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These area producers work at the sorting center for the Jo Daviess Local Food online farmers market.

Online farmers market extending its reach

Jo Daviess Local Foods, the online farmers market, has expanded its outreach to meet the needs of more customers.

In addition to its Tuesday evening deliveries, the organization is now offering Saturday morning deliveries.

Customers can meet delivery people in designated pickup locations or they can receive home delivery for an additional fee. All times and locations for pickups are available on the website.

JDLF recently increased its number of producers to help meet the demand for local food. It still has all the high-quality products it has become known for: pasture-raised meat, free-range chicken eggs, sheep and goat milk cheeses, heirloom grains, organic vegetables and herbs, local honey, healthy snacks, artisan canned goods, natural skin care products and baked goods.

JDLF producers live in or close to Jo Daviess County. This allows

customers to reduce their carbon footprint, support the local economy, receive fresh food with lots of nutrients and shop from several local producers in a convenient way.

JDLF strives to be environmentally

friendly by limiting the use of plastic, reusing cloth bags that are washed every week and offering credits for the return of glass jars and bottles.

For more information, visit the JDLF website at <https://jd.luluslocalfood.com>.

There is a FAQ page with commonly asked questions, and more questions can be directed to Erin Keyser at jdlocalfoods@gmail.com or 815-990-5374.



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In my opinion

We must talk, listen to those with opposing views

By Jon Jacobs

I have refrained from commenting on any of the Stockton School Board happenings because I truly believed that things would improve.

I believed that people in this community were mature enough to respect other people's opinions, even if they didn't agree with them, and not to support such hateful name calling and belittling.

However, I cannot stay silent any longer. To the spouses of the four school board members, I apologize for what the public has put you through.

I find it hard to believe that if any of these outspoken individuals were in your situation that they would have been quiet and allowed others to

slander their spouse's name.

I respect your choice to remain quiet out of respect for your spouse and the situation. You took the high road, the more difficult road, presumably for the long-term improvement of your families and the community.

My first question to anyone reading this is: Since when is it OK to name call and slander just because we don't agree with someone else's views?

As a society we are working to bring blacks and whites together and become more accepting of gay and lesbian rights, yet this small community is being torn apart over a difference of opinion on leadership.

Would a truly good and caring

leader allow this to persist? I don't think so. Would a caring leader have a lawsuit affecting the district they portray to love, or allow a journalist to say horrible things without attempting to diffuse the situation? No, a good and caring leader would want to keep the community together at any cost.

Some people just can't accept that there may be a better person for a superintendent position. They cannot let themselves believe that maybe these board members truly have the students' best interest in mind. Did you know that it is not uncommon in all districts to not renew a contract? It is not firing.

The two are very different. Did you know that several teachers/employees

have been let go under the supervision of Stockton's current leader, some even causing extreme conflict within the district because it seemed "unfair" to let a teacher go that students and parents alike loved? Yet each one of them left quietly.

Yes, I did my homework prior to writing this letter. I asked the hard questions, something that very few people have taken the time to do. I am also intelligent enough to acknowledge that just like those others that were not rehired, there may be information leading up to any non-hiring that the public is not allowed to know. The same is possible here.

Speaking of asking questions, I asked plenty. I found out that many in the public were not in favor of the current superintendent getting the job in the first place. In fact, several of the loudest complainers about not renewing her contract were vocally against her getting hired two years ago, even putting their thoughts in writing in personal texts and on social media, which I have gotten a hold of.

The comments about her are anything but kind. In fact, many of them mirror the same type of comments that are now being used against the current school board members. What they said about her then was rude and wrong, just as what they're saying about board members is wrong. It's very ironic that her biggest "supporters" were once her biggest enemies.

Last but not least, please become informed before commenting about the board not being fiscally responsible. Just the fact that there is a lawsuit shows lack of caring about the school's financial situation.

But aside from that, there are so many things that could have been done over the past few years to put the district in a better financial situation. I, like many of you, knew nothing about this either. However, I understand businesses and how they are run and I am not ignorant enough to just believe what one man says in a paper, so I did

some digging.

I am not like that man; I am not here to expose the trash I have uncovered. I am just encouraging you to dig deeper if you are truly interested, and if not, then stop posting your hate.

Take the time to talk to someone who has opposing views from you. Actually have a civil conversation with them about it, and you will find out a plethora of information on things that have not been done well fiscally prior to this situation.

However, don't let this put hatred in your heart. School leaders, like all of us, are only human and they do make mistakes. You might find out a lot of things you didn't previously know, and even if these things don't change your mind, they might open your eyes.

Have compassion for our superintendent, our principals, our teachers and our school board members. Each one has an important job, and if you have a problem with something that they have done, be mature enough to talk to them about it.

The bottom line is be kind! Don't allow all of the negativity to continue. Stop it now by refusing to criticize others and maybe actually take the time to talk to those who believe something different than you. You may continue to have different opinions, and that's OK, but you may learn something new as well.

You may learn to respect others' opinions, something that we should already do. Remember, each and every one of us is setting an example for the children in our community. Let's teach them kindness and respect, forgiveness and love, not hatred and malice.

Something very good may come out of this. If the community can open their mind to this new leader and accept him despite prior prejudices, maybe some healing can begin and some positive growth can occur.

Right now, commit to stop looking into the past and instead look toward the future. Forget about what you may dislike about a particular board member and focus on the good that will most likely be ahead because of their willingness to make a very difficult decision. And again, be kind!

Daily drawing winners for June

The Daily Drawing, a cooperative fundraiser, is a drawing for 366 daily cash prizes from Oct. 1, 2019, through Sept. 30, 2020, to those donating for a ticket.

Cash prizes vary between \$50 and \$250. A ticket may win multiple times because each ticket remains in the drawing daily for the entire year, no matter how often it may be drawn.

There are nearly 20 organizations working together from Jo Daviess, Carroll and Stephenson counties.

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 Center 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 June list of winners is:

- 1st. Monday. \$50 - Susette Einsweiler, Galena
- 2nd. Tuesday. \$50 - Thomas Taylor, Dubuque, IA
- 3rd. Wednesday. \$50 - Dale Wand, Elizabeth
- 4th. Thursday. \$50 - Barry Rogers, Elgin
- 5th. Friday. \$50 - Lyle Green, Elizabeth
- 6th. Saturday. \$50 - Jane Redfearn, Shullsburg, WI
- 7th. Sunday. \$50 - Heather Wand, East Peoria
- 8th. Monday. \$50 - Kay Bailey, Elizabeth
- 9th. Tuesday. \$50 - Jett Miller, Galena
- 10th. Wednesday. \$50 - Staci Dunlavey, Lena
- 11th. Thursday. \$50 - Matt Noll, Stockton
- 12th. Friday. \$50 - Becky Dannels, Savanna
- 13th. Saturday. \$50 - Marilyn Wurster, Elizabeth
- 14th. Sunday. \$150 - Laurie Skien, Marietta
- 15th. Monday. \$50 - Emily

Langkamp, Darlington, WI

- 16th. Tuesday. \$50 - Jason Thomasson, Elizabeth
- 17th. Wednesday. \$50 - Bill Northrup, Galena
- 18th. Thursday. \$50 - Laura Simmons, Galena
- 19th. Friday. \$50 - Manuel Castro Jr., Savanna
- 20th. Saturday. \$50 - Leibold's Auto Center, Galena
- 21st. Sunday. \$150 - Carl Steffen, East Dubuque
- 22nd. Monday. \$50 - Tom Jones, Stockton
- 23rd. Tuesday. \$50 - Deb Hamilton, Lena
- 24th. Wednesday. \$50 - Andy Miller, Galena
- 25th. Thursday. \$50 - Jerry Biederman, Thomson
- 26th. Friday. \$50 - Janice Pascoe, Elizabeth
- 27th. Saturday. \$50 - Ashlee Miller, Peosta, IA
- 28th. Sunday. \$50 - Rich Schmit, Elizabeth
- 29th. Monday. \$50 - Susan Stadel, East Dubuque
- 30th. Tuesday. \$50 - Sandie Miller, Warren

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The Broken Chain


**We knew little that morning, that God
Was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.**

**It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone;
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.**

**You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide;
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.**

**Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same;
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.**

-author unknown



YOU ARE LOVED AND MISSED ALWAYS!
 Love: Mom, Janet, Laurie, Lisa, Kristi & families

Thank you for sharing your memories
of Vance in the beautiful cards you sent.
Also for the flowers and memorial gifts.

We are planning to donate memorial money to the
Pearl City School and the Pearl City Park District
to be used to purchase and plant some trees. Also
a donation will be made to the Pearl City
Fire Department and Ambulance Service
in Vance's name.

Special thanks to Chip Sohl and Wayne Fischer
for their heartfelt celebration of Vance's life.
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Business recovery grant funds to be released

\$85 million available for small businesses impacted by COVID-19, civil unrest

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity announced last week that it will soon start releasing funds from two grant programs aimed at helping small businesses that have suffered losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic and civil unrest that occurred during recent protests over racial injustice.

The administration is releasing \$85 million through the Business Interruption Grant program and the Rebuild Distressed Communities grant program.

The money is part of \$900 million that Gov. JB Pritzker recently announced would be

released in response to economic impacts of the pandemic.

Both programs are aimed at small businesses whose operations were either restricted or shut down during the pandemic. They also are targeted at businesses located in "disproportionately impacted areas" — low-income communities that have experienced high rates of COVID-19 cases and communities damaged during recent civil unrest.

According to a release from DCEO, the first round of Business Interruption Grants, or BIG, will make \$60 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds available for 3,500 businesses such as bars, restaurants, barbershops and salons, health and fitness centers as well as businesses in areas where there have been reports of property damage from civil unrest.

The money comes from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, or CARES.

The grants will range from \$10,000 to \$20,000. To qualify, those businesses must have been in operation for at least three months before March 2020.

Businesses could begin applying for the grants on Friday (June 26). The deadline to apply is Tuesday, July 7.

Potential applicants can download an application and review the complete criteria for the program on the DCEO website.

The agency said it plans to use community-based financial institutions to review applications and administer the funds. That financial assistance expected to be released starting in mid-July. Eligible businesses will be selected on a lottery basis.

The \$60 million being made available is just the first round of grants that will eventually total at least \$540 million, including \$270 million earmarked for child care providers.

In addition to the BIG program, another \$25 million will be made available through the Rebuild Distressed Communities program to support businesses that have suffered damage from civil unrest that occurred on or after May 25.

Those grants, which are funded through the state's Rebuild Illinois capital improvements program, will reimburse the costs to repairs that already have been performed for structural damage, including storefronts, entrances, electrical systems and exterior work.

For work yet to be performed, program administrators will partner with local contractors and pay them to perform the work. Projects that were denied coverage by an insurance company are eligible, but applicants must submit documentation proving denial or lack of coverage.

The program will prioritize small businesses, those that are underinsured or uninsured, those

that have a high community impact such as grocery stores and those located in communities that have experienced historic disinvestment.

For repair work, the program also will prioritize contractors that are certified through the state's Business Enterprise Program — those that are at least 51 percent owned or controlled by minorities, women or people with disabilities.

DCEO is seeking one or more administrators to process the reimbursement applications. The agency said it expects businesses will be able to start applying for support in August. Additional information about and how to apply is available by emailing the Office of Grants Management at CEO.OMGrants@illinois.gov.

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State continued unemployment claims remain over 700,000

Pritzker: Security agency continually trying to expand its capacity

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The U.S. Department of Labor released statistics Thursday showing 705,878 Illinoisans received unemployment insurance for the week ending June 20.

While that was a decrease of 4,401 continued unemployment claims overall from the previous week, according to the data, the state still saw 46,005 new initial claims for the week ending June 20, an increase of 1,311 new claims from the previous week.

As the unemployment numbers remain high, Gov. JB Pritzker said the Illinois Department of Employment Security is continually trying to expand call center capacity to try to accommodate increased claim volume.

He also said each state agency and department "has a kind of reopen plan that either has been developed or is being developed," but did not say when IDES might start opening facilities for claimants having trouble getting through to a department representative.

"It sort of depends on the locations, it depends upon the number of people that would normally be in that space and so on. We have health guidance for people who work at IDES, just like we do any other business or that we're

trying to reopen," he said.

In a statement, IDES has set up a virtual call center that has grown to more than 560, more than doubling its capacity since the beginning of this pandemic.

That has allowed the department to handle more than 50,000 additional unemployment claims and questions that have come through the call center between May 5 and June 4, according to the statement.

An IDES spokesperson encouraged claimants to use the department's website — which had its capacity increased early during the pandemic — to file claims and leave the phone lines for those who are otherwise unable to file a claim online.

"While we understand that claimants may be continuing to experience unique issues with their claims that require claims rep intervention, our upgrades have allowed us to process more than 1.4 million claims since March 1 and pay out more than \$7 billion in benefits," the spokesperson said in a statement in response to questions of how a claimant can best get through to the department.

"We understand that there are many cases where a claimant needs to speak to a representative to resolve an issue or make a change, which is why we are continuing to work to increase capacity."

Pritzker said calls also are being separated by those who are seeking help in applying through online portals and those who would need assistance requiring them to provide private information. That frees up lines for those having unique problems, he said.

He added the administration has "tried to train" elected officials and their staff on "how they can assist people with their applications in the event that they're having trouble getting through on the phone."

IDES also announced last week it would borrow funds from the federal government to "continue to meet unemployment benefit payment obligations to claimants who have lost work as the COVID-19 pandemic continues."

A press release from the department said the state joined eight other states that have either been approved to borrow or have begun to borrow money from the feds to

continue to fulfill unemployment benefit payments.

"Through the end of June, IDES anticipates borrowing approximately \$300 million from the federal government through a long existing mechanism set up to enable states to continue to fund essential benefit payments when demand increases unexpectedly," the department said in a news release. "IDES has been approved to borrow up to \$3.8 billion through September. During the 2008 Great Recession, the department borrowed \$1.4 billion, and it was repaid in five years through a joint funding agreement with Illinois' business community."

The department said the Unemployment Trust Fund is 100 percent funded by employer taxes, and the ability to pay back what is borrowed "has historically come in the form of an agreed rate change in employer taxes," but IDES and the Pritzker administration are exploring other federal options, including calling for a stimulus aimed at replenishing unemployment reserves.

Since the pandemic began, more

than \$2.5 billion had been paid out of the Illinois Unemployment Trust Fund in regular benefits. That's on top of \$4.3 billion in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation benefits and \$290 million in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits, both of which are two new fully federally funded programs.

IDES also announced Thursday the number of nonfarm jobs decreased in all 14 Illinois metropolitan areas since last year, with six metro areas at record low payrolls, according to preliminary data released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and IDES.

The May unemployment rate in Illinois was 14.7 percent, a record high for the month dating back to 1976. Nationally, the number was 13 percent in May, also a record high dating back to 1948. The unemployment rate identifies individuals who are out of work and seeking employment.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

The rain fell at a great time, but I think we need a little more. I enjoyed not having to water quite so much. It sounds as if we are going to have summer weather to begin July. It is hard to believe that we will be celebrating the 4th of July.

When we have all these holidays that we didn't get to celebrate, it doesn't seem possible that summer will be half over. This week's recipes will feature some picnic recipes if you happen to have a small one.

This first recipe is for an original dill dip. I always buy the dill dips already prepared.

Several weeks ago I went to a friend's garage sale. They had some cookbooks there (I didn't need another one) and found one from the Winslow Historical Society.

Several recipes this week will be from that nice, little cookbook. This dill dip was one I found. It is easy and tasty.

Dill Dip

2/3 C. mayonnaise
2/3 C. sour cream
1 t. green onion, shredded
1 T. parsley
1 t. dill weed
1 t. onion powder
1 t. garlic powder
1/2 t. paprika

Mix well and chill overnight. Use as dip for vegetables and pita chips. Use as topping for baked potatoes. Add half-and-half to thin the dip for

a salad dressing.

Herbed Deviled Eggs

I love deviled eggs at a picnic. The following recipes are variations on regular eggs. When I make my eggs, I chop the yolks in my mini food processor; it makes them just perfect. If you feel adventurous, try these two kinds of "gourmet" deviled eggs.

6 large eggs
3 T. mayo
2 t. minced chives
1 t. dried parsley
1/4 t. dried tarragon
1/8 t. salt
1/8 t. pepper

Hard boil eggs, cool and cut in half. Remove yolks; set aside egg whites and 4 yolks. Keep other two yolks for another use. Mash the yolks and add mayo and rest of ingredients.

Crab cake deviled eggs

6 large eggs boiled and cooled. Cut in half and use the egg whites and 4 yolks per the recipe above.

Add 3 T. mayo, 2 T. chopped crabmeat, 1 T. minced red pepper, 2 t. sweet pickle relish, 1/2 t. Old Bay seasoning, 1/8 t. each of salt, pepper and celery seed.

Mix together and garnish with small slice of red pepper.

Easy Broccoli Salad

The Winslow cookbook featured several broccoli salads, many that I have made. This one is really simple and doesn't involve any bacon frying, water chestnuts, nuts or raisins. It does make for an easy salad because you use prepared Italian dressing. If you aren't a mayo lover, this broccoli salad is for you.

2 C. broccoli florets
1 1/2 C. cherry tomatoes halved
1 C. sliced mushrooms
1/2 C. sliced black olives
1 bottle Italian dressing

Combine vegetables and toss with

dressing. Chill overnight before serving.

English Pea Salad

I have mentioned before that my mother loved to make pea salad. This is very much like the one she would take to picnics when I was growing up.

Everyone loved her pea salad and there was none left. That was a good thing because she would have been eating the leftover salad herself. Perhaps that was the reason she took it to a potluck/picnic. She got to eat one of her favorites!

3 T. mayonnaise
3 T. sour cream
1/2 t. white vinegar
1/2 t. sugar
1/2 t. garlic powder
1/2 t. onion powder
2 C. canned peas, drained
4 T. chopped celery
2 T. sliced green onion
1/4 C. sliced cheddar cheese, diced
1 hard cooked egg, diced

Combine mayo, sour cream, vinegar, sugar, garlic, and onion powder and set aside. Combine peas, celery, onion and cheese and mix well. Add egg and mayo mixture and toss gently. Chill overnight.

Root Beer Baked Beans

One of my friends gave me this recipe last winter. I had a recipe much like it in the column several years ago. It calls for red beans. If you can't find them, you could substitute kidney beans or pork and beans. She told me not to use diet root beer. Baked beans are a great side at a picnic. Try this version.

1 T. oil
1 C. diced onion
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 cans (15 oz.) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
2 cans (15 oz.) red beans, drained and rinsed
2 cans (15 oz.) cannelloni beans, drained and rinsed
2 bottles (12 oz.) root beer
1/2 C. apple cider vinegar
1/2 C. ketchup

3 T. firmly packed brown sugar
2 T. Dijon mustard
2 t. chili powder
1 1/2 t. salt
1 t. pepper

Preheat oven to 400. In a large Dutch oven, heat oil over medium high heat. Add onion; cook, stirring frequently, until lightly browned, about 8 minutes. Stir in garlic; cook for 1 minute. Stir in beans and all remaining ingredients; bring to a boil. Transfer pot to oven. Bake, uncovered, until liquid is thickened, about 45 minutes. Stir before serving.

Kathleen's Italian Beef

This Italian beef is a great picnic sandwich because you make it ahead of time. It doesn't involve grilling and doesn't require a lot of cleanup. If you carve the centers out of the hard rolls, you get to put in more meat and juice. You can leave the seeds in the pepperoncini if you want more heat.

1 (11 1/2 oz.) jar pepperoncini
1 beef chuck roast (3 1/2 to 4 lbs)
1/4 C. water
1 3/4 t. dried basil
1 1/2 t. garlic powder
1 1/2 t. dried oregano
1 1/4 t. salt
1/4 t. pepper
1 large onion, sliced
10 to 12 hard rolls

Drain pepperoncini, reserving liquid. Remove and discard stems and seeds; set aside. Place meat in large slow cooker. Rub all spices onto meat and top with onions and pepperoncini and all liquids. Cook in slow cooker for 8 to 9 hours. Shred beef with forks and mix with all juices. Serve on hard rolls.

Strawberry Pie

I had some homegrown strawberries this past week and they were delicious. If you are lucky enough to have some garden strawberries, this pie would be a real treat. This strawberry pie is made like a cherry pie and has two crusts. If you don't want a lattice crust, just put the second crust on top. Enjoy this really good pie.

4 C. sliced fresh strawberries
1/2 C. sugar
2 T. tapioca
2 T. flour
2 t. lemon zest
1 T. lemon juice
1/8 t. almond extract
1 pkg. refrigerated piecrusts
1 egg
1 T. water

Place oven rack in bottom third of oven. Preheat oven to 425. Spray a 9-inch glass pie plate with cooking spray. In a large bowl, stir together strawberries, sugar, flour, lemon zest and juice and extract. Let stand for 10 minutes.

Unroll one piecrust, pressing into bottom and up sides of prepared pan. Pour strawberry filling into crust. Unroll remaining piecrust and cut into 10 3/4-inch strips.

Place five dough strips horizontally on filling, spacing evenly apart. Fold back alternating strips, and place one strip vertically across horizontal strips; unfold folded strips. Fold back alternating horizontal strips and

place second strip vertically across first strips, spacing evenly; unfold folded strips. Fold back alternating horizontal strips. Place third strip vertically across first strips, spacing evenly; unfold folded strips. Repeat procedure with remaining two strips. Trim dough strips; fold edges under and crimp as desired. Freeze for 10 minutes.

Whisk the egg and 1 T. water together until smooth; brush onto crust. Place pie on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce the oven heat to 350. Bake for 30 minutes more, covering with foil or pie ring to prevent excess browning on edges, if necessary. Let cool completely on a wire rack before serving.

Berry Cool Cream and Pretzel Pie

This is another no-bake pie that is great to make for a dessert on a really hot day. You can buy whipped cream cheese by the block in the dairy case. It is extra yummy because of the sweetened condensed milk.

4 C. miniature pretzels
6 T. butter, melted
1/4 C. sugar
3/4 C. boiling water
1 pkg. (6 oz.) strawberry gelatin
1/4 C. lemon juice
3/4 C. fresh strawberries, hulled, divided

2 C. heavy whipping cream, divided

1 jar (7 oz.) marshmallow crème
2/3 C. whipped cream cheese
2/3 C. sweetened condensed milk

Place pretzels in a food processor and pulse until chopped. Add butter and sugar; pulse until combined. Reserve 1/3 C. pretzel mixture for topping. Press remaining mixture onto bottom of a greased, 9-inch spring-form pan. Refrigerate 30 minutes.

In a bowl, add boiling water to gelatin; stir for 2 minutes to completely dissolve. Stir in the lemon juice. Refrigerate gelatin mixture for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Chop half the strawberries; cut remaining berries as desired and reserve for topping. In a large bowl, beat 1 C. heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Beat marshmallow cream, cream cheese and sweetened condensed milk into cooled gelatin mixture until blended. Gently fold in the chopped strawberries and whipped cream. Pour into crust. Refrigerate, covered, until firm, 4 to 6 hours. Beat remaining cup of heavy cream until stiff peaks form; spread over pie. Top with reserved berries and pretzel mixture and, if desired, additional crushed pretzels. Return to the refrigerator until serving.

Closing thoughts

My friends with gardens are enjoying radishes, onions and lettuce. On the news they have been talking about how people are planting gardens this year; amazing the things that you end up doing when you have to slow down and smell the roses.

The other bit of info I heard is that camping has increased by leaps

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Obituaries

JANICE WILHELMS

Janice Rae Wilhelms, 87, of Shannon, IL, passed away Friday, June 19, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL. She was born on Jan. 18, 1933, to the late Rae and Clara (Peters) Cradock. Janice married Omar Wilhelms on June 27, 1954, in Clinton, Iowa.

She was a 1950 graduate of Clinton High School, Clinton, Iowa, and a 1954 graduate of Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. Janice was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church in Shannon. Janice taught fourth grade at Shannon Elementary School from 1954 to 1957. She served as marketing officer for First



State Bank of Shannon, Polo and Lake Carroll for 40 years.

She also was a member of the Shannon Chamber, where she was active in Home Town Christmas, Shannon Homecoming and many other activities. Jan and Omar have been strong supporters of local communities and are proud of the growth in those communities. She was also an accomplished poet

who wrote, sometimes daily, about her family, friends and community.

Janice is survived by daughters Robin (Jeffery) Saar, of Lake Carroll, and Candy (Dennis) Schubert, of Shannon; grandchildren Cassie (Jason) Mlakar, of Lake Carroll, Justin Schubert, of Shannon, and Nathan (Tina) Schubert, of Polo; great grandchildren Caylie, Britney, Alysia, Emerson, Miles and Summer. She was preceded in death by Omar and her parents.

The funeral service was held June 24 at Bethel United Methodist Church in Shannon. Condolences may be shared at hermannfuneralhome.com.

KERRY SCHLUETER

Kerry John Schlueter, 49, passed away with his family by his side, loving and holding him while he quietly slipped away so peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on March 31, 1971, to Perry and Katherine Schlueter. He was a loving child to his parents and family and later an influential father to his three children.

Kerry was confirmed and a member at St. Paul Church of Epleyanna. He was a 1989 Graduate of Orangeville High School.

On Oct. 10, 1992, he married Tina Rockey Schlueter. He enjoyed his time working at FS Stephenson Service Co. before farming full time on the family farm.

Kerry loved riding his Harley with his family and friends. Growing up he was an athlete: a talented bowler, football player and baseball player. He also raced snowmobiles with his dad and later helped him continue running the racing organization for many years. He also loved hunting



and fishing with family and friends.

Kerry also served 10 years on the Davis/Dakota Baseball Association board, he loved coaching not only his children but he loved all

the players, even the opposing teams. It was always a friendly competition because Kerry was a good friend to all the coaches and players on both sides of the diamond. We had many laughs and stories after every game, especially if he threw in one of his trick plays.

In Kerry's words, "Surround yourself with good people." He did just that and was always there to help a friend in need.

He always will be remembered as a strong, hard-working, fun-loving man, but we surely can't leave out, smart aleck! If he wasn't giving you

a hard time or teasing you, he was helping you.

Kerry is survived by his wife Tina of 27 years; children Brady (Taylor Curry), Kendahlyn and Garrett; his parents Perry and Katherine; his brother Brent and his nieces and nephews Blake, Olivia and Abi Schlueter; his in-laws Dale and Nancy Rockey, brother-in-law Scott Rockey, sister-in-law Tami Kendzor and niece Kaylee Stuckey and nephew Riley Kendzor. Along with numerous aunts and uncles.

Kerry is preceded in death and joined in heaven by his grandparents Vernon and Josie Schlueter, Harry and Bernice Nelson and Philip Grandstrand.

Funeral services were held June 27 at St. Paul's Church of Epleyanna in Davis, IL. Cremation rites to be accorded. Burial will be at St. Paul's at a later date. A celebration of life also will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at leamonfh.com.

VERA HAAS

Vera Ruth Haas, 93, of Freeport, IL, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2020, at Walnut Acres in Freeport, IL. She was born April 18, 1927, in Pleasant Valley, the daughter of the late Benjamin and Margaret (Randecker) Albrecht. Vera married John H. Haas on Aug. 24, 1952, in Massbach, IL. John passed away on Aug. 26, 2000.

Vera attended Keller School in Massbach. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Massbach and First Lutheran Church in Freeport. John and Vera farmed south of Stockton until retiring in 1993 and moving to Freeport. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting and gardening.

Vera will be dearly missed by her children, Marlene Haas, of Freeport, Kathy (Martin) Murray of Freeport, Randy Haas, of Park City, Utah; her grandsons Jeffrey Murray, of Smyrna, GA, and Ryan Murray, of Chicago; her sister Dorothy Endress, of Asbury, Iowa; her brother Benjamin (Donna)



Albrecht, of Lena; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John, her brother and sister-in-law Henry

(Dorothy) Albrecht, her sister and brother-in-law Lillian (Ralph) Groezinger and her brother-in-law Wesley Endress.

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Laikynn Jonathan Riley

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•Kitchen (Continued from page 4)

and bounds. It is hard to find a mid-sized camper. It is safer to have your own camper than have the worry of a hotel or motel room. Gas has been fairly reasonable in price also. We are lucky to have such a wonderful campground at the KOA. I can't help but think that if the lake would be open, it also would be full.

The closest fireworks seem to be in Monroe. I feel bad about Stockton's Fourth of July celebration being canceled. Many

nonprofits depend on making money at these community celebrations. In spite of no fireworks, I hope that you all have a good Fourth of July celebration and that you have a good and satisfying week. Take care and be safe.

If you have any summer recipes you think readers would like, contact me in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide, 213 S. Center St. or email me at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.



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This initiative, a joint effort coordinated by the Center for Dairy Research and the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association, was designed to support and promote the diversification and addition of value-added products to the Midwest dairy industry.

Goals of this program include:

- Increasing on-farm diversification
- Creating value-added dairy products such as specialty cheeses
- Focusing on export opportunities for farm-scale and processor dairy products

"We want to allow dairy farmers and processors to be innovative for their futures," DBIA program Director Karen Nielsen said in a news release. "We hope to improve the situations on dairy farms, processing plants and cooperatives."

Grant applications are available on the DBIA website. The grant application period is now open. Funds totaling \$220,000 will be disbursed and awarded with individual projects receiving up to \$20,000.

The deadline to complete and return applications is Aug. 14. Selected producers and business



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The Dairy Business Innovation Alliance is a newly announced program that will provide dairy farmers and dairy-related businesses across the Midwest with financial and technical support.

owners will be notified on Sept. 4.

The DBIA also is coordinating online webinars and compiling resources for dairy producers and processors.

Nielsen noted that a grant proposal currently is being written to the United States Department of Agriculture for funding for subsequent years. Future plans for the program include expanding the resources available to

dairy producers and processors and learning more about U.S. consumers' dairy product buying preferences.

For more information, call the Illinois Department of Agriculture at 217-524-9129, visit the website

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New guidelines for return to in-person education

Schools must prepare for more remote learning in case of another surge

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois last week released new guidelines for schools, colleges and universities to return to in-person learning in the fall, but leaders warned those plans could change if health metrics related to the COVID-19 pandemic stop improving.

"This fall will not be business as usual, and we will update our guidance as needed," State Superintendent of Education Carmen Ayala said during a news conference in Chicago. "In response to challenging and changing public health conditions, schools and districts must be prepared to return to remote learning if the virus surges again."

Students and teachers will be required to wear face coverings if they are medically able, gatherings in one place will be limited to no more than 50 people and schools must adhere to stricter cleaning and disinfecting guidelines as well as conduct regular symptom checks.

Gov. JB Pritzker said every district must develop its own plan based on those guidelines. Ayala added districts and individual schools would soon send additional information to parents and students.

Pritzker said the Illinois Emergency Management Agency would provide public K-12 districts with 2.5 million cloth facemasks, allowing schools to provide one to all students and staff.

Universities and community colleges will have similar guidelines for a fall reopening, including social distancing and physical spacing requirements, hand sanitizing stations, face covering requirements and symptom monitoring.

Schools also are developing policies around traffic flow, cleaning of public spaces and staggered schedules for the use of laboratories, auditoriums and other group facilities, according to guidelines.

At this time, the governor's office said, colleges expect dormitories, cafeterias, libraries, bookstores and other amenities to be available

to students provided they meet approved guidelines.

If someone in a school tests positive, those who were in close contact with them — that is, within six feet for 15 to 30 minutes without a face covering, according to Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, would be expected to quarantine for 14 days.

Pritzker said local and county health departments will play a major role in deciding a path forward when such a positive test occurs.

Pritzker first ordered all public and private schools, including colleges and universities, to close for in-person instruction on March 13. And on June 4, schools were allowed to offer limited in-person instruction and summer school programs as part of Phase 3 of the reopening plan.

Ezike said the reopening being allowed this fall is the result of significant declines in new cases, deaths and hospitalizations since the peak of the pandemic in Illinois.

Those declines, she said, are the result of the vast majority of Illinoisans following basic safety guidelines that include frequent hand washing, wearing face coverings when in public and practicing social distancing.

The fact that the state reports about 20,000 to 30,000 test results daily helps as well, she said. Nearly 1.4 million tests were completed in Illinois since the pandemic began.

In advance of schools reopening, Ezike strongly encouraged parents and guardians to make sure their children are up-to-date on their vaccinations and that all Illinoisans get caught up on basic wellness procedures, including cancer screenings. She noted there have been steep declines in those procedures since the pandemic began.

"We need to make sure that the kids get checked out by their providers and get their life-saving immunizations," she said. "Yes, there could be another surge of COVID-19 in the fall or perhaps earlier, but let's make sure we take this opportunity now to get to our doctors, let's get our immunizations, let's get our health screenings, let's get as healthy as we can. Your baseline health status affects how you fare against this

virus."

Pritzker also said the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES, provided \$510 million in relief directly to school districts to address local needs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Dr. Ayala and I are encouraging all districts to use this funding to close the digital divide by providing

devices and internet connectivity and are directing the majority of the remaining funding to purchasing laptops, tablets, virtual coaching for new teachers and internet connectivity to advance a vision of equity for our schools and keep our kids on track for success," the governor said.

Pritzker's office said the Illinois State Board of Education will use

another \$54.1 million in CARES Act monies to provide funding to schools in six categories: laptops and tablets, internet connectivity, virtual coaching for teachers, professional development and support for entities that cannot receive direct funds.

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State releases guidance as Phase 4 begins

Restaurants can offer indoor dining with restrictions in place

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Restaurants opened for indoor dining Friday among other additions to allowable activities under the state's Restore Illinois plan. The state released new guidance for reopening businesses early last week.

Restaurants must arrange their seating facilities so that tables are 6 feet apart, and parties larger than 10 people will not be allowed, per state guidelines. Standing areas such as bars will be allowed to operate at no more than 25 percent of capacity, and staff is required to wear face coverings when serving customers.

As well, gatherings of 50 people — up from 10 — will be allowed in Illinois, including at weddings and funerals; and fitness centers, movie theaters, museums and zoos will be allowed to reopen with capacity limits and health guidelines in place.

Industry-specific guidelines can be found at [Illinois.gov/businessguidelines](https://www.illinois.gov/businessguidelines).

The state continued to see downward trends in hospitalizations and positivity rate of those tested for the COVID-19 virus. The number of new cases had leveled off to about 450 to 700 daily even as more businesses and activities got the green light to reopen.

Hospital bed, intensive care bed and ventilator use by COVID-19 patients on June 22 were at lows since the state began reporting the numbers daily on April 12, with 1,628, 419 and 256, respectively. The state continued to report about 18,000 to 30,000 test results daily, and the positivity rate for tests conducted was approximately 2 percent, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"The state of Illinois has made great progress in slowing the spread of COVID-19, largely because of the

measures our administration enacted to protect residents and communities during this public health crisis," IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said in a news release. "Our strategy to encourage social distancing and expand testing and contact tracing will enable Illinois communities to continue to take steps to reopen, to return to work and to resume daily activities."

While some — including business groups and legislative Republicans — have urged Gov. JB Pritzker's administration to expedite entry into the fourth phase of his five-phase reopening plan due to the progress being made, he has strictly adhered to the original timeline — with some revisions such as allowing outdoor dining earlier in the process — of the plan that he announced on May 5.

While each of the second, third and fourth phases of the plan lasted 30 days, there is no timetable for moving from Phase 4 to Phase 5, the final phase of the plan when the state's economy fully reopens, including conventions, festivals and large events.

Per the current plan, Phase 5 cannot begin without a coronavirus vaccine or "highly effective treatment" being widely available, or without new cases of the virus being eliminated for a sustained period.

In Phase 4, venues may host up to 50 people or 50 percent of their overall room capacity, whichever number is less. Multiple groups are permitted at certain facilities as long as there is space to social distance and limit interaction between groups.

Bowling alleys, skating rinks and clubhouses are on the list of allowable indoor and outdoor recreation under Phase 4, provided they also operate at the lesser of 50 customers or half capacity. Groups of 50 will be allowed for outdoor recreation, and multiple groups can gather if they can remain separated.

Museums and zoos can reopen at 25 percent capacity or less, but interactive exhibits and rides must be

closed. Guided tours will be allowed but must be limited to 50 people or fewer per group. Indoor exhibits at zoos will remain closed as well.

Indoor-seated theaters and performing arts centers would be allowed to open with 50 guests, maximum or 50 percent capacity, whichever is less, in each of the theater's screening rooms or performance spaces. Outdoor capacity would be limited to 20 percent of overall theater or performance space capacity.

Concessions would be permitted if delivered by a server who takes orders from guests while seated with distancing guidelines followed or purchased pre-packaged via "grab and go" function at an outdoor kiosk or indoor service areas.

The guidelines also included revisions for youth and recreational sports. Those include allowing competitive game play and tournaments with venues operating at half capacity and 20 percent seating capacity for spectators. Group sizes of up to 50 would be allowed with multiple groups permitted during practice and competitive games as long as interaction between groups is limited.

Gyms and fitness centers can open at half capacity and can have group fitness classes of up to 50 people with new indoor safety guidelines. Multiple groups, provided interaction between them is limited, would be permitted at these facilities as well.

Seating capacities of 20 percent would be allowed at outdoor spectator sports, and film production could resume at no more than half capacity of the sound stage or filming location.

Water-based activities would be permitted at day camps in accordance with IDPH guidelines, half facility capacity and with a group size of no more than 15 participants.

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Small Business Stabilization Grant program extended

The Jo Daviess County Board has extended the Small Business Stabilization Grant program, or SBSG.

Applications for round three of the SBSG program will be accepted until Friday, July 10, at 4 p.m.

The purpose of the \$250,000 SBSG program is to help small businesses deemed "non-essential" pursuant to Gov. Pritzker's Stay-at-Home executive order, that are located within Jo Daviess County, to remain viable during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 20, the county board awarded grants to 23 Jo Daviess County small businesses totaling \$40,214.

On June 25, the board awarded grants to 14 Jo Daviess County small

businesses totaling \$18,108.

The monies are intended to help these businesses pay expenses not covered by the federal government's Paycheck Protection Program or other sources of state or federal COVID-19 relief funding. The maximum award a business can receive is \$5,000 for one month of qualifying expenses.

The Jo Daviess County Board has authorized funding of this grant program through the Economic Development Investment Fund of the county.

The county believes small, non-essential businesses are, in fact, an essential part of its business and cultural community and realizes the significant impact COVID-19 has had on them. Many of these

businesses have been left out of financial options and are most vulnerable and in need of financial assistance.

On June 25, the county board amended the eligibility requirements for the SBSG program to include:

If a business qualifies for the federal Paycheck Protection Program, the owner must have applied for a loan under the PPP been denied in writing or received less than \$5,000 in PPP funds.

The county board also extended the program for a round three with a revised application process beginning on June 19 with applications due by July 10.

To be eligible for the SBSG program, a business (profit or nonprofit) must meet certain criteria including:

- Must be deemed a non-essential business under the Stay-at-Home order or a restaurant that is now limited to serving food for

consumption off-premises, bed and breakfast, and home-based salon and spa/barbershop;

- Must operate out of a brick-and-mortar location with the exception of bed and breakfast, home-based salon and spa/barbershop, home-based day care and the business is not able to pay rent, mortgage or utilities;

- Must meet the definition of small business defined as a business that employs less than 12 full-time employees or the equivalent weekly hours of 12 full-time employees;

- Must be legally capable of entering into a binding contract;

- Must remain open for one year after the grant award,

- Any nonessential business that has applied for the federal PPP and has not yet received notice of award is eligible to apply for the SBSG program. If applicant is awarded funding through the federal PPP, any SBSG grant funds received from Jo Daviess County must be repaid.

The Grant Committee will consider, in appropriate cases, the applications of businesses for which the PPP is impractical or in the event of the illiquidity or termination of the PPP. Such businesses are encouraged to contact the Planning & Development Department or Northwest Illinois Economic Development prior to applying.

For more information and technical instructions, contact Eric Tison at etison@jodaviess.org or Emily Legel at elegend@nwiled.org

Grant applications are available on the JDC website: www.jodaviess.org/covid19.



Elizabeth Township Public Library reopening

The Elizabeth Township Public Library has announced that it will reopen, with restrictions, on July 6.

In following Phase 4 of the Illinois Reopening Plan, facemasks must be worn at all times in the library. Due to the building configuration, only three customers will be allowed in at any one time so that social distancing can be exercised.

Computer times will be limited

to one hour. These sessions can be reserved by calling 815-858-2212.

Library hours will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5:30 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 to 7 p.m.; Fridays is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Delivery services have resumed, so books may be ordered, online or through the library staff, from other libraries.

Scoop/Shopper's Guide office closed on July 3

The office for The Scoop Today and Shopper's Guide, located at 213 S. Center St. in Lena, will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

Deadlines for legals and advertising are at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, for the July 8 issues of the papers.

Jo Daviess County Parents – What You Need to Know About Underage Drinking



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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
 US Bank Trust, N.A., not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust
PLAINTIFF
 Vs.
 The Schreiner Family Trust
 dated 2/15/07; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

2020CH2
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/09/2020, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on August 7, 2020 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse

15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 23 AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF PARK CREST PLAT NO. 1, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED IN BOOK "G" OF PLATS, PAGE 77, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated 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, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, 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. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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 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.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-08946.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS
CITIZENS STATE BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,
 vs.
SERGIO J. GONZALEZ,

CHECO'S FAMILY RESTAURANT & PIZZERIA, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

2019-CH-46
AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-captioned cause on February 13, 2020, an agent of the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office will at 10:00 a.m. on July 15, 2020, at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 North Bench Street, Third Floor, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Parcel 1:
 Lot 2 of Hess 3rd Addition to the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois; according to the Plat thereof recorded October 3, 1963 as Document No. 106567 in Plan Hold 9 of Plats, No. 18A.

Parcel 2:
 Lot 1 of Hess 3rd Addition to the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois; according to the Plat thereof recorded October 3, 1963 as Document No. 106567 in Plan Hold 9 of Plats, No. 18A.

PIN: Parcel No. 1: 43-17-001-597-06 Stockton

Parcel No. 2: 43-17-001-597-07 Stockton
 Commonly known as: 632 and 642 S. Main Street, Stockton, Illinois 61085

The property is non-residential property.

The judgment amount was \$165,933.31 together with interest thereon at the statutory rate plus additional costs, including publication costs, court costs, attorneys' fees and expenses of sale.

Sale Terms: 25 percent down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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 representations as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and is "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.

Persons wishing information regarding the real estate may contact:

Joel Kempel -
 Citizens State Bank
 102 West Main Street,
 Lena, Illinois 61048-9247
 Phone: (815) 369-4524
 Dated this 12th day
 of June, 2020.
YALDEN, OLSEN & WILLETTE
 By: /s/ Craig A. Willette
 Craig A. Willette, Attorney for
 Citizens State Bank, Plaintiff
 Yalden, Olsen & Willette
 Craig Willette - 3021211
 838 North Main Street,
 Rockford, IL 61103-6906
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**VILLAGE OF LENA
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
401 Fremont St.
Lena-Winslow Elementary School
VARIANCE FOR BUILDING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Village Hall, 122 E. Main St., Lena, IL 61048.

The public hearing shall be for the purpose to consider granting a variance to Lena Winslow School District to put ground mounted solar panels verses roof mounted solar panels.

Interested persons may appear and be heard regarding the proposed ground mounted solar panels. The Village Board may subsequently consider the merits granting the variance at its Monday, August 10, 2020 Village Board Meeting.

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**VILLAGE OF LENA
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
214 Rousch Street
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
Dr. Bradley R. Brunner, DC CCSP
Operate a Chiropractic Sports Medicine Business

The Zoning Board of Appeals of Lena, IL will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 20, 2020, at 6:30pm at the Village Hall, 122 E. Main Street, Lena, IL.

The public hearing shall be for the purpose of granting the Conditional Use Permit for Dr. Bradley Brunner at the premises located at 214 Rousch Street for the purpose of operating a Chiropractic Sports Medicine business.

Interested persons may appear and be heard regarding the proposed conditional use permit. The Village Board may subsequently consider the merits granting the permit at its Monday, August 10, 2020 Village Board Meeting.

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION

Public Notice is hereby given that on **June 19, 2020**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business **Ridgeland Music** located at **519 N. Walnut Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032.**
 Dated June 19, 2020

VICI R. OTTE
 Stephenson County Clerk
 by **HEATHER BECKER**
 Deputy
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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

RUSH TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2020

TOWNSHIP-REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Taxes - \$60,229.98, Replacement Tax - \$3,193.14, Interest - \$192.45

TOWNSHIP-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: TOIRMA - \$2,503.00, Lawn Mowing - \$4,305.72, IRS - \$1,721.25

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Garrett Toay, Brad Mapes, Ben Wooden, Jase McGivney, Marshall McKee, Diane Rogers, Jeffery Schuldt. **TOTAL COMPENSATION:** \$39,458.11

ROAD DISTRICT - REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Taxes - \$110,112.93, Replacement Tax - \$4,570.53, Interest - \$1,271.43

Across the Northern Hills with Annette Eggers

Attention 4-H'ers!

Because the in-person 4-H fair won't be happening this year, we would like to honor a few 4-H'ers during the days of what would have been the 4-H fair.

Here are the details. Jo Daviess County 4-H'ers can put together a video up to one minute long that tells us about their favorite project and why it's their favorite. The rest is up to them — be creative!

From the videos submitted, we will pick the top 3. Each video will be posted on our social media sites during the days the fair would have been held.

The winners also will receive a \$50 gift card to a Jo Daviess County business of their choice. Entries can be emailed to me at jdcfbmgr@gmail.com by July 10.

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

For every cap entered, we receive 5 cents to go toward Ag in the Classroom programs and agricultural scholarships.

Locate the stickers located on the caps of Prairie Farms milk in gallon or half-gallon sizes as well. Reveal a unique, redeemable code by peeling off the Prairie Farms sticker and enter it at www.prairiefarms.com/ourcapsyourcause.

When prompted with the choice of which organization to give to, choose Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Foundation.

After 1,000 caps are entered, Prairie Farms Dairy will send a check to support our foundation. You're going to be drinking milk anyway, so help our foundation support agriculture as well.

• Are you already thinking about



By
**ANNETTE
EGGERS**
Contributor

those fresh Illinois peaches? Orders are due by Friday, July 24, with payment and order form. Checks should be made payable to the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau.

The price is \$35/box for members and \$40/box for non-farm bureau members.

Pickups will be in the farm bureau basement with an anticipated delivery of Aug. 5, depending on weather. Peaches must be picked up the day of delivery to ensure freshness. Order forms are available on our website.

• Let's take a moment and talk about safety. No, I'm not going to talk about safely distancing during COVID-19, but that is important.

Let's talk about safety on the farm. Did you know that the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau offers \$250 toward the purchase of a R.O.P.S. for your tractor?

ROPS help protect farmers and family members from being crushed in the event of a tractor turnover or rollover. Safety Chairman Dan Robbe states that "Safety is a priority of the farm bureau, and we would like to encourage our members to install ROPS on their tractors."

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau members who purchase a ROPS could receive a reimbursement of \$250 toward the purchase of a ROPS. To receive the \$250, members should send their paid invoice to the farm bureau office in Elizabeth.

Customers would be responsible for the cost, freight and installation, which are available through the

See HILLS, Page 15

LEGALS

Continued from previous page **ROAD DISTRICT - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:**

Fuel - \$11,657.36
Maintenance Services Roads - \$40,452.56

Maintenance Supplies Equipment - \$1,816.26

Subscribed and sworn to this 9th day of June, 2020.

/s/Diane Rogers

**Diane Rogers, Supervisor
I, Ben Wooden, Clerk of the Town of Rush, Jo Daviess County, IL, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.**

Subscribed and sworn to this 9th day of June, 2020.

/s/Ben Wooden

**Ben Wooden, Clerk
(Published in The Scoop Today July 1, 2020)**

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VILLAGE OF LENA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 501 N. Schuyler St. VARIANCE FOR BUILDING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall, 122 E. Main St., Lena, IL 61048.

The public hearing shall be for the purpose to consider granting a variance to Ed Reifsteck to construct a garage addition without having the 5' setback from the side lot line.

Interested persons may appear and be heard regarding the proposed building setback variance. The Village Board may subsequently consider the merits granting the building setback variance at its Monday, August 10, 2020 Village Board Meeting.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF STEPHENSON
CITIZENS STATE BANK, an
Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
KRIS R. WILD, THERESA
E. WILD, UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA - INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE, OR-
ANGEVILLE COMMUNITY
BANK, UNKNOWN OWN-
ERS and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.**

2020 CH 28

**NOTICE TO UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
FOR PUBLICATION**

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:

Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Stephenson County, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of certain real estate mortgages, concerning the premises described as follows, to-wit:

A tract of land located in part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 29 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Oneco Township, Stephenson County Illinois, the boundary of said tract being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 29 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian; thence South along the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 875.59 feet, more or less; thence West, parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section, a distance of 1,080.12 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; thence South, parallel to the East line of the North-

east Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 750 feet, more or less; thence West parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 650.00 feet, more or less; thence North, parallel to the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 750.00 feet, more or less; thence East, parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 650.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; all being situated in Oneco Township, Stephenson County in the State of Illinois.

Together with an easement for ingress and egress as shown in a Declaration of Easement recorded June 2, 2008 as Document No. 200800095058.

All being situated in Stephenson County, Illinois.

Commonly known as: 12838 North Hulbert Road, Winslow, Illinois

PIN:

16-03-30-200-004

and which said real estate mortgages were made by Kris R. Wild and Theresa E. Wild and recorded in the Office of the Stephenson County Recorder of Deeds as follows:

Document Nos.:
201500144477 and
201900169575

and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you the said named Defendants, Unknown Owners, and Non-Record Claimants file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Stephenson County, located at 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, on or before July 31, 2020, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE

WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

Nathan A. Luy
Clerk of the Circuit Court
15th Judicial Circuit
Stephenson County, Illinois
PREPARED BY
Craig A. Willette
Yalden, Olsen & Willette
838 North Main Street
Rockford, IL 61103-6906
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VILLAGE OF LENA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 316 Bank St. VARIANCE FOR BUILDING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS


The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall, 122 E. Main St., Lena, IL 61048.

The public hearing shall be for the purpose to consider granting a variance to Ron & Karol Lower to construct an accessory building without having the 60' setback from the front lot line.

Interested persons may appear and be heard regarding the proposed conditional use permit and building variance. The Village Board may subsequently consider the merits granting the building setback variance at its Monday, August 10, 2020 Village Board Meeting.

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Pritzker 'not afraid' to move backward if COVID-19 cases surge

Face coverings, social distancing, hand washing remain best protections against virus' spread

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker announced a new tool to track county-by-county progress in the fight against the novel coronavirus, but as the state readied last week to enter the next phase of reopening, he also warned that he would not hesitate to move certain regions backward if progress subsides.

Over a recent seven-day period, the positivity rate ranged from 2.4 to 2.9, and over the seven days prior to that period, it ranged from 1.8 to 3.1, meaning the June 25 rate was within the range of average of the past two weeks.

"Obviously, every day I watch the numbers and I think, you know, are we going in the right direction? And I'm rooting for it to go the right direction and we're making policies that we hope will move it in the right direction," Pritzker said when asked about the bump in new cases at a news conference June 25. "We're watching. I would wait to make a judgment about whether there's some direction here that it's going, but right now I would call it stable."

Pritzker said the stability has helped move the state to Phase 4 of reopening, now under way, but Illinoisans will need to continue to wash their hands, remain six feet apart from others in public and wear face coverings if they want to keep the numbers low.

In Phase 4, restaurants can open for indoor dining with restrictions, movie theaters can reopen and gatherings of up to 50 are allowed. The state also announced that casinos and video gaming will reopen today (July 10) as well.

If COVID-19 numbers do increase, a reversion to previous phases

is possible, however.

"I'm not afraid to protect the people of Illinois by moving a region back to an earlier phase if we see a surge," he said. "Ours will not be one of the states that takes no action in response to a return to the peak."

Hospitalization metrics remained on a downtrend in Illinois as well, in contrast, Pritzker said, to states like Texas.

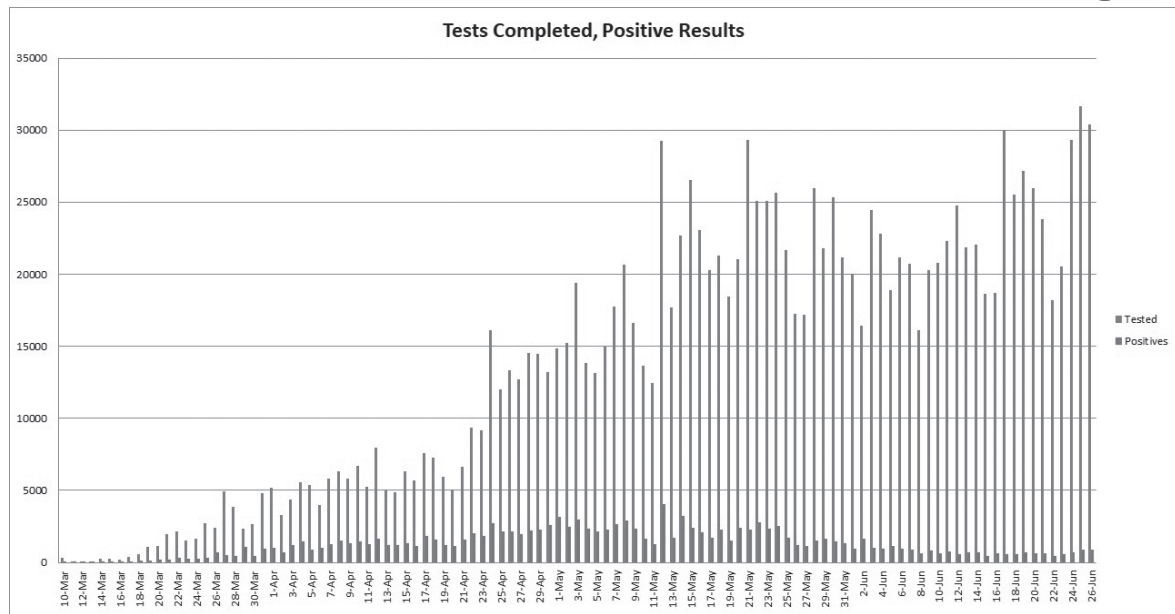
As of 11:59 p.m. June 24, there were 1,626 total hospital beds in use by COVID-19 patients, 399 of which were intensive care unit beds. Both were slightly up from the day before, but represented the second-lowest numbers since the state began reporting the metrics daily on April 12. There were 216 ventilators in use, the lowest amount in the same span.

"But now I want to tell you that there still is a reality check behind that. The virus has not been eradicated. The virus persists, and we don't yet have a vaccine or a highly effective treatment that's widely available," IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said at the news conference. "So although we are seeing fewer and fewer cases, fewer deaths, people are still being infected and people are still losing their lives."

There were 41 more COVID-19-related deaths reported June 25, bringing the total since the pandemic began to 6,810, while the total cases grew to 139,434 among more than 1.4 million tested.

The county-level metrics are available at <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics>. The map shows each county, which is blue if metrics remain "on the right track," according to Ezike, but turns orange if metrics are trending upward.

"And our goal is that with that caution, you will think twice about your own personal habits and activities," Ezike said. "Maybe you'll think about reconsidering going out in that large group gathering. Maybe you'll reconsider going to an indoor dining experience. Maybe you'll consider appreciating a religious gathering online, as opposed to in



person. These county level risk indicators do not necessarily mean that a county moves back. What it means is that if the numbers don't improve, we could be headed in the wrong direction."

Pritzker said wearing face coverings is a key protection from the virus and from moving backward economically.

"The virus hasn't gone away. And when people aren't wearing face cov-

erings and gathering in large groups and not practicing physical distancing, they're getting sick, and some are dying," he said. "And I mean people of all ages — senior citizens, those who are in their 40s and 50s and 60s with pre-existing conditions, and yes, even young and perfectly healthy people have lost their lives to this terrible new disease that we still know so little about."

Pritzker also announced the

launch of 12 mobile community testing teams that will move throughout the state to "mitigate and suppress emerging outbreaks, including places such as meatpacking plants, nursing homes or other traceable gatherings."

The state also has increased its number of contact tracers by 20 percent since June 1 and has more than 550 active, the governor said. Another 250 tracers will join them "in the coming weeks," he added.

Anti-abortion group sues to hold large gatherings

Case comes week after Illinois GOP files nearly identical federal lawsuit

By Rebecca Anzel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

An Illinois anti-abortion nonprofit filed a federal lawsuit challenging Gov. JB Pritzker's social gathering restrictions, arguing it should be excluded from caps on attendees to charity, planning and educational events.

Illinois Right to Life's lawsuit was filed in the Northern District just over one week after the state Republican Party filed a near-identical argument in the same court. The Chicago-based firm Liberty Justice Center represents the two groups.

The cases center around the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause — because Pritzker's executive order contains a carve-out for churches and has not been enforced against systemic racism protestors, it should not apply to the nonprofit, either, they claim.

According to the court document — written by Daniel Suhr, the attorney also representing the Republican Party — religious institutions are permitted to hold socially distanced services of more than 10 people.

Faith-based associations are "encouraged to consult and follow the recommended practices" published



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Daniel Suhr, an attorney with the Liberty Justice Center in Chicago, said last week the First Amendment is "at the heart" of the Illinois Republican Party's lawsuit against Gov. JB Pritzker. He also is representing Illinois Right to Life in a nearly identical lawsuit against the governor.

by the Illinois Department of Public Health, but "are not required to obey them."

Illinois Right to Life already canceled several previously planned events, rescheduled others and received "minimal" attendance at ones they were able to hold, Suhr wrote. The group argued that due to the nature of its advocacy work, remote alternatives are not helpful.

"IRL believes that internet-based alternatives are not sufficient to spread its speech effectively. Abortion is a deeply personal topic; the issues IRL works on are some of the most personal and emotional decisions that women and others face

in their lifetimes, and conversations around them often turn emotional," Suhr wrote in the organization's court document.

"A video conference cannot replace the interpersonal interaction called for around this topic."

The group is asking a federal judge to rule Pritzker's social gathering restrictions unconstitutional and bar the government from enforcing the executive order as it applies to Illinois Right to Life. It is also requesting to be reimbursed for attorneys' fees.

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The co-op serves mostly Grant, Crawford and Lafayette counties but also has lines that extend into Green, Iowa, Vernon and Richland counties in Wisconsin and Jo

Daviess and Stephenson counties in Illinois.

"Rural Development has a history of bringing areas together, whether with electricity, telecommunication or broadband," Wilson said in a news release. "This venture will expand services in two states. Another example of Rural Development bridging the gap to improve rural America."

The USDA is providing loans

and loan guarantees to rural electric cooperatives and utilities, with recipients using the funds to build and improve electric transmission and distribution lines, which in turn benefits rural residents and businesses.

The loans include funds for investments in smart grid technology, which uses digital communications to detect and react to local electricity usage changes.

Illinois and Wisconsin's Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperation's investment loan of \$10 million will be used to connect 805 customers and improve 422 miles of line. This loan includes \$492,820 in smart grid technologies.

Scenic River Energy, headquartered in Lancaster, Wis., serves approximately 14,000 consumers and more than 3,512 miles of line.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas.

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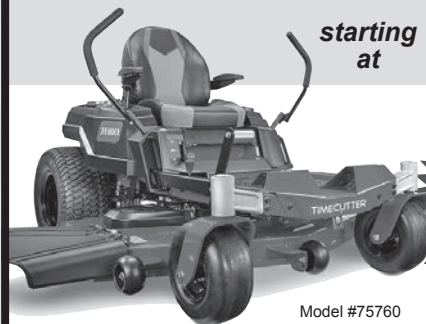
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• REAL ESTATE •

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CITIZENS STATE BANK, an Illinois
Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,

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SERGIO J. GONZALEZ, CHECO'S
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Defendants.

2019-CH-46

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-captioned cause on February 13, 2020, an agent of the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office will at 10:00 a.m. on July 15, 2020, at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 North Bench Street, Third Floor, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN: Parcel No. 1: 43-17-001-597-06 Stockton

Parcel No. 2: 43-17-001-597-07 Stockton

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The property is non-residential property.

The judgment amount was \$165,933.31 together with interest thereon at the statutory rate plus additional costs, including publication costs, court costs, attorneys' fees and expenses of sale.

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Jo-Carroll Energy members will benefit from broadband expansion initiative

“Jo-Carroll Energy, through its Sand Prairie business unit, is excited about the opportunity the Connect Illinois Program brings to accelerate fiber build-out throughout two rural areas of our service territory,” cooperative CEO Mike Casper said in a news release. “Our build-out will provide fiber to nearly 1,600 rural homes and businesses, including farms. We look forward to the public/private partnership and the expanded benefits in education, telehealth, precision agriculture and economic development that it will bring to our members.”

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced \$50 million in Connect Illinois grants to 28 projects across the state. The \$50 million in state grants will be matched by \$65 million in non-state funding for a total of \$115 million, with plans to expand access for more than 26,000 homes, businesses, farms and

community institutions.

These funds are part of the \$420 million statewide broadband expansion, Connect Illinois, the governor’s plan to bring basic access to all communities by 2024.

The plan aims to improve access through an unprecedented capital investment and with the nation’s largest grant matching program.

With the first round of Connect Illinois grants, 18 internet service providers, rural cooperatives, nonprofits and local governments were granted a total of \$50 million to invest in growing broadband capacity across Illinois.

Round one supports fiber infrastructure investments made over the next 12 to 18 months.

Recipients represent every region across the state with projects supporting fully scalable broadband infrastructure that will serve these areas for decades. A

list and map of first-round recipients is available on DCEO’s website, www2.illinois.gov/dceo/ConnectIllinois.

Grant applications were reviewed and evaluated competitively with proposals assessed in seven categories: broadband impact, matching funds, community support, project readiness, project sustainability, broadband adoption assistance and shared use/open access.

Eligible for up to \$5 million per project, applicants were required to provide a non-state funding match of at least 50 percent.

Funds will be used for projects that build or increase fiber infrastructure to support broadband access. This will create jobs and offer economic opportunities for Illinois residents.

Additional information about how the program will benefit members will be shared on Jo-Carroll Energy’s

website www.jocarroll.com sometime in the fall.

Jo-Carroll Energy is a nonprofit distribution cooperative owned and controlled by the members it has served since 1939. Headquartered in Elizabeth, the cooperative currently serves more than 26,800 electric, natural gas and/or broadband internet accounts in Jo Daviess, Carroll, Whiteside and Henry

counties.

Sand Prairie, JCE’s broadband division, was created in 2008.

In 2016, the cooperative announced groundbreaking on a fiber pilot project in downtown Galena.

Today, Sand Prairie serves approximately 2,400 members, including more than 670 with fiber internet.

Red Cross blood drives in Elizabeth, Stockton

The American Red Cross has announced dates and times for two upcoming blood drives in Jo Daviess County.

The first will be held from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Community Building in Elizabeth.

Free Wonder Woman T-shirts will be given to donors while supplies last.

A second drive is scheduled Wednesday, July 15, in Stockton at Calvary Methodist Church, also from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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