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Lena agencies work together to overcome effects of COVID-19

By John Day CORRESPONDENT

The news has been filled with stories about the Covid-19 pandemic . There is, however, an underlying story which is being overlooked. It's a story that affects all of us. The story is not simply about the deadly virus, it's the story of how the pandemic affects our community. In Lena, American Legion Post 577 has had to put a hold on plans and scheduled events. Renovations to the building's interior have come to a standstill. Both Julia Moore and Karen Sirgany have been involved with the American Legion for several years. Moore said, "We were having remodeling done in the hall. Now, before the new flooring could be finished, things had to stop. The contractors work is not considered an essential business. Also, many of the contractor's employees are concerned about going into other people's homes or businesses. We don't know where our plans will be going until about the middle of April.

"Sirgany said, "Things here in Lena are stable. In Freeport, the Senior Resource Center (SRC) may not be open to the public, but its operations haven't been shut down." Sirgany, who has been involved with the SRC as well as the Legion said, "The services that the Center provides are very important. Things may be difficult right now, but the Center staff is working hard to help Seniors during this difficult time."

Because of the social distancing and sheltering in place mandates that have been put into effect statewide, the SRC has been closed to the public. This means that events such as health fairs, informational programs and onsite services, not considered essential, have been cancelled until further notice. An example of this would be the AARP sponsored tax preparation program.

Sonja Shoemaker, SRC Executive Director said, "Things are very difficult right now, so we just have to take a different approach to each problem. For instance, with limited office space, we've instituted a plan to stagger the start times of staff. Some staff members can work from home.

"Some of our greatest concerns are issues such as making sure that seniors will continue to have caregivers come to their homes where needed in a way that is safe for the caregiver as well as the patient. Pretzel City Transit is still operating and in compliance with state directives. We want to be sure that seniors can visit their doctor's office, buy groceries and get their prescription medicines. Paying their bills or just getting cash can be a problem under the current circumstances.

"I'm confident that we're going to get through this. We have an amazing staff. When this is behind us, all of us will be better because of it.'

The Lena Food Pantry continues to operate on its regular schedule. Larry Buchenwau who has been a volunteer for some time said, "We will be open as usual, every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

"We've seen a large increase in the number of people coming in. The first Saturday was busier than usual. The second Saturday was the busiest we have ever been. We're doing our best to make sure that no one will ever be turned away because we can't help.

We've been helping those that call but can't get here. For instance, we pick up lists from the residents at the Lena Seniors Building and drop off a bag of groceries for them. We're going to help everyone that calls on us.

For information about events at the Lena American Legion Post, it's best to contact the group that has planned the event. For information about the Senior Resource Center they can be contacted through Facebook or phone, 815-235-9777. The Lena Food Pantry can be reached through Facebook or 815-369-4625.



Sonja Shoemaker, Executive Director of Social Services and Outreach; Chris Wallace and Heather Dickman, 100WWC Co-Founders; Betsy Vittinghoff, SRC volunteer and 100 WWC member; Kevin Countryman, Executive Director of Transportation and Facilities; Amy Krolow, 100WWC Co-Founder celebrate the group's recent donation to the Senior Resource Center.

100 Women Who Care donate to Senior Resource Center

recently voted on to the be the recipient of the March Quarterly donations from 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County members. SRC was awarded \$13,750!

'This gift means that the Senior Resource Center can buy a newer SUV that Stephenson County staff will use to reach the people we serve in their homes," said Sonja Shoemaker, Executive Director of Social Services and Outreach. "This is critically important because meeting people in their homes allows us to get a truer picture of services

The Senior Resource Center was these individuals need. The organization-owned vehicle also gives us the freedom to help deliver supplies to people who are in certain situa-

> The Senior Resource Center will be working with a local auto dealer to purchase a SUV at a discounted rate. The SRC plans to transfer its current 2017 SUV to the Jo Daviess County office. "For the first time, our staff member in Hanover will have a vehicle to drive to appointments, again meeting people where they live. This benefits our entire organization", Shoemaker said.

The Senior Resource Center offers programs, education and activities for people 50 years of age and beyond, their families and caregivers in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties. The programs include Adult Protective Services, AARP Tax Aide, Information & Assistance, Money Management, Case Management, Transit and Education & Activities.

Congratulations to the Senior Resource Center. Thank you to member and SRC volunteer Betsy Vittinghoff for nominating SRC and presenting information to members alongside Julie Hilliger on behalf of SRC

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How to protect yourself against coronavirus when pumping gas

By Benjamin Presto: CONSUMER REPORTS

Despite social distancing and shuttered venues—moves designed to staunch the spread of the novel coronavirus—some essential workers still need to commute in their cars, and many others need to drive to places for food, medicine, and other supplies and services.

For many, that means the occasional trip to the gas station is inevitable, as is touching the pump handle and payment keypad. Pump handles and credit card keypads, which are high-touch areas, could have the virus present, which experts say can stay alive for hours or even days on hard surfaces.

Your best protection overall is to wash your hands properly on a regular basis and to refrain from touching your face with unwashed hands. But there are a few things you can do that will help you stay safe when you have to pump gas.

CR's auto experts suggest several ways to approach this task.

• Consider carrying some disposable nitrile or latex gloves in your car to use when gripping the pump handle. Short of that, you can try to use paper towels that are sometimes available at the pump or have some with you to cover your hands when you grip the handle.

• Do the same to isolate yourself from the keypad when entering payment information.

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You Touch Public Surfaces All Day. Here's How to Stay Safe From Coronavirus.

CR's Coronavirus Resource Hub

• Invert the gloves and throw them away, and also any paper towels you might have used. Use hand sanitizer to make sure your hands are clean after you're done and before you get back into your car.

• Cleaning your hands after you're done seems like the quickest, easiest precaution. But some drivers might want to have disinfectant wipes handy for wiping down the gas pump handle and the payment keypad before pumping.

"This process ensures that I'm not inadvertently transferring the virus from a high-touch surface like a gas pump to my vehicle's door handle, and from there into the interior," says Gabriel Shenhar, associate director of CR's auto test program.

Whichever method you prefer, our best advice is to be prepared ahead of time because washing your hands properly with soap and water at a gas station is not always an easy or feasible option.

John Eichberger, executive director of the nonprofit Fuels Institute, says gas station owners and operators are doing what they can to combat the spread of COVID-19 by cleaning their facilities more often. But that might not be enough assurance for some motorists.

"If consumers are really worried

about touching a gas pump handle, they can do what they do when they go to a grocery store and wipe down surfaces with disinfectant wipes when they need to touch something," Eichberger says.

Although it's not entirely clear how long the coronavirus lives once attached to a surface like a door handle, Eike Steinmann, a virologist at Ruhr-Universitat Bochum in Germany who has studied the lifespan of viruses on various surfaces, says they probably won't last more than a few days. Stephen Thomas, M.D., chief of infectious diseases and director of global health at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, N.Y., says that bacteria and viruses exist everywhere in the natural environment, and that-again-your best defense is frequent, vigorous hand-washing.

Coronaviruses are surrounded by a protective envelope that helps them attach to and infect other cells. The friction from scrubbing is enough to break down the virus's coating, Thomas says.

And as you would after any trip outside your home during this unusual time, remember to wash your hands before touching anything at home. The CDC recommends washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and failing that, using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



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Shown here is Monroe Clinic's Freeport Urgent Care location at 301 S. Kiwanis Drive.

Monroe Clinic COVID-19 Freeport Urgent Care update

Beginning March 25, Monroe Clinic's Urgent Care location (1301 S. Kiwanis Drive) has implemented a new check-in process to support self-distancing as much as possible. When patients arrive at this location, they will be directed to call a phone number from their car to alert staff they are there for an appointment. Monroe Clinic staff will notify the patient to come into the office when the provider is ready.

Monroe Clinic continues to offer a free virtual evaluation for anyone who is concerned they may be experiencing symptoms of, or may have been exposed to, Coronavirus (COVID-19). Anyone who lives in Wisconsin or Illinois is eligible for the free evaluation, by going to www.ssmhealth.com/covid19

If you cannot access this digital resource, please call our Dean on Call nurses line at 1-800-576-8773 for a screening and any additional instructions.

For continued Monroe Clinic updates, please visit https://www.monroeclinic.org/coronavirus.

Monroe Clinic announces virtual evaluation for COVID-19 at no cost

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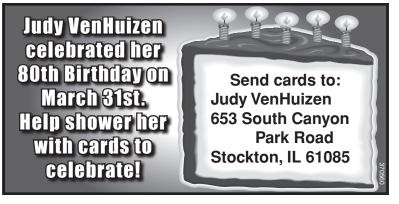
The evaluation begins with a se-

ries of questions regarding a patient's symptoms and exposure. Following the visit, the patient will be connected with a Monroe Clinic or Dean Medical Group provider to review a care plan, if needed. Response time will be dependent on volumes. If testing is recommended, patients will be sent to the nearest testing facility.

These proactive steps ensure the continued safety of our patients, visitors, physicians, staff and communities. We are working with local and state health authorities as well as the Centers for Disease Control to actively monitor the situation and ensure we have the most up-to-date information.

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First COVID-19 patient hospitalized at FHN Memorial Hospital

FHN is confirming the hospitalization of its first patient testing positive for COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) at FHN Memorial Hospital. The patient, in their 50s, had a positive COVID-19 test result reported on March 25. Previously, the patient had been quarantined at home after experiencing symptoms earlier in the week. This is the second confirmed case of COVID-19 in Stephenson County. Specific information related to this patient will not be shared due to federal patient privacy laws (HI-

The Stephenson County Health Department and FHN have been expecting this and have been working diligently to be ready for it. FHN FHN to reduce the spread of the vihas been anticipating a positive COVID-19 patient within the hospital setting and has prepared extensively. The safety of FHN patients, providers and staff, and the community are the utmost priority throughout this pan-

FHN has been closely collaborating with the Stephenson County Health Department to ensure the plan of care for patients in and outside of the hospital are in alignment with recommendations from the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Current precautions are in place at

rus, which is highly contagious, including visitor restrictions at all FHN locations, rescheduling of non-critical treatments/procedures, and internal infection control processes for all staff and providers.

Except in emergency cases, individuals who think they may have COVID-19 or who believe they have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with or is under evaluation for the disease should STAY HOME and CALL their healthcare provider or FHN for further direction.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, and confirmed additional risks such as other health conditions or travel to areas with widespread infections - for more information on symptoms and risk factors, visit www.fhn.org/coronavirus. Do not go to the Emergency Department at FHN Memorial Hospital, FHN/Physicians Immediate Care Urgent Care Clinic, or any FHN provider office without calling first

and receiving instruction as to how to proceed.

FHN has implemented an online screening tool at www.fhn. org for individuals to check themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 as well as a hotline for mobile testing of COVID-19 where callers are screened to determine their risk level and appointments for the testing are scheduled if appropriate. Individuals can NOT be tested at the mobile location without an appointment. The hotline number is 815-599-6412.

Community help for FHN during COVID-19 pandemic

FHN has received many offers of assistance from the community related to responding to the spread of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). These are greatly appreciated! Here are ways you can help.

Financial contributions may be made to the COVID-19 Response Fund at the FHN Foundation, where they will be used for the greatest need during the pandemic.

If you are interested in sewing masks, an approved pattern is posted on the FHN website. It is a simple pattern called the Deaconess (in 1924, FHN was known for a while as the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital). The masks will be laundered at the hospital and then kept here until IDPH (Illinois Department of Health) approves the use of homemade masks in healthcare settings. At that point, FHN will keep some and the rest will be made available for area nursing homes and other care providers. Homemade masks may be dropped off at the hospital (see below). JoAnn Fabrics has launched a national effort through all of their stores, including Freeport, for people wishing to sew masks and they are putting together kits for that purpose. The store in Freeport will be asking that the Deaconess pattern be used. Masks made through their program can be returned to the Freeport store, which will deliv-

Other donations, including hand sanitizer, commercially made masks, and any other items potentially useful for healthcare may be left inside the north entrance to the hospital (Stephenson Street). Donors can pull through the circle drive there and leave their items in the large boxes just inside the first automatically opening door from 8 am to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Homemade masks may also be left in these boxes.

If you have questions, please call Volunteer Services at 815-599-6752 or send us a private message through our Facebook page. FHN is grateful for your assistance!

tool available at FHN.org FHN is offering a free online screening tool for people who think they may have contracted COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus). It is available now on FHN.org.

Free COVID-19 self-screening

"This tool walks you through what symptoms you may be experiencing, and explains the symptoms of COVID-19 very well," said FHN Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nursing Officer Kathy Martinez, MSN, RN, FACHE. "It's not intended to be an actual visit with your healthcare provider, but it can let you know if you need to give your provider a call about your symptoms."

The screening tool is free to use and available at www.fhn.org. For more information on COVID-19, visit our dedicated page at www.fhn.org/coronavirus.

FHN implements COVID-19 visitor restrictions

Due to the spread of COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus), FHN Memorial Hospital has implemented additional visitor restrictions, including:

* No visitors for patients hospitalized for general treatment/procedures except for emergencies or end-of-life situations

* Only one significant other allowed at a time for new mothers/babies in the Birthing Center; no siblings or other visitors under 18

* One visitor at a time for Emergency Room patients; no visitors under 18 Visitors can go to the main registration desk during business hours with questions, or the check-in desk in the

ER after hours or for ER questions. Please see the COVID-19 page on fhn.org for the latest information on

the outbreak Illinois COVID-19 Hotline and Email Address

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Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Homeless Prevention/Housing Stability Assistance

Have you experienced one of the following crisis conditions:

- Loss of Employment or substantial reduction in work hours
- Current Medical Disability or Emergency
- Loss or Delay of some form of Public Benefit
- Natural Disaster
- Substantial Change in Household Composition
- Illegal Action by a Landlord
- Displacement by a Government or Private Action
- Some other condition which constitutes a hardship comparable to the ones listed above

You may be eligible for assistance if you:

- Can provide documentation of your financial crisis condition
- Have received Past Due Rent Letter or an Eviction Notice from your landlord
- Have received a Past Due Payment letter from your mortgage company
- Can show ability to pay future housing costs after receiving assistance

Documents that are required to apply:

- Proof of Social Security numbers for all member of the household
- Proof of all income for all members of the household for the 90 days prior to the application date
- Current Benefit letter for household members receiving SSA, SSI or SSD income
- Copies of your current utility bills
- Medical Card
- Current Lease or Mortgage with contact information
- Eviction Notice or Past Due Letter with the past due amount
- · Third Party Documentation of Crisis

Please call our office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for information on how to apply.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, effective March 17, 2020 Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Main Office is closed to the public and appointments at outreach locations have been suspended until further notice

We are still in the office and continuing to take applications for NICAA programs.

For more information on how to apply for assistance, call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

> Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency 27 S. State Ave., Suite 102, Freeport, IL 61032 www.nicaa.org

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY20 LIHEAP and Weatherization Assistance Programs

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist residents of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties with home heating utility costs through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Weatherization Programs.

PY20 LIHEAP application taking has been extended to June 30, 2020.

If you have not applied for LIHEAP assistance during this program year, which began October 1, 2019, or your application was denied, you may call the office for more information on applying for assistance.

If you have received LIHEAP assistance but now have a disconnect notice on your gas and/ or electric bill, or your propane tank is at 20% or below, you may be eligible for additional assistance. Please call the office for information about assistance.

Eligible households may call 800-883-1111 or 815-232-3141 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for information and how to apply for assistance. Income Guidelines: To qualify, a household must have a 30 day gross income at or below

150% of the federal poverty level shown below for 30 days prior to and including the application date. 1 person household - \$1.561

3 person household - \$2,666

2 person household - \$2,114

4 person household - \$3,219 Add \$553 for each additional person in the household

** 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 including the application date including pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income
- Complete current heat and electric bills and also disconnect notices received.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services.
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt.
- Proof of Homeownership (Title for Mobile Homes) and tax bill are required for weatherization assistance.

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Illinois reports surge in new COVID-19 cases, deaths

Governor: Peak in cases expected 'sometime in April'

By Rebecca Anzel CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois officials on Sunday announced the largest one-day jump in confirmed novel coronavirus cases and deaths in the state yet. But public and private labs' per-day testing ability is also higher than it has ever been.

The Department of Public Health identified 1,105 new cases and 18 deaths, putting the state totals at 4,596 case in 47 counties and 65 related deaths.

Gov. JB Pritzker said "we have weeks to go" before Illinois reaches a peak in new COVID-19 cases, expected "sometime in April." One of his priorities, he added, is to increase the state's testing ability.

Five days ago, three state labs, four health professionals "better under- upgrade its testing response, "we still commercial facilities and 15 hospital labs processed 2,000 tests per day. The governor said that capacity is up to 4,000 daily with a goal of hitting 10,000 daily in the next 10 days.

"That marker is significant because it's the number of tests per day that the scientists and experts tell us that we need to get a truly holistic understanding of the virus in each of our 102 counties," Pritzker said. "... This 10,000-a-day marker will give us the data to run a more mathematically significant model that offers us improved insight into how well our interventions are working."

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said additional testing will help

stand" the extent of COVID-19's spread.

Lab technicians so far have examined 28,000 tests statewide.

'Ultimately, my goal is to reach a large enough testing capacity where we're able to test everyone who needs a test on a regular basis,' Pritzker said. "... Every day we aren't hitting 10,000 tests or more is another day that we're not able to get answers that help us get past this current crisis.'

He called the federal government's lack of action in February a "profound failing" and "foundational mistake" that state officials had to correct. Although President Donald Trump's administration moved to have far to go," Pritzker said.

And while Illinois awaits the additional tests federal officials promised which "may never be fulfilled," the governor said — state leaders are taking other actions to address test-

'More testing available across the board will better inform the amount of virus we are seeing in the community, where we can take that information and identify specific concerted efforts to decrease the risk in those high-risk areas," Ezike said, "ultimately with the goal of limiting infection, limiting spread and ultimately limiting lives lost."

Two executives from Abbott Laboratories, a medical devices company based in Illinois, "expressed their real dedication" to help the state acquire five-minute rapid COVID-19 tests, Pritzker said. And once other materials needed to process tests are acquired, a third shift of technicians will be added to all three of Illinois' laboratories.

There are also five drive-thru facilities now — three federal Health and Human Services ones; in Bolingbrook, Northlake and Joliet; and two operated by the Illinois National Guard, in McLean County and Har-

Testing priority dictates symptomatic first responders, health care workers, seniors and those with underlying conditions receive one first at those sites, which are permitted by federal guidelines to run only 250 tests per day.

"Of course, we can't just test we have to treat," Pritzker said. "And in order to treat people, we have to increase hospital bed capacity."

The governor said he will provide additional updates about how his administration is doing that, as well as its progress acquiring personal protective equipment such as gloves, gowns and masks, in the coming

He did say, though, that Illinois

is "acquiring millions of units" of equipment, most of it shared with facilities running through supplies quickly.

The 18 newly-reported deaths linked to the novel coronavirus were in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, La-Salle and St. Clair counties.

Bond, Knox, Menard and Montgomery counties had their first confirmed COVID-19 cases.

The IDPH updates its coronavirus website on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It also maintains a hotline for citizens who have questions about the virus or want to report suspected cases: 1-800-889-3931.

Irump approves Illinois major disaster declaration

FEMA announced that federal emergency aid has been made available for the state of Illinois to supplement the state, tribes and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic beginning on Jan. 20, 2020 and continuing.

The President's action makes federal funding available for Crisis Counseling for affected individuals in all areas of the state of Illinois.

Federal funding is also available to state, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance under Public Assistance, for all areas affected by COVID-19 at a federal cost share of 75 percent.

Steven W. Johnson has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further

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Cannabis dispensaries take steps to keep customers, staff safe

As part of their ongoing commitment to putting customer health and safety first, members of the Cannabis Business Association of Illinois are taking important precautions and protections as the coronavirus pan-

The state of Illinois has allowed cannabis dispensaries to take orders from medical patients on the curbs or in the parking lots of their facilities to reduce human contact between customers and staff. Guidance from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation allows dispensaries until March 30 to take orders for medical patients - who may compromised immune systems directly outside the facility.

Dispensaries also have been advised to regularly disinfect surfaces touched by patients, keep customers six feet from each other and to separate lines for medical and recreation-

To help dispensaries further keep patients and customers protected, CBAI has developed a resource packet of guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The materials outline standards for proper handwashing, what items in the dispensary should be cleaned and disinfected regularly, encouraging staff and customers to stay home if they're sick, and more.

CBAI has encouraged its dispensary members to share the guidance with patients, customers, vendors and employees in their facilities. Some dispensaries are doing their part by limiting sales to medical patients only or limiting hours of recreational sales to ensure medical patients have access to the medicine

CBAI Executive Director Pamela Althoff said these moves are part

of a larger, ongoing collaboration between the cannabis industry and Gov. Pritzker's Administration to ensure patients and customers have a successful, safe and valuable expe-

"For many months now, we have worked closely with the Administration to ensure patients are our first priority, and their health and safety is paramount," Althoff said.

"These are concerning, uncertain times for everyone in Illinois and around the world as we deal with this pandemic. We appreciate the constant, productive communication with the Governor and his team as we work to meet the extraordinary demand for adult use cannabis product in Illinois and keep providing the precious medical supply to our patients. We will continue to work to keep everyone safe and healthy in our facilities, and to build out our infrastructure and supply to meet the growing demand in Illinois.'

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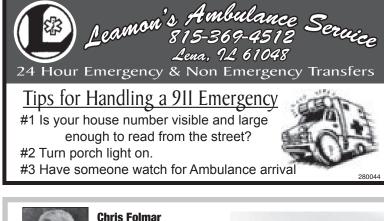
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Obituaries

DANIEL K. REED

Dalen C. Wichmann, 94, passed away at his home with his family by his side. He was born on Nov. 4, 1925 to Charles and Ethal (Solace) Wichmann. He married June Popp on May 18, 1962 in Freeport, IL; they were married over 50 years. He served his country in the United States Army from 1952-1956 in Germany and drove the general. Dalen worked as a group leader at Atwoods in Stockton, IL and farmed all his life. He had ponies and horses and showed them. He was also a 4-H Leader for 17

Daniel K. Reed, 55, of Pleasant

Valley, IL passed away unexpect-

edly on Saturday March 28, 2020

at FHN Memorial Hospital. He was

born on Sept. 30, 1964 to Gail and

Claris (Wickler) Reed. Dan owned

and operated Reed's Trucking and

was a previous owner of Pearl Valley

Cheese. Dan also worked for Dar-

lington Dairy Supply and Kolb Lena

Cheese. He enjoyed Fords, antiques,

classic cars, going to auctions, and

riding his Harley Davidson, he had

a need for speed. Dan also enjoyed

Wilbur "Ted" W. Heck, age 83 of

Windsor, WI passed away on Wednes-

day, March 25, 2020 at the VA Hospital

in Madison, WI. He was born on Oct.

28, 1936, the son of Lyle and Florence

Meier on Sept. 2, 1961 in Afolkey, IL.

He served his country in the United

Ted worked for FS Stephenson Ser-

vice Company with LP gas, he was

transferred to Dane County as the de-

partment manager. He then worked

for Ag Systems in Hutchinson, MN,

where he retired from as the warehouse

States Army.

WILBUR "TED" W. HECK



a love for Allis Chalmers equipment and set it up and delivered it.

Dalen survived by his son John (Maureen) Wichmann of Orangeville,

IL, step-children; Tim (Deb) Carter of Freeport, IL, Rick Carter of Stockton, IL, Diane (Terry) Gift of Surprise, AZ, grandchildren; Cody, Hannah, Charity, Kyle, Michael,

years. He had Ryan, and Samantha, 9 great-grandchildren, and his brother, Claire (Lois) Wichmann of Cedarville, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, June Wichmann, and his sister, Louise Dennin.

Private family graveside services were held Saturday, March 28, at the Richland Center Cemetery.

Burial will be at Richland Center Cemetery.

Pastor Tim Wauchope performed the services.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

jukeboxes, and chocolate lab dogs. He loved sharing stories with his family and friends, country living.

He is surby his vived friend and soul mate

the Evangelical

Congregation

Church in Ce-

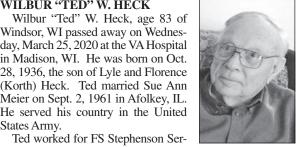
Deanna Griffin of Pleasant Valley, IL, siblings; Deb (Jeff Stamm) Birchen of Lena, IL, Dave (Linda) Reed of Winslow, IL, Duane (Tina) Reed of Kent, IL. Denise (Scott Boeke) Reed of Freeport, IL and Dana Reed of Freeport, IL, many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Dawn in 2014.

Private family services will be

A memorial has been established in his name.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.



darville. Ted was a past member of the Lena Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Deforest American Legion Post

Ted is survived by his wife Sue of Windsor, WI; son Phillip (Lori) Heck of Freeport, IL; daughters- Nancy (Tom) Jones of Albert Lee, MN and Lorene (John) Hammer of Mauston, WI; grandchildren- Caleb Heck, Ethan family at www.leamonfh.com.

(Robyn) Heck, Spencer and Alexis Jones, Grace, Ruth and Joe Hammer; great-grandchildren Elizabeth and Edmund Heck; sister Marion (Dennis) Wubbena of Forreston, IL; and a brother Darrel (Maribeth) Heck of Freeport.

He was preceded in death by his

Private family graveside services will be held at Cedarville Cemetery in Cedarville, IL.

Pastor Paul Bawden will officiate the services.

A memorial has been established in his memory for the VA Hospital CLC Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the



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Barker anniversary party canceled

Merlyn and Betty Barker's 70th Anniversary Party has been CAN-CELLED. If you would like to send a card their address is: 111 Grove St., Lena, 61048.

Merlyn and Betty have four daughters: Dianna (Jlm) Setterstrom, Linda (Craig) Montgomery, Kathy (Jim) Matzke, and Vickie (Tim) Wedig as well as nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Highland Community College reschedules annual Job Fair

The 2020 Highland Community College Job Fair has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 1 to 7 p.m., located on the second floor of the Student/Conference Center (Building H) room H-201 at Highland Community College, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, Ill.

The Pre-Fair Retreat has been moved to 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Nov. 10, in H-210 with topics including how to write cover letters, resumes, and give a personal presentation.

The Post-Fair Retreat, which covers social media ethics, interviewing skills and more will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Nov. 19.



For the safety of our seniors, the SOS+ (Stockton Outreach of Stockton plus Surrounding Areas) have canceled its April 9 meeting. The Black Hawk War presentation has been rescheduled for Oct. 8. Let's all pray this pandemic is over soon and we are able to resume our monthly programs for all of you. Stay safe!



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Pastor Donna Hoffman (815) 443-2177

- Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School during worship after the children's message

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email: firstumcofelizabeth@gmail.com **Pastor Tiffany Garcea**

- Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 8:15 a.m.
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- Bible Study & Prayer Wednesday Evening

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- Holy Communion is celebrated weekly.

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH 608 East Railroad, Warren, IL 61087 **Father Skrobutt (815) 745-2312**

- Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Reconciliation Sunday 7:30 7:50 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod 625 Country Lane Drive, Lena, IL 61048 Rev. Rick Bader (815) 369-4035

- Saturday Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Blast Program at 9:00 a.m.
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- 105 West Webster, Apple River, IL 61001 Father Skrobutt (815) 745-2312
- Saturday Mass 6:00 p.m.
- Reconciliation Saturday 5:30 5:50 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

- 410 West Lena Street, Lena, IL 61048 Father Skrobutt (815) 369-2810
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- Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m. Reconciliation Saturday 3:30 3:50 p.m.

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 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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 Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
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BRETHREN 12602 W. Dublin Road, Pearl City, IL Pastor Ellis Boughton • 815-864-2049

- Email: ellis.boughton@live.com
- Sunday Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. (when available)

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10100 W. Sabin Church Rd., Pearl City, IL 61062

- Pastor Wayne Fischer 815-266-6260 Pastor Chip Sohl 815-541-1425
- Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
 Children's Church during church service • Prayer Shawl Knitting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.



Holy week alone: A cross we bear

Under the threat of COVID-19 spreading, Bishop Malloy and Pope Francis cancel public Holy Week services

state governments changed almost daily, Bishop David Malloy of the Rockford Diocese, changed his guidance to parishes to comply. Both he and Pope Francis have cancelled public Holy Week services.

In a letter he sent March 20 to priests of the diocese he explained changes through Holy Week. It reads, in part:

I write to you once more given more guidance that has come to us about how to respond to the Coronavirus outbreak and its rapid spread.

At this time, health authorities have announced the need for a strict limit of ten persons maximum for any gathering. ..

Given this guidance, all parish churches are to adhere to this limit at all times. ... Please note, as previously indicated, the distribution of holy Communion and the administration of the sacrament of the sick should be only for emergency situations at this time following the guidance of the health authorities. That means any other efforts, including proposals for communion for people in cars should not be utilized.

Please observe that directive Msgr. Glenn Nelson as Vicar Gener-

As orders from the federal and strictly and ask your faithful to make a spiritual union at this time when physical participation is not possible.

As noted previously, no public Masses on weekdays or Sundays are to be celebrated until further notice. While priests are to celebrate Mass privately daily, especially in the current situation of great spiritual need, this must be done without the presence of the faithful for the time being. Do not gather an informal group for a private Mass as we seek to limit the spread of the virus.

In addition, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has today issued instructions for celebration of Holy Week. ... Please note that the Congregation stresses that the celebrations should take place only in the cathedral or parish churches, not in rectory chapels or other venues. Given this guidance, the Diocese of Rockford will respond as follows

The Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Rockford will be celebrated as originally scheduled on Holy Thursday at 11 a.m. from St. Peter Cathedral Parish. I will celebrate this Mass along with

The Mass will be live-streamed without the presence of other faithful or priests except for the cathedral rector and masters of ceremonies. ... The oils will be blessed and held for subsequent distribution when possi-

Holy Thursday: I will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper again with Msgr. Nelson, Father (Stephen) St. Jules and masters of ceremonies. It will be live-streamed from the cathedral at 7 p.m.

Priests are given the faculty to celebrate this Mass in the parish church without the presence of the faithful. That condition is to be observed.

I would urge where possible that your faithful be given the opportunity to follow the liturgy by some element of live-streaming. Only one Mass is to be celebrated by all the priests of the parish.

Good Friday: Under the same conditions outlined above, I will celebrate the Good Friday liturgy at St. Peter Cathedral at 2 p.m. without the faithful being present. Priests should do the same at the time chosen for the

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Nadalee Doyle and her mother receive the first place award from Orangeville Lions President Bruce Stewart and the Club's Peace Poster Coordinator Pam Swinson.



Orangeville Lions name poster contest winners

The Orangeville Lions Club recently sponsored a Peace Poster contest for all 11-13 year old students at Orangeville Jr-Sr High School. The Club then picked the top three posters from these entries. Those winning posters included 1st prize-Nadalee Doyle, 2nd prize-Jada Reed, 3rd prize-Lily Rodebaugh. Each of these students received cash prizes from the Club. Nadalee's poster then went on to be judged at the

Lions District 1-D competition where there were a total of 18 posters entered. Nadalee's poster won that competition as well. For her efforts at the recent 1-D Lions Convention held in Rock Falls, she received her poster back framed, a cash prize, and a plaque. The Orangeville Lions Club thanks all the students who participated in this contest and were impressed at the level of talent shown in the posters.



Jada Reed and her family along with Orangeville Lions Club President Bruce Stewart and the Club Peace Poster Coordinator Pam Swinson show Jada's second place poster entry.



Orangeville Lions President Bruce Stewart and the Club's Peace Poster Coordinator Pam Swinson display Nadalee Doyle's winning Peace Poster



Lily Rodebaugh and her mother along with Orangeville Lions Club President Bruce Stewart and the Club Peace Poster Coordinator Pam Swinson show Lily's third place poster entry.



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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL

STEPHENSON COUNTY,

ILLINOIS DITECH FINANCIAL LLC,

CIRCUIT

PLAINTIFF, VS.

KAREEM STEWART A/K/A KAREEM A STEWART: RACHEL L STEWART

A/K/A RACHEL LYN RYBAKOWSKI, A/K/A RACHEL L RYBAKOWSKI, A/K/A RACHEL LYN STEWART,

DEFENDANTS.

1314 SOUTH FLOAT AVENUE FREEPORT, IL 61032

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE **UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE**

FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on January 28, 2020, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on May 5, 2020, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30 AM,

sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said

Judgment: PART OF LOT 1 IN BLOCK 1 IN THE RE-SURVEY OF RICE'S ADDITION TO FREE-PORT BOUNDED AND DE-SCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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The Judgment amount was forth in this notice of sale. \$48,036.86.

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The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the

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

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 269262

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRAC-**TICES** ACT, THE PLAIN-**ATTORNEY** DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PUR-

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set

I3148633 (Published in The Shopper's Guide March 25, April 1 & 8, 2020)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RUSH TOWNSHIP, JODAVIESS COUNTY Notice is hereby given to the

legal voters and residents of the Township of Rush in the County of Jo Daviess and the State of Illinois that the AN-NUAL TOWN MEETING of said Township will take place on Tuesday, April 14th, 2020, being the second Tuesday of the month, at the hour of 7:30 pm., at the Rush Town Hall, 2999 North Canyon Park Rd., Stockton IL., for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Township. After a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in the pursuance of the law, come before the meeting, and especially to consider and decide the following;

Agenda

- 1. Elect a moderator
- 2. Set the moderator's salary 3. Approve the minutes from
- the 2019 Annual Town Meeting 4. Report of Officers- Finan-
- cial reports & statements 5. Authorize transfer of funds 6. Set time for the 2021 Annu-
- al Town Meeting 7. Open forum

8. Adjournment Ben Wooden, Rush Township Clerk (Published in The Scoop Today April 1, 2020)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

To the legal voters and residents of the Township of Pleasant Valley, in the County of Jo Daviess and the State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on **TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020** Being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of

7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Township Building for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Township; and after a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:

AGENDA

Call to order Election of Moderator Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting Annual Financial Reports Open forum Closing

Rena Eden. Town Clerk (Published in The Scoop Today April 1, 2020) 370789

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING KENT/ERIN MULTI TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Town of Kent/Erin in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning 1 April, 2020, and ending 31 March, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 521 N. Bridge St., Eleroy (please call before coming 815-235-1436) from and after 9 o'clock A.M., 4 day, April,

Notice is further given hereby that a pubic hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:30 o'clock P.M., 4 day, May, 2020, at 2699 N. Unity Rd., Lena in this Town and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held at 7 o'clock P.M., on the 1st day of June, 2020.

Dated this 27th day of March,

Marcia Hammer, Supervisor Jean M. Amendt, Clerk (Published in The Shopper's Guide April 1, 2020)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT **BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for road purposes of the Erin Township in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning 1 April, 2020, and ending 31 March, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 520 N. Bridge St., Eleroy (please call 815-235-1436 before coming) from and after 9 o'clock A.M., 4 day, April, 2020.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7 o'clock P.M., 4 day, May, 2020, at 2699 N. Unity Rd., Lena in this Township and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at 2699 N. Unity Rd., Lena at 7 o'clock P.M., 1st day, June,

Jean M. Amendt, Clerk (Published in The Shopper's Guide April 1, 2020)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING** ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET Notice is hereby given that a

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tion ordinance for the Town of Erin in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning 1 April, 2020, and ending 31 March, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 520 N. Bridge St., Eleroy (please call before coming 815-235-1436) from the after 9 o'clock A.M., 4 day, April,

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From Lena's Kitchen



The not so skinny cook

Week two or three (have you ever noticed how when you don't go out, every day is the same?) of our enforced isolation has everyone trying to figure out something to do. Isn't it funny that we look for things to do when we can't be mobile? I continue to do some cooking; I have been trying to make an old favorite chocolate cookie recipe, but I just can't seem to get it done. I have been going through some old recipes, and I also have been looking at new ones. You will get the benefit of my cleaning up some boxes.

This first recipe is for a great appetizer if you like the taste of sun dried tomatoes and roasted red peppers. I have come to appreciate them in my old age. I make a dip from roasted sweet peppers that uses a Robert Rothchild dip that I can't find anymore, so I am always looking for a dip that uses them. This one uses both the sun dried tomatoes and roasted peppers. Enjoy this spread with crackers or pita chips.

Sun Dried Tomato Spread

2 pkgs. (8 oz. each) cream cheese,

2 C. mayonnaise

3/4 C. finely chopped onion

4 garlic cloves, minced

1 jar (7 oz.) oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, drained and chopped

2/3 C. chopped roasted sweet red

peppers

2°C. shredded mozzarella cheese

2 C. shredded Italian Cheese blend 1 C. shredded Parmesan cheese,

divided

In a large bowl, combine the cream cheese, mayo, onion and garlic until blended. Stir in tomatoes and red peppers. Stir in mozzarella and Italian cheeses and ¾ C. Parmesan cheese. Transfer to a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Sprinkle with the remaining Parmesan cheese. Bake uncovered at 350 for 18 to 22 minutes or until edges are bubbly and lightly browned. Serve with crackers.

I had made this Asian slaw a lot a few years ago. You know when a recipe makes the rounds, and then you make it for a while. I think we get tired of it, and a new recipe comes along. I found this old recipe, and decided to give it a try again. There are several variations, and I probably will share one of them with you again.

Crunchy Asian Slaw

2 (3 oz. each) pkgs. Chicken flavor ramen noodles

1 bag (6 oz.) slivered almonds

2 T. sesame seeds 2/3 C. canola oil

1/3 C. sugar

6 T. white vinegar ½ t. salt

choy, torn into pieces

6 green onions, sliced

Preheat oven to broil. Reserve ramen seasoning packets; crumble ramen noodles onto a rimmed baking sheet; add almonds and sesame seeds. Broil for 2 minutes, being careful not to burn seeds. Let cool.

In a large bowl, whisk together oil, sugar, vinegar, salt, and both packets of ramen seasonings until well combined. Stir in cabbage, green onion, and toasted ramen mixture until well combined.

I have two Lenten meals in the next two recipes. I put these away, and then I sometimes forget about them. As Lent winds down, and meatless Fridays fade away, you might like to keep these around for any season. The first is for stuffed pasta shells. If you can't find ricotta or don't like the taste of it, you can substitute the cream cheese. If you are a meat lover, you can always brown some hamburger or ground pork and add it to the dish.

Stuffed Pasta Shells

4 C. shredded mozzarella cheese 1 carton (15 oz.) ricotta cheese or an 8 oz. block of cream cheese

1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry

1 pkg. (12 oz.) jumbo pasta shells, cooked and drained

3½ C. spaghetti sauce

Grated parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350. Combine cheeses and spinach; stuff into shells. Arrange shells in a greased 9 x 13 pan. Pour spaghetti sauce over the shells. Cover and bake until heated through, about 30 minutes. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese after

My mother used to make salmon patties. Instead of salmon these patties use tuna in the pouch. You could substitute the pouch tuna with canned tuna if you want. These would be great with mashed potatoes and old fashioned milk gravy.

Comforting Tuna Patties

2 T. butter

3 T. flour

1 C. evaporated milk

1 pouch (6.4) light tuna in water 1/3 C. plus ½ C. dry bread crumbs,

1 green onion, finely chopped

2 T. lemon juice

½ t. salt

1/4 t. pepper

Oil for frying

In a small saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in flour until smooth; gradually whisk in milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir until thickened, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat. Transfer to a small bowl; cool. Stir in tuna to white sauce, add 1/3 C. bread crumbs, green onion, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Refrigerate, covered, for at least 30 minutes. Place the remaining ½ C. dry bread crumbs in a shallow bowl. Drop ½ C. tuna mixture into the crumbs. Gently coat and shape into a ½ inch thick patty. Repeat. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add tuna patties in batches; cook until golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes on each side. Drain on

If you are looking for a quick dessert, this angel food cake uses a store bought cake that you dress up a little bit. You can use chocolate sprinkles or flavored sprinkles; you pick your favorite. If you don't want to slice the cake into layers, (it looks great on a pedestal cake stand) you can cut slices and pour the topping on each slice and decorate with raspberries, strawberries, or blueberries.

Birthday Angel Food Cake

1 pg. (3.3 oz) White Chocolate Instant Pudding

1 C. cold milk

1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip

1 C. sprinkles

1 C. fresh raspberries divided

1 prepared angel food cake (10 inch) cut horizontally into 3 layers

Beat pudding mix and milk in large bowl with whisk for 1 minute. Fold in ½ tub of Cool Whip and sprinkles. Add 1/2 cup raspberries and fold gently. Stack cake layers on a plate, spreading pudding mixture between layers. Run spatula around side of cake to smooth edges of filling. Top with remaining Cool Whip and raspberries.

This last recipe is a great one for Easter. It does require some work, and it uses an old fashioned cooked frosting. One of my friends (I think in her boredom) made a home made angel food cake with Seven Minute Frosting. Both my mother and grandmother used to make this frosting. This is not the traditional Seven Minute Frosting, but it is made very much like it. You are also to use the gel food coloring because you have a little more control over how much you use. You could color some coconut green and put that on the top with the green sprinkles. These cupcakes take a little time, but they are worth

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Green Velvet Cupcakes Cupcakes:

1 C. cake flour

2 t. unsweetened cocoa powder

½ t. baking soda

¼ t. salt

³/₄ C. sugar

½ C. milk

½ C. canola oil

1 T. white vinegar

1 t. vanilla

½ t. green gel food coloring Frosting:

2 oz. white chocolate chopped

3 large egg whites, room tempera-

¼ C. sugar

¼ t. salt

Pinch of cream of tartar

2 sticks unsalted butter, cut into pieces, at room temperature

1 t. vanilla

Green sprinkles for decorating Cupcakes: Preheat the oven to

350. Line a 12 C. muffin pan with paper liners. Sift the cake flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt into a large bowl. Whisk the sugar, milk, oil, egg, vinegar and vanilla in a separate large bowl. Whisk in the flour mixture until smooth. Add the green food coloring and stir until combined. Divide the batter among the prepared muffin cups, filling them three quarters of the way. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the centers comes out clean, about 15 minutes. Let cool slightly in the pan, then remove to a rack to cool completely.

Frosting: Put the white chocolate in a small heatproof bowl set over a saucepan of simmering water (do not let bowl touch the water). Cook, stirring, until melted; remove the bowl from the pan and let cool slightly. Reserve the pan of simmering water. Whisk the egg whites,

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Red Cross faces serious threat to available blood supply

The American Red Cross now from drives held at locations of this faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations in response to the coronavirus outbreak. Healthy individuals are needed now to donate to help patients counting on lifesaving

Individuals can schedule an appointment to give blood with the Red Cross by visiting RedCrossBlood. org, using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As the coronavirus pandemic has grown here in the U.S., blood drive cancellations have grown at an alarming rate. To date, nearly 2,700 Red Cross blood drives have been canceled across the country due to concerns about congregating at workplaces, college campuses and schools amidst the coronavirus outbreak. These cancellations have resulted in some 86,000 fewer blood donations. More than 80% of the blood the Red Cross collects comes

Here in the Illinois Region, 65 blood drives have been canceled, resulting in 2,230 fewer blood donations. The Red Cross is adding appointment slots at donation centers and expanding capacity at many community blood drives across the country over the next few weeks to ensure ample opportunities for do-

Volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need

The Red Cross expects the number of cancellations to continue to increase, which is causing heightened concern for blood collection organizations and hospitals across the country. This blood shortage could impact patients who need surgery, victims of car accidents and other emergencies, or patients suffering from cancer.

I am looking at the refrigerator that contains only one day's supply of blood for the hospital," said Dr. Robertson Davenport, director of transfusion medicine at Michigan out," said Hrouda. Medicine in Ann Arbor. "The hospital is full. There are patients who need blood and cannot wait.'

"In our experience, the American public comes together to support those in need during times of shortage and that support is needed now more than ever during this unprecedented public health crisis," said Chris Hrouda, president, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "Unfortunately, when people stop donating blood, it forces doctors to make hard choices about patient care, which is why we need those who are healthy and well to roll up a sleeve and give the gift of life.'

The Red Cross is committed to blood drive safety

We know that people want to help, but they may be hesitant to visit a blood drive during this time. We want to assure the public that blood donation is a safe process, and we have put additional precautions in place at our blood drives and donation centers to protect all who come

The Red Cross has implemented new measures to ensure blood drives and donation centers are even safer for our donors and staff, including:

- Checking the temperature of staff and donors before entering a drive to make sure they are healthy.
- Providing hand sanitizer for use before the drive, as well as throughout the donation process.
- Spacing beds, where possible, to follow social distancing practices between blood donors.
- · Increasing enhanced disinfecting of surfaces and equipment.

At each blood drive and donation center, Red Cross employees already follow thorough safety protocols to help prevent the spread of any type of infection, including:

- Wearing gloves and changing gloves with each donor.
- Routinely wiping down donor-touched areas.
- Using sterile collection sets for every donation.
- Preparing the arm for donation with an aseptic scrub.

There is no data or evidence that this coronavirus can be transmitted by blood transfusion, and there have been no reported cases of transfusion transmission for any respiratory virus including this coronavirus world-

"Volunteer donors are the unsung heroes for patients in need of lifesaving blood transfusions. If you are healthy, feeling well and eligible to give, please schedule an appointment to give now," added Hrouda.

Blood donation process

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. With RapidPass®, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass®, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood. org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App

• Holy week (Continued from page 7)

parish, again with no faithful pres- observed. ...

No other gatherings of any sort will be celebrated such as Stations of the Cross or any sort of distribution of the sacraments except in the case of an individual emergency.

The Easter Vigil: Again I will celebrate the Vigil Mass in the manner outlined by the Congregation at St. Peter Cathedral at 7:30 p.m.

Priests are again given the exceptional faculty to celebrate this Mass without the people and that is to be

Again, brothers, I stress the urgency of following the directives contained here as a response to the health emergency we are facing. At the same time, in a way different than any of us has ever experienced, we need to enter into Holy Week in a manner that offers the spiritual riches of the liturgy for our faithful and for the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Rev. David J. Malloy Bishop of Rockford



Deadline to sign up is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29 Please Sign Up EARLY.

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FHN cancels Get FiTeam Challenge final screenings FHN announced today that, to com-

ply with statewide stay-at-home or-ders, it has cancelled all Get FiTeam Challenge final screenings.

The screenings, scheduled for mid-April as the program ended, will not be rescheduled. Participants are encouraged to continue earning and recording their points through the planned end

Winners of the team prizes will be announced the week of May 4. Prizes will be awarded to the team with the most points and the winner of a random drawing. (All teams who have 100 percent participation through April 18 will be entered into the random

• Kitchen (Continued from page 11)

sugar, salt, and cream of tartar in a large heatproof bowl set over the pan of simmering water (again, do not let bowl touch the water.) Cook, whisking until the sugar dissolves and the mixture registers 130 on a candy thermometer, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove the bowl from the pan; beat with a mixer on high speed until stiff peaks form, 1 to 2 minutes.. Reduce the mixer speed to medium and beat until the bowl is no longer warm, 1 to 2 more minutes Increase the mixer speed to medium high and continue beating, adding the butter one piece at a time, until thick and combined. The mixture might separate, but

keep beating and it will smooth out. Add the melted white chocolate and vanilla and continue beating until just combined. Transfer frosting to a resealable plastic bag and snip a corner. Pipe onto the cupcakes and decorate with green sprinkles. As most of you have been doing,

call my friends to find out what has been going on. Several of them are cooking good things and sharing them. Several others are sewing masks for healthcare facilities and nursing homes. I think that is a great thing; I have no sewing or cutting abilities, so I am in awe of what they are doing. They are to be commended for how they

are trying to help out. One of my other friends has started plants for the garden. Her tomato plants are up, and the pepper seeds are just breaking the top soil. I find this exciting and hopeful. We will get to spring and be able to plant flowers and vegetables. My neighbors are picking up sticks in their yards, so that does signal that spring is coming. The other day I got in my car and drove around town for a couple of reasons. My care needs to be started to charge the battery, and I was really bored. It felt good to see other things besides my street! I also have gotten carryout from two local restaurants this week, and I will continue to do that. It is wonderful that they are providing this service. We are winding up meatless recipes and looking for spring recipes. I had some asparagus the other day, and it was great. It is hard to believe that Lent is almost over and Palm Sunday is behind us. We all will get through this; I know patience is not one of my strongest virtues. The one good thing is that I am getting a lot of drawers cleaned! If you have any spring recipes you think we would like, contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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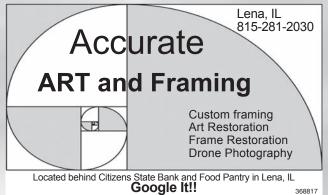
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Sponsoring organizations include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Elizabeth Historical Society, Freeport Dance Team, Galena After Prom, Galena Elks Scholarship ,Galena Music Boosters, Hanover Alumni Association, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, Midwest Medical Cen-

Jo Daviess Health Expo canceled

With the best interest of all in mind, Jo Daviess County Health Expo organizers are canceling the event because of the COVID-19 risk. The event had been scheduled for April 23, at the Elizabeth Community Building in Elizabeth. Organizers said they are open to the possibility of rescheduling, but that is not certain at this point.

Jo Daviess County Health Expo organizers presenters are 24 Hour Care, Bell Tower Retirement Community and the Senior Resource Center.

"The public health risk is simply too great with COVID-19 in our midst," said Sonja Shoemaker, Senior Resource Center executive director of Social Services and Outreach. "On behalf of all the expo partners, we appreciate the past support of our event from sponsors, exhibitors and attendees. We sincerely hope to see everyone back when the expo returns either later this year or in 2021."

The event was to have included displays by more than 30 vendors and sponsors, health screenings, vision screenings, a used eyeglass collection, healthy refreshments and door



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ter Auxiliary Foundation, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, River Ridge Education Association, Scales Mound Travelers, Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge, Stockton Strong, Warren Athletic Boosters and West Carroll Sports Boosters.

The March 2020 winners are:

1st Sunday \$50 - Cal Schafer,

Monday \$50 - Rafters 2nd Restaurant, Lena 3rd Tuesday \$50 - Anna Hoff-

man, Lena

4th Wednesday \$50 - Kelli Brooks, Dakota

5th Thursday \$50 - Yolanda Lobacz, Galena 6th Friday \$50 – Debbie Schmidt,

Solon, OH 7th Saturday \$50 - St Mary's

Church, East Dubuque 8th Sunday \$50 - Eric Engaldo,

9th Monday \$50 - Michele Greene, East Dubuque

10th Tuesday \$50 - Kay Berlage, Elizabeth

11th Wednesday \$50 - Barbara Norman, Elizabeth

12th Thursday \$50 - Nancy Mix, Savanna

13th Friday \$50 - Tammy Adams, Savanna

14th Saturday \$50 - Greg Millerschone, Stockton 15th Sunday \$50 - Kevin McCal-

ley, Riverside, CA 16th Monday \$50 - Rick Ran-

decker, East Dubuque 17th Tuesday \$150 - Danica

Skattum, South Wayne, WI 18th Wednesday \$50 - Ben

Wurster, Onalaska, WI 19th Thursday \$50 - Reta Ers-

feldt, Galena 20th Friday \$50 - Dean Cham-

bers, Pearl City 21st Saturday \$50 - Dolores Gesiorski, Elizabeth

22nd Sunday \$50 - Kate Walters. Elizabeth

Senior Resource Center limits entrance to buildings

Effective immediately, the Senior Resource Center is limiting entrance to its buildings in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties to employees only until further notice because of the risk of COVID-19 and community spreading of the coronavirus. If you need assistance, please call 815-235-9777 to schedule an appointment.

All Senior Resource Center group social activities and the AARP Tax Aide Program were suspended until further notice last week.

Pretzel City Area Transit is operating but only providing transportation for essential requirements such as trips to work, day care, to pick up a sourcecenter.net.

prescription or groceries or to a medical appointment.

The Senior Resource Center offers programs, education and activities for people 50 and beyond, their families and caregivers in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties. The programs include Adult Protective Services, AARP Tax Aide, Information & Assistance, Money Management, Case Management, Transit and Education & Activities.

For more information or other questions about the Senior Resource Ĉenter, call 815-235-9777 or go to the center's website, www.seniorre-

Village of Stockton

Spring 2020 Open Burn Dates

The Spring open burn dates for landscape waste will run from April 17 through April 26, 2020. All burning of landscape waste shall be carried out in compliance with Ordinance No. 674 which is posted on the Village's website at www.villageofstockton.com

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Wednesday \$50 - Paul Knauer, Elizabeth 26th Thursday \$50 – Jaci Lewis.

27th Friday \$50 – Amanda Pierce,

28th Saturday \$50 - Mollie Sysko, Galena

29th Sunday \$50 - Keegan Kent,

30th Monday \$50 – Dan Leitzen, Stockton

31st Tuesday \$50 - Mary Ellen Gibbs, Galena

FARMLAND AUCTION

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Sale to be held at:

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For Information Contact:

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Owner, Holcomb Bank

Attorney, Jim Stevens

• REAL ESTATE •

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, PLAINTIFF.

KAREEM STEWART A/K/A KAREEM A STEWART; RACHEL L STEWART A/K/A RACHEL LYN RYBAKOWSKI, A/K/A RACHEL L RYBAKOWSKI, A/K/A RACHEL LYN STEWART, DEFENDANTS.

1314 SOUTH FLOAT AVENUE FREEPORT, IL 61032

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on January 28, 2020, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on May 5, 2020, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judament:

SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREE-PORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLI-NOIS.

TAX NO. 18-19-06-228-012 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1314 South

Freeport, IL 61032

Description of Improvements: Tan vinvl siding, two story single family home, détached two car garage

The Judgment amount was \$48,036.86. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale

for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real

estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation The property will NOT be open for in-

spection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

For Information: Visit our website at http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - Mc-Calla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 269262

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPT-ING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY IN-FORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13148633

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Highland Foundation launches Alumni Scholarship Matching Gift Challenge

The Highland Foundation is launching the Alumni Scholarship Matching Gift Challenge that was inspired by example by alumnus Cristina Lambert and Jim Frisbie for their dedication to help future students by giving them the opportunity of an education at Highland Community

The Alumni Scholarship will ensure future students the same experience of previous students who attended and graduated from Highland Community College.

The Foundation has a goal of \$50,000 to help fund a permanent en-

dowment. A donation will be doubled by an anonymous donor matching every dollar raised.

'At Highland, we are encouraged every day by stories from our alum of the impact the college has in our community," said David Barton, president of the Foundation. "Your own experience as an alum is part of the wonderful Highland legacy of changing lives. A gift will play a vital role in funding the alumni scholarship."

The contributing gift challenge deadline is May 1. For more information, email foundation@highland.edu or call 815-599-3413.



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Jet memorial

Bing Wells, member of the Northwest Illinois F-4 Jet Memorial committee, accepts a donation from Keith Eikstadt in memory of his late wife Sharon Hensal-Eikstadt, who was a long-time Lena resident.

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