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Pritzker announces launch of housing assistance programs

Calls it largest pandemic-related housing stability program in the nation

By Peter Hancock

Gov. JB Pritzker last week announced a pair of housing assistance programs aimed at helping lower-income households meet their rent and mortgage payments during the pandemic.

"The economic pain brought on by COVID-19 has impacted every Illinoisan, but no one has carried a burden larger than those least able to weather a financial hardship," Pritzker said during an announcement in Chicago. "Every action that we take to pave our way through this crisis and beyond must be done with a special focus on those who have too often been left out and left behind."

The Illinois Housing Development Authority is administering the two programs. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program will provide \$150 million in federal CARES Act funding to help low-income households catch up on their rent payments.

Tenants who are approved for that program will receive one-time grants of \$5,000, paid directly to their landlords, to cover rental payments they missed starting in March and to prepay rent bills through December, or until the \$5,000 is exhausted, whichever comes first. Those grants will not have to be repaid.

Applications were being accepted through Aug. 21, although the application window may have closed early due to anticipated high

IDHA expects about 30,000 tenants to receive funding. Applications can be filed online at https://era.idha.org.

To qualify, applicants must demonstrate that their income before March 1, 2020, was at or below 80 percent of their area median income, which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development calculates for each county. Also, an adult member of the household must have had a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic on or after March 1, and the household must have an unpaid rent balance that began on or after March 1.

Once the application period for the rental assistance program closes, IDHA will begin accepting applications for the Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program, which will make another \$150 million available to households that have been unable to make their mortgage payments due to a loss of income during the pandemic.

Under that program, the state will provide grants of up to \$15,000 to approximately 10,000 households to pay past-due mortgage payments, including escrowed first mortgage expenses such as property taxes, insurance and certain fees

The grants will be paid directly to the homeowner's mortgage servicer and will not have to be repaid.

To qualify for the mortgage assistance program, applicants must have reported an adjusted gross income on their 2019 tax return at or below 120 percent of the area median income. Also an adult in the household

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Pandemic aid to start flowing to local governments in Illi

Municipal League disappointed money can't be used to aid businesses

By Peter Hancock CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The state of Illinois will soon begin distributing \$250 million in federal funds to help cities, counties and other units of local government pay for pandemic-related expenses.

The General Assembly's Joint Committee Administrative on Rules cleared the way Aug. 11 for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to launch the Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency, or Local CURE, program, which state lawmakers authorized in the budget

they adopted in May.
Of that money, \$200 million will go directly to cities and counties. The rest will be divided between local public health departments and other units of government such as townships and other special taxing districts.

The money can be used for expenses such as COVID-19 testing and emergency medical expenses; public health expenses, including costs of enforcing orders related to COVID-19; payroll expenses for public safety and other employees whose jobs are mainly focused on mitigating or responding to COVID-19; and other expenses that are "reasonably for responding to the necessary"

DCEO used a formula to determine how much money each city and county will receive.

Department spokeswoman Lauren Huffman said the agency would start distributing the money later this

One thing local governments cannot use the money for, however, is direct aid to local businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic. That is something that disappointed some government leaders.

"The federal government says that communities can use these dollars for local economic support, but DCEO says we can't," Brad Cole, executive director of the Illinois Municipal League, said during an interview after the JCAR meeting. "And while the department says that local governments cannot use the funds for that purpose, the state reserves the right to use it."

DCEO set up a separate program to help businesses impacted by the pandemic called the Business Interruption Grant, or BIG, program that will distribute about \$636 million to businesses around the state.

Both the aid to local governments and the BIG program are funded with money the state received through the federal CARES Act. The city of Chicago as well as Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake and Will counties are not eligible for the grants because they have populations over 500,000 and therefore received their own direct allocation of CARES Act funding.

a COVID-19 briefing in Chicago on Aug. 12 that DCEO just awarded the first round of those grants totaling \$46 million. He said the funding would go to more than 2,600 businesses located in 78 of the state's 102 counties.

An additional round of grants will be awarded soon focusing on child care providers, and further grants will be awarded later in the fiscal year, according to DCEO.

Keshen, DCEO's chief Phil financial officer, said during the JCAR hearing that there had been many discussions between the agency and IML, and DCEO intends to make up to \$30 million available to local communities working in conjunction with local businesses.

The main concern, Keshen said, is the potential liability to the state and the local governments if the funds are not used in strict accordance with federal rules or with the state's Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, commonly known as GATA.

"The liability does remain on the state for the federal funds," he said. "And so that's part of the process of entering into grant agreement - to make sure that the audit requirements set forth by GATA are in place as well, and ... making sure that both the local government knows what their role is in the grant-making process as well as what DCEO's role is.

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50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James Setterstrom will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The late Rev. Dwight Bennett married Dianna Barker and James Setterstrom on Aug. 22, 1970, at Grace Bible Church in Orangeville, Illinois. Jim is a retired teacher from Highland Community College in Freeport, Illinois. Dianna is a retired dental assistant in Orangeville who worked for the late Dr. Maly. They have three sons, Scott (Billie), of Winslow, Brian (Laura), of Lena and Carl (Danielle) Ridott. They have eight grandchildren. Send cards to Box 28, Orangeville, IL 61060.





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65 years and counting

A card shower is planned for Max and Mary Pierce, who will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Aug. 20. The Stockton, Illinois, couple met in high school and became sweethearts. They farmed the home farm until they retired in 2000. They were married at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Stockton in 1955. They have five children, Vicki (Olivier Andreini) Selover, Crystal Pierce, Diane (Dale) Heath, Brian (Patti) Pierce and Rick (Jiao-deceased) Pierce, and 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Their family invites friends and relatives to offer congratulations on this happy milestone by mailing cards to 2329 Illinois Route 78 South, Stockton, IL 61085.

Norme Abel Binns, 88, of Stockton, IL, passed away Friday, Aug. 14, 2020, at Waverly Place in Stockton. He was born on Jan. 15, 1932, in Elizabeth to the late Henry and Rosina (Beyer) Binns. Norme married Marian Hampton on Nov. 19, 1955, in East Dubuque.

Norme attended Long Hollow School. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in Korea from 1952-1954. Norme was a member of Elizabeth United Methodist Church and Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoyed playing cards. Norme loved the outdoors, gardening, tending to his flowers, cutting wood and picking raspberries.

He is survived by his wife, Marian Binns, of Stockton; daughters Cheryl (Gary) Jay, of Stevens Point, WI, and Carolyn Hollmer, of Rock Island, IL; sons Michael Binns, of Rock-

Stockton: grandchildren, three grandchildren and one greatgreat grandson; sister Rosemary Morhardt. Rockford; sister-in-law

> Deininger, Galena, IL; and his furry friend, Penny.

(Richard)

He was preceded in death by his parents; his motherin-law and father-in-law, Ed and Anna Hampton; two grandsons, three sisters, one

brother, one son-in-law, six brothersin-law and two sisters-in-law.

A private family service will be held. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery at a later date. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared ford, and James (Valerie) Binns, of at hermannfuneralhome.com.

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By Capitol News Illinoi

The Illinois Supreme Court on Aug. 11 moved Rep. Darren Bailey's ongoing lawsuit to Sangamon County, effectively ending a Clay County court's role in the case regarding the limits of Gov. JB Pritzker's authority to respond to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Bailey, a Republican from Xenia, asked Circuit Court Judge Michael McHaney to hold the governor in jail until he repealed orders allowing K-12 schools to hold in-person classes, permitting the Department of Corrections to accept inmate transfers from county jails and reinstating almost 30 previously announced decrees.

A hearing that was scheduled for Aug. 15 in Clay County would have required Pritzker to appear in court with representatives from the attorney general's office as well as Bailey's lawyer.

In an order issued Aug. 11, the Supreme Court effectively halted that hearing when it ruled no further proceedings could be held in Bailey's lawsuit until it decided whether to take control of the case. Hours later, the court also ordered the lawsuit be moved to a circuit court in Sangamon County to be combined with related cases that are pending there.

The justices' decision only partially fulfilled a request the attorney general's office made Aug. 10. The state wanted the Supreme Court to halt the contempt hearing in Clay County and take over the case from McHaney.

Thomas DeVore, Bailey's attorney, is arguing five other civil cases consolidated by the Supreme Court on Aug. 13, all challenging aspects of Pritzker's authority to manage the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Bailey's lawsuit now joins cases originally based in Edgar, Clinton, Richland and Sangamon counties, all alleging a disaster as defined by statute did not exist there and the governor's orders should not apply. Another filed by DeVore on behalf of his children argued high school sports should continue despite Pritzker's restrictions.

Link charged

State Sen. Terry Link was charged in federal court Aug. 13, with a felony count of tax evasion.

In a one-page document, federal prosecutors allege that Link filed a return for tax year 2016 in which he reported income of \$264,450, "when defendant knew that the total income substantially exceeded that amount."

Link, a Democrat from Indian Creek in Lake County, has served in the Senate since 1997. He currently chairs the Senate Pensions Committee. He also serves on committees dealing with energy and public utilities, insurance, and

executive appointments.

He was also still listed as a member of the Legislative Ethics Commission on the Illinois General Assembly's website as

of last Thursday evening, but a spokesperson for Senate President Don Harmon said in an email the president had accepted Link's resignation from the committee.

Link is now the third state senator to be charged with a federal crime in a little more than a year.

COVID-19 update

Illinois reported its highest singleday number of new COVID-19 infections in more than two months Aug. 14 as the state continued to experience a resurgence of the novel coronavirus disease.

The Illinois Department of Public Health on Friday reported 2,264 new confirmed infections over the previous 24 hours, the highest daily number since May 24, when the state was coming down from its initial peak.

That brings the total number of cases since the pandemic first hit Illinois to 202,691. IDPH also reported 25 additional virus-related deaths, bringing the death toll in Illinois to 7.721.

Six of the deaths reported Friday were in Madison County, in the Metro East region, an area that has seen a particularly large spike in cases. There were eight deaths in Cook County, three in Morgan County, two each in DuPage and Sangamon counties and one each in Bureau, DeKalb, Iroquois and Will counties

Laboratories reported processing 49,541 tests over the 24-hour period, the second-highest daily test count so far during the pandemic. That made for a daily positivity rate of 4.6 percent and a seven-day rolling average positivity rate of 4.1 percent, an increase from 4.0 percent Thursday

As of Thursday night, 1,612 people in Illinois were reported hospitalized with COVID-19. Of those, 345 patients were in intensive care units and 126 of those patients were on ventilators. Each of those statistics is slightly lower than Thursday's numbers.

Chicago unrest

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said she remained opposed to calling the Illinois National Guard into her city after a night of looting and unrest that led to more than 100 arrests.

At a joint news conference Aug. 10 with Pritzker, Lightfoot shut down the idea after taking questions on President Trump's repeated offer to send in federal troops.

In line with her previous statements on federal involvement in the city, Lightfoot said she would welcome resources and legislation at the federal level that would help Chicago law enforcement fight crime. Those include gun control legislation to prevent weapons from being brought into Illinois from other states; funding for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, or ATF, to prevent the sale of guns to straw purchasers; and stronger federal oversight of

licensed gun dealers.

"We need that help from the federal government. I've asked for that repeatedly. I've never heard an answer from the president," Lightfoot said.

Her reluctance to accept federal aid stands in contrast to a statement from Illinois House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, who decried the situation in Chicago.

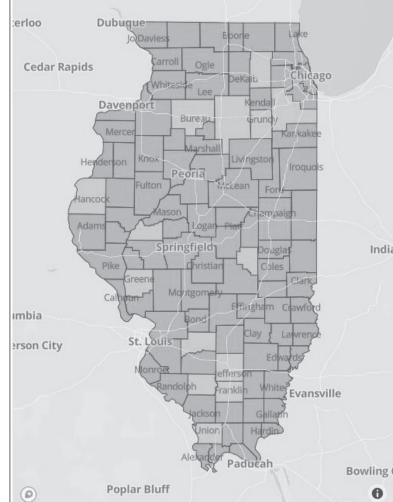
"Once again, Illinois government has failed to protect its residents and businesses. It is time to bring in the National Guard and accept any and all federal assistance to stop the chaos that is destroying our state. No more excuses. No more failures," the Western Springs Republican said in the email statement.

In a series of tweets, Illinois Senate Republican Leader Bill Brady, R-Bloomington, also called the looting in Chicago "unacceptable."

"I implore our leaders at the city, state and federal levels to do everything they can to ensure those who perpetrated these crimes are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and that all measures are taken to ensure our residents and businesses remain safe," Brady wrote.

Lightfoot and Pritzker said the state and city were cooperating and emphasized the need for criminal charges.

"These were criminals. People who broke in, who were shooting at people," Pritzker said. "We had 13, I believe 13 Chicago police officers who were injured last night. This was criminal activity, those criminals need to be held accountable."



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This Illinois Department of Public Health map shows the 14 counties in the state currently considered to be in a warning zone of having to return to some previous restrictions because of COVID-19 statistical increases.



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From Lena's Kitchen



The not so skinny cook

I can start this column the same way I did last week: What a beautiful week we had last week. The only fly in the ointment was a bad rain and windstorm the one day.

If you watched it gain momentum, you probably were scared. I can't go to my basement, but I have an inside den that has no windows. Lena escaped with wind damage, but it was nothing like areas south and east of us. We didn't lose electricity, and I am always grateful when the lights stay on.

Enough about the weather. Gardens continue to produce — the storm did hit some — and we have more garden recipes.

The first one is for fresh carrots, radishes and cucumbers. I know some people are on their second planting of radishes; the first one was not prolific and very hot to eat. Enjoy this fresh salad of the season.

Marinated Carrot, Radish and Cucumber Salad

2 lbs. carrots, peeled and sliced diagonally (about 6 cups)

2 t. salt, divided

¹/₄ C. white wine vinegar

2 T. honey

1 t. dry mustard

½ t. black pepper

3 T. olive oil

8 radishes, thinly sliced

1 English cucumber, thinly sliced

1 bunch green onions, thinly sliced

2 T. chopped fresh dill

1 T. chopped fresh mint

Bibb lettuce leaves

In a large saucepan, bring carrots, 1 t. salt and water to cover to a boil over medium-high heat and cook until crisp-tender, 4 to 5 minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water; drain well.

In a large bowl, whisk vinegar, honey, mustard, pepper and remaining teaspoon salt and then slowly whisk in oil until well combined. Stir in carrots, radishes, cucumber and green onion. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving or for up to 4 hours. Just before serving, stir in dill and mint; and spoon mixture onto Bibb lettuce leaves to serve.

Zucchini Slaw

If you have a lot of zucchini, this recipe is for you. Instead of making cabbage slaw, this zucchini slaw is crunchy and good. If you want a little more kick to it, use Sriracha sauce for the hot sauce.

2 medium zucchini, cut into matchstick pieces

½ C. mayonnaise

3 T. rice vinegar

2 T. sugar

2 T. hot sauce

1 C. shredded carrots

½ of a thinly sliced red onion

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In a large bowl, place zucchini, mayo, vinegar, sugar and hot sauce and mix well. Add carrots, onions and salt and toss well.

Summer Squash Lasagna

Several weeks ago I called a bean and bacon a good vegetarian burger. I guess I forgot bacon was meat duh! If you wanted to make that vegetable burger as a vegetarian entree, there are substitutes for bacon known as vegan bacon. They are available in larger grocery stores; if you can't get to one of those, you can use mushrooms (portabella and

shiitake are good ones).

I want to go on the record as being a meat eater. I don't want a plantbased diet, even though it might be healthier. I like beef, pork and chicken a lot, so don't sign me up for any plant-based activist groups!

Now back to cooking.

This next recipe really is a vegetarian dish. It is made with tomatoes, squash and cheese. It is not vegan because it uses cheese. If you have a lot of summer squash, this would make a good way to use it up. You also can substitute zucchini for yellow squash. If you have regular lasagna noodles, soak them in hot water and drain them as a substitute for the oven-ready lasagna noodles.

3 medium yellow squash, cut lengthwise into 1/4-inch pieces

2 T. extra-virgin olive oil

1 C. diced onion

2 cans (14.5 oz. each) petite diced tomatoes, drained

2 T. Italian seasoning, divided

2 T. garlic salt, divided

4 C. ricotta cheese

2 C. shredded Parmesan cheese

1 pkg. oven ready lasagna noodles

2 C. shredded mozzarella cheese

Place squash in a single layer on paper towels and sprinkle with salt. Let stand for 15 minutes. Pat dry with paper towels. Preheat oven to 350. Spray a small 3-quart baking dish with cooking spray. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until translucent, about 5 minutes.

In a medium bowl, stir together tomatoes, 1 T. Italian seasoning and 1 teaspoon of garlic salt. In another medium bowl, stir together ricotta, Parmesan, egg, remaining tablespoon of Italian season and remaining teaspoon of garlic salt.

In the bottom of the prepared pan, spread ½ C. tomato mixture in an even layer. Place half of noodles in

Avah Sue Zink was born to Erik

and Kimberly Zink, of Lena, Illinois,

on Aug. 9, 2020, at FHN Memorial

Hospital, Freeport, Illinois. Avah has

a brother, Alexander, 7. Grandpar-

ents are Tom and Shirley Nehrkorn

and Virginia Zink, all of Lanark, Il-

linois, and Ron and Phyllis Zink, of

Mt. Carroll, Illinois. Great grandpar-

ent is Nada Sweely, of Lanark.

Avah Sue Zink

one-third of squash slices in a single layer on noodles. Spread half of ricotta mixture onto

a single layer on tomato layer. Place

squash and spread half of onion on ricotta. Top with half of remaining tomato mixture. Repeat layers once, ending with squash. Bake for 30 minutes. Top with mozzarella and bake until cheese is golden brown, about 10 minutes more. Let stand for 15 minutes before serving.

Slow Cooker Chicken **Parmesan**

I know that there will be some warm days yet in August, so this recipe is a good one to have for a hot day. It is a good one for a cold winter day, too.

½ C. seasoned breadcrumbs

½ C. grated Parmesan cheese

½ t. Italian seasoning

½ t. salt

¼ t. salt

1 egg, lightly beaten

1 T. water

4 (6 oz. each) boneless skinless chicken breast halves

1 jar (24 oz.) Prego traditional

4 slices mozzarella cheese

Hot cooked pasta

In a shallow bowl, combine the breadcrumbs, Parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning, pepper and salt. In another bowl combine egg and water. Dip the chicken into egg mixture, then into crumb mixture to coat both sides, pat to help coating adhere. Transfer chicken to a 4- or 5-quart slow cooker. Pour sauce over chicken. Cook, covered, on low until a thermometer inserted in chicken reads 165, 4 to 6 hours. Top with cheese slices and cook covered, until cheese is melted, 10 to 15 minutes. Serve over cooked pasta.

Fresh Peach Cobbler

I was lucky enough to get some peaches from the farm bureau shipment. I had to wait for them to ripen. When they did, they were good eating and baking peaches. The next two peach recipes are just great for this time of the year. They both are made in a square pan, so you won't have leftovers.

½ C. butter, melted

2 large fresh peaches peeled and sliced (2 cups)

1½ C. sugar

1 C. flour

2 t. baking powder ½ t. salt

Pinch of nutmeg ³/₄ C. milk

1 C. whipped cream

into an 8-inch-square baking dish. Stir together peaches and 4/5 C. sugar in a bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, salt, nutmeg and remaining 3/4 C. sugar; stir in milk just until batter is combined. Pour batter into prepared dish. Top with peach mixture; the cobbler portion will float to the top as it bakes. Bake until cobbler is golden brown, 45 to 50 minutes. Cool slightly before serving. Top with whipped cream.

Peach Crisp

4 large peaches, peeled and sliced (4 C.)

½ C. flour

1/3 C. packed brown sugar

1/3 C. cold butter

1 t. cinnamon, plus more for garnish

¼ t. salt

1 C. regular rolled oats

1 C. plain Greek yogurt

Preheat oven to 350. Arrange peaches in an 8-inch-square baking dish that has been sprayed with cooking spray. In a bowl, mix flour, brown sugar, butter, cinnamon and

salt with a pastry cutter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir oats into flour mixture. Sprinkle and press topping into peaches. Bake until topping is lightly browned, about 39 minutes. Cool slightly before serving. Top with yogurt and sprinkle with additional cinnamon.

Closing thoughts

Some of us were lucky enough to dodge serious damage from the storm last week. I heard about acres of corn that were damaged, and that makes me sad. Not only is it financially devastating to the farmer, but also it is such a waste of the beautiful stalks we have seen this year in the fields. It is so much better than last year.

My biggest challenge was the loss of the internet for several days. I was trying to think of Plan B to get my column into the paper. Luckily I finally got connected and was good to go.

Normally we would be getting excited about school starting. In this strange year, that is not the case. As a teacher I know how important in-person classroom education is, but I also worry about the safety of children, faculty, staff and families. I think we are in for a long haul and pray for everyone's safety. Keep the faith and keep 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. in Lena or email me at Preheat oven to 375. Pour butter scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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On the Record

Obituaries-

Benjamen Dean Strohecker passed away at home on Aug. 8, 2020, after a brief but strongly fought battle with

Ben was born to Charles and Arleen Kingery on Feb. 28, 1985, in Sterling, IL. Ben attended schools in Polo and Pearl City, IL. Ben was a jack-of-all-trades and had many jobs over the years, including farm work, silage truck driver, F.S. Grain Services and was most recently employed at Quinn Construction in Lena, IL.

Ben was a father to two great kids, Skyler Dirksen and Angela Strohecker. Ben married Brittany Ils on Dec. 21, 2007, in Mount Carroll, IL, and together they had three wonderful kids, Lilyann Lou, Casen Benjamen and Jaxson Dean.

Ben enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, shooting fireworks, mud bogs, tattoos, spending time in the woods and at the river. building knickknacks for his fami-



about how great red tractors are to his green tractor-loving father-in-law and brother-inlaws.

Ben had a great sense of humor and was well known for

his jokes and pranks, usually at the expense of his unsuspecting wife and

Ben is survived by his wife, Brittany; his children, Lilyann (12), Jaxson (8), Skyler (17), all of Pearl City, and Angela (15), of Hanover; his mother and stepfather, Arleen (Ken) Kingery, of Lena; his father, Charles Strohecker, of Lena; his siblings, Donna (Ken) Quinn, of Lena, Nicole (Jeremy) Kingery, of Shannon, Jenny Kingery, of Freeport, and Justin Kingery, of Lena; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Hank and Lou

ly and talking Ils, of Loran, IL; his brother-in-laws Elijah Ils and Teddy Ils, of Loran; his sister-in-law Montana IIs, of Freeport; his grandmother Donna Rife, of Sterling, IL; his grandfather-in-law Carl Heidenreich, of Savanna, IL; his grandmother-in-law Linda (Bill) Gempeler, of Shannon; several special nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins; and many, many great friends and co-workers.

His son, Casen Benjamen Strohecker, preceded Ben in death.

A visitation was held Aug. 13 at Hermann Funeral Home in Pearl City, followed by a private graveside service. Family and friends were invited to a celebration of life on Aug. 15 at Slurp and Burp in Loran for an all-day hog roast, entertainment and silent auction. They also held a meat raffle at Slurp and Burp on Aug. 16.

The family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, kind words, meals and all other donations and support. It has helped more than words can say.

BRIAN KRUG

Brian James Krug, 58, of Elizabeth, Illinois, formerly of Freeport, Illinois, passed away Sunday, Aug. 10, 2020, peacefully at his brother and sister-in-law's home after a yearlong battle with cancer.

To honor Brian's wishes, private family services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Derinda, Illinois. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Brian was born on Aug.13, 1961, in Freeport to Marvin and Carol (Mueller) Krug. He is a 1979 graduate of Elizabeth High School. Brian attended Sauk Valley College in construction and technology. He graduated with the Class of 1981. He held various construction jobs and up to a year ago was employed at ABM Onsite Services Midwest Inc., now known as PCI Services Inc. in Freeport. He was a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Derinda.

Brian enjoyed attending family and friends' celebrations and family reunions. He had a strong faith that guided him throughout life. In the latter years, he enjoyed taking his parents on annual vacations.

Brian will be missed dearly by his sister Janice (Ronny) Appleby, of Hazel Green, Wisconsin; brother Kevin (Patricia) Krug, of Eliza-

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beth; six nieces and nephews: Timothy, Me-(Spen-Schwartz) Stepha-Appleby, Adam (Bridgette) Krug, Jacob and Jared Krug; great nephews

Parker and Brennan Appleby; great niece Nova Krug; and aunts Nina Mueller and Glenda Mueller and their families.

His parents, Marvin and Carol Krug, niece Michele Appleby and uncles Donald Mueller and Roger Mueller preceded him in death.

The family would like to acknowledge the caring professionals at Monroe Hospital and Clinic, Hospice Care of America in Rockford, especially Marley, Melinda, Sue and Laura for their compassion and love. as well as Brian's brother and sisterin-law, Kevin and Trish, for welcoming Brian into their home during his final months.

Law-Jones Funeral Home, of Elizabeth, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be shared at lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

JOHN SULLIVAN

John Bradley Sullivan (Sully), 80, of Elizabeth, IL, passed away Monday, Aug. 10, 2020, at Mercy One Hospital in Dubuque, Iowa. A private Mass was held for immediate family only on Saturday, Aug. 15, at Holy Cross Catholic church in Stockton, IL. John was laid to rest with full military rites at the Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery immediately after Mass.

John was born May 29, 1940, in Stockton, IL. He was one of 10 children born to Philip and Leonilla (Carroll) Sullivan. He lived in Stockton until he graduated from Stockton High School in 1958.

After high school, John met his love, his confidant, soul mate and his rock, June Ann (Webster) Sullivan. He enlisted in the Army on April 15, 1959, and John and June were married on June 27. John embraced patriotism and achieved the rank of E-4 before being honorably discharged on Feb. 6, 1961. After completion of his military service, John returned to Stockton for one year until relocating to Platteville, WI, where he began his career as a full-time meat cutter for Dick's Supermarket. During his seven years in Platteville, he learned more of the meat cutting trade and other valuable tools for success. Most significant was how important it is to be fair to your employees, vendors and his customers. In September 1967, John and June moved to Savanna, IL, where they purchased their own grocery store, previously under the banner Sullivan's Super Valu, and now known as Sullivan's Foods. He went on to expand his stores, at highest count a total of 16 grocery stores and two Ben Franklin's, quite an achievement as an independent grocer.

John was successful in expanding because he was an entrepreneur, a visionary man before his time and an innovator of change. He was one of the first to introduce scanners at

checkout and to operate 24 hours a day. His marketing skills netted him a world record as he merchandised the largest Pabst Ribbon Blue beer display.

Although

John's work ethic was endless, he was also civic minded and a faithful citizen to his community and his trade. He always felt it important to give back to his community.

His volunteer services included being an active member and president of the Savanna Chamber of Commerce, member of the Savanna School Board, president of Savanna Hospital Board for 10 years, honorary fireman (both Savanna and Platteville), he helped establish the Savanna Ambulance Department, chairman of the local Redevelopment Authority at the Savanna Army Depot, Knights of Columbus 4th degree, an active member of his church in serving on his church council, a member of the American Legion, Moose, VFW and The Elks.

Within his trade, he served as a board member of the National Grocers Association, president of the Illinois Food Retailers Association and in 2006 he was honored with the highest recognition as Illinois Grocer of the Year.

It should be noted, he was also a member of the Savanna Rotary Club on three separate occasions. but was kicked out of the club because he couldn't make the weekly lunch meetings - John was simply too busy gearing up for truckload meat sales, coordinating produce tent sales, preparing customer appreciation days or even scrubbing

Despite being a successful businessman, John would acknowledge nounced at a later date.

his greatest accomplishment was his family. John and June were family oriented, raising six wonderful children. He was a family man with a loving heart, an iron rule and an Irish spirit. John loved spending time with his family, whether it be on the Mississippi River, traveling the United States loaded up in a motor home, or perhaps the most memorable, a trip of a lifetime to Ireland with his full entourage of children and grandchildren by his side.

Outside of his children, John also enjoyed time and conversation with his siblings, as long as it wasn't about politics! He also enjoyed his trips with his many friends, whether it be fishing in Canada, hunting, rafting or jeeping in Colorado or his annual Wisconsin motorcycle adventures. But his ultimate paradise was his time spent with June on their farm in Derinda.

As John would say, "I think I've said enough, it's time to get back to

John will be forever missed by his wife, June Sullivan, of Elizabeth II : six children Kathryn (Steven) Christensen of Savanna, IL, Scott (Jeanie) Sullivan of Savanna, IL, Bryan (Christine) Sullivan of Savanna, IL, Susan (Kent) Dauphin of Elizabeth, IL, John Michael (Jennifer) Sullivan of Savanna, IL, and Julie (Andrew) Mensendike of Stockton, IL; 16 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and eight siblings, Philip (Mona Lisa) Sullivan, Judy Doherty, Peggy (Richard) Magee, Ann Testa, Stephen (JoAn) Sullivan, Jim (Deb) Sullivan, Kelly (Doug) Dawson and Mary Stanton; in addition, many nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents, Philip and Leonilla; and one sister, Colleen McNett.

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Illinois Democrats outline series of ethics proposals

Lawmakers insist new push not related to Speaker Michael Madigan

By Rebecca Anzel CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Democratic lawmakers called a virtual news conference Aug. 13 in support of ethics reforms, hours before news broke that another Democratic state senator was charged with a federal

A number of the nine initiatives proposed by the Democrats echo reforms called for by Republicans in recent months. Lawmakers should not lobby officials at any level of government or be allowed to jump into lobbying immediately after leaving office, both parties agree.

They are also in favor of establishing term limits for leadership positions. The Senate has

such a provision in its rules, but the should pay "at least" \$450 million to House does not.

These "nine steps to restoring trust in Illinois government," Democratic legislators said, can be tackled in the November veto session when the chambers are scheduled to convene in Springfield. Republicans, though, requested Gov. JB Pritzker call a special session before then.

During the news conference, it was not yet reported that Sen. Terry Link, D-Indian Creek, had been charged with tax fraud Aug. 13.

Many questions pertained to House Speaker Michael Madigan.

Almost all of the 10 participants said their list of lobbying, legislative and leadership proposals was not a reaction to recent controversy surrounding Madigan.

The Chicago Democrat was implicated in a federal investigation charging utility giant Commonwealth Edison with one count of bribery. Madigan also was named in a potential class action lawsuit arguing the speaker and utility company

almost 4 million Illinoisans affected by the alleged extortion scandal.

"This isn't about one person in the state of Illinois. This is about the General Assembly," said Sen. Melinda Bush, a Democrat from Grayslake. "This is about adopting ethics changes that will really address what has been a systemic culture ... and the belief that we must stand up today and make it clear that we are here to address those issues and move forward."

Freshman Rep. Mary Edly-Allen, from Libertyville, added when reporters asked whether the coalition's proposed initiatives are responding to the recent federal actions entangling Madigan, "It just takes the air out of this balloon that we are trying to blow up.

"If he were gone, we still have systemic changes that need to happen in the environment in Springfield," she added. "I'm sorry if I sound really frustrated and angry, because I am. It's much bigger than that."

Rep. Kelly Cassidy, a Democrat Instead, they are looking to make rule from Chicago, said ethics legislation is a major issue, along with calls for police reform made by members of the Black and Latino Causes.

"We're facing a lot of crises on multiple fronts. The General Assembly needs to prove to the citizens of Illinois that we can walk and chew gum at the same time and make historic and significant ethics reform a reality," Rep. Yoni Pizer, of Chicago, said. "...These nine measures outlined in this proposal represent a major step forward in that direction."

Last year, Republicans in both chambers introduced bills addressing many of the same structural changes Democrats are now urging. They asked to vote on several of those measures during the abridged session in May.

When asked why this is the right moment to call for such reforms, Cassidy said she and her colleagues worked over the years on these ideas to fix ethical problems experienced by all four caucuses. If recent events are encouraging a bipartisan, bicameral group of lawmakers to focus on these measures, "the better" the outcome will be.

Rep. Bob Morgan, a freshman lawmaker from Deerfield, added Democrats "are not re-creating the wheel" or "being overly dramatic."

changes most other states already implemented.

"I think everyone in this Zoom wants to pass police accountability reform, wants to pass climate change and neither of those things can happen without a strong foundation in our Legislature, without a strong foundation in our government,' he said. "Part of that foundation is having an ethical structure."

Many of the proposals announced Aug. 13 were considered by the Joint Commission on Ethics and Lobbying Reform, the Democratic members of the panel said in an emailed statement.

That group is tasked with completing a report recommending legislation to make the same fixes the coalition of lawmakers said they wanted. It missed the March 31 deadline due to the novel coronavirus pandemic and it is unclear when the document will be presented to the General Assembly.

In its statement, the commission's Democratic members added it can only "come up with ideas and suggestions," not "file legislation." The ideas shared are not yet formal legislative proposals.

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The session will address questions about a tutor's role, time commitment and experience. Volunteers tutor math, reading, writing or English as a Second Language throughout the Highland district.

To access the Zoom meeting link, go to highland.edu and click on the events calendar listing or contact Esther Mayer at 815-599-3538 or esther.mayer@highland.edu.

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Regional Conservation Partnership Program

USDA to invest up to \$360 million in partner-driven conservation efforts

State conservationist Ivan Dozier announced the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Illinois is inviting potential partners to submit project applications for federal funding through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

Nationally, NRCS will award up to \$360 million to locally driven, public-private partnerships that improve the nation's water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat and protect agricultural viability.

"RCPP brings an expanded approach to investing in natural resource conservation that empowers local communities to work with multiple partners and agricultural producers to design solutions that work best for them," NRCS Chief Matthew Lohr said in a news release.

Partners may request between \$250,000 and \$10 million in RCPP funding through this announcement. Partners are expected to offer value-added contributions to amplify the impact of RCPP funding in an amount equal or greater to the NRCS investment.

"Eligible lead partners are encouraged to apply," Dozier said.

"Funding is open to private industry, non-government organizations, state and local governments, soil and water conservation districts and universities. RCPP can work for current partners or new partners."

The full list of eligible entities is available in the RCPP funding announcement.

First authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, RCPP has combined nearly \$1 billion in NRCS investments with close to \$2 billion in non-NRCS dollars to implement conservation practices across the nation. There are 336 active RCPP projects that have engaged more than 2,000 partners.

Illinois already is enjoying the benefits of successful RCPP projects that provide innovative conservation solutions, leverage partner contributions and offer impactful awnd measurable outcomes.

The USDA is accepting proposals for RCPP through the online portal. Proposals are due by 11 p.m. Nov. 4.

For more information, view the application for program funding on grants.gov. A webinar with general program information for RCPP applicants is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Aug. 27. Visit the RCPP website at https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/rcpp/ for information about how to participate



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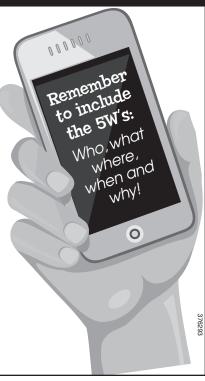
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Highland will be offering Lifelong Learning classes online and in person

Highland Community College's Lifelong Learning Department has scheduled a busy September slate of courses.

They will include Cahokia and the Mississippian Culture, Chair Yoga and Write Your Life Story.

Some courses will be held in person while practicing social distancing and everyone wearing a mask, while others will take advantage of Zoom.

To register and view the complete Lifelong Learning schedule, visit highland.edu/lifelong or call 815-599-3414.

For more information about Lifelong Learning and to find out the latest in new course offerings, call 815-599-3403.

Here are course details for some of the offerings in the September

Cahokia and the Mississippian Culture – Highland and via

Location: HCC, Building H, Room H-210, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport, or Zoom.

Registration deadline: Sept. 8 Class: Sept. 15; 6 at 7:30 p.m. Fee \$21. Instructor: Mark Peterson

Learn about Cahokia, the largest and most influential urban settlement of the Mississippian culture dating from 700 to 1400 A.D. Located just east of St. Louis, Missouri, Cahokia is considered the largest and most complex archaeological site north of Mexico's pre-Columbian cities.

Students must have internet access and video chatting capabilities using Zoom.

• Strategies for Building Your Business During Challenging Times (via Zoom)

Registration deadline: Sept. 17

Class date Sept. 24; 6 to $\hat{8}$ p.m. Fee \$25 Instructor: Sarah Flashing 2020 has been a difficult year for businesses and nonprofits and economic recovery is equally challenging. This class will provide tips and resources for navigating the current economic climate and growing or launching a business for small business entrepreneurs and those getting started. This is an online class. Students must have internet access and video chatting capabilities using Zoom.

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Sugarbakers Boutique and Iron Horse Tap will be hosting a Stephenson and Winnebago **County Beef Association cookout on** August 22nd from 2 - 7 p.m.

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FHN leaders discuss coping during pandemic

President and CEO Mark Gridley is under, including being tired of recent uptick in cases "increased and Assistant Vice President of Behavioral Health Gabriel Gonzalez talk about how to deal with the "pandemic time" perception of time moving slowly — or quickly — in the latest FHN COVID-19 update video.

"For many people, this hyperfocused state seems to make time slow down," Gonzalez said. "The key to regulate that is to find enjoyable things to do, stay busy and have a daily routine.'

people Gridley urges acknowledge the stress everyone masking and social distancing restrictions.

"We're wearing masks protect others, and while it is an inconvenience, it is helping to minimize the spread of COVID-19," Gridley said. "But remember, social distancing does not mean social isolation. Take the time to get out and enjoy the nice weather with your loved ones and keep virtually reaching out and connecting with friends and loved ones, too."

Gridley also shares an update about COVID-19 in the region, calling the

activity" as opposed to a surge.

Though FHN still is not planning large group events, all of the organization's clinics and offices, as well as FHN Memorial Hospital, are

Though not all opening guidelines for area school districts are finalized, Gridley hopes to be able to discuss the health aspects of them in FHN's next update video to be released in two weeks.

The videos are available on FHN's COVID-19 information site at fhn. org/coronavirus.

Still time to register for Master Gardener training

Are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener? Now is your chance. The University of Illinois-Extension is offering training this fall and invites area residents to be part of this class.

Training consists of 12 sessions (two of which are optional) conducted on Thursdays, starting on Sept. 3 and continuing through Nov. 19.

To allow participants flexibility during this training, organizers will be using a flipped classroom style training instead of the traditional classroom. Each week, trainees will be given a reading

assignment and a quiz similar to the classroom style training. What is unique is that instead of being in a class for seven hours in one day, trainees will be given two to four videos to watch at their own pace before meeting with the section instructor on Thursdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion, review and follow-up.

Coursework covers botany, soils and fertility, woody ornamentals/ pruning, organic gardening, vegetables, annuals and perennials, fruits, insect identification and control, turf management, disease diagnosis and control, U of I resources and more.

Once training is complete, participants join the existing Master Gardener volunteers in service to our community, fulfilling the Master Gardner mission of "helping others learn to grow."

Registration is required to attend training. An orientation interview will be conducted with participants in advance of the class. Registration for the training is \$175. For more information, contact Nikki Keltner at 815-235-4125 or visit our website at go.illinois.edu/jsw.

• Assistance (Continued from front page)

must have had a loss of income due to the COVID-19 crisis on or after March 1. Applicants must have been current on their payments as of Feb. 29 and their mortgage must be past

due or in forbearance.

Applications for mortgage assistance can be filed online at https://ema.idha.org.

În March, Pritzker issued an

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executive order banning residential evictions in the state during the pandemic crisis. That order has been extended twice and is currently scheduled to expire Aug. 22.

During his remarks, Pritzker acknowledged that the \$300 million in rental and mortgage assistance wouldn't be enough to reach everyone needing help.

"The need here in Illinois and across the nation is tremendous. And we anticipate that there will be so many eligible and interested renters and homeowners that we won't be able to give every deserving family help," he said. "But I will work with the champions in the General Assembly. as well as in Congress, to advocate for more federal assistance to keep people in their homes.'

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USDA forecasts corn, soybean production up

Average corn yield predicted at a record high 181.8 bushels per acre

The Crop Production report issued Monday by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service forecasted soybean and corn production up from 2019.

Soybean production is up 25 percent from last year, forecast at 4.42 billion bushels; corn growers are expected to increase their production 12 percent from 2019, forecast at a record high 15.3 billion bushels.

Average corn yield is forecast at a record high 181.8 bushels per acre, up 14.4 bushels from last year.

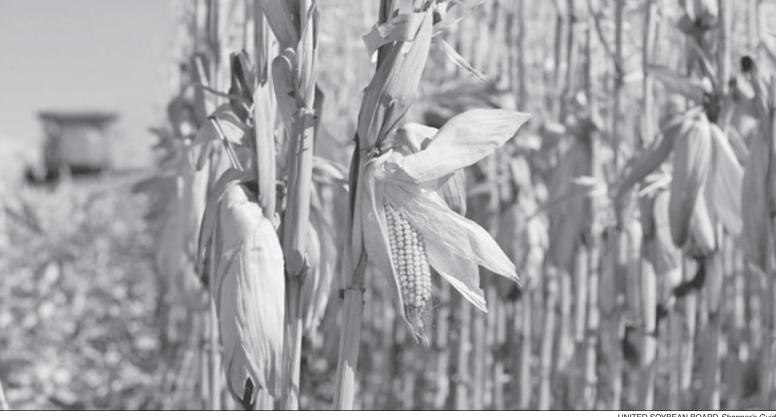
NASS forecasts record-high yields in Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Washington and Wisconsin.

Acres planted to corn, at 92.0 million, are up 3 percent from 2019. As of August 2, 72 percent of this year's corn crop was reported in good or excellent condition, 15 percentage points above the same time last year.

Area for soybean harvest is forecast at 83.0 million acres with planted area for the nation estimated at 83.8 million acres, up 10 percent from last year. Soybean yields are expected to average a record high 53.3 bushels per acre, up 5.9 bushels from 2019.

If realized, the forecasted yields in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio and South Dakota also will be a record high.

Wheat production is forecast at 1.84 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2019. Growers are expected to produce 1.20 billion bushels of winter wheat this year, down 8



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percent from last year. Durum wheat production is forecast at 61.8 million bushels, up 15 percent from 2019. All other spring wheat production is forecast at 577 million bushels, up 3 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, the U.S. all wheat yield is forecast at 50.1 bushels per acre, down 1.6 bushels from 2019.

Today's report also included the first production forecast for U.S. cotton. NASS forecasts all cotton production at 18.1 million 480-pound bales, down 9 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average a record high 938 pounds per harvested acre,

up 115 pounds from 2019.

NASS interviewed approximately 20,300 producers across the country in preparation for this report. NASS is also gearing up to conduct its September Agricultural Survey, which will collect final acreage, yield, and production information for wheat, barley, oats, and rye, as well as grains and oilseeds stored on farms across the country. That survey will take place during the first two weeks of September.

The Crop Production report is published monthly and is available www.nass.usda.gov/

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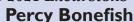
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LEGALS 630-794-5300 as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff E-Mail: and in "AS IS" condition. The pleadings@il.cslegal.com sale is further subject to confir-Attorney File No. 14-20-01337 mation by the court. Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Upon payment in full of the Case Number: 2020CH42 amount bid, the purchaser will TJSC#: 40-1934 receive a Certificate of Sale that NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair will entitle the purchaser to a Debt Collection Practices Act, deed to the real estate after conyou are advised that Plaintiff's firmation of the sale. attorney is deemed to be a debt The property will NOT be collector attempting to collect open for inspection and plaina debt and any information obtiff makes no representation as tained will be used for that purto the condition of the property. Case # 2020CH42 Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to I3154366 verify all information. (Published in The Scoop Today If this property is a condo-Aug. 19, 26 & Sept. 2, 2020) minium unit, the purchaser of will at 1:30 PM on September the unit at the foreclosure sale, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF other than a mortgagee, shall THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRpay the assessments and the le-11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, gal fees required by The Condo-**CUIT** COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS minium Property Act, 765 ILCS IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this GALENA, ILLINOIS property is a condominium unit LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC; which is part of a common in-Plaintiff. terest community, the purchaser LINDA A. HILKEY AKA of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall LINDA ANN HILKEY AKA pay the assessments required LINDA HILKEY; TIME by The Condominium Property INVESTMENT COMPANY, Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS IF YOU ARE THE MORT-AND NON RECORD **GAGOR** (HOMEOWNER), CLAIMANTS; YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO Defendants. REMAIN IN POSSESSION 19 CH 24 FOR 30 DAYS AFTER EN-NOTICE OF SALE TRY OF AN ORDER OF POS-PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby SESSION, IN ACCORDANCE given that pursuant to a Judg-WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) ment of Foreclosure entered in OF THE ILLINOIS MORTthe above entitled cause Inter-GAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. county Judicial Sales Corpora-You will need a photo idention will on Wednesday, Septification issued by a govern-Sale terms: 25% down of the tember 16, 2020, at the hour of ment agency (driver's license, 10:00 a.m. in the office of James passport, etc.) in order to gain J. Nack, 106 North Main Street, entry into our building and the Galena, Illinois 61036, sell to foreclosure sale room in Cook the highest bidder for cash, the County and the same identififollowing described mortgaged cation for sales held at other real estate: county venues where The Judi-LOT 1 IN BLOCK 1 IN DORcial Sales Corporation conducts RANCE WELTER PLACE lief Fund, which is calculated foreclosure sales. IN DUNLEITH TOWNSHIP, For information, examine the JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILcourt file, CODILIS & AS-LINOIS ACCORDING fraction thereof of the amount SOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's THE PLAT RECORDED ON Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FEBRUARY 15, 1967, IN FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 4-A. ALSO LOT 1 OF LOT 2 IN 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 BLOCK 1 IN DORRANCE THE JUDICIAL SALES WELTER PLACE IN DUN-**CORPORATION** LEITH TOWNSHIP, JO DA-One South Wacker Drive, 24th VIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT at the sale or by any mortgagee, RECORDED ON OCTOBER (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial 23, 1985 IN PLAN HOLD A, estate whose rights in and to the Sales Corporation at www.tjsc. NO. 292. P.I.N. 05-000-120-06. com for a 7 day status report of Commonly known as 9061 pending sales. North Badger Road, **CODILIS &** Dubuque, Illinois 61025. tate taxes, special assessments, ASSOCIATES, P.C. The improvement on the prop-15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE erty consists of a single family or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for ROAD, SUITE 100 residence. If the subject mortsale without any representation BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 gaged real estate is a unit of a

assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No Audit refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West **Parts** Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. Fuel File Number F19070192 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3153822 (Published in The Scoop Today Aug. 12, 19 & 26, 2020) **ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE** Public Notice is hereby given that on August 7, 2020, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons, owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: MFF Customs, located at 14871 E. Airport Rd., Kent, IL 61044. Dated: August 7, 2020 ANGELA KAISER County Clerk SHANNON DIEHL (Published in The Scoop Today Aug. 12, 19 & 26, 2020) 379171 ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND To the Highway Commissioner, West Point Road District Stephenson County, Illinois, I Karen Peight Treasurer of West Point Road District, Stephenson County, Illinois being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2020. **BEGINNING BALANCE** \$298,173.16 **April 1, 2019 REVENUES** \$244,391.02 Property Tax Replacement Tax \$ 19, 024.49 Interest Income \$ 4,444.35 Maintenance Fees \$ Rental Income Audit Miscellaneous Income \$ 6,361.50 Illinois Municipal Transfer from Bldg Retirement-Labor \$87,209.33 \$ 46,592.00 & Equip Fund Taxes from pay

REVENUES

\$320,813.36

Bridges Equipment Building Insurance Repairs Supplies TOTAL Income Dividend **TOTAL** Assessor Cemetery Insurance

TOTAL

REVENUES

\$618,986.52

common interest community,

the purchaser of the unit other

than a mortgagee shall pay the

EXPENDITURES 1.318.00 Administration Maintenance \$228,642.30 30,599.18 \$ 19,892.00 \$ 5,302.00 Illinois Municipal Retirement Social Security \$ 54,104.42 \$ 17,894.00 6,809.93 \$ 31,784.23 Miscellaneous 6,616.00 **EXPENDITURES** \$402,962.06 ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2020 \$216,024,46 The treasurer shall present this report of itemized receipts and disbursements annually within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year to the Highway Commissioner of the district. This report is not required to be published in a newspaper. (605 ILCS 5/6-205) Subscribed and sworn to this 2nd day of April 2020. Karen Peight, Treasurer (Published in The Shopper's Guide Aug. 19, 2020) **SUPERVISORS** STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS **TOWN FUND** I Karen Peight Supervisor of West Point Township, Stephenson County, Illinois being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2020. **BEGINNING BALANCE** \$229,439.80 April 1, 2019 **REVENUES** \$156,088.49 Property Tax Replacement Tax \$ 7,823.77 State Grants 4,079.16 Interest Income Rental Income Miscellaneous 1,355.00 **REVENUE** \$169,570.17 \$399,009.97 REVENUES **EXPENDITURES** Administration Home Relief 5,275.00 4,338.00

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Eagle Nature Foundation schedules two big events

The Eagle Nature Foundation will hold its annual fall Big Bird Day on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Foundation President Executive Director Terrence Ingram, who has been a master bird bander for more than 50 years, will count as many species of birds that he can see and hear at the Apple Creek Arboretum, Apple Creek Prairie and Apple Creek Woods.

Big Bird Day was started six years ago as a way to help document the loss of birds due to agricultural spraying in the area.

Members of the public are invited to join Ingram as he counts from dawn to dusk.

People also can make pledges or donations for the number of species that he documents that day. Send them to ENF, 300 E. Hickory St., Apple River, IL 61001.

A list of those species seen or heard will be sent to everyone who made pledges or donations. ENF received close to \$1,200 in donations from their last Big Bird Day.

· The ENF has planned its fall Eagle Fest to be held at the Crossroads Church in Galena on Saturday, Sept. 19. A highlight will be John and Dale Stokes presenting two showings of their program Wings to Soar, one at 10 a.m. and one at 1 p.m.

They will be displaying and flying birds of prey — hawks, eagles, owls and vultures.

At 11 a.m. eight student finalists in the organization's bald eagle essay

four grade schoolers — will present their work for final judging on "What the Bald Eagle Means to Me." At 2 p.m. awards will be given to the

At 11:30 a.m. past directors and staff for the Southwestern Wisconsin Audubon Club, Eagle Valley Environmentalists and The Eagle their service to these organizations.

The last item on the schedule will be an auction at 2:30 p.m. and the drawing for a 50/50 raffle.

The cost for the event is \$25 per person, or \$20 for members, seniors and children under 17. There will be a catered luncheon at noon. Those who would like a lunch must buy

sending a check to ENF, 300 E. Hickory St., Apple River, IL 61001. Otherwise, tickets also are available at the door.

Attendees must wear a mask. Pictures will be allowed during the

For more information, contact Ingram at 815-594-2306.

United Way receives \$4,000 in funding

United Way of Northwest Illinois has been awarded \$4,000 through the Mount Carroll Community Foundation Emergency Fund.

United Way of Northwest Illinois, in partnership with the Mount Carroll Ministerial Association and the West Carroll School District, will distribute gift cards from local Mount Carroll businesses to Mount Carroll families struggling through the financial hardships of COVID-19.

'We are grateful to be the recipients of a grant through the Mount Carroll Community Foundation Emergency Fund. With these funds we will be able to provide support to families who may be struggling through lost wages or job loss due to COVID-19. An additional benefit of the grant is that the funds will be used at local businesses supporting the local economy," said Connie Kraft, United Way of Northwest Illinois Executive Director.

Foundation awards scholarships to CNC students at Highland

The Gene Haas Foundation has grown in recent years, and believes in educating people in career and technical education programs, which results in high student achievement and aids in advancing students' education and a globally competitive workforce, according to a news release, and that goes for those who attend Highland Community College.

The foundation's scholarships consist of several \$1,000 and \$500 awards for future computer numeric controlled students at HCC.

Students must be enrolled in one of the following classes to qualify: Machine Processes I, CNC Mill, CNC Lathe or Advanced CNC Machining.

At Highland, students can earn a certificate or degree in industrial manufacturing as a CNC machinist. CNC technology guides the cutting tool on machines such as CNC lathes, CNC mills, CNC grinders, water jets and laser cutters. In general, machinists produce precision parts from a wide variety of materials utilizing these machine tools. Those with the right skills are ready for immediate employment.

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area employers continue to seek CNC qualified machinists,' industrial manufacturing instructor Aaron Sargent said. "We have two certificates and a two-year AAS degree with an emphasis on CNC machining. Our relationship with area manufactures is strong, and graduates of our CNC programs have great success in finding employment with companies inside and outside of Highland's district.'

Instructors are fluent in CNC machine setup and processes. Skills in combination with entry-level knowledge of welding, electronics and automation will prepare students with knowledge for employment in manufacturing facilities utilizing machining or CAD-related work.

Recipients of the Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship for fall 2020 so far include Brenden Westphal, of Stockton High School.

More scholarship dollars remain for the 2020-21 school year. For more information, visit highland. edu/admissions/financial-aid/ program scholarships.

Continued from previous page checks \$ 31,741.37 Donations \$ 7,350.00 Town & Building 7,081.34 Expense Transfer to Cemetery & Relief Fund 8,000.00 **TOTAL EXPENDITURES** \$150,995.04

ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2020 \$248,014.93 (Published in The Shopper's Guide Aug. 19, 2020)

SUPERVISORS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS **BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND**

I Karen Peight Supervisor of West Point Township, Stephenson County, Illinois being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2020.

BEGINNING BALANCE April 1, 2019 \$ 35,3897.76 **REVENUES** Property Tax \$ 17,988.49 Replacement Tax **State Grants** Interest Income 244.52 Rental Income Miscellaneous Income **TOTAL REVENUES** \$ 54,130.77 **EXPENDITURES** Administration Assessor Cemetery Home Relief Audit Insurance Illinois Municipal Retirement

Social Security

Transfer to Road &

Equipment

LEGALS Bridge Fund **\$ 46,592.00 ENDING BALANCE TOTAL EXPENDITURES** \$ 46,592.00 **ENDING BALANCE** March 31, 2020 \$ 7,538.77 (Published in The Shopper's

SUPERVISORS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS **GENERAL** ASSISTANCE FUND

Guide Aug. 19, 2020)

I Karen Peight Supervisor of West Point Township, Stephenson County, Illinois being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2020.

BEGINNING BALANCE

April 1, 2019	\$	45,320.75
REVENUES		
Property Tax	\$	6,451.71
Replacement Tax	\$	-
State Grants	\$	-
Interest Income	\$	817.47
Rental Income	\$	-
Miscellaneous		
Income	\$	-
Transfer from		
Town Fund	\$	5,000.00
REVENUES	\$	12,269.18
TOTAL		
REVENUES	\$	57,589.93
EXPENDITURE	S	,
Administration	\$	_
Assessor	\$	-
Cemetery	\$	_
Home Relief	\$	3,462.96

Audit

Insurance

Illinois Municipal

Retirement

GA training

TOTAL

Social Security

New GA manual

EXPENDITURES

Income other Inc. **TOTAL** Assessor Cemetery Home Relief Audit Insurance Illinois Municipal 1,060.00 S

\$ 4.822.96

(Published in The Shopper's Guide Aug. 19, 2020) **SUPERVISORS** STATEMENT OF

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

March 31, 2020 \$ 52,766.97

CEMETERY FUND I Karen Peight Supervisor of West Point Township, Stephenson County, Illinois being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019 and ending

March 31, 2020. **BEGINNING BALANCE** \$ 3,154.06 **April 1, 2019 REVENUES Property Tax** Replacement Tax **State Grants** Interest Income \$ Rental Income Miscellaneous Transfer from 3,000.00 Town Fund CD Interest & **REVENUES REVENUES** 6,157.61 **EXPENDITURES** Administration 6,080.00

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Tiebreaker process for marijuana licenses finalized

State adopts permanent rules to award 75 adult-use dispensary licenses

By Raymon Troncoso CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The Illinois Department of Professional Financial and Regulation, or IDFPR, adopted permanent rules last week to break



ties in the application process for some or all of the drawn applicants 75 conditional adult-use marijuana dispensary licenses.

Under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, firms can score up to 250 points on their application to obtain a license. There are a limited number of licenses available in each of the state's Bureau of Labor Statistics Regions.

An outside company does the scoring for the applications, and the new rules provide for a randomized tiebreaker process that takes effect if two or more applicants in a given region have a tied score.

Per the rules, which were filed in June and approved by a legislative rules committee Aug. 11, the first name drawn will have first right to a remaining conditional license, the second name drawn will have second right and so on.

If licenses are left over due to

abandoning their claim, the license will go to the application with the next highest score. If there are more applicants at the next highest score than licenses available, the tiebreaker process will repeat.

Applicants receive points for the strength of their planned security measures as well as floor, recordkeeping, business and operating among other Applicants can also receive an added 50 points for qualifying as a social equity applicant.

A firm can achieve social equity status if the majority of its ownership has recently lived in communities disproportionately impacted by poverty, gun violence or the war on drugs. A majority of staff must currently live in such an area or meet other criminal justice related criteria.

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250-point score on their application.

The methodology of the point system is in line with other programs, which seek to enact social justice policies to benefit low-income communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs and historic disinvestment.

"We are pleased that these rules have been adopted, and we remain unwavering in our commitment to ensuring these licenses are issued in a fair and objective way that implements Illinois' equity-centric law," Toi Hutchinson, a senior cannabis adviser to Gov. JB Pritzker, said in a statement

Of the 75 available licenses, 47 will be given to applicants from the Chicagoland region. The Metro East area near St. Louis has the next highest number with four.

Conditional adult-use dispensary

only ones that can achieve a perfect licenses do not allow the holder to buy or sell marijuana. The licenses only allow them 180 days to find a location to house their dispensary, pass inspection and pay a fee to receive a full license that will entitle them to deal in recreational marijuana.

According to a release distributed by IDFPR Wednesday morning, approval in the legislative committee will allow them to issue conditional licenses "in coming weeks."

The Illinois Department of Agriculture, which is in charge of awarding licenses that allow firms to grow, infuse and transport cannabis, has yet to finalize its scoring process for firms to apply for and win those

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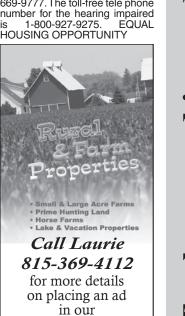
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Classifieds Perspectives on Progress

Jordan Powell talks about state's health disparities

By Raymon Troncoso CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

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Wanted Section

the novel disease continues spread throughout the United States, the numbers show Latino and African American communities have been disproportionately impacted COVID-19 nationwide.

the Illinois Primary Health Care Association, or IPHCA, it's a natural extension of the inequities that already exist in health care.

"African-Americans and Latinos are more likely to suffer from other underlying conditions as a result of socioeconomic factors and a lack of access to health care," he said in an interview. "So, when you combine those underlying conditions with a virus in a pandemic like coronavirus, then your outcomes are going to be

Illinois in a podcast conversation as part of its Perspectives on Progress series, which is a collection of podcasts about race in Illinois.

The IPHCA is a nonprofit trade association representing community health centers throughout Illinois. These health centers serve more than a million residents in the state, many of whom are Black, Latino or have low income.

Powell, who has served as the IPHCA's president and CEO for two years after racist comments by the previous president led to that individual and the entire executive committee resigning, has a personal connection to the organization's

In a 2018 news release posted to Facebook announcing Powell's appointment as acting president, the IPHCA quoted Powell on his background as someone impacted by affordable, equitable health care.

"I often see myself in those we serve," Powell is quoted as saying. "I've been in their shoes. My mom is alive today because she had access to quality health care, and it is my job to ensure our members have the necessary resources to provide that same access to everyone we serve."

The release describes Powell as someone who grew up in a lowincome household in Springfield while his mother dealt with cancer and multiple sclerosis. He credits the quality health care she received as the reason she was able to defeat

Still, in his conversation with Capitol News Illinois, Powell emphasized that access alone isn't enough to improve outcomes in communities that have historically faced disinvestment.

"It's not a one-size-fits-all solution. It's not just invest in health care," Powell said. "You need to invest in the entire person. It's housing, it's jobs, it's nutrition, it's the full

Capitol News Illinois is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news service covering state government and distributed to more than 400 newspapers statewide.

Playhouse's gala to be held virtually Aug. 29

Timber Lake Playhouse has announced its 13th annual gala will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, as a virtual event. The main attractions are the auction events.

"Guests will have the opportunity to bid on live and silent auction items," said TLP Executive Director Dan Danielowski. "Our staff is working to provide the technology that will allow gala guests to bid online, via phone and email and early bidding options

Entertainment will feature music and company members from throughout TLP's 59-year history. Also on that night, TLP's 2021 60th anniversary season will be announced

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It's important to find laughter in tough times

times. Tough times. A virus has torn our nation apart. The murder of a man (and too many others like him) has torn our nation apart. We as a people, in some regards, have torn ourselves apart. It is beyond sad – for our country and us as individuals.

We are a nation divided. And honestly, I'm not sure where we go from here. These times are as serious as murder and a pandemic. I don't want to make lightly of those

Still, sometimes you've got to laugh. Because laughter can lighten the load. It is food for the spirit and the soul. We can find something silly or goofy in just about every situation

Laughter is something we can all agree on. And we need to do more of that. Find common ground. Agree to disagree and agree that maybe not all of our own answers are the right answers. Maybe the other side has a point or two to make.

In that vein, I suggest we find laughable moments in times of pandemic. For me, that took the form of poetry.

For starters, I wrote a limerick. I've always loved the humor of this old-fashioned form of poetry that isn't afraid to be a little cheesy, sassy and just plain fun.

If you'd like to give a go at a limerick (or other form of poetry) feel free to message me on my Slices of Life Facebook page. Here's

It's a desperate and burdensome

Going mask-less could warrant a

Is all very frightening, This COVID-19. I'd prefer my Corona with lime.

I'm not much of a poet, but there is some comfort that comes from the cadence of the verse the rhythm and rhyming of the words. It puts order to a subject that knows nothing about order.

The following is a garden variety rhyming verse about what we are currently living. I hope it makes you smile. And after reading, remember to find some laughter in your day, however dour your day – or hour may seem.

An ode to COVID

We're worried about Our kid's academics In the midst of This current pandemic. They say find a mask. They say put it on. Before you head out To the hair salon. Remain strong and steadfast In your quarantine Together we'll beat COVID-19 Days spent inside Might make you grouchy Much like updates

From Birx and Fauci

We can be grateful

Especially if stocked With sufficient two-ply. Know you are loved. Be safe and take care. Hope to see you soon, Safe and healthy out there.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on

* AUCTION *

Saturday, Aug. 29 • 10 a.m. • Loran Wilken Estate

LOCATION: 9441 North Adeline Road, Leaf River, Illinois. Watch for Filer

TRACTORS: Allis Chalmers 7010, 9,700 hours, power shift; Allis Chalmers 190 gas, new rear tires, 6,182 hours, snap coupler; Allis Chalmers WD 45 gas, narrow front; Satoh Bison tractor w/mower deck, not running.

FARM MACHINERY: Woods T310 3pt. backhoe, w/3 buckets; White 262 14' disc; White 5-16" bottom plow, hyd. swing; Lindsay 24' drag w/cart; MF 14' grain drill w/grass seed; New Idea 5109 9' haybine; New Idea hayrake; 3pt. bale mover; New Holland 273 square baler; Gehl 10 wheel Kellermin hyd. fold rake; 3pt. 2 wheel hay rake; New Idea 484 round baler; New Idea 272 cutcondioner; Harvey 32' grain/hay elevator; New Idea manure spreader, flail w/ end gate; 3pt. bale mover w/12 round bale cart; 2- running gears, NH & Kory; 2-gravity boxes w/gears; 5' 3pt. rear blade; 8'x42' pto auger; 1,500 bu. portable grain bin; 5' Howes 3pt. rotary mower; 2-bale elevator sections; 5' 3pt. finish mower; 4"x25' pto auger; Hesston PT-10 haybine for parts.

TOOLS: Lots of tools; Century welder; 3-work benches; air tanks; table saw; drill press; upright tool box; Cement mixer; assorted gates.

TRAILERS: 12' Bumper hitch, tilting flat bed; 12' bumper hitch enclosed trailer; 16' bumper hitch flat bed w/ drop down ramps.

WINDOWS & DOORS: hay rack full of new doors and new windows - check

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Plan to attend this auction! Partial list still cleaning out the buildings! Check www.filerauction.com for photo's and full listing. Questions can be answered by calling Kathy Wilken at 815-541-2942. **TERMS:** CASH OR GOOD CHECK W/ID. PORT-POT.

AUCTIONEERS: Randy Filer (815-871-7936) or Mike Zettle (815-238-4955).

Filer Auction

Helenville, Wisconsin 53137 • Davis, Illinois 61019 IL # 444000429 • WI # 1040-52

Christina Hollis and Michael (Wulf) Clifton Estate Sale

Online Auction-Shipping Association Inc. Auction House, Scales Mound, IL Register to bid on Proxibid.com Bidding starts August 20, ends August 30. Access the listing on

www.Proxibid.com or scalesmound.auction

Preview August 22, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Check our website as this estate will have 3 auctions. Christina and Wulf were longtime area residents of the Scales Mound/Elizabeth area. They established the auction house/event center in Scales Mound "Dr. Woodchucks" and hosted auctions there for many years. They were also avid collectors and frequented other Midwest auctions and flea markets. Wulf was an expert on military collectibles and Christina loved the unusual! These auctions will certainly reflect their expertise! If you participate in any estate sales this year, this one is a "Don't Miss"!

Very abbreviated listing: Military toys and memorabilia, John Deere toys and memorabilia, circus toys, many unusual farm & construction toys, cigar store wooden indian, Lyon & Healy antique organ, Totem poles, Minneapolis Moline RTU tractor, 8 ft. bear, David Seagraves sculptures, Knight in armor mounted on horse, many antiques, slag glass lamps, Olhausen slate pool table, movie memorabilia, display cases, Wooden phone booth, Fort Knox Guardian Gun Safe, advertising signs, antique barber chair, Ivan the butler, grandfather clock, gold plated Indian head cent and more!

Successful bidders may pick up products on August 31 or by appointment. Shipping available.

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Licensed-Edward Homb IL.441.002336 Sherry at 815-541-3408. Email maggie_homb@live.com or moundevents@gmail.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS - GALENA, ILLINOIS

LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC; Plaintiff.

LINDA A. HILKEY AKA LINDA ANN HILKEY AKA LINDA HILKEY; TIME INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the office of James J. Nack, 106 North Main Street, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell to the highest bidder for

cash, the following described mortgaged

real estate: P.I.N. 05-000-120-06.

Commonly known as 9061 North Badger Road, East Dubuque, Illinois 61025.

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

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will

NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. File Number F19070192 INTÉRCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, **ILLINOIS**

FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff,

DANIEL R. ATILANO A/K/A DANIEL RAY ATILANO et al Defendant

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NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 22, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on September 24, 2020, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described

Commonly known as 9A80 EVER-GREEN DRIVE, APPLE RIVER, IL 61001 Property Index No. 43-18-009-080-00

The real estate is improved with a res-

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

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

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 informa-

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

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E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-20-01337 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2020CH42 TJSC#: 40-1934

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300 E. Main Street Lena, 92 61048 815-291-2330

New Listings



3 +/- acre farmette with garage, corn crib, and 2 other out buildings. Home features main floor living with sun porch with the potential for a main floor bedroom. There are then 2

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Are you looking for a commercial property to make your own with endless possibilities Look no further! This 17.48 acre property features two existing buildings 40 x 72 and 35 x 54. The property features rock walls, gravel base driveway and parking areas, creek running along the right side of driveway which then turns and comes through the middle of the property. Make this one your own!

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Move in ready 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home in Cherokee Hills subdivision offers main floor living. Bright and airy seasons room has vaulted ceiling with patio door to deck and fenced in park like back yard. Kitchen and dining open to the seasons room. Spacious living room provides a second patio door to the deck and outdoors.

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Lena • \$268,900



construction home, the open concept great room with vaulted ceilings with 6' kitchen island for extra seating. Want to enjoy the view sit out in the sun room with panoramic views. Down the hallway you will find the laundry room, full bath, second bedroom and the master with walk in closet and full bath with walk in shower.

Freeport • \$179,900



Walk out ranch home located on a cul-de-sac with awesome space inside and out! Split bedroom floor plan, several vaulted ceilings, bright and airy living room, dining room, family room with fireplace and door to deck. Master bedroom is spacious with sitting area, walk in closet, bath with whirlpool tub, door to deck. Second bedroom has full bath with shower and another door to deck. Third bedroom has double closets and is across the hall from full bath and the main floor laundry. Lower level has a beauty shop or office space, familygame room with pool table included, bar area and fourth full bathroom. Two lower level patio doors, one goes to a screened in porch, the other to the fenced in back yard which has a pond and storage shed

Freeport • \$649,900





Freeport • \$49,900



Immediate possession on this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home. Spacious living room, dining room, kitchen, 4 seasons porch. Extra room downstairs with door to back yard. If you close the gate at the driveway you have a fenced in back yard. Concrete patio next to the garage for your patio table or the toys. Deck off of the

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Set back down a lane among the is this stately two story. Covered front porch with double doors lead into the fover with an open oak staircase. Off the foyer through one set of French doors is the living room with double sided wood fireplace Enjoy dining in the formal dining room by the fireplace or go out to the wrap around deck Through the second set of French doors on the main floor is an office with closet. Cozy family room with woodstove and door to wrap around deck is perfect for gathering as it opens into the kitchen. The kitchen has an abundance of cherry cabinets, counter space and peninsula. Up the custom oak staircase is the 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths and an office area. French doors open to the master suite with loft for reading or star gazing. The lower level has another family room, room with closet, weight/game room, plenty of storage, mechanical rooms and walk out to patio under



Ranch home centrally located close to park, school and downtown. Home features a spacious living room, eat in kitchen with pantries & lazy susan, 3 bedrooms, 1 currently being used as an office/den, main floor laundry with half bath. Oversized garage has front and back service doors. Storage shed in the back yard has a loft for more storage space

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Faye Heilman 815-291-9204



Ashley Heilman

Lena library reopening under many restrictions

is scheduled to re-open on Monday,

However, things won't be back to 'normal" for a while, according to Director Brittany Gaulrapp.

Patrons will be able to use the library and computers by appointment only to limit the number of patrons in the building at one time.

Browsing appointments will be limited to 15 minutes and computer use will be limited to 30 minutes and are only available for business, education and census matters.

The library will continue to provide curbside services. Because there will be other patrons coming and going, staff are asking that curbside visitors remain in their vehicles until the patron ahead of them in line has either entered the building or returned to their vehicle.

Currently there will be no tables, chairs or meeting rooms available for public use. Everyone age 2 and older will be required to wear a mask upon entering the building, and it must remain on throughout the duration of the appointment. Patrons will not be let in if they do not have a mask. An adult must accompany all children. The library is asking visitors to limit the number of people entering because it can only have a certain number of people in the building at one time.

All items should be returned in the book drop before entering the building. Also keep in mind that all items still are being quarantined for three days after being received.

The new by appointment hours are as follows: Mondays and

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments in the first hour of the day will be reserved for those patrons age 55 and older and/or those who are considered to be at greater

risk.
"Thank you all for being so patient the process of with us throughout the process of construction and in figuring all of this out," Gaulrapp said in a news release. "We really do have the best patrons, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

For more information, call 815-369-3180 or email tot lenalibrary@ le-win.net with questions and/or item requests. Residents also can place your holds using their PrairieCat accounts.

Church news

Salem UCC holding indoor/outdoor service

On Sunday, Aug. 23, Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road in Lena, will hold worship in the church sanctuary following COVID-19 guidelines.

It also will broadcast to those who remain in their vehicles in the parking lot on FM station 90.7. The Rev. Randal Nicholas will preach his sermon "Sacrifice for Success" based on the New Testament books of Romans 12:1-8.

Good Shepherd services available via radio, online

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. in Lena, will gather for worship service in the parking lot on Sunday, Aug. 23, at 9:30 a.m.

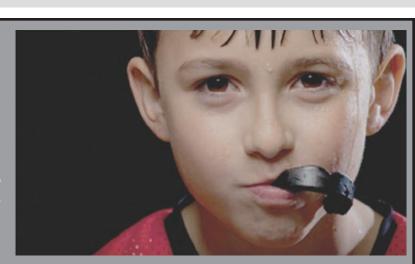
Attendees are asked to park their vehicles around the church and tune into FM 90.5 or bring chairs and radios. Someone will bring bulletins to you.

The congregation will continue offering online readings, prayers and worship. Visit the church's website at http://goodshepherdlena.org/ or Facebook page at facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL for more information.

Or call the church office at 815-369-5552

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