sweatshirts, and many food items as well. Donations are accepted every Saturday at the Lena American Legion Home from 10 a.m. to noon.

•Panthers (Continued from front page)

out to help the Panthers go up 16-0. It was just the first of three touchdowns Dunker would tally in the week one matchup. The junior fullback provides Arand's offense with a physical, yet athletic weapon out of the backfield.

Arand spoke about what Dunker brings to the team and his similarities to former star Le-Win running back, Sean Ormiston. As the all-time NUIC rushing leader, Ormiston leaves some pretty big shoes to fill when being compared to. Arand thinks Dunker displays a lot of the same qualities. "I think he is real comparable to Sean. Just his running style, he would rather punish people than run away from people. Although, like Sean was, he is capable of running away from some people," Arand said.

While Dunker provides the physical attack, the Panthers also needed to replace the explosive ability that Marey Roby brought to the team. Arand spoke about Jake Zeal, Indan, and Lobdell and how they give the Panthers that dynamic backfield. When asked about replacing Roby, Arand said, "I think Jake Zeal in week one did a nice job of that. Jake and [Roby] speed wise are probably real comparable, as well as Gunar. You

throw Nick Indan in there, who might be equally as fast as Gunar and Jake, between those three and Indan, it's a dynamic group of backs."

Arand says rushing attack's success is going to rely on Dunker, however. "I think Gage is the key there. He is going to give you those tough yards up the middle, but if people start packing the box, he's very capable of going the distance," Arand explained. Dunker put that all on display in week one, when he rushed for 94 yards and three scores on just eight attempts.

Zeal also met his early expectations with a bang as he led the Panthers with 122 rushing yards and a score. Altogether, the Panthers rushed for 348 yards and six touchdowns as the rushing attack appeared to be working full force from the start.

Not only did the Panthers have some key backs to replace, but they had to replace their three-year starting quarterback, Luke Benson. Le-Win senior Drew Streckwald has been waiting for the opportunity to do exactly that. "He's always played quarterback, just kind of had to wait his turn," Arand said. In terms of stepping into the leadership role, Arand says the senior has done a great job taking

on that responsibility. "He's done a good job," Arand said explaining. "He's always had that mentality that he will continue to work hard, get reps when he can and when he gets an opportunity, he'll take it." In comparison to Luke, Arand says it is Streckwald's mentality that stands out. "He's a little smaller than Luke, probably a little quicker and a little faster, but kind of the same mentality. They are going to go out there and try to run our offense the best they can. Just like Luke always did, Drew knows he's going to get about three or four shots a game to do something in the passing game. Other than that, just run the offense and take control in the huddle. That's kind of the name of the game for him," Arand shared. Streckwald did toss a touchdown in the season opener as he connected with Zeal on a 35 yard score through the air.

The Le-Win defense gave EPC fits all night. The Wildcats rushed for just 111 yards as they were led by Maddux Hayden, who rushed for just 23 yards on 12 carries. Carsen Heeren was solid through the air, completing six of 11 passes for 94 yards, one touchdown and an interception. It was Brady Switzer who caught the 55 yard touchdown pass near the end of the first quarter. The junior wide-out had a good start to the season with three receptions for 74 yards and the score. Switzer also had 17 yards on the ground.

Prior to the season, EPC Head Coach Jared McNutt had stated that Le-Win would be one of their toughest games of the year. That proved to be true as the Panthers went on to win by a final score of 60-6.

The Wildcats will try to bounce back this Friday, Sept. 2, when they play host to the Stockton Blackhawks. That same night the Panthers will travel to face off with the Dakota Indians.

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Unemployment rates down in all 14 metro Illinois areas, jobs up in most areas in July

The unemployment rate decreased in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in July according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Jobs were up in all metro areas except one.

"Today's data is an indication that economic recovery is taking place throughout the state," said Deputy Governor Andy Manar.

"As unemployment rates continue to decline and jobs increase, IDES is committed to providing training and employment services with its local partners to connect workers and employers together in the Illinois workforce."

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Rockford MSA (+5.5 percent, +7,600),

the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (+4.8 percent, +8,600), and the Chicago Metropolitan Division (+4.8 percent, +173,600).

Total nonfarm jobs were down in the Illinois section of the St. Louis MSA (-0.2 percent, -500). Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Manufacturing and Leisure & Hospitality (fourteen areas); Mining & Construction and Professional & Business Services (eleven areas each); Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (ten areas); Retail Trade, Education & Health Services, and Other Services (nine areas each); Wholesale Trade and Government (eight areas each).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division (-2.4

points to 4.9 percent), the Rockford MSA (-2.3 points to 6.5 percent), and the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (-1.5 points to 3.8 percent).

The over-the-year unemployment rate decreased in 99 counties, increased in 2 counties, and remained unchanged in 1 county.

Rockford MSA

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 6.5 percent in July 2022 from 8.8 percent in July 2021. The last time the July rate was equal to or lower was in 2019 when it was 6.3 percent.

Total nonfarm employment increased by +7,600 over the year.

The Manufacturing (+2,400), Retail Trade (+1,300), Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+1,200), and Leisure-Hos-

pitality (+1,000) sectors had the largest payroll gains over the year. No sectors had employment declines from a year ago.

Ogle County

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.7 percent in July 2022 from 5.6 percent in July 2021. The last time the July rate was equal to or lower was in 2019 when it was 4.5 percent.

Total nonfarm employment was unchanged over the year.

Construction (+275), Government (+50), and Professional-Business Services (+50) had the largest payroll gains over the year. The Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-300) sector recorded the largest employment declines over the year.

Stephenson County

The not seasonally adjusted

unemployment rate decreased to 4.5 percent in July 2022 from 5.3 percent in July 2021. The last time the July rate was equal to or lower was in 2019 when it was 4.1 percent.

Total nonfarm employment decreased by -50 over the year.

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(+75), Other Services (+50), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+50), and Leisure-Hospitality (+50) had payroll gains over the year. Manufacturing (-150), Professional-Business Services (-50), and Educational-Health Services (-50) sectors recorded employment declines over the year.

Winslow student 'cloaked' at annual white coat celebration

McKenzie Temperly of Winslow, IL was one of more than 150 students new to the University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine who was ceremoniously "cloaked" at the College's annual Arnold P. Gold Foundation White Coat Ceremony staged earlier this month in Iowa's Hancher Auditorium. The 2022 event was the 28th in the history of college.

Analyst: Market volatility 'not going anywhere'

By Daniel Grant FARMWEEK

Those who yearn for the "good old days" when daily commodity price shifts were measured in pennies and nickels rather than quarters and even dollars of today should probably just put those memories out to pasture.

Farmers have witnessed more wild swings and gyrations in the markets in recent years than attendees of an Elvis Presley concert back in the day. And that market trend will likely remain in place and could possibly leave some "All Shook Up" in the future if they don't plan accordingly.

"Volatility is not going anywhere, especially with everything going on geopolitically," Taylor Pope, commodity analyst with Pope Commodities, told farmers at the Illinois summer wheat forum in Okawville. "We've had \$1 (daily) moves in soybeans the last several days (leading up to USDA's August crop report Aug. 12)."

So, what should farmers do about crop marketing in the midst of such turbulent times?

"Be ready to take advantage of market highs and use available tools out there (to manage risk)," said Pope, who noted farmers should focus on protecting profitability and not necessarily swing for the fences on every market move.

"The crazy pullback we've had (in commodity markets much of the summer) is not just in the grain markets, it's kind of a macro-level sell-off."

"When (fund managers) liquidate long contracts, we can see bigger pullbacks than we even thought was possible," said Pope, who noted fund positions cut off close to 100,000 soybean contracts in recent months.

A big fear in the markets and risk for farmers on the cost side remains staggering inflation levels.

Before the pandemic, inflation was just shy of 2 percent but recently jumped to

40-year high of 9.1 percent in June. Meanwhile, food prices increased 10.4 percent while gasoline prices gushed 59 percent higher the past 12 months. The inflation rate recently eased slightly to 8.5 percent in July, which spurred the S&P 500 to climb to its highest level in three months.

"Inflation—it's nothing new and it's really escalated the last several years," Pope said. "The inflation story has peeled off (in light of the July slowdown), but it's hardly going away."

On the plus side, inflationary pressure and strong demand should keep some support under commodity markets. But uncertainty of both supply and

demand remains tremendous prior to harvest.

"Demand may be the biggest variable out there," Pope said. "And, obviously, there's still some supply issues lingering."

Global supplies are tightest of the three main crops in Illinois for soybeans and wheat. A tight stocks-to-use ratio for soybeans could give that market a chance to rally back to \$15 heading into harvest.

Meanwhile, ending stocks of wheat have dipped to the lowest level since 2013 and could leave the door open for prices to get back to the \$9-\$9.50 range.

"We still think there's some

bullish fundamentals out there," Pope said. "There's factors out there that could take (wheat) stocks out of the world market, which would keep things competitive."

Despite the recent news of some grain shipments embarking from war-torn Ukraine, the pace of Ukrainian grain exports fell from 6 million tons before the Russian invasion to about 1 million tons since. And one recent shipment was rejected for quality issues after sitting in storage for months.

"The fact is, they've been able to get some (grain) shipments out," Pope said. "But, to think Ukraine will suddenly be a major player in the world ex-

port market is far-fetched."

However, with total corn production on the rise globally, Pope believes that market is the least bullish of the three top Illinois crops heading into harvest. He foresees possibilities in which corn could rally to \$6.60 or \$6.70 or where it could tumble to near the \$5 mark during harvest.

Either way, farmers should plan to manage volatility and price risk ahead.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the office of James J. Nack, 106 North Main Street, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Lot 111 in Thunder Bay Unit 3 of Branigar's Galena Territory, according to the plat thereof recorded in Jo Daviess County, Illinois,

Situated in the State of Illinois, County of Jo Daviess. P.I.N. 08-203-111-00.

Commonly known as 14 East Aspen Court, Galena, IL 61036.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. File Number 20-013237 ADC

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY IN PROBATE In Re the Matter of the Estate of: Vicky L. Benoodt, Deceased.

No. 2022 PR 71

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Vicky L. Benoodt, of Freeport, Illinois. An Order was entered issuing Letters of Office as described herein and requiring the representative to file an inventory within 60 days. Letters of Office were issued on August 12, 2022, to:

Aaron P. Burke c/o Burke-Tubbs Funeral Homes 504 N. Walnut Ave. Freeport, IL 61032 as independent Administrator of the Estate of Vicky L. Benoodt, whose attorney is Anthony V. Coon

Attorney At Law 10 N. Galena Ave, Ste. 210 Freeport, Illinois 61032

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 28.4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition To Terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 27, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Date August 16, 2022
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Stephenson County, IL 8/16/2022

by Shanelle Bardell Clerk of the Circuit Court

Aaron P, Burke, Administrator
By: Anthony V, Coon, Anthony V. Coon, Attorney At Law

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 necessary, because you don't make me cry. You can't make me cry. Truly. Not really.
 Don't worry about it. Don't let it burden you. Don't let my burdens weigh you down. I try not to let my burdens weigh me down. It does no good.
 So, when I cry, please understand: it's okay. I'm okay.

Crying is okay. Sometimes crying is warranted. Sometimes it is needed. Tears can be a release. Holding them in does much more damage than letting them out ever could.
 Sometimes I cry, but don't avoid me because you're afraid I'll cry. Don't worry about your words or sharing memories because you think they make me sad. Please, don't stop saying his name. Not ever. I love hearing his name and I love hearing about memories of him. They may make me cry; they may make me laugh. Sometimes I'll laugh through my tears.

It's all OK. I cry sometimes because of the love I've experienced in life, and because that love is gone for this very brief moment and that can feel terribly sad. When we humans feel sad sometimes tears flow—beyond our control, beyond your control or my control.
 Tears just flow, as emotions flow and love flows. As life flows.
 So don't worry if you think you make me cry. Because you don't. Nor do I.
 Love makes me cry. I have loved. I do love. And the temporary loss of it right now brings tears to my eyes. But that does not rest on you or even me.
 It rests on love. And love conquers all.
 It really does. It really will. In just a moment, however long that moment may be.

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
 Lena-Winslow CUSD #202 Board of Education in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties announces the availability of the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022. The budget will be available for public inspection online at Le-Win.net or at the District Office, 401 Fremont Street, Lena, IL during normal school hours beginning on Friday, August 26, 2022.

The Board of Education will hold a public hearing regarding the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Le-Win Junior High School library at 517 Fremont Street, Lena,

Illinois.
 Pete Conway
 Secretary
 Board of Education
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT
 COURT OF THE
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 CIRCUIT
 STEPHENSON COUNTY
 IN PROBATE

In Re the Matter of
 the Estate of:
 W. Neil Brown,
 Deceased.

No. 22-PR-73
**NOTICE FOR
 PUBLICATION -
 CLAIMS**
 Notice is given of the death of W. Neil Brown, of

Freeport, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 16, 2022, to:
Jacqueline N. Brown
423 Bruce Ave.
Billings, MT 59101
 as independent Administrator of the Estate of W. Neil Brown, whose attorney is

Anthony V. Coon
Attorney At Law
10 N. Galena Ave.,
Ste. 210
Freeport, Illinois 61032

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 28.4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition To Terminate to the Clerk,

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before **February 27, 2023**, and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within (10) days after it has been filed.
 Date: August 17, 2022.

FILED
 Stephenson County, IL
 8/17/2022
 by Shanelle Bardell
 Clerk of the Circuit Court

Jacqueline N. Brown,
 Administrator
 By: **Anthony V. Coon**
 Anthony V. Coon,
 Attorney At Law

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT
 COURT OF THE
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 CIRCUIT
 STEPHENSON COUNTY
 IN PROBATE

In Re the Matter
 of the Estate of:
 Brenda E. Mitchell,
 Deceased.

No. 2022 PR 74
**NOTICE FOR
 PUBLICATION -
 CLAIMS**

Notice is given of the death of Brenda E. Mitchell, of Freeport, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 16, 2022, to:

Judith C. Cary
 621 W. Douglas St.
 Freeport, IL 61032

as independent Executor of the Estate of Brenda E. Mitchell, whose attorney is
Anthony V. Coon
 Attorney At Law
 10 N. Galena Ave, Ste. 210
 Freeport, Illinois 61032

Notice is given to persons who are heirs or legatees in the above proceeding whose name or address is not stated in the Petition and tht an Order was entered by the Court on August 16, 2022, admitting the estate to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 28.4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to Terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 27, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

FILED
 Stephenson County, IL
 8/18/2022
 by Shanelle Bardell
 Clerk of the Circuit Court

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**PUBLIC HEARING
 NOTICE**
 The Village of Lena will hold a public hearing on

Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:30pm at Village Hall, located at 122 E. Main Street, Lena, IL 61048, to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed Illinois Department of Transportation's ITEP Grant Application project and application submittal.

On or about September 30, 2022, the Village of Lena intends to apply to the Illinois Department of Transportation for a grant from the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). These grant funds will be utilized to help the Village develop Pedestrian/Bicycle pathways that facilitate transportation from one destination to another, allowing for the community to be connected to all necessary services and amenities. The goal of the ITEP grant project is to support alternate modes of transportation, enhance the transportation system throughout the community, and improve the quality of life for members of the communities.

Written comments should be submitted to Village Hall no later than September 9, 2022 in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Village Hall at 815.369.4016 or email Village Hall at office@villageoflena.com. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking person who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Village Hall at 815.369.4016 no later than September 9, 2022. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

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Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency
PY23 LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Assistance Program for income eligible households of Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties who are **homeowners** and whose **existing** heating system is not operational (fails to operate, fails to produce adequate heat, operates in an unsafe manner) or has been red-tagged by their utility.

The purpose of the LIHEAP Furnace program is to restore heat to the household and is available from Sept. 1 through **March 31, 2023** or until funds are exhausted.

All income eligible homeowners may apply for LIHEAP emergency furnace assistance. The household must have active service with both primary and secondary heating utilities. Households with disconnected utilities are not eligible for this assistance.

To qualify for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program, the household must first apply and be approved for LIHEAP or be a current PIPP client. Please call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to receive a pre-application packet. All completed pre-application packets and documents **must** be submitted by mail, email, drop-box or fax.

Income Guidelines:			
Family Size	30 Day Income	Family Size	30 Day Income
1	\$2,265	6	\$6,198
2	\$3,052	7	\$6,985
3	\$3,838	8	\$7,324
4	\$4,625	9	\$7,484
5	\$5,412	10	\$7,643
		11	\$7,802

Each additional house member add \$590.

**** The following documents will be required to apply for assistance. ****

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household.
- Proof of all gross income for all household members **for 30 days prior and including the application date** such as pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD income, pension/retirement statements, unemployment reports, child support, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance, self-employment reports and proof of zero income.
- Complete current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days.
- Copy of real estate tax bill
- Copy of warranty deed, or contract for deed, or quit claim deed (all of these must be stamped and registered with the county clerk); or Copy of current mortgage statement; or Copy of the original title if your home is a mobile home.

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Nutrition and oral health: A co-dependent relationship

Nutrition and digestion may start in the mouth, but what we eat, and drink and our eating patterns impact the health of our entire body from gestation through death. Nutrients (vitamins, minerals, proteins, etc.) are mandatory to sustain the normal biological functions of our bodies such as the development, growth, and maintenance of our tissues and our immune system. Nutrient requirements vary throughout our lives and may be increased by such conditions as pregnancy, breastfeeding, and trauma. Certain diseases and medications may also decrease appetite and/or increase, inhibit or prevent the absorption of certain key nutrients. Therefore there is no one ideal or "one-size-fits-all" diet.

While health conditions and medication regimes may require the assistance of a nutritionist to meet your individual nutrient requirements, it is important to keep in mind that we all need a well-balanced diet that provides the vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients essential to develop and maintain the health and functions of the oral cavity, which in turn allows you to consume the nutrients essential for your overall health.

When the oral tissue's nutrient requirements are not being met, your ability to produce saliva and taste, chew and swallow food is compromised. This makes your oral tissues more prone



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

to disease, damage, and poor healing. Healthy saliva contains minerals, including calcium phosphate, which is essential for strong, healthy teeth. Saliva helps to remove food from the teeth, lower the destructive acid levels in the mouth, helps with remineralization of teeth, and starts the digestive process. When the digestive process is compromised the gut microbiome (bacteria and microorganisms) is altered and the immune system is compromised. In other words, just as poor oral health affects poor overall health (and vice-versa) disease-causing bacteria in the oral microbiome leads to inflammation and disease in the gut microbiome (and vice-versa). This is why nutrient deficiencies may be initially manifested and detected in an oral examination. Your dentist may suspect an imbalance in the gut and nutrient deficiencies if he/she observes gum inflammation that is not plaque-related, swollen tongue, recurring candida infections, mouth ulcers, and cracks at the corners of the mouth (angular cheilosis).

Meeting your nutrient needs while avoiding oral disease is not only dependent on what you eat and drink,

but also on how often you eat and drink. When your body senses nutrient deficiencies, signals from the brain alter your hunger response or your feeling of being satiated. This can lead to a desire to eat more frequent meals or to snack incessantly. This may happen even if you have consumed excessive quantities of non-nutritive or high-carb foods. Conversely, just because a food is "healthy" or rich in nutrients does not mean you can snack all day. Constant snacking means you are continually feeding your oral bacteria. It is about balance. While carbohydrates provide and store energy for your body, oral bacteria feed on them, and too much snacking can overwhelm your body's ability to keep disease-causing bacteria in check.

Staying hydrated is a must, as your body needs water to absorb nutrients, but you must take into consideration what you are drinking. Many drinks that are labeled healthy are highly acidic, contain hidden sugars, and often contain ingredients that dry out your oral tissues. Constant sipping on these beverages means that your teeth are bathing in acid all day long. Your best bet/healthiest choice for hydration is fluoridated tap water.

Malnutrition impacts the structure, function, and health of the oral cavity and an unhealthy mouth can make it difficult to consume adequate nutrition. Therefore, oral health and nutrition are co-dependent on each other.

Al-Anon Family Groups meetings

The following Al-Anon Family Groups will be not meeting on Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 5: The 10:30 a.m. Freeport Group at Prince of Peace Church and the 6 p.m. Mount Carroll Group at Church of God. Meanwhile, the meetings that regularly meet at 7 p.m. at the Galena

Grace Church and also the Rock Falls American Legion Building will meet. Meetings last for one hour and are open to anyone who has been affected by someone's drinking behavior. For more information and other meetings in the area, visit al-anon.org.

REAL ESTATE NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ELAINE L. MILLER et al
Defendant

2022 FC 7
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 14, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on September 20, 2022, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 411 W. MAIN ST., WARREN, IL 61087
Property Index No. 43-21-001-147-00
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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

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

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

One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300

E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-01341 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2022 FC 7
TJSC#: 42-2875

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

Case # 2022 FC 7
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS - GALENA, ILLINOIS

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION;
Plaintiff,
vs.
TIMOTHY HUNT; KATHY HUNT; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION, III; THE GALENA TERRITORY ASSOCIATION, INC.;
Defendants,

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In brief

The Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet will be open Saturday, Sept. 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for free shopping. It is located at Yellow Creek Church of the Brethren 12602 W. Dublin Rd. Pearl City, IL. Please call Pastor Boughton for information at 815-238-1137.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Stephenson County Fairgrounds. Survivor dinner will start at 5 p.m. and reservations are required. The opening ceremony and survivor lap will start at 6:30 p.m. Both a luminary ceremony and closing ceremony will begin at dusk. There will be entertainment, food booths, and special activities for cancer survivors.

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Freeport man struck by gunfire

On Aug. 26, 2022, at approximately 2:14 a.m., officers of the Freeport Police Department responded to a residence in the 200 Block of W Pleasant Street in reference to a subject struck by gunfire. During the investigation, officers learned that an unknown subject entered the residence and fired shots at the victim and two other individuals.

The victim, aged 26 of Freeport, had non-life threatening injuries and was transported to the Freeport Memorial Hospital by private vehicle. This crime believed to be an isolated incident and gang-related. There is no threat to the public.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact either the Freeport Police Department at 815-235-8222, or Stastline Area Crime Stoppers at 866-TIPSNOW.

Tips to Stastline Area Crime Stoppers can also be submitted online at www.stastlineareacrimestoppers.com or on the P-3 mobile app. Tipsters to Stastline Area Crime Stoppers always remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1000. Stastline Area Crime Stoppers is the official Crime Stoppers organization of Freeport and Stephenson County.

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY23 ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency, as administrator of the Home Energy Assistance Program in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties, is pleased to announce that funds are available through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane, and electric heating bills.

The LIHEAP program will begin Sept. 1, for all income-eligible households. Applications will be taken on a first-come first-served basis through May 31, 2023 or until funding is exhausted. There will be no priority groups this program year. Households in need are encouraged to apply.

Due to funding limitations, there will be NO NEW enrollments in the PIPP program this year.

Applicants may apply for a Direct Vendor Payments (DVP) which provides a one-time benefit payment for income eligible homeowners and renters to gas or propane and electric vendors to help with home utility bills and for reconnection assistance. Households must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines listed below to receive a benefit from LIHEAP.

Income Guidelines:			
Family Size	30 Day Income	Family Size	30 Day Income
1	\$2,265	6	\$6,198
2	\$3,052	7	\$6,985
3	\$3,838	8	\$7,324
4	\$4,625	9	\$7,484
5	\$5,412	10	\$7,643
		11	\$7,802

For more than 11 household members, please add \$590 for each additional person.

Please call the Freeport office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 to receive information on how to receive a pre-application packet. Completed pre-application packets and required documents listed below may be submitted for processing by mail, email, drop box, or fax. Appointments for special needs will be made.

** To submit an application, you MUST submit ALL of the required documents. **

- Proof of Social Security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all household members. Individuals without an SSN or ITIN can still apply and NICA will advise
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days prior and including the application date such as pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD income, pension/retirement statements, unemployment reports, child support, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance, self-employment reports and proof of zero income.
- Complete current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days.
- Complete current water/sewer bill for emergency water bill assistance.
- Copy of current lease if any utilities are included in the rent payment

Water and sewer bill assistance is available this year in the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). LIHWAP assistance is a one-time payment on the water/sewer bills for approved LIHEAP applicants. Prior year recipients of LIHWAP are eligible to apply in PY23 if you have not had assistance since July 1, 2022.

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