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## State making final push to increase census participation

### Illinois has strong response rate compared to national average

By Raymon Troncoso  
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The Illinois Department of Human Services said the state is poised to have one of the top census response rates in the country despite two tumultuous months of changing deadlines as determined by the Trump Administration.

Illinois sits at a 69.1 percent self-response rate as of Aug. 20, up two points from its 67 percent self-response rate on July 19. The national response rate was 64.2 percent.

The state's 2010 census response rate was 70.5 percent, giving organizers hope of passing that mark by the Sept. 30 deadline — a date recently moved forward one month by the Trump administration.

Illinois currently has the seventh-highest self-response rate of any state in the U.S. and is the only state in the top 10 that has a population exceeding 10 million. Chicago also has the highest response rate for any city with a population over 2 million, according to the Illinois 2020 Census Office.

Maximizing the census count is important, because the population count helps determine federal funding and the number of representatives the state sends to the U.S. House.

The positive trend comes despite challenges posed by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and changing federal deadlines.

The Illinois 2020 Census Advisory Panel discussed obstacles to self-reporting and shifting standards from the federal government at a recent meeting.

"This past month, as you all know, has been a month of many surprises for us at the census office," Oswaldo Alvarez, co-director of the Illinois Census Office at the IDHS, said.

There were several contributing factors that led the office to reorder its timeline, including delays in in-person door-knocking and the Trump Administration's Aug. 13 announcement that the census portal would close Sept. 30 instead of Oct. 31.

"So at this point we are operating at the census office as if (Sept. 30) is the official deadline and that's it, until we are informed otherwise," Alvarez said. "Because of that, there has been a lot of shifting that we have been doing at the census office."

Additionally, a July 21 presidential memorandum seeking to exclude illegal immigrants from being counted as it pertains to congressional apportionment also created confusion at IDHS. That memorandum has since been challenged in court, but, if implemented, would cost Illinois up to two seats in the House.

For the 2020 fiscal year, IDHS was funding more than 360 non-profits and municipal governments for the purpose of increasing census self-response rates. But that number has dwindled to a little more than 250 for fiscal year 2021 due to the pandemic, shifting deadlines and other circumstances.

Funds to those nonprofits are disbursed through 30 other non-profit organizations that serve as regional intermediaries, or RIs, which oversee 12 regions of the state and lead hyperlocal outreach efforts.

Intermediaries include health-based agencies such as the Illinois Primary Health Care Association, community outreach groups such as Teens Against Killing Everywhere, and other organizations such as the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

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Jen Grobe, associate dean of nursing and allied health at Highland Community College, speaks at the recent pinning ceremony for nursing and medical assistant graduates.

## Tradition with a twist: Pinning ceremony honors new nurses

The COVID-19 pandemic didn't stop recent nursing and medical assistant students from celebrating with a traditional ceremony at Highland Community College.

The early August pinning ceremony was held in the parking lot next to the Natural Science Center/Ray and Betty Stamm Health Science Nursing Wing. Graduates were seated with social distancing in mind, while family members were able to sit in their cars or on lawn chairs.

"The pinning ceremony is a time-honored nursing school tradition," according to a college news re-

lease. "Often more personally meaningful than the graduation ceremony for nurses, it signifies the official initiation into the brotherhood and sisterhood of nurses."

The 2020 event was especially meaningful for graduates.

"This year, because the students could not be together in the last eight weeks of class to celebrate together, the pinning ceremony is a final time to join together to commemorate more than two years of hard work," Jen Grobe, associate dean of nursing and allied health, said in the release. "Because of the late date of the ceremony,

many students have already passed their State Boards and have secured jobs. This made the day especially exciting."

Kathryn Cifonie of Freeport was recognized with the DAISY in Training award. The award is for students "who exemplify the delivery of clinical care in a compassionate way to patients and their families," the release said.

Area nursing graduates included: Carolyn Karlow of Apple River; Ashton Lizer and Nichole Tobler of Davis;

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# Slices of life

## Middle age doesn't sound quite so bad after all

I'm not sure of the exact definition of middle age. I guess it depends on how long you plan to live. I'm not ready to publicly admit to middle agedness because I plan to live forever, but I am beginning to get a feel for some of the changes that happen during the F-word decades.

Like the rest of us from the Brady Bunch generation, I've lived a few years and have watched the world evolve throughout my lifetime. I've witnessed new inventions like cellphones and computers. I remember back when telephones were tethered to the wall. My first computer had no hard drive. Zero. That was back in the ancient times of floppy disks.

When you hit middle age, you realize things don't work like they used to – and I'm not talking about new-fangled gizmos such as cellphones or computers.

Take my glasses (please). They've quit doing their job. They used to help me secure 20-20 vision, but something's happened to the lenses and I can no longer read words at a font size smaller than 12 unless they are held out at least an arm's length away from my face.

My bathroom mirror has developed a distortion problem. When I look into it, the only person looking back at me is someone resembling my mom.



By **JILL PERTLER**

Contributor

Middle age brings with it greater knowledge about the world. For instance, you know that gray hairs do not have the same consistency as your normal color. You also know that when you pluck one gray hair from your head, two grow back.

Middle age is a time of changes and transitions. Lately I've found myself battling with combination skin. I rotate my applications: one-day acne cream, the next wrinkle cream.

It's a time when you finally come to know and embrace your limitations. Gravity, for instance, is a grave limitation, although thankfully not a literal one.

It's a time of creaks and groans – and they're not coming from the furniture.

People find themselves bothered by aching joints and I, myself, have noted that when I bend over someone in the room lets out a groan.

If I didn't know better, I'd swear the noise was coming from my own mouth, but that couldn't be

possible. I know I could easily still touch my toes – if I could reach them.

Speaking of health issues, I've recently discovered the joy of migraine headaches. They say that for women of a certain age, migraines can be attributed to hormonal issues, as can changes in appetite, sleep patterns, weight gain, mood swings, sweating, anxiety, heart palpitations, energy level and ability to think straight – otherwise referred to by the medical term: brain fog.

It's a time of more and less. You have more patience, but fewer young children to try that patience.

You have less hair on your head, but more growing out of less desirable places – like your nose and ears. You eat less but weigh more.

Middle age is when you realize you have more time, but less time, all at the same time.

Some people get distraught about middle age. It's even been called a time of midlife crisis.

Crisis? Really?

How can it be a crisis when you have half left? Especially when you know the first 20 years were squandered on youth and things like Pez and Pixie Stix. My palate has evolved from sugared candy. I

don't have to worry about making curfew or good grades. I never, ever have to learn new math. From that perspective, middle age doesn't sound so bad.

Midlife is a time of knowledge and understanding. I know things now that I didn't in my youth. I understand the best is yet to come. And I can still remember where I put my glasses. Most days.

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## Museum eyes new website

The Stockton Heritage Museum recently received a grant from the Freeport Community Foundation. The grant will be used to design a website that will provide visitors and local communities with information about the museum.

The Stockton Heritage Museum is not currently open to the public because of COVID-19, however officials want to offer guests an op-

portunity to see exhibits, learn about the area's history and hear from a variety of speakers on various topics through the use of the website. The website also will provide an opportunity to plan for upcoming events and exhibits when the museum re-opens.

For more information, call 815-947-2220 or send an email to stocktonmuseum@yahoo.com.

State officials gave an update recently on the response from Illinois residents to the 2020 Census. Officials from the Trump Administration announced that the census portal will close Sept. 30 instead of Oct. 31 as originally planned.

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IDHS was allocated \$29 million for the 2020 fiscal year to be used for census outreach, including nearly \$26 million set aside for regional intermediaries.

State agencies assisting in census outreach were allocated \$2.3 million, while approximately \$900,000 went to the University of Illinois at Chicago for technical assistance and data analysis.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, not all the funds were spent before the end of the fiscal year on June 30, so they were reappropriated for the current fiscal year. As of mid-August, a little over \$4.4 million remains unspent.

"We were nervous that it would be a lot more remaining than 4.4 (million)," Marishonta Wilkerson, also co-director of the Illinois Census Office, said at the meeting. "We thought it would be like 10 (million).

But the RI's were creative, and they found different ways to engage their communities virtually and we are happy about that."

Still, some areas of the state remain below their self-response target rates. As part of its August report, IDHS said many counties had self-response rates below 50 percent. As of July 29, Hardin, Calhoun, Henderson and Alexander counties had the lowest response rates, with Hardin County in particular sitting at 31.9 percent, 10 percentage points fewer than the next lowest county.

"The governor's office has asked us to do a final and bigger push in certain areas of population, so we are having our RI's gear up and do a big push," Wilkerson said. "Additional canvassing, door-knocking in rural areas and in particularly the African American, Latinx and Asian areas."

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We haven't had any really hot weather since the beginning of July; I guess Mother Nature wanted us to end August on a warm note. Several recipes this week are easy to prepare and don't take much cooking time. Have a good week cooking!

This slaw recipe is an interesting one. The dressing is unlike one I have ever tasted. It has the bite of Dijon, the smoky flavor of bacon, and a little sweetness of honey. You certainly can substitute your own slaw for the bagged slaw. The Mercantile in Lena has a lot of really good honey. Stop by and see them. If you have allergies, you are to use honey from the area you live to help lessen the allergy attacks.

## Honey Mustard Slaw

- 6 slices of cut bacon, chopped
- 2 T. chopped fresh parsley
- 1 T. Dijon mustard
- 1 T. honey
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. pepper
- 1 bag (16 oz.) coleslaw mix
- 1 C. chopped pecans
- ½ small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 lemon, juiced

In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, six to eight minutes. Remove bacon using a slotted spoon, and let drain on paper towels, reserving 1 T. bacon drippings in skillet.

Increase heat to medium-high, and stir in parsley, mustard, honey, salt and pepper into drippings in skillet. Bring to a low boil, and stir in slaw, pecans and bacon; cook, stirring frequently for five minutes. Stir in onion and lemon juice just before serving. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Many people have a ton of tomatoes this year. This is an interesting tomato salad. You can use all kinds in the salad: heirloom, Roma, cherry, grape and yellow. You can substitute some thyme for the chives. Make this salad your own.

## Tomato Herb Salad

- 4 C. assorted tomatoes, cut into wedges
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 1 T. chives
- 1 T. basil
- 2 t. whole grain mustard
- 2 t. mayonnaise
- 2 t. olive oil
- ½ t. honey
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place tomatoes in a large bowl and set aside. In another bowl, whisk the lemon juice, herbs, mustard, mayo, olive oil and honey together. Pour over tomatoes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with chopped parsley.

I frequently get asked for stuffed pepper recipes. I had one earlier with chicken salad. This recipe is interesting because it uses two bell peppers out of five that were roasted as the seasoning in the "real" stuffed peppers. They are also flat instead of stuffed inside the pepper. You can use any kind of sausage you like. The Creole seasoning is available in most large grocery stores. (You could substitute Old Bay if you wanted something not so spicy.) Try these tasty stuffed peppers.

## Sausage Stuffed Peppers

- 5 large red bell peppers
- 2 garlic cloves, lightly crushed and peeled
- 5 T. extra virgin olive oil, divided
- 2 t. plus 1/8 t. salt, divided
- ½ t. pepper
- 1 lb. sweet Italian sausage, casings removed
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 C. long-grain white rice
- 2 t. Creole seasoning
- 3 C. chicken broth
- 4 oz. Monterey Jack cheese, shredded (1 C.)
- ½ C. panko breadcrumbs
- ¼ C. grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 T. finely chopped jarred red peppers

Adjust oven rack 6 inches from broiler element and heat broiler. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil. Using a paring knife or scissors, halve bell peppers lengthwise through stem. Using paring knife, remove seedpod at base of stem, leaving stem intact. Toss peppers and garlic with 2 T. oil on prepared sheet, then sprinkle with 1 t. salt and pepper. Arrange bell peppers cut side down. Broil until peppers and garlic are spotty brown, four to seven minutes. Set aside and let cool.

Preheat oven to 400. Cook sausage and onion in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until sausage is cooked through and onion is softened and beginning to brown, eight to 10 minutes. Add rice and Creole seasoning and cook until fragrant, about one minute. Stir in broth and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat to low, and cook for 20 minutes. Off heat, stir in Monterey Jack until melted and combined. Set aside and cool for 10 minutes.

Combine panko, Parmesan and 1 T. oil in bowl. Discard stems from 2 bell pepper halves; chop stemmed halves coarsely until you have 1 C. chopped peppers; reserve excess for another use. Process chopped bell pepper, 2 T. panko mixture, red jarred peppers, garlic and remaining 2 T. oil and remaining 1/8 t. salt in blender until smooth, about one minute. Set aside.

Arrange remaining bell pepper halves cut side up on baking sheet and divide halves, packing in mixture and mounding it slightly. Sprinkle remaining panko mixture over top, pressing lightly to adhere. Bake until bell peppers are heated through and panko mixture is well browned, about 25 minutes. Let cool for 15 minutes. Serve with sauce.

I had some hamburger that needed to be cooked and remembered this easy beef stroganoff recipe that uses hamburger and not steak or tenderloin for the meat. It was really good. An alternative to the breadcrumbs was suggested using the canned onion rings.

## Baked Beef Stroganoff Casserole

- 2 lbs. hamburger
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 C. sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 can (14½ oz) beef broth
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 container (16 oz.) sour cream
- ¾ t. salt
- 1 t. pepper
- 8 oz. egg noodles, cooked and kept warm
- 2 T. butter
- 1 C. seasoned breadcrumbs
- ¼ stick of unsalted butter

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 9-by-13 baking dish with cooking spray. In a large skillet, cook ground beef, onion and garlic over medium heat until meat is browned and crumbles. Drain. Return meat to skillet and stir in Worcestershire, mushrooms and beef broth. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 15 minutes. Cool for five minutes. Place in large bowl. Stir in cream of mushroom soup, sour cream, salt and pepper. Mix lightly. Combine cooked noodles and butter, stirring until butter melts.

Spoon noodles and meat into baking dish and bake for 30 minutes. While casserole is baking, in a small saucepan, melt butter. When butter is melted, pour breadcrumbs in saucepan and stir in completely. After the casserole has baked the 30 minutes, spoon the bread crumbs over casserole and bake an additional 10 to 15 minutes until the crumbs are browned.

Fresh peaches are still plentiful, and this pie is good and easy. Enjoy peaches and cream in a pie. If you are in a hurry, you could use a prepared graham cracker crust; however, they are not as big as the deep-dish pie plates.

## Peaches and Cream Pie

- 1¼ C. graham cracker crumbs
- 1 C. sugar, divided
- ¼ C. unsalted butter, melted
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 box (3.4 oz.) cheesecake instant pudding mix
- 1 C. whole milk
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1½ C. chopped peeled fresh peaches
- 1 T. fresh lemon juice
- 1 (8 oz.) container of frozen whipped topping, thawed

Preheat the oven to 350. In a medium bowl, stir together cracker crumbs, 1/3 C. sugar and melted butter until combined. Press melted butter mixture into bottom and sides of a 9-inch-deep dish pie plate. Bake for 10 minutes. Let cool completely on a wire rack.

In a large bowl, whisk together cream cheese and remaining 2/3 C.

sugar until smooth; whisk in pudding mix until smooth. Whisk in milk and vanilla until thick and smooth. In a small bowl, stir together peaches and lemon juice; stir peaches into cream mixture until well combined. Spread mixture into prepared crust. Cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate until firm and set, four to six hours. Just before serving, spread whipped topping onto pie. Garnish with fresh sliced peaches.

One of my friends made a confetti birthday cake for her granddaughter. It is really easy to make, and makes a

pretty slice of cake on a plate. What is really easy is that it is made in a 9-by-13 baking dish, so there is no layering involved. The frosting is yummy too.

## Confetti Birthday Cake

- 1 C. unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1/3 C. vegetable oil
- 1¾ C. sugar
- 3 large eggs, room temperature
- 3 egg whites, room temperature
- 1 T. vanilla
- 3 C. cake flour

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## Sweet! Corn sales fund FFA trips

Members of the Stockton FFA Chapter are celebrating a successful summer of sweet corn sales from their field plot. During July and August, sweet corn was sold to Sullivan's Foods, as well as through a drive-up system. The students who helped pick and sell sweet corn were: Katie Barch (daughter of Bob and Christina Barch) and Karl Hubb (son of Larry and Leisa Hubb), pictured above, as well as Case Harmston (son of Greg and Peggy Harmston), Joseph Brudi (son of Brad and Val Brudi), and members of the Stockton FFA Alumni. The money raised through sweet corn sales will be used to fund FFA trips to places such as the state and national FFA conventions as well as leadership conferences.

## 4-H foundation honors Elizabeth woman

More than 80 people received the Illinois 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame Award during a virtual ceremony Aug. 18.

The honorees included Helen Muto of Elizabeth, who has dedicated more than 20 years to Jo Daviess County 4-H and is still active in the organization.

Over the years, Muto has served as a club organizational leader, 4-H food stand committee member, 4-H fair judge and 4-H fair superintendent, as well as a workshop and program leader.

"Helen gives her time freely and approaches every person and every moment with kindness and with heart," Angela Miller, 4-H coordinator, said in a news release. "The impact of Helen's dedication to our program is evident everywhere you turn."

The Illinois 4-H Foundation established the statewide Hall of Fame in 2005 to honor and celebrate extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers and former 4-H staff. Each inductee receives a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion.

"These volunteers fully embody what 4-H strives to instill in youth," Angie Barnard, Illinois 4-H Foundation executive director, said in the release. "They are caring, dedicated, generous leaders, and the Illinois 4-H Foundation is extremely proud to be able to provide this honor to thank them for their service to this wonderful organization."

Illinois 4-H programs reach nearly 200,000 youth each year through 4-H clubs, camps, educational programs, workshops and conferences held in communities, schools, parks and homes across the state. More than 15,000 volunteers fill key leadership and mentoring roles.

"Many volunteers have a tradition of 4-H in their family or were 4-H members themselves," Barnard said. "More and more, though, adults brand new to the 4-H experience (are) seeing the value of the life skills development program and volunteering for the first time."

To volunteer in your community, request information from the local Extension office.

"There is a place for everyone in 4-H, whether you have an hour or a lifetime to give," Barnard said.

## •Pinning

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Mollie Thoren of Elizabeth; Ammber Ammons, Ana Awender, Katya Awender, Jacqueline Bennett, Aurora Bollon, Nichole Buss, Kathryn Cifonia, Josie Cotherman, Miranda Cox, Jenny Gerber, Lindsey Huenefeld, Rebecca Kundert, Briana McNett, Brittany Mordini, Michael Spangler, Dajonna Taylor, Ronald Webb, Autumn Yoder and Elisha Yount of Freeport; Tori Clark of Pearl City; and Montana Bartell of Stockton.

Area medical assistant graduates included Garrett McDonald and Kelsey Schmit of Freeport, Jordyn Hughes of Lena and Ashly Bliss of Ridott.

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## Grant boosts support program for college students

Officials at Highland Community College recently announced that a grant will allow the college's Project Succeed program to continue for five years.

The annual grant amount is \$344,538.

"This five-year grant allows us to continue to invest in our students and believe in their potential to overcome obstacles," Anthony Sago, director of TRIO Services, said in a news release. "Our program activ-

ities are designed to motivate and support all active 275 students from diverse backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree."

Project Succeed helps under-represented, first-generation and low-income students. The program also "makes a significant contribution to the college's retention and completion rate," according to the release.

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## Obituaries

### SHARON ESTHER HARTMAN

Sharon Esther Hartman, age 77, of Newtown, Missouri, went home to be with her Lord and Savior early on the morning of June 24, 2020. Sharon was born on March 9, 1943, on a farm near Shannon, Illinois, to Melvin and Esther (Ruter) Ludwig. In 1961, Sharon graduated from Shannon High School, Shannon, Illinois.

On Dec. 26, 1964, Sharon was introduced in marriage with Charles (Chuck) Hartman at Prairie Dell Presbyterian Church near Shannon, Illinois. After marriage, Sharon attended LaMolo School of Cosmetology in 1966. Sharon spent her adult years as a wonderful mother, secretary, hairdresser and a caregiver to the elderly. She also taught Sunday school and was the church pianist or organist at Prairie Dell Presbyterian Church and many other churches. She was currently the pianist for Unionville Assembly of God Church in Unionville, Missouri.



From an early age Sharon played the piano and other instruments. She felt truly blessed when God gave her the gift of playing by ear at the age of 35.

Sharon enjoyed photography, taking care of her flowers and feeding and watching the birds. She loved being on the farm and loved her cats, especially Paddy Paws (the favorite son). Sharon loved spending time with her family and helping them. Sharon had a heart of gold, always helping the needy, the elderly and cooking and baking for others. She also loved to play the piano at the nursing homes. Sharon also was an amazing prayer warrior, spending a lot of time praying for her friends, her family and

our country.

Sharon is survived by her husband of 56 years, Chuck Hartman, of Newtown, Missouri; one son, Dave (Cindy) Hartman of Newtown, Missouri; and one daughter, Susy (Henry) Groezinger, of Elizabeth, Illinois. Grandchildren are: Jesse (Jordan) Hartman, Jordy (Amber) Hartman, Cody (Blair) Hartman, Joshua Hartman, Karly (Thomas) Hartman, Kristy (Nolan) McMurray, Kelly (Dylan) Stallings, Kyle Reinke, Lilly Groezinger, H.D. Groezinger and Joey Groezinger. Great-grandchildren are: Jaedyn, Zander, Aiden, Zachary, Briley, Jaxsen, Elijah, Analiya, Brantlee, Sawyer and Easton. She also is survived by two brothers, Verlyn (Velma) Ludwig of Lanark, Illinois, and Lorence (Ruth Ann) Ludwig of Forreston, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Dawn Hartman; her brother, Milford Ludwig; and her parents, Melvin and Esther Ludwig.

### CHARLANE J. KUNZ

Charlane J. Kunz, age 85, of Lena, Illinois, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at the Lena Living Center. She was born on June 5, 1935, in Derinda, Illinois, the daughter of Lorenz and Lillian (Belk) Randecker.

Charlane was a home health care provider for several years and prior to that, a manager of fast food restaurants. She loved her slot machine gaming.

Charlane is survived by her two sons, Kevin (Cathy) Kunz of Winslow, and Kerry (Anna) Kunz of Stockton; four grandchildren, Jeffrey (Brittney) Kunz of Davis, Justin Kunz of Monroe, Wisconsin, Carly (Andrew) Martin of Lena and Sydney (Sa-



brina) Leavey of Madison, Wisconsin; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Carol Carson of Freeport and Maxine Dittmar of Lena; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter; a brother-in-law, John Dittmar; and a nephew, Duane Duff.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.letonmfh.com](http://www.letonmfh.com).

### LINDA LOU PITTS

Linda Lou Pitts, age 71, of Lena, Illinois, passed away Monday, Aug. 17, 2020. She was born April 5, 1949, in Sterling, Illinois, to the late George and Hilda (Mackenbach) Hines. She married Larry Pitts on Feb. 25, 1967.

She was a graduate of Milledgeville High School. Linda was a member of the Eagles Club and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. She had worked as a clerk for the Stephenson County Jail for 18 years. She also had worked for Economy Insurance, Kmart and the Sale Barn in Winslow and most recently as a clerk for Pitts Drywall. She was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. Linda enjoyed shopping, hunting, fishing, traveling and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Pitts, of Lena; her daughter, Lynette (Jeffrey) Jordan of Freeport; her son, Leonard (Jennifer) Pitts of Pearl City; her grandchildren, Ashley



(Mike) McKinney, Dana Jordan, Madison Pitts and Cody Pitts; her great-granddaughter, Everly McKinney; her sisters, Nancy (Mike) Schmidt of Milledgeville and Cindy (Bill) Nicholson of Mt. Morris; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral service was held Saturday, Aug. 22, at Hermann Funeral Home in Pearl City. Visitation was held before the service. Interment will take place at a later date at Highland Cemetery in Pearl City.

A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at [hermannfuneralhome.com](http://hermannfuneralhome.com).

### GERALD 'JERRY' WACHTER

Gerald "Jerry" Wachter, 85, of Lena, Illinois, was called home to be born on Aug. 17, 2020. He was born Aug. 15, 1935, in Jo Daviess County to Glen and Josephine (Dittmar) Wachter. He married Sharon Moore and together they had two daughters, Joy (Dan) Schwartz and Karlene (Dave) Heinkel. After Sharon passed, he married Shirley Shadle.

Jerry farmed all his life and was an

avid bowler. He was very active in his church.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, both daughters and their families, two brothers and five sisters.

Graveside services were held Aug. 20, 2020, at Lena Burial Park in Lena. The Rev. Bob Patin officiated.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his name.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [letonmfh.com](http://letonmfh.com).

# Capitol recap: UI test approval could be 'game changer,' officials say

## CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker and representatives of the University of Illinois announced a test-ing breakthrough Aug. 19 which they said could eventually allow for greater suppression of new cases of the virus.

The state's flagship public university was granted U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval for rapid saliva-based testing similar to what is being used to test NBA players during their resumed season in Florida.

The test allows large-scale surveillance testing, is faster and cheaper than nasal swabs, and also identifies those who are not showing symptoms, according to UI President Timothy Killeen.

The rapid test, combined with contact tracing and other virus mitigation efforts, could help public health officials identify outbreaks before they get out of hand. Killeen said the UI has created an internal unit at the system level "that is working with the governor and his team to share the technology in Illinois."

Officials from UI would not put a timeline on when the tests would be widely available, however, and the governor said it will not be immediate.

"We're not going to be able to

get these tests in people's hands in districts before schools open in the next month. It's not going to happen," Pritzker said. "However, over the next couple of months, there is the possibility that with these bridging studies, with greater approvals, that we'll be able to do much, much more across the state, and the state of Illinois is a partner in that endeavor."

The test requires the subject to "drool a small amount into a sterile test tube," according to a news release from the university. Tests yield results in hours, even at high testing volumes, and the UI has performed more than 50,000 tests since making walk-up testing available to faculty, staff and students in July. It expects to conduct about 20,000 tests a day when the fall semester.

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COVID-19 UPDATE: Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said Aug. 19 that diligence is still needed in social distancing, wearing face coverings and washing hands as Illinois' COVID-19 metrics continue in the wrong direction. She also urged all Illinoisans to get a flu shot "as early as possible" when they are available and to get regular exercise.

"I've heard people say that the numbers aren't that bad, they're

only increasing a little, we're better than other states, we don't really need to be that strict," she said. "The truth is, we are better than most states, but that's true today, but we are going in the wrong direction."

For the past four weeks, the U.S. has seen a collective positivity rate decrease, while Illinois' has increased over that span.

As of last week, 1,519 people in Illinois were hospitalized with COVID-19. Of those, 357 were in intensive care units and 124 of those ICU patients were on ventilators.

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## Birth

### Jace Axel Moore

Jace Axel Moore was born to Justin Moore and Jessica Musser of Freeport, Illinois, on Aug. 14, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport. Jace joins a brother, Justin Jr., 5. Grandparents are Willie and Kevelyn Moore and Michelle Musser, all of Freeport, and Brent Musser of Stockton, Illinois. Great-grandparents are Lillie Fox of Chicago and Virginia Shumaker of Freeport.



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# •Recap (Continued from page 5)

**TRAVEL GUIDANCE:** The Illinois Department of Public Health on Aug. 17 issued a COVID-19 travel advisory map, as well as guidance for people traveling domestically or internationally. The map shows states with an average daily case count 15 per 100,000 population or greater. Illinois is at 14 cases per 100,000 population.

The documents do not restrict Illinoisans' travel but offer advice about the places that pose the highest risk and how to stay protected while traveling.

"We know that people may have to travel," an official said, "but potentially based on where you may go, that travel may increase your risk of exposure to COVID-19 by putting you in contact with people who have a higher chance of having the virus."

**JOBLESS NUMBERS:** The unemployment rate in Illinois fell to 11.3 percent in July as the coronavirus pandemic's grip on the state's economy showed signs of easing.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security said the number of nonfarm jobs in the state grew by 93,200 in July, to just over 5.6 million. That pushed the unemployment rate down by 3.2 percentage points from the re-revised level for June. However, that was still 508,000

fewer jobs than the state reported in July 2019, when the state's unemployment rate was just 3.9 percent.

The July rate was also lower than the state's most recent pre-pandemic peak of 12.2 percent in January 2010. The highest unemployment rate recorded in Illinois since the modern system of measuring unemployment began in 1976 was 13.9 percent in February 1983 prior to the pandemic. The unemployment rate peaked at 16.8 percent in April.

But Illinois' July rate was also 1.1 percentage points higher than the national rate.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 21,956 workers in the state filed first-time unemployment claims during the week that ended Aug. 15. Although still historically high, that was 978 fewer than the prior week. There were 605,509 people receiving continuing unemployment benefits that week, a 1.9-percent decrease from the week before.

Nationally, however, the number of first-time jobless claims grew slightly to just over 1.1 million last week, an increase of 135,000 over the week before that.

**USPS LAWSUIT:** Operational shifts undertaken by the United States Postal Service in recent weeks, including spending cuts and

equipment removal, are illegal, Illinois' top lawyer and 13 other attorneys general argued in a federal lawsuit filed Aug. 18.

By terminating workers' overtime, eliminating a number of mail sorting machines, removing several mailboxes and rescheduling the delivery of some late-day mail, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy is subverting the national election this year, the officials added.

Several states, including Illinois, are promoting expanded vote-by-mail programs as a safety precaution amid the novel coronavirus pandemic.

"Voting by mail must be a reliable option that allows Americans to safely exercise their right to vote this fall during the ongoing pandemic," a spokesperson for Attorney Gener-

al Kwame Raoul said in an email. "Americans should not have to risk their lives to participate in our democracy."

But in a statement, DeJoy announced he is "suspending" Postal Service initiatives until after the Nov. 3 election to "avoid even the appearance of any impact on election mail."

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:** The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity on Aug. 19 awarded \$39.5 million in grants for 27 capital improvement projects around the state.

The agency is hopeful the grants will boost summer employment and attract economic development in under-served communities.

The improvements are funded

through a portion of the \$45 billion Rebuild Illinois program that state lawmakers approved in 2019. As part of that five-year program, \$4.7 billion was allocated to DCEO for projects tied to local economic development.

"There is a strong connection between infrastructure and economic development," DCEO's acting director Michael Negron said in an interview with Capitol News Illinois. "Infrastructure is an enabler of economic development."

The grants will go toward two categories of DCEO works — "public infrastructure" projects such as road improvements, public utility extensions and streetscapes; and "opportunity zone" projects that aim to boost local economic development in historically under-served communities.

## •Kitchen (Continued from page 3)

- 2 t. baking powder
- 1 t. salt
- 1 C. buttermilk, room temperature
- ¼ C. rainbow sprinkles

### Buttercream

- 1½ C. unsalted butter, softened
- 4½ C. powdered sugar, sifted
- 3 T. heavy whipping cream
- 2 t. clear vanilla

Soft pink gel or paste food coloring, optional

Preheat oven to 325. Grease a 9-by-13 baking dish. In a large mixing bowl, cream butter, oil and sugar until light and fluffy, five to seven minutes. Add eggs, then egg whites, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk, beating well after each addition. Fold in

sprinkles. Transfer to the prepared baking dish. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Cool completely on a wire rack.

**Frosting:** In a large bowl, beat butter until creamy. Gradually beat in powdered sugar until smooth. Add cream, vanilla and if desired food coloring. Beat until light and fluffy, five to seven minutes. Spread over cake and sprinkle with additional sprinkles.

School started last week. I know everyone has worked very hard to get ready for whatever kind of school they are having. My prayer is for them to be able to continue in school in person if possible. As a former teacher, my hats go off to anyone who is trying so hard to get our chil-

dren educated.

We need some good things to happen. I can't believe that we are in the last week of August and summer is gone. I have been able to go to the lake for a couple of boat rides, and I guess that counts as my vacation. My nephew lives in Hawaii, and they have closed the islands. No one can visit and inter-island travel is prohibited. They feel this is the best way to get their COVID-19 rate down. It will be interesting to see if it does the trick. We shall hope for no more COVID-19 cases in our little corner of the world, some rain because we need it, and for all to stay safe. Have a good week and keep safe.

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

## •Grant

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TRIO and Project Succeed is a federally funded academic retention program designed to enhance the academic success, retention and academic goal completion of Project Succeed students. Each participant receives ongoing individual attention and support by meeting with a coordinator to discuss goals and develop a strategy for success.

For more information about Project Succeed and TRIO, go online to highland.edu or call 815-599-3583.

## Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency announces the PY21 LIHEAP, PIPP, and Weatherization Assistance Programs

*\*Assistance available for gas, propane, and electric bills\**

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

The LIHEAP and PIPP programs for PY21 began on July 27, 2020 and will end on June 30, 2021. All income eligible households are eligible to apply beginning July 27, 2020. Households with disconnect notices, high past due balances and those affected by loss of income due to COVID-19 are encouraged to apply. **Propane customers are strongly encouraged to apply in August when prices are at their lowest.**

Applicants may apply for a DVP payment or the PIPP program. The Direct Vendor Payment (DVP) is a one time payment to gas or propane and electric utilities. Applicants with ComEd and/or Nicor Gaz as utility providers may have the option of choosing the Percentage of Income Payment (PIPP) instead of the DVP. The PIPP program is a bill payment program that assists eligible customers by paying a monthly state benefit while the customer pays a percentage of their household income. PIPP applications will be taken on a first-come first served basis until March 31, 2021 or until funding is exhausted.

Please call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to receive an application packet. **All applications will be taken by mail, email, phone or fax in response to COVID-19.**

### Income Guidelines:

Family Size	DVP 30 Day Income	PIPP 30 Day Income
1	\$2,127	\$1,595
2	\$2,873	\$2,155
3	\$3,620	\$2,715
4	\$4,367	\$3,275
5	\$5,113	\$3,835

For each additional person add \$747 For each additional person add \$560

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

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household. **No other document is accepted as proof of social security number.**

- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days which includes the application date such as pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income

- Complete current heat and electric bills and disconnect notices you may have received.

- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services

- Copy of current lease or rent receipt

- Proof of Homeownership (Title for Mobile Homes) and tax bill are required for weatherization assistance.

**The office is closed to the public and outreach appointments are suspended until further notice.**

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# State moves to remove controversial statues

## Board plans discussion on statues, artwork inside Capitol

By Rebecca Anzel  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Statues of two slave-owning men with historical ties to Illinois will be moved from the Statehouse grounds in Springfield to a secure storage site, a panel of four officials voted Aug. 19.

The decision comes almost six weeks after House Speaker Michael Madigan asked the Office of the Architect to "move expeditiously" in evicting representations of Stephen A. Douglas and Pierre Menard from the Capitol.

Madigan's request was the long-time Chicago Democrat's first public statement in the wake of civil unrest sparked by the death of George Floyd, an unarmed black man killed on May 25 by a white Minneapolis police officer.

Douglas was a slave owner who served as Illinois' secretary of state and in the U.S. Senate. He proposed the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which repealed the Missouri Compromise and replaced it with a system for states to decide whether to be pro- or anti-slavery.

Menard, also a slave owner, was the first lieutenant governor of Illinois, and he supported political actions devised to ensure slavery was legal in the state.

"Memorializing people and a time that allowed slavery and fostered bigotry and oppression has no place in the Illinois House, where the work of all Illinoisans is conducted," Madigan wrote in the July 9 statement. "We can only move forward in creating a more just world when these symbols of hate are removed from our everyday lives."

Andrea Aggert, capitol architect, said her office already contacted firms to remove the two statues. The work order, which also includes removing the figures' bases and foundations, can be completed in two to three months.

She added that the granite bases could be repurposed.

Board members of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol also recently began the process to move a bronze, 300-pound likeness of Martin Luther King Jr. to "an appropriate location" at the Capitol.

The statue is currently at the intersection of Second Street and Capitol Avenue — colloquially referred to as Freedom Corner — in front of the Illinois State Library.

Scott Kaiser, assistant secretary of the Senate and a member of the board, said at some point in the future, the group should consider commissioning a new portrayal of King, leader of the civil rights movement in the 1950s.

"No offense to whoever did it, but I just think that's a poor rendering of Dr. King and I think we can do better," he said.

The likeness is located across the street from the Statehouse because of

an administrative rule dictating only historical figures related to Illinois are permitted to be installed on the Capitol grounds.

The panel approved a motion to revise those guidelines.

John Hollman, clerk of the House and co-chair of the board, proposed each of the items acted upon on Aug. 19. He did not suggest specific language for the rule change, only the "end goal" ensuring that King's statue is moved.

Brad Bolin, assistant clerk of the House, pointed out the board will need to reconvene to formalize and approve the alteration. It would then go to the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, or JCAR, for final action before it could take effect.

There was a discussion about why the focus of Hollman's proposals pertained to the controversial statues located outside the Statehouse and not on ones inside. Another statue of Douglas, for example, is located on the Capitol's second level in the rotunda.

"The outdoor statue is certainly prominent, but as people come into the building, school groups do tours, in some ways the indoor statue is even more prominent than the outdoor one," Kaiser said. "... I just see inconsistency there a little bit ... It just seems to me that we're making a decision now on Douglas — there's two of them. Why not take them both out?"

Bolin also inquired why there was no system in place to receive public comment about the artwork removal. Lawmakers could utilize committees already instituted to generate public discussion, he suggested.

Hollman also proposed contracting a firm to update members on historical structures "so we kind of know what we have on our hands currently on the complex and maybe how we want to treat those going forward."

"Our discussion today focused on the statues outside the Capitol Building," Aggert said in an email. "There will be future discussion on those located on the interior of the building."

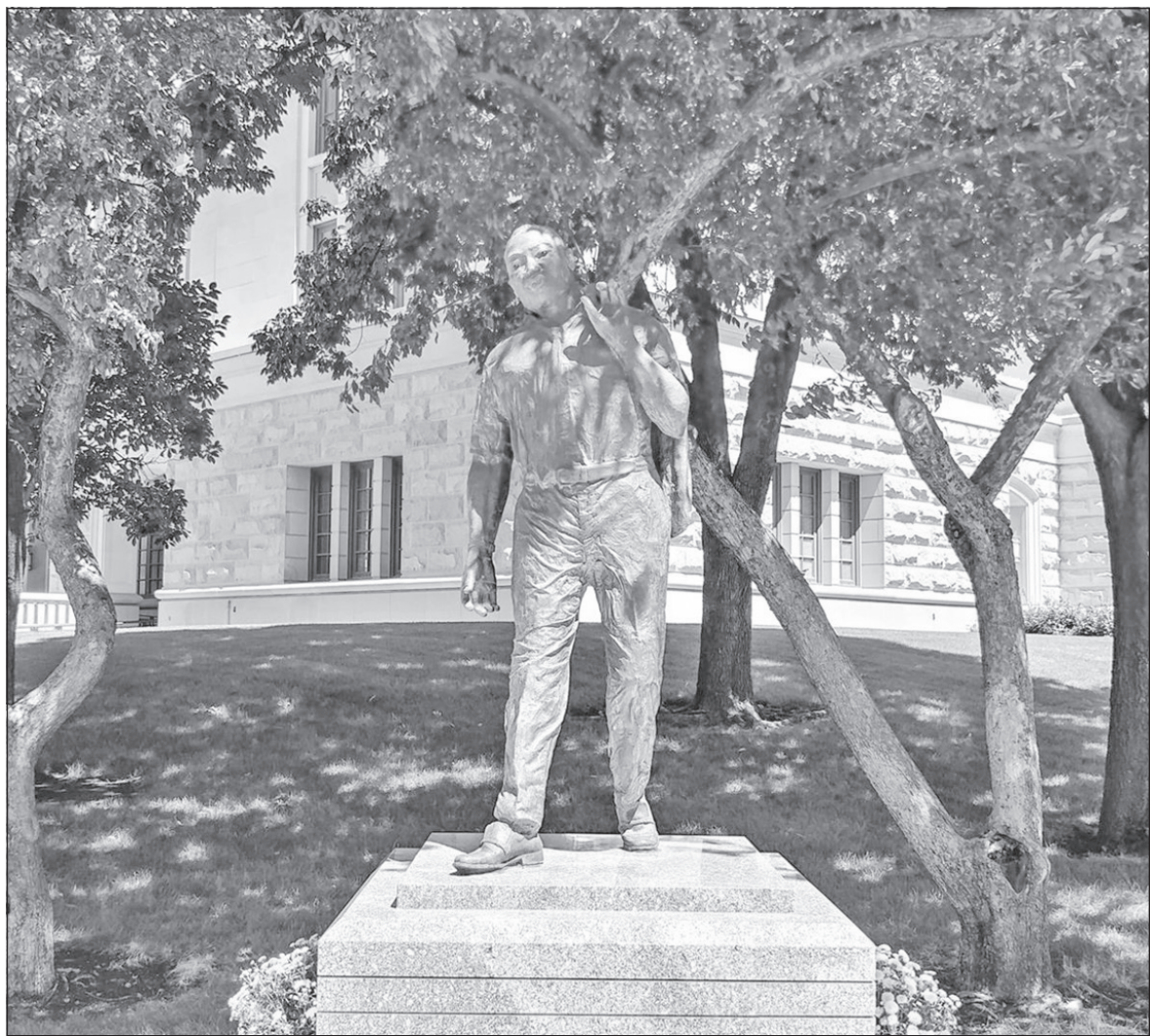
In early July, Madigan ordered the covering of a large portrait of Douglas displayed in the House chamber. He said in a statement that when representatives reconvene in November, he would propose a resolution replacing it with one of former President Barack Obama, "a more fitting representation of the modern-day Democratic Party."

Aggert's office does not have authority to dictate what artwork is displayed in the Illinois Supreme Court building across the street from the Statehouse, she said.

There, in a room used by attorneys to prepare for oral arguments, is a portrait of Douglas. He was a justice.

In a statement issued in response to questions by reporters from the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin earlier this month, the court said some of the justices portrayed in 109 paintings in that room "held racist views."

"Removing the portraits will not change that fact," the justices said in the statement. "... This Court recently released a statement on racial justice and declared that racism exists, whether it be actualized as individual



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The likeness of a 26-year-old Martin Luther King Jr. is located across the street from the Statehouse, in front of the Illinois State Library. The four-member Board of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol agreed Aug. 19 to change administrative rules that would allow the statue to be moved to the Statehouse grounds.

racism, institutional racism or structural racism, and it undermines our democracy, the fair and equitable administration of justice, and severely

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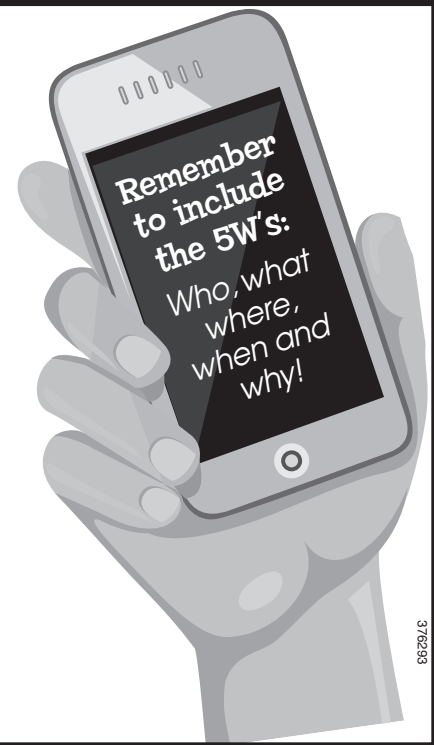
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## Driving American Legion membership

Tim Schoeny, commander; Rose Bruegger, president; and Scott Stich, commander; were recently awarded certificates for being 100 percent or more in membership for 2020. Schoeny represents the American Legion, Bruegger represents the American Legion Auxiliary and Stich represents the Sons of The American Legion. All are members of the Lena Sprague-Inman #577 Legion family.

## Church news

### Church offers outdoor service

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

Attendees are asked to park around the church or bring a chair and radio and sit in the shade.

The service will be broadcast at FM 90.5. The service also will be recorded and available later in the week on the church website at [goodshepherdlena.org](http://goodshepherdlena.org).

Additional resources are available on the church's Facebook page at [facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL](http://facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL).

For more information, call 815-369-5552.

### Salem UCC worships in person, via radio

"That's Incredible!" is the title of the sermon based on Romans 12:9-21 which will be presented by the Rev. Randal Nicholas at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road, Lena, on Sunday, Aug. 30.

The service will begin at 9:30 a.m., both in the sanctuary and broadcast over radio station FM 90.7 in car radios in the parking lot at the church.

Those who plan to attend in person are reminded that they should wear protective face masks/coverings and maintain social distancing in the building.

# HCC inks nursing agreements

### Students have new flexible options to gain bachelor's degree

Highland Community College has entered into an agreement with Northern Illinois University for HCC nursing students to earn their bachelor of science degree in nursing.

The dual enrollment allows for an academic articulation from the associate of applied science degrees in nursing at HCC to a bachelor of science degree at NIU. It is only the second agreement of its kind in the state between NIU and a community college, according to a news release from HCC.

"Partnering with NIU allows our students to take courses simultaneously in our associate degree program and Northern's bachelor's degree program," Jen Grobe, associate dean of nursing and allied health, said in the release. "Students who are

highly motivated and organized can take advantage of Highland's quality courses and take all but 10 courses toward the BSN on Highland's campus."

The courses through NIU are offered online, allowing Highland students to remain in the region and to provide nursing care to local patients while earning their education. Students can graduate as early as one semester after passing the National Council Licensure Examination.

"There are flexible options allowing students to start the program at several points along their journey. This allows students to choose the path that is right for them," Grobe said. "We also appreciate this partnership because it allows students who have earned a large number of dual credits through local high schools to seamlessly transfer into Highland's and NIU's programs and complete even faster."

Students are now able to complete Highland's associate of applied science nursing degree in four years or less. Students will, in some cases, be able to complete a bachelor of science in nursing eight weeks after they pass the NCLEX State Board of Nursing exam.

Students who attend Highland with a large number of completed dual-credits have an opportunity to graduate in three years with a bachelor's degree.

The agreement is flexible to serve the highly motivated full-time student, and the busy, working part-time adult student, according to the release.

HCC also has entered into an agreement with the University of Phoenix for HCC nursing students to be able to earn their bachelor's degree.

The partnership with University of Phoenix allows for a concurrent enrollment approach. Students can work toward an associate degree and bachelor's degree at their own pace. Students can take 87 credits at HCC and the remaining 33 through University of Phoenix all online.

"This also keeps students in the

region and supports Highland's nursing program goal that 80 percent of our graduates will be seeking a bachelor of science in nursing by one-year post-graduation," the release said.

Both options allow students to seek the college that is right for their individual needs.

For more information about the HCC nursing program, go online to [highland.edu](http://highland.edu).

## Matching donations sought for Pearl City charities

While the 2020 Pearl City Boulevard Bash was canceled due to the pandemic, organizers are still working to make a difference for local charities.

Donations are being sought to help support several area charities — Pearl City Food Pantry, Pearl City Schools Needy Children's Fund and the CAP Foundation (Ag in the Classroom).

"Because of the pandemic, their needs are greater than ever," Jeff Johnson, Boulevard Bash chairman, said in a news release.

An anonymous donor is challenging Pearl City residents to help the effort by offering to match all individual donations up to a total of \$2,000. For example, a \$10 donation turns into a \$20 donation, a \$20 donation becomes \$40 etc.

To make a donation, make checks payable to Pearl City Lions (memo: Boulevard Bash) and mail checks to Jeff Johnson, 9560 W. Sabin Church Road, Pearl City, IL 61062. Donations should be made by Saturday, Sept. 5.

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# Senate GOP demands Illinois governor open employment security offices

*'Face-to-face assistance' best way to address department delays, they say*

By Rebecca Anzel  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Ten "frustrated" Republican senators demanded Gov. JB Pritzker allow state offices tasked with processing unemployment claims to reopen in a letter sent exactly five months after Illinois' first stay-at-home order was issued.

The Department of Employment Security was widely reported to struggle with the historic influx of unemployment filings it received from residents who lost their job due to the COVID-19-induced economic downturn.

While the unemployment rate dropped from the pandemic peak of 16.8 percent in April to 11.3 percent in July, the senators argued Illinoisans continue to have problems applying for and receiving benefits from the department. These issues are "long-standing" and "continue unabated," they wrote in a recent letter.

Reopening the Employment Security offices for "face-to-face assistance," as Secretary of State Jesse White allowed for motor services buildings, is the best solution, the senators added.

"Surely in six months, couldn't we have installed Plexiglas barriers and outside air ventilation systems in the IDES offices by now," they asked in their letter. "Limit the number of people in the offices, socially distance, mask, all that, hell, we don't care, put a tent up outside and buy laptops for the staff — but get these offices back open. People are hurting."

Sen. Chapin Rose, from Mahomet, said in a phone conversation that an avenue must exist for state employees to maintain their safety while still opening Employment Security Department doors for Illinoisans to receive assistance. He said if White could design a way for that to happen, schools can resume in-person lessons, and food and banking establishments are open, there is a way for residents to apply for unemployment benefits in person.

This request for department officials and Pritzker to rectify systemic delays and inaccuracies in unemployment benefits is not new. Most recently, House Republicans asked for the same outcome after residents experienced fraud in a program designed to provide economic relief for those members of the economy who do not normally qualify for such benefits.

When faced with complaints about the Employment Security Department's trouble in the last six months, Pritzker has maintained that officials are doing everything possible to solve the problem.

"As the governor has repeatedly said, hiring skilled workers at IDES

is a top priority since the state agency was hollowed out after many years," Pritzker's spokesperson said in an email. "Training a full-time worker to assist in the unemployment process takes nine months and requires lawmakers vote in favor of a budget that provide [sic] resources instead of sitting idle while critical government agencies are hollowed out."

His administration partnered with a private firm to create a system for Illinoisans to apply for unemployment benefits under the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. Officials also hired more than 500 new workers, increasing personnel who can assist callers in locating necessary forms online.

A spokesperson for the governor said IDES processed weekly claims "more than 10 times higher than the number of claims the agency processed weekly during the recession of 2008." To achieve this, the department allowed employees to work more than 40 hours per week and designed a call-back system, she added.

The Republican senators wrote they supported the governor's actions from March through June to manage the spread of COVID-19, but the IDES system is "broken and ridiculous."

"It is now past the middle of August. We are moving into our sixth month with a system that is apparently incapable of being fixed — and phone calls from new hires, who have been poorly trained and are unable to respond to basic questions, aren't helping," they wrote.

They added they were "unsurprised" when Chicago television network WGN reported that "less than one half of one percent" of calls from residents to the Department of Employment Security were answered. The outlet analyzed more than 78 million phone calls placed over four months.

The department is "returning about 12,000 calls per week and working through the system to return calls as quickly as possible," Pritzker's spokesperson contested.

"To put it simply, this is not acceptable," the senators wrote in their letter to Pritzker. "Our constituents feel like they are caught in some real-life Franz Kafka novel. But this is no joke — this is real and painful, and it is seriously damaging the people that we both serve."

In a statement, Pritzker's spokesperson said "this administration looks forward to continuing the important work of ensuring state government provides the critical services Illinoisans rely on and is ready and willing to work on real solutions when the Senate GOP presents them."



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## Catching a ride

Louann Jordan gives her grandson a ride around Lena on a recent summer day. Remy Kohl is the son of Stephanie and Jeff Kohl.

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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,  
 -v.-  
 DANIEL R. ATILANO A/K/A DANIEL RAY ATILANO et al  
 Defendant

2020CH42

## 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 real estate:

LOT 80 IN HAWTHORNE UNIT OF BRANIGER'S APPLE CANYON LAKE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 9A80 EVERGREEN DRIVE, APPLE RIVER, IL 61001

Property Index No. 43-18-009-080-00

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as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS - GALENA, ILLINOIS  
 LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC;  
 Plaintiff,

vs.

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

Defendants,

19 CH 24

## 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:

LOT 1 IN BLOCK 1 IN DORRANCE WELTER PLACE IN DUNLEITH TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 15, 1967, IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 4-A. ALSO LOT 1 OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 1 IN DORRANCE WELTER PLACE IN DUNLEITH TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED ON OCTOBER 23, 1985 IN PLAN HOLD A, NO. 292. 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 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3153822

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## 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

Deputy

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379171

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS  
 HOME POINT FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
 Plaintiff,

-v.-

DANIELLE M HOPPMAN-KOCH A/K/A DANIELLE MARIE HOPPMAN-KOCH, A/K/A DANIELLE MARIE HOPPMAN et al  
 Defendant

19 CH 30

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the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOTS TWENTY-TWO (22), TWENTY-THREE (23) AND THE SOUTHERLY TWENTY (20) FEET OF LOT TWENTY-FOUR (24) IN BLOCK EIGHTEEN (18) OF J.D. SOUTLARD'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GALENA, ON THE WEST SIDE OF GALENA RIVER, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1012 RIDGE STREET, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 22-101-414-10

The real estate is improved with a white vinyl siding, 1.5 split level single family home with an attached two car garage.

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

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

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

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

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



# Charity drawing notes monthly winners

Nearly 20 organizations from Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Carroll counties continue to work together on the Daily Drawing, a cooperative fundraiser.

The Daily Drawing is a drawing for 366 daily cash prizes from Oct. 1, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2020, to those donating for a ticket. Cash prizes vary between \$50 and \$250. A ticket may win multiple times, as each ticket remains in the drawing each day for the entire year, no matter how often it may be drawn.

Sponsoring organizations include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Elizabeth Historical Society, Freeport Dance Team, Galena After Prom, Galena Elks scholarship, Galena Music Boosters, Hanover Alumni Association, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Foundation, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, River Ridge Education Association, Scales Mound Travelers, Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge, Stockton Strong, Warren Athletic Boosters and West Carroll Sports Boosters.

The July winners are: Brian Schreiner of Hanover; Susan Schultz of Galena; Missy Roe of Elizabeth; Dusty Berning of Galena; Sue Schneider of Lena; Goldie Foley of Scales Mound; Teresa Burke of Galena; Corey Kaiser of Galena; Gwen Harwick of Hazel Green, Wisconsin; Jerry and Pam Dascher of Stockton; Wes Cocagne of Apple River; Don Nevills of LeClaire, Iowa; Justin Eisens of Fulton; Mike and Pat Jordan of Stockton; Sarah Niensteadt of Galena; Owen Offenheiser of Elizabeth; Kathy Heinkel of Lena; Judy Ver-Huizen of Stockton; Todd Reitz of St. Petersburg, Florida; Sue Grommes of Hanover; Jeannine Mills of Savanna; Dan Dittmar of Galena; Robert Reddington of Dubuque, Iowa; Laura Mack of Pearl City; Jim Holland of Elizabeth; Blaine Streckwald of Freeport; Joann Robinson of Elizabeth; Sophia Ward of Switzerland; Kelsey Randall of Elizabeth; Connie Koehn of Lena; and Terry Whalen of Apple River.

For more information, go online to [facebook.com/northwestillinoisdailydrawing](https://facebook.com/northwestillinoisdailydrawing).



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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS**

**PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION**  
Plaintiff,

-v.-

**KANDISE D. HAERTEL et al**  
Defendant

2020CH43

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**LOT 36 IN SHENANDOAH UNIT NO. 5 OF BRANIGAR'S THE GALENA TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF JO DAVIESS COUNTY IN BOOK 14 OF PLATS, PAGE 32, ON NOVEMBER 16, 1973 ALL IN JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

Commonly known as 1131 N CLARK LN, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 43-08-105-036-00

The real estate is improved with a residence.

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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.  
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Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.  
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## NOTICE

Lena-Winslow CUSD #202 Board of Education in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties announces the availability of the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. The budget will be available for public inspection online at [Le-Win.net](http://Le-Win.net) or at the District Office, 401 Fremont Street, Lena, IL during normal school hours beginning on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

The Board of Education will hold a public hearing regarding the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Le-Win Junior High School library at 517 Fremont Street, Lena, Illinois.

Pete Conway  
Secretary  
Board of Education  
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# Cost-sharing help available for organic producers

USDA's Farm Service Agency announced that organic producers and handlers can apply for federal funds to assist with the cost of receiving and maintaining organic certification through the Organic Certification Cost Share Program.

Applications for eligible certification expenses paid between Oct. 1, 2019, and Sept. 30, 2020, are due

Oct. 31, 2020.

"For producers producing food with organic certification, this program helps cover a portion of those certification costs," FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce said. "Contact your local FSA county office to learn more about this program and other valuable USDA resources, like farm loans and conservation assistance,

that can help you succeed."

OCCSP provides cost-share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products for the costs of obtaining or maintaining organic certification under the USDA's National Organic Program. Eligible producers include any certified producers or handlers who have paid organic certification fees to a USDA-accredited

certifying agent. Eligible expenses for cost-share reimbursement include application fees, inspection costs, fees related to equivalency agreement and arrangement requirements, travel expenses for inspectors, user fees, sales assessments and postage.

Certified producers and handlers are eligible to receive reimbursement for up to 50 percent of the certified

organic operation's eligible expenses, up to a maximum of \$500 per scope.

To learn more about the cost share program, go online to [fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/ocsp/index](http://fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/ocsp/index).

In your local area, contact the Farm Service Agency at the USDA

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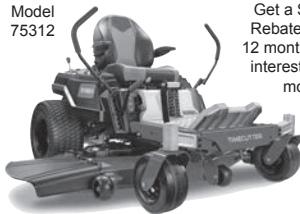
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# Keep up with county government

Jo Daviess County government officials are reminding residents that most public meetings of county committees and boards are being held virtually on an as-needed basis.

Meetings coming up this week include:

- Finance, Tax and Budget Committee, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27
- Jo Daviess County Board special meeting/public hearing, Special Service Area No. 7, 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28
- Joint budget review meeting, Law & Courts and Finance committees, 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31
- Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1
- Ad hoc MDFPD Communication Tower Committee, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2

- Emergency Telephone System Board, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2
- Board of Health, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2

To get details about any meeting, go online to [jodaviess.org](http://jodaviess.org) and click on the calendar of events on the lower right.

For more information about county committees and a list of committee members, go online to [jodaviess.org](http://jodaviess.org) and click on "county board" and then "committees."



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**Corn harvesting isn't all that far off and officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service are starting to contact Illinois farmers to get an update on yield prospects.**

# State looks to forecast corn, soybean yield

Officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service will soon be contacting Illinois farmers to get an update on yield prospects for corn and soybeans. NASS field staff will also begin making counts and measurements in selected fields across Illinois.

"Field counts and measurements are very helpful to our yield forecasting process," Mark Schleusener, Illinois state statistician, said in a news release. "For corn and soybeans, our field staff help us measure ear count, ear weight, pod count and pod weight. We also use satellite imagery and weather information to assist in setting yield forecast statistics."

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, according to the release. The September Crop Production Report will be published Friday, Sept. 11, and will be available online [nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://nass.usda.gov/Publications).

For more information, call the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at 800-551-1014.

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR FARM SALE

The Wavah Jean Meissen Trust, Citizens State Bank Trustee is soliciting bids for the purchase of 321 acres, more or less, of agricultural land, in three parcels in Laona Township, Winnebago, Illinois, which real estate is located generally along Laube and Crowley Roads, just north of Durand, Illinois. Any person who may be interested in submitting a bid for one or more parcels of this real estate should contact Ms. Amy Powers, Trust Officer, Citizens State Bank, 1525 S. Forest Rd., Freeport, IL 61032. Telephone: (815) 801-4065 by Sept. 10, 2020, to obtain the instructions and procedures for submitting a written bid and for details on how the sale and closing will be handled.

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## Courthouse access subject to restrictions

Although an appointment is no longer required to enter the Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, residents are encouraged to continue doing business remotely as much as possible. Some options include using the drop box outside near the flagpole entrance, using online services, doing business by phone and using the U.S. mail.

People who do enter the courthouse will be subject to screening, including a temperature check, and must wear a mask when in the building.

The courthouse-access plan is subject to change and will be in effect until the state of Illinois enters Phase 5 of its reopening plan.

## • Help

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Service Center in Freeport at 815-235-2141, extension 2, or the center in Elizabeth at 815-858-3418, extension 2.

All USDA Service Center locations are open for business, including some that are open to visitors to conduct business in person by appointment only.

To learn more about organic agriculture, go online to [usda.gov/organic](http://usda.gov/organic).

## AUCTION SATURDAY, AUG. 29 10:00 A.M. (Starting w/car)

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## NOTICE

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These tests will assist in locating breaks and defects in the sanitary sewer collection system. During the test you may see smoke coming from vent stacks on buildings, this is normal. The smoke has no odor, is non-toxic, non-staining and does not create a fire hazard and will dissipate in a few minutes.

Before the Village conducts the test, please pour water into your basement floor drains and into any unused sinks, this will seal drain traps so that smoke will not enter your house through the drains.

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• REAL ESTATE •

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS - GALENA,  
ILLINOIS  
LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC;  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
LINDA A. HILKEY AKA LINDA ANN  
HILKEY AKA LINDA HILKEY; TIME  
INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC.;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON  
RECORD CLAIMANTS;  
Defendants,

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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 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
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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,  
-v.-  
DANIEL R. ATILANO A/K/A DANIEL  
RAY ATILANO et al  
Defendant

2020CH42

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 real estate:  
Commonly known as 9A80 EVERGREEN DRIVE, APPLE RIVER, IL 61001  
Property Index No. 43-18-009-080-00  
The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction

thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA,  
ILLINOIS  
HOME POINT FINANCIAL  
CORPORATION  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
DANIELLE M HOPPMAN-KOCH A/K/A  
DANIELLE MARIE HOPPMAN-KOCH,  
A/K/A DANIELLE MARIE HOPPMAN et al  
Defendant

19 CH 30

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 13, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on September 22, 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 real estate:

Commonly known as 1012 RIDGE STREET, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 22-101-414-10  
The real estate is improved with a white vinyl siding, 1.5 split level single family home with an attached two car garage.

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.

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PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.  
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Attorney ARDC No. 61256  
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TJSC#: 40-1573

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA,  
ILLINOIS  
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
KANDISE D. HAERTEL 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 August 13, 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 real estate:

Commonly known as 1131 N CLARK LN, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 43-08-105-036-00  
The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws, the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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

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

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

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

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

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

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.  
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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
Case Number: 2020CH43  
TJSC#: 40-2113

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

Members of the Pearl City Education Foundation recently awarded \$17,000 to 25 upperclassman scholarship recipients. The Pearl City students are entering their second, third or fourth year of college in the 2020-'21 school year. "We congratulate these dedicated students, and commend them for moving forward in spite of the year's obstacles and unknowns," the foundation news release said. The scholarship recipients are: Amanda Baldauf, Burgundy Barklow, Taylor Brudi, Shayna Drake, Mackenzie Endress, Anna Harrington, Gwen Heimerdinger, Brook Hass, Alyssa M. Johnson, Addison Keltner, Zach Lieb, Andrew Lorig, Lydia Lott, Kendra Melville, Kayla Niehaus, Isabel Pena, Libby Petersen, Lucas Petersen, Macayla Pilson, Randy Potter, Liana Rosenstiel, Delanie Strohecker, Margaret Tessendorf, Jazmin Wingert and Riley Wright. Scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$1,000 per student. The Pearl City Education Foundation accepts donations for its scholarship and classroom/teacher's grant programs. The foundation has 501 (c) (3) tax status.

# Fairgrounds offers winter storage

Oct. 10 will be the first weekend for winter storage take-in at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds, officials announced recently. Additional storage dates will be Oct. 17 and Oct. 24. Those who need to bring in storage items outside of the October Saturday dates may call the fair office at 815-235-2918 for more information. "We have room for your boat, camper, pop-up, RV, motorcycle, car/truck, golf cart, trailer, etc.," Lori Tessendorf, fairgrounds executive director, said in a news release. "You name it and we can probably store it for you." For more information, go online to [stephensoncountyfair.org](http://stephensoncountyfair.org) or call the fair office. Spring storage removal is set for April 3 and April 10.

# Officials push for COVID caution along stateline

**CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS**  
State and local officials in the Metro East area near St. Louis cautioned residents on both sides of the Illinois-Missouri line recently to be diligent about protecting themselves and others from COVID-19. "It is in the best interests of all St. Louis and Metro East residents, Illinoisans, and Missourians alike, to take action now to bring down the positivity rate," Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker said during a news conference in East St. Louis. "And we're working together across the border to make sure that that happens." Pritzker's comments came one day after the Illinois Department of

Public Health announced new social and economic restrictions for the six-county area in the wake of the region's rising number of cases and test positivity rate. He was joined at the event by IDPH Director Dr. Ngoki Ezike, St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern, East Side Health District Administrator Elizabeth Patton Whiteside and East St. Louis Mayor Mark Eastern. As of Aug. 14, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health, that region had experienced nine consecutive days of rising positivity rates, including four consecutive days of rates above 8 per-

cent. The rolling seven-day average positivity rate stood at 8.9 percent. "If you haven't been taking this seriously yet, now is the time to start," Pritzker said. "Wear a mask to maximize the chance that children can have in-person learning this fall. Maintain 6 feet of physical distance to keep the small business owners' dining rooms open and retail stores in business. "Each of us has a role to play in the future of this region's health and economy."

The new mitigation efforts are not as severe as those that were in place statewide during Phase 3 of the reopening plan, which ended June 26. But they are more stringent than those that have been in place during Phase 4. They include requiring bars and restaurants to close at 11 p.m. and limiting seating in those establishments to six people per table. Bars are being told to seat people only at tables and to remove bar stools to prevent gathering around the bar. Elsewhere, public gatherings, meetings and social events will be limited to 25 guests or 25 percent of the overall room capacity. All reception halls will be closed and party buses will be shut down. Casinos are being ordered to close at 11 p.m. and are limited to 25 percent capacity.

# Town hall meeting focuses on social justice

Stephenson County is hosting a social justice town hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at Highland Community College. Although reservations for in-person attendance have closed, there is an option to attend via Zoom. The meeting ID is 966 5828 2323; call 312-626-6799 or 929-436-2866. The Zoom link can be found on the county board website under county board and then county board-zoom meeting. Click on county board meeting. Meeting participants will include County Board Chairman William Hadley, Judge Michael Bald, States Attorney Carl Larson, Sheriff David Snyders, Circuit Clerk Nathan Luy, public defender Byron Sloan, Director of Probation Thomas Cunningham, and Public Property & Safety Chairman Mark Diddens. Samuel Newton and Ronnie Bush will serve as moderators.

**LOBSTERFEST 2020**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**1 1/4 LB. AVG. LIVE MAINE LOBSTER**  
**GET YOUR PRE-ORDERS IN NOW!**  
**(PRE-ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN THRU THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2020)**  
**DON'T MISS OUT!**

**SULLIVAN'S FOODS** **LOBSTERFEST 2020**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Pre-orders will be taken through Thu, Sep 3, 2020  
(Mega meal deal orders require prepayment)  
**LOBSTERFEST 2020 - ORDER FORM**  
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	LIVE LOBSTER - \$9.99 ea	Pick up starts at 9:00am
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Pre-orders will be held until 5:00pm Saturday, September 5, 2020