

the Scoop Today

RE LAW OFFICES OF
Rosenberg, Eisenberg & Associates, LLC

- Car Accidents
- Slip / Trip & Fall
- Medical Malpractice
- Wrongful Death
- Personal Injury
- Job Accidents
- Product Injuries

Personal Injury
 Workers Compensation
 Nursing Home Abuse & Neglect

No Charge Unless Recovery is Made

815-947-3445 841 E. North Ave.
 Hwy 20 East Stockton, IL
 WWW.RICHARDROSENBERGLAW.COM 370768

VOL. 86 • NO. 43

YOUR FREE HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21, 2020

New CTE instructor shares passion, knowledge

Professional photographer attended academy while in high school

By Tony Carton
CORRESPONDENT
Sometimes we are given the chance to not only recognize good, but also repay the good received.

Nicole Koester, the new graphic communications instructor at the Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy in Elizabeth, was given just that opportunity and she jumped at the chance.

"I was subbing at the CTE for about two years before the job opened up and I kind of fell in love with it," Koester said. "I had attended the CTE when I was a junior and senior at Stockton High School and I always thought if there would ever be an opportunity to give back to the community, the CTE would be the first place I would look."

Koester is the photographer/owner of Orange Anchor Photography of Galena and she holds a bachelor's degree in graphic design and interactive media from the University of Dubuque.

"While I was growing up I always had an interest in the arts, but there were always naysayers telling me I couldn't make a career as an artist or a photographer or anything in the creative field, so now my priority is pushing my students to understand they can absolutely succeed at doing what they love," Koester said. "As a result, my curriculum is kind of all over the board. Obviously, we work in the area of digital photography and that is definitely where my heart is as I do photography professionally."

"We also touch on the different Adobe programs, including Photoshop, InDesign and Illustrator. We do web design and typography and even enter the fine arts area with acrylics and watercolors."

She said her course is focused on what her students are interested in



COURTESY PHOTO The Scoop Today

Nicole Koester, right, has returned to the CTE Academy in Elizabeth to share her skills as the new graphic communications instructor. Koester attended the academy while she was a student at Stockton High School and now owns her own photography business.

and what they want to pursue as a career.

"I try not to stifle them by telling them this is what we're doing and this is all that we're doing," Koester said. "I prefer to allow them the creative freedom to really express themselves while preparing them for their future."

"I definitely try to prepare them for real-world situations. Whether they choose working freelance or if they decide to work for a firm, I try to push them to understand they really can do this as a career; they just have

to try." Koester said she shares her personal experiences and how those experiences helped shape her as a photographer.

"I've traveled all over the world doing photography and graphic design," she said. "I want them to know

the world is their oyster when it comes to working creatively. I think it's important for the students to see someone right in front of them who has been through it and found some success. I think that can be a huge

See INSTRUCTOR, Page 8

County farm elections begin soon

The presidential election might be dominating headlines, but another election is set to begin soon in Jo Daviess County.

The 2020 Farm Service Agency county committee elections begin Nov. 2, when ballots will be mailed to eligible voters. The deadline to return the ballots to local FSA offices, or to be postmarked, is Dec. 7.

The election is for FSA Local Administrative Area No. 3, which includes the townships of Berreman, Elizabeth, Hanover, Derinda, Pleasant Valley and Woodbine.

"This is the only remaining grassroots level representation at the local level by a federal agency," according to news release from Cory Cassens, Jo Daviess County FSA executive director. "The locally elected committees shoulder primary responsibility for making national farm programs fit the needs and situations faced by local farmers."

"They bring local expertise and knowledge to USDA's daily delivery of programs and services."

To be an eligible voter, farmers must participate or cooperate in a FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm, may also be eligible to vote, according to a USDA news release.

See ELECTIONS, Page 8

ROCKFORD MUTUAL
 INSURANCE COMPANY
 Putting Lives Back Together™

RADERS
 INSURANCE
 AGENCY

W P M
 1872
 WEST POINT MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

www.radersinsurance.com
www.westpointmutual.com

Did you know we've been insuring Farmers since 1872?

We insure Dwellings, Farm Buildings, Farm Machinery, Livestock and Farm Liability. We provide our policy holders with quick and friendly service!

Call us today for a quote!

240 W. Main St., Suite A, Lena, IL 61048
815-369-4225

FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We had the big freeze last weekend, so basically most of the flowers and gardens are done. If you were like me, you had most of it cleared away before the weather turned. What was nice about the way the frost came was that we had a few days to prepare for it.

The trees are losing leaves at a fast rate, but they were beautiful before the wind. I had a chance to go for a drive in Wisconsin two weeks ago, and the colors were beautiful. This fall weather was a nice thing considering all the other challenges we have faced and will continue to face. Recipes this week will continue to feature some of the fall vegetables and fruits.

Tomato Juice Cocktail

Ilene Lamm sent this great tomato cocktail that is easy to make and great to drink. I like to sprinkle celery seed on my tomato juice as well as a little pepper. If you have some of the not-so-nice looking tomatoes left, this would be a great way to use them up. Enjoy this tomato juice cocktail with a stalk of celery or a dill spear. Thanks, Ilene, for sharing this great drink recipe.

- 12 medium tomatoes
- ½ C. water
- 1 slice onion
- 3 sprigs fresh parsley
- 1 t. salt
- ¼ t. paprika
- ¼ t. sugar

In a pan over medium-high heat, bring the tomatoes and water to a

boil. Add onion, lettuce and parsley and simmer for one half hour. Strain mixture into a bowl. Add salt, paprika and sugar and stir to combine. Chill for at least two hours. Serve over ice or just plain. Garnish with celery stalk, dill spear or parsley.

Buttermilk Herb Corn Muffins

I made some chili last weekend, and I love to eat it with corn bread. These corn muffins are really moist and make a great addition to any meal.

- 5 T. oil, divided
- 1 C. plain yellow cornmeal
- 1 C. flour
- 1 T. sugar
- 1 T. chopped fresh sage or 1 t. dried sage
- 1 T. chopped fresh chives
- 2 t. baking powder
- 1 t. kosher salt
- 1/8 t. red pepper flakes
- 1 C. buttermilk
- 1 egg

Preheat oven to 425. Spoon ½ t. oil into each cup of a 12-cup muffin pan. Place pan in oven until oil is very hot, about five minutes. In a medium bowl, whisk together cornmeal, flour, sugar, sage, chives, baking powder, salt and red pepper. In a small bowl, whisk together buttermilk, egg and remaining 3 T. oil. Stir buttermilk mixture into cornmeal mixture until moistened. Spoon batter into hot muffin cups, filling about two-thirds full. Bake until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, about 13 minutes; serve warm with butter

Bacon and Cider Brussels Sprouts

Since Brussels sprouts continue to be the "in" vegetable, this recipe is a good one for people who have never had this vegetable or for those who tried them and were not impressed. These Brussels sprouts are tender and flavorful. Try these, and you might like them.

- 5 slices good bacon, chopped
- 4 T. unsalted butter, cut into pieces and divided
- 3 T. olive oil
- 2½ lbs. Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
- 2 t. kosher salt, divided
- 2 t. pepper, divided
- ½ C. chicken broth
- ¼ C. apple cider vinegar
- ½ C. chopped toasted pecans

In a 12-inch cast-iron skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, about 10 minutes. Remove bacon and let drain on paper towels; pour off drippings.

In the same skillet, melt 2 T. butter with oil over medium-high heat. Add half of Brussels sprouts, cut side down; cook, without stirring for two minutes. Stir in 1 t. salt and 1 t. pepper; cook for two minutes. Remove from skillet. Repeat procedure with remaining 2 T. butter, remaining Brussels sprouts, remaining 1 t. salt and remaining teaspoon of pepper. Return all Brussels sprouts to skillet. Add broth and vinegar, partially cover and cook until tender, about three minutes. Top with bacon and pecans and serve immediately.

Chicken and Dressing Casserole

The weather is getting colder, and our food is getting heartier. This casserole fills the bill for a great week night's supper. It has meat, vegetables and starch in one dish. I think you could substitute turkey for the chicken if you wanted to.

- 2 T. unsalted butter
- 1½ C. frozen vegetable seasoning blend, thawed
- ½ C. thinly sliced onion, chopped
- ¼ C. flour
- 2½ C. chicken broth
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. poultry seasoning
- 1 t. chopped fresh thyme
- ½ t. pepper
- 6 C. 2-inch-cubed cornbread
- 3 C., shredded cooked chicken
- 1 lb. fresh asparagus, blanched and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 375. Spray a 2½ qt. baking dish with cooking spray. In a large deep skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add seasoning blend and onion; cook, stirring occasionally, until most of the liquid is

evaporated and vegetables are lightly browned, about five minutes. Sprinkle with flour; whisk in broth, salt, poultry seasoning, thyme and pepper. Bring to a boil, whisking frequently. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer, whisking frequently, until thickened, about two minutes. Remove from heat; let cool for 10 minutes.

In a large bowl, stir together cornbread, chicken, asparagus, eggs and vegetable mixture until well combined. Spoon mixture into prepared pan, and cover with foil. Bake for 25 minutes. Uncover and bake until center is set and casserole is heated through, about 15 minutes more. Garnish with fresh chopped parsley.

Cheesy Turkey Sausage Stuffed Peppers

I have had a great response from people about the stuffed pepper recipes in the column. I hope you are ready for one more. This one uses ground turkey sausage. I think you can substitute regular sausage if you wanted to. This one also has barley instead of rice for an interesting taste. If you don't have ricotta, you can substitute cottage cheese because both are creamy.

- 4 large bell peppers, halved lengthwise and seeded
- 3 T. olive oil, divided
- 1/3 t. kosher salt
- 1 lb. ground turkey sausage
- 2 C. marinara sauce
- 2 C. pearl barley, cooked according to pkg. directions
- 2/3 C. ricotta cheese or cottage cheese
- 2 T. chopped fresh basil
- 1 C. finely shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 400. In a 9-by-13 casserole dish sprayed with cooking spray, place bell pepper halves cut side up. Drizzle with 1 T. oil and sprinkle with salt. Bake for 12 minutes.

In a large skillet, heat remaining 2 T. oil over medium-high heat. Add sausage and cook until lightly browned, five to six minutes. Stir in marinara sauce; remove from heat. Fold in barley, ricotta and basil. Divide mixture among peppers. Top with mozzarella. Bake until peppers are tender, about 15 minutes. Let stand for five minutes before serving. Garnish with chopped fresh parsley.

Green Tomato Crisp

If you cleaned off the garden and saved some of the green tomatoes, you could make this recipe that is quite different than regular green tomatoes. This is a dessert crisp using

green tomatoes. Enjoy this different way of using us those green tomatoes.

- 1 C. sugar, divided
- ½ C. flour
- ½ C. firmly packed light brown sugar
- ½ C. old-fashioned oats
- 2½ t. apple pie spice, divided
- 1 t. kosher salt
- 6 T. cold unsalted butter, cubed
- 2 T. cornstarch
- 2½ lbs. green tomatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces, seeded
- 2 T. fresh orange juice

In a small bowl, stir together ½ C. sugar, flour, brown sugar, oats, ½ t. pie spice and salt. Using a fork, cut in cold butter until mixture is crumbly. Squeeze mixture into clumps; refrigerate.

In a small bowl, whisk together cornstarch, remaining ½ C. sugar and remaining 2 t. pie spice. In a 9-by-13 baking dish, stir together tomatoes, orange juice and sugar mixture until well combined. Let stand at room temperature, stirring occasionally, for one hour.

Preheat oven to 350. Sprinkle oat mixture onto tomato mixture. Bake until top is golden brown and filling is bubbly, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool on wire rack for at least 30 minutes. Serve with ice cream.

Fresh Pumpkin Pie

When I mentioned my pumpkin predicament, Barb Wire was one of the first to contact me and talk about making pumpkin pie filling from pie pumpkins. She shared her experience which is all good and gave us all a great way to use the bountiful pie pumpkins that are around this year. Remember, using pie pumpkins works best. Barb also sent a way to make a calorie-friendly pumpkin pie. Thanks, Barb, for your contributions to cooking in northwestern Illinois.

Pumpkin Puree

Wash the pumpkin, cut it in half, scoop out the seeds (you can toast the seeds and eat them) and slice the pumpkin into wedges. Cut off the rind. Place all pieces (cut up wedges into 1 inch pieces) into a pan with a small amount of water. Bring to a boil and let it cook for about 15 minutes. Turn down the heat unit and continue to cook for about 10 to 15 minutes. Check the pumpkin to see if it is soft and then using a meat tenderizer stomp the pumpkin into mush or you can use a whisk to smooth out the lumps. Let cool and store. This is homemade Libby's pumpkin puree.

See KITCHEN, Page 15

Trick Or Treat Hours for the Village of Stockton are Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Remember children should only go to houses with porch lights on.

383586

Village of Stockton

Fall 2020 Open Burn Dates

The Fall open burn dates for landscape waste will run from Nov. 6 through Nov. 15, 2020.

All burning of landscape waste shall be carried out in compliance with Ordinance No. 674 which is posted on the Village's website at www.villageofstockton.com

383578

SERVICE CALL SPECIAL

\$19.95

any brand



We service all makes & models. Over 30 years experience.

Affordable Water
815-544-0918

Toll Free **877-353-7638**

Gene & Vivian Hesselbacher

60th Wedding Anniversary Card Shower
October 23, 2020

Send cards to:

Gene & Vivian Hesselbacher
8878 N. Flansburg Road
McConnell, IL 61050

Daughters:
Debbie (McConnell)
Amy (Brad) (Freeport)
Granddaughters:
Michaela
Celeste

381942

OPINION

Slices of life

The right direction? Siri takes command of road trips

When it comes to driving, I've always allowed my husband to take control of the wheel. Sitting in the passenger seat is so much easier than differentiating the brake from the gas pedal or driving between the lines, so I figure I've gotten the better end of that deal. But with driving comes the other "D" word: directions.

When you are driving, you are the person in charge of directions. You must know where you are going and when to exit Interstate 10 and head north.

I have always been fine with that. Directions meant effort and thinking and reading a map and knowing east from west. I thankfully relinquished directions decades ago. I consult the map when requested to do so, but my husband has always had the better head for geography.

In the past, when we've traveled across the country, we utilized the cutting-edge tool known as the atlas. It was huge and large and mappy, mapish or maplike — take your pick.

Each page spread contained one state. As we traveled from north to south (and vice versa) I'd turn the page from Wisconsin to Illinois to Kentucky and (quickly) to Tennessee. I'd count the numbers on the page to see how many miles it was from Madison to Springfield, adding the mile markers in my head. I'd tell him I thought the best route looked to be Highway 55. He'd disagree, saying there was a quicker way, which he'd mapped out the previous night. I'd ask, "Highway 47 or 62?" He'd pick which one and away we'd go.

He was the driver. I was his shotgun-sitting sort-of navigator. It took some effort, but we always got from point A to point B. Mostly on time. We were a semi-well-oiled machine, or at least a married couple traveling in a semi-well-oiled machine.

We still travel, but things have changed. First off, I'm still sitting shotgun, but I'm not longer chief navigation co-pilot. My husband has a new woman for that.

Her name is Siri, and holy heck, she is boss. Siri will not take anything other than her own opinion into consideration when mapping out a route. If she says Highway 65 and my husband believes it should be Highway 35, Siri is relentless. She is boss and is 100 percent sure she knows the



By **JILL PERTLER**
Contributor

quickest route. Because she does.

It drives my husband crazy.

She'll say, "In 13 miles, take a slight left onto Roadway Boulevard."

He'll answer (to a machine), "That isn't the best way. I'm sure we should stay on 45."

He should know better than to argue with a woman over directions. But he doesn't. He insists on taking Highway 45; but I'm on Siri's side. We gals need to stick together.

"You've got to listen to her," I say. "She's mapped out the quickest route."

He sighs, not having the energy to argue with two women simultaneously. We continue on the route — his or hers, I'm often not sure.

"High traffic ahead," she'll announce. "But you are still on the quickest route."

Today, mid-route, she offered us an alternative that was one minute quicker. It involved taking a road my husband wasn't familiar with.

"Might as well try it," he said. "The quickest route is the best, even if it is only by a minute."

I silently applauded for him this new outlook.

I guess I've officially been replaced as chief atlas navigator. As long as I can still sit shotgun, while Siri is the brains of the business, I'm OK with that.

I dare say all three of us are OK with that.

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



Continuing protective measures is key to slowing virus spread

Dear community members of Green, Stephenson and surrounding counties,

COVID-19 has brought forth its fair share of challenges in 2020, both professionally and personally for everyone in our community. While COVID-19 may not be as widely spread in our local area, cases do continue to increase, and the risks remain very real.

As one of the largest area employers, Monroe Clinic, a member of SSM Health, feels it is incredibly important for all of us to remain diligent in doing what we can to protect ourselves and others from unnecessary exposure to the virus. We need to continue to be cautious, take the impact of our actions seriously and assume personal responsibility to be role models in our community.

As COVID-19 cases reach a critical point, we must continue to focus on the importance of wearing masks while in public settings along with practicing social distancing. COVID-19 can be spread by people who do not have symptoms and do not know they are infected. Attending large public gatherings

continues to elevate the risk of exposure for each of us. While we all miss a certain level of normalcy, attending events that include large numbers of guests isn't worth the risk. By avoiding or limiting attendees for large gatherings or activities, we can reduce the risk of exposure and possible transmission of COVID-19 in the community.

According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, in general, the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. If you decide to engage in public activities, please continue to protect yourself by practicing everyday preventative actions, including:

- Wash your hands often
- Avoid close contact (stay at least 6 feet from other people)
- Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when in public and when around people who don't live in your household
- Cover coughs and sneezes

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily
- Monitor your health daily and be alert for COVID-19 symptoms
- Stay home if sick

Additionally, it's likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both spread this fall and winter. Healthcare systems could be overwhelmed treating both patients with flu and patients with COVID-19. This means getting a flu vaccine during 2020-'21 is more important than ever and we encourage all community members to get a flu vaccine if able. For more information about flu vaccine events, visit MonroeClinic.org/Flu2020.

On behalf of Monroe Clinic, we'd like to thank each of you for continuing to do your part to help prevent further spread of COVID-19.

*Jane Curran-Meuli, president
Darren Pipp, chief medical officer
Monroe Clinic*

BELVIDERE COLLECTIBLE COINS

NEED CASH? Turn your Gold and Silver into CASH!

10% MORE for jewelry with this ad! Gold • Silver • Jewelry • Coins
Flatware • Diamonds • Sterling

BUYING ALL: U.S. Rare Coins • World Coins • Proof Sets • Mini Sets • BU Rolls • Gold • Silver
Platinum • Dental Gold • Jewelry • Sterling Silver • Scrap Gold Bullion • Currency • Pocket Watches
Diamonds • 999 Fine Silver/Gold Plate Costume Jewelry • Silverware • Foreign Exchange

815.547.7111 | www.GoldSilverJewelryCoin.com
880 Belvidere Rd. (Logan Square), Belvidere, IL • bcoins60@yahoo.com

The Village of Lena

will be flushing hydrants from October 19-30, 2020.

Watch clothes.

There may be some discoloration of the water... therefore, test water prior to using for washing machines.

Obituaries

LINZY MARIE FRIEDLEIN

Linzy Marie Friedlein, age 19, of Stockton, Illinois, passed away on Friday, Oct. 16, 2020. She was born May 30, 2001, to Damon and Aimee (Wise) Friedlein.

She graduated from Stockton High School with the class of 2019, where she was captain of the speech team, sang in the choir and was a cheerleader. She was currently attending Highland Community College. Linzy worked at the front desk at the Country Inn & Suites in Stockton. She enjoyed photography, going to waterparks and spending time with her best friend, Pearl.

She is survived by her parents, Damon and Aimee; boyfriend, Tanner Reagan; grandmother, Pam (Colin) Summers; great-grandmother, Dorothy Dittman; godfather, Louie Loef-



felholz; aunt, Angie Adams; cousin, Tyler Adams; and many aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Lona and Gordon Friedlein; uncle, George William Wise; and cousin, Halie Adams.

A visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton with a service starting at 5 p.m.

A memorial fund has been established in her name. Condolences may be shared at hermannfuneralhome.com.

ROSE M. STEUART

Rose M. Steuart, age 78, of Warren, Illinois, passed away on Monday Oct. 12, 2020, at OSF St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford, Illinois, surrounded by her family. She was born Feb. 10, 1942, to Dale and Dorothy (Schultz) Hess. She married Henry "Hank" Steuart on Dec. 21, 1974, in Gurnee, Illinois.

She had numerous jobs in the health care industry in northern Illinois, retiring from the JoDaviess County Health Department in 2007. Hank and Rose volunteered for local emergency medical services agencies. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Warren Chamber of Commerce Board, Warren Auxiliary Post 464, library board, N.I.C.C.A. Board and the Elmwood Cemetery Association Board. She was an avid crafter and enjoyed golfing and bowling. Hank and Rose owned H&R Crafts.

She is survived by her children, Steve (Sandy) Steuart of Beaumont, Texas, Susan Monak, Patti Dole, Craig (Barb) Steuart and Cathy (Mike Skorowski) Steuart, all of Rockford; James (Esperanza) Steuart of Seattle; Tana



(Brian) Baginski of Brookfield, Illinois; and Cindi (Steve Harrington) Lira of Gurnee; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, David Hess, of Galena, Illinois; a sister-in-law, Rose Hess of Warren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a special little boy, Ayden.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Hank; a brother, Jim Hess; and a sister-in-law, Rose Hess of Galena.

A visitation and memorial service was held Oct. 17, 2020, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren. Vicar Michelle Knight officiated. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren.

A memorial has been established in her name for the Wickler-Copland Post 464.

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

ROBERT 'BOB' GERBICK

Robert "Bob" Gerbick, 93, of Lena, passed away at Manor Court in Freeport on Oct. 12, 2020. His family was able to be with him.

Bob was born at home on a farm near Lanark, Illinois, on April 9, 1927, to Jesse and Mabel (Sturtz) Gerbick. He attended school in Stockton and Warren and then joined the U.S. Navy, where his job was fueling airplanes on an aircraft carrier at sea. Upon discharge he came back home and worked for a short time for the Illinois Central Railroad maintaining tracks and also for the Bausman Cheese plant in Warren, Illinois. All the while he worked on his family farm, eventually purchasing and taking over from his father.

Bob married RoseAnn McGinnis on Oct. 28, 1952, at St. Ann's Cath-



olic church in Warren and she joined him on the farm four miles west of Lena. Together they spent the next 50 years farming and raising four daughters.

Bob was a member of the Farm Bureau and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lena. He loved his family and enjoyed family gatherings and Sunday dinners. He also enjoyed playing euchre and horseshoes, and especially sledding with his grandchildren and taking them fishing.

He is survived by his wife of almost 68 years, RoseAnn, of Lena;

children, Linda (Rick) Posey of German Valley, Theresa (Bill) Thompson of Warren, Dianne (Eric) Johnson of Blanchardville, Wisconsin, and Debbie (Todd) Vietmeier of Forreston; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Myra Krug of Freeport; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Allen and Royal Gerbick.

Visitation was held Oct. 17, 2020, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

A private family service will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Andrew Skrobott officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

EDWARD LEE KEECH

Edward Lee Keech, age 78, of Stockton, Illinois, passed away June 24, 2020, at Vista Medical Center in Waukegan, Illinois. He was born June 15, 1942, in Freeport, Illinois, to the late Lyle and Ruth (Brubaker) Keech. Edward married Glenda Mae Endress on April 14, 1963.

He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton. Edward had worked as a truck driver for many years. He enjoyed flying planes with Freeport RC Modelers, kites, trains and tractors. He was a member of the Stephenson County Antique Engine Club, where he was the king in 2006. He was a Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs fan and he loved to ride his motorcycle and scooter around town. Edward enjoyed laughing and joking around with his family and friends, plus he

was always there to help others out.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda Mae Keech, of Stockton; his daughters, Blenda Mae (Donnie) Gallup of Thomson, Illinois, Cindy Sue Keech of Mesa, Arizona, and Tina Marie (Ryan) Schuster of Freeport; his granddaughter, Stephanie (Aaron) Lohberg-Huizenga; his great-grandkids, Madison Dau and Nathen and Taylor Lohberg; his step-grandkids, Abby and Brooke Huizenga; his grandson, Timothy Lee (Crystal) Keech; his step-great-grandson, Nicholas (Hannah) Aqrabawi; step great-great-granddaughter, Amaya Aqrabawi; step great-granddaughter, Sierra Hemm (Devin), step great-grandson, Bryce Hemm; and his granddaughter, Kayla Marie Gallup. Edward is also survived by his brothers, Gary and Donald Keech; his sisters, Glory

Keech, JoAnn (Ralph) Boatwright, Marlene Ahrens and Donna Keech; his stepbrother, David Alleman; his sisters-in-law, Barb (Jerry) Bazala-Schuelke, Betty (Ed) Eagan, Nancy (Jim) Marsh, and Bonnie Endress; his brother-in-law, Kenny Endress; and many nieces and nephews.

Edward was predeceased by his parents; his brother, Harry; his brother-in-law, Ronald Ahrens; his sisters-in-law, Becky Keech and Phyllis Keech, as well as his step-sisters, Sylvia Kauffman and Linda Geiseman; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Glen and Clarabelle Endress.

A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at Ladies Union Cemetery. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

CLAIRE E. WICHMANN

Claire E. Wichmann, 89, of Cedarville, Illinois, passed away on Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, at his home, surrounded by family, after a courageous battle with cancer. Claire was born April 19, 1931, to Charles and Ethal (Solace) Wichmann. He was a 1949 graduate of Orangeville High School. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. On Dec. 27, 1952, he married Lois Schulz in Freeport. He was employed by Fairbanks-Morse before retiring from Mattison Machine Works in Rockford as a machinist.



He delivered flowers back to Freeport and the surrounding areas on his way home from Rockford for Broadway Florist. Claire loved to see the people's expressions when

delivering flowers to their door. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed feeding and watering the various birds in his back yard. Claire was a

member of the Cedarville Emmanuel Church and on the board of trustees. He enjoyed stopping in every day to see what needed to be done at the church; it kept him occupied.

Claire is survived by his daughter, Diane (Terry) Kerchner; his grandsons, Joe (Megan) Kerchner and their daughters Hailey and Lily; Kevin (Jennifer) Kerchner and their son, Tucker, all of Dakota; Brad Kerchner of Platteville, Wisconsin; brother-in-law, Delmar (Belva) Schulz; several nieces and nephews; his church family; and his favorite grand-puppies, Diesel, Bella and Rigs.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lois; brother, Dalen; and sister, Louise Denin.

Memorial services were held Oct. 16, 2020, at Emmanuel Church in Cedarville. A visitation was held until the time of services at the church.

The Rev. Craig Connors officiated. Burial was at Grandview Cemetery in Freeport, Illinois.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

THE SCOOP TODAY SHOPPER'S GUIDE

"Committed to the communities we serve"

EDITOR: Jenny Sharp

Advertising Sales: Cyndee Stiefel: lenaads@rvpublishing.com

Office Manager: Laurie Tanley

To Contact The Scoop Today & Shopper's Guide:

Telephone: 815-369-4112 • 815-947-3353 • **Fax:** 815-369-9093

Email: News/Letters to the Editor: scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com

Ads: ads@rvpublishing.com

Classifieds: scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com

Billing Office: businessoffice@rvpublishing.com

Available online at: rvpnnews.com

Mailing Address:

The Scoop Today/Shopper's Guide
213 S. Center, Lena, IL 61048

TO SUBSCRIBE:

• Yearly subscriptions to The Scoop Today and Shopper's Guide are available at \$25 annually for Jo Daviess & Stephenson Counties and \$39.95 annually for those out of the area. Subscriptions are non-refundable. Within our circulation area, The Scoop Today and Shopper's Guide are free. You can pick up single copies of The Scoop Today or Shopper's Guide at convenient locations throughout the area.

• **CLASSIFIED RATES:** Classifieds start at \$6.50 for the first 3 lines, then add \$1.50 per each additional line thereafter, for private party ads. Please call for complete rate information.

Pearl City UMC

Menu: BBQ or Hot Dog/Coney Dog, Chips, Ice Cream

\$5.00 (extra sandwich \$3.00)

**Drive-In Social
Oct. 23
5 - 7 p.m.**

Pearl City
United Methodist Church
411 S. Main St. - P.O. Box 236
Pearl City, IL 61062

*Pre-orders would be appreciated by Oct. 21 by calling the Church at 815-443-2177 and leaving a message with your name. Drive-In's are welcome.





JO DAVIESS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION PHOTO *The Scoop Today/Shopper's Guide*

The endangered rusty-patched bumblebee used to be prolific throughout our region. Bumblebees are almost the only pollinators of tomatoes.

Conservation group hosts documentary screening

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation invites the public to a webinar screening of the documentary film "Racing Extinction" at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7.

"Racing Extinction" includes rarely seen images of endangered species and presents evidence that humans, by action and inaction, are causing species to go extinct at a greater rate than ever recorded, except in previous extinction events, according to a news release.

"It's like we're living in the world of the dinosaurs," Louis Psihoyos says in the film, "but we can do something about it."

Psihoyos is the film's producer and a National Geographic photographer. "Racing Extinction" also showcases the work of the famed "Photo Ark" photographer, Joel Sartore.

"This may be the only national coverage these animals will get before they go extinct," Sartore said in the news release.

After the screening, Kraig McPeck, endangered species expert

with the Iowa and Illinois field office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will take questions and also talk about endangered species close to home, and some of the ways we can help them survive.

To attend the webinar, you will need to be a member of the conservation foundation's email list of members. To join the list, send your name and email address to info@jdcf.org, and state your interest in attending the webinar.

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is a local, member-supported nonprofit whose mission is to preserve land for the lasting well-being of people and wildlife. JDCF owns several preserves that are open to the public for hiking, wildlife viewing and picnicking, such as community favorites Casper Bluff and Horseshoe Mound. No tax dollars are used for the acquisition, restoration or maintenance of JDCF properties.

For more information, go online to www.jdcf.org.

FHN issues new visitor restrictions due to COVID-19

Due to a recent surge in COVID-19 cases in northwest Illinois, FHN has issued stricter visitor policies for all FHN locations, including FHN Memorial Hospital, to help slow the spread of the disease.

No visitors will be allowed in the hospital for patients hospitalized for general treatment/procedures except for emergencies or end-of-life situations. In the emergency room and birthing center, patients will be allowed one visitor per day. Throughout the hospital, no visitors under age 18 are permitted.

FHN office practices, including family healthcare centers and specialty care clinics, request that patients attend

their appointments alone if possible; if needed, one significant other will be allowed. For patients under the age of 18, one parent or guardian will be allowed.

Throughout FHN, all patients and any accompanying individuals must wear masks.

"These heightened restrictions reflect the surge in cases of COVID-19 throughout FHN's service area and are being implemented for the health and safety of FHN's patients, staff and providers as well as the public at large," Kathryn J. Martinez, FHN's executive vice president and chief operating officer/chief nursing officer, said in a news release. "As we move into colder

weather where we'll all be spending more time indoors, we know that people are experiencing pandemic fatigue in following the safety procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"However, we know that we are going to be impacted by COVID-19 for quite some time to come. Please continue to protect yourself and others by washing your hands frequently, maintaining social distance, and wearing a mask and contact your provider if you think you may be ill."

For more details about visitor restrictions and general pandemic information, go online to fhn.org, where a free online screening tool for COVID-19 also can be found.

Application period open for dairy producer program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will accept applications for the dairy margin coverage program through Dec. 11.

DMC is a voluntary risk management program that offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed price (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

DMC payments triggered for seven months in 2019 and three months so far in 2020.

To determine the appropriate level

of coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can utilize the recently updated online dairy decision tool by going online to fsa.usda.gov and searching for "dairy margin coverage."

In addition to DMC, USDA offers a variety of programs that have helped dairy producers, including insurance, disaster assistance and conservation programs.

For more information, go online to farmers.gov or contact your local USDA Service Center. To locate a local office, go online to farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF LENA

720 N. Freedom Street
Lena, IL • 815-369-5591

Dr. Jim Erb, Senior Pastor
Rev. Scott Wilson
Assoc. Pastor of Youth

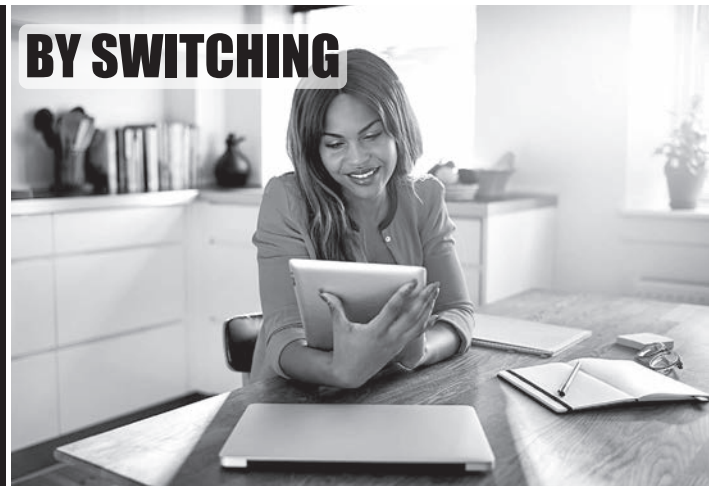
Sunday Worship
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Listen to pastor's weekly sermon
at www.lenafreechurch.org

377140

GET MORE ➔

BY SWITCHING



SWITCHING BANKS COULDN'T BE EASIER WHEN YOU MAKE THE SWITCH TO CITIZENS STATE BANK!

New to the area, or ever wondered what other banks could offer you, but thought switching seemed like too much of a hassle?

Switch to CSB to experience the difference!

Great Service - Great Banking!

Bank anytime, anywhere with our Mobile Banking App!

Download our Switch Kit today from www.csbnow.com to get started or call and stop by any of our three locations to meet our friendly team ready to help you!

 Citizens State Bank

Member FDIC  

Call us at 815.369.4524

Celebrating
140
Years

379583

382031

Your "Main Street Chiropractors"
with over 40 years service to our community



**Liles Chiropractic
Clinic, Ltd.**

Dr. Jim Liles & Dr. Jared Liles

**238 W. Main St. • Lena
815-369-4974**

M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Saturday by Appointment.

• Palmer Graduates • Digital X-Ray
• BCBS Provider • Electronic Insurance Billing

KLASER USA
Therapy

**Standard
Process.**
SUPPLEMENTS



your source for on-line news:
RVPNEWS.COM

FHN experts talk about vaccine development

FHN President and CEO Mark Gridley and medical staff President Robert Geller talk about vaccine development and efficacy in the latest FHN COVID-19 update video. The video is available online at fhn.org/coronavirus.

illnesses like colds and flu can help to keep the immune system strong and better prepared to fight off viruses like COVID-19, according to an FHN news release.

"If you can't be 100 percent sure that an illness you may get won't be serious, it's better to get a vaccine that might make you feel tired for a few days," Geller said.

Following the now-familiar precautions against the spread of COVID-19 are still important, and will remain so until a vaccine is widely available, Gridley said. "Keep washing your hands, wearing masks and staying away from large gatherings, and keeping high-touch surfaces wiped down to help keep your family safe," Gridley said.

Both Geller and Gridley said they are certain that a COVID-19 vaccine will be available next year.

FHN is a regional health care system with 19 locations in five counties in northwest Illinois. Go online to fhn.org for more information.

In the meantime, the doctors urge people to protect themselves and their loved ones from influenza by getting a flu shot. Taking care of one's general health and avoiding

You ought to be in pictures!

THIS IS AN OPEN CALL FOR SUBMITTED PHOTOS TO BE USED IN YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

▼ Community events, car washes, festivals, lemonade stands, school projects - people at work and at play.

We are interested!

▼ Show the community what your group has been doing!

▼ **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

▼ Just shoot and e-mail!

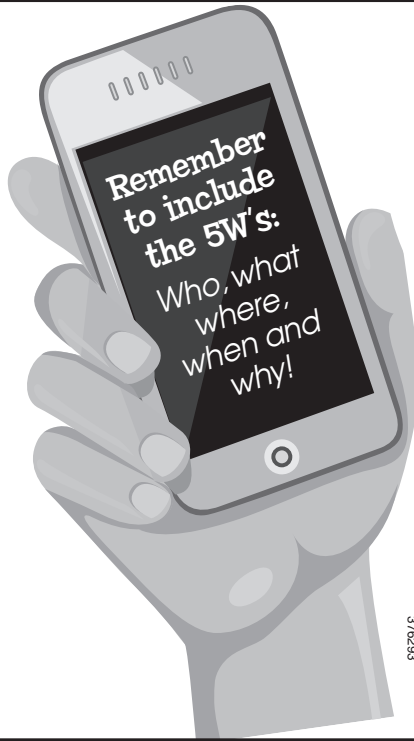
▼ We need you to ID everyone in the photo *first* and *last* names required

▼ Tell us what's happening in the photo

▼ **Please do NOT crop your photos.**

▼ Tell us who took the photo and we will give them a photo credit

This is your chance to promote your organization or special event!



**E-mail your photos at the highest possible resolution to:
scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com
BY NOON ON FRIDAY**

PHOTOS MAY ALSO APPEAR ON OUR WEB SITE rvpnews.com

Premier Chiropractic

Discover Your Potential

Call our office today
to set up a FREE consultation with Dr. Mike Wampfler

815-947-3320

THE ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER'S I-CASH PROGRAM WANTS TO RETURN OVER

\$3.5 Billion

TO OWNERS

1 *in* **4**

ADULTS DISCOVER PROPERTY TO CLAIM WHEN THEY SEARCH
ILLINOISTREASURER.GOV/ICASH

To find out if you have cash or property, visit www.Illinoistreasurer.Gov/icash.
If you do not have access to the internet to search for unclaimed property, a computer may be available at your local public library.

I-CASH BY THE NUMBERS

Reported to Treasurer's Office 2/29/20 - 08/31/20

Reports	8,285
Properties	1,268,237
Cash	\$161,397,386.26
Shares	56,043,222

Returned to Owners 2/29/20 - 08/31/20

Number of paid claims	84,052
Cash and share value returned	\$91,846,594.54

ILLINOIS TREASURER'S
ICASH
DISCOVER WHAT'S YOURS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT
unclaimedproperty@illinoistreasurer.gov
or 877-581-3689

These properties have been placed in the custody of the State Treasurer, to whom all further claims must be directed. Information regarding the amount or description of the property and the name and address of the holder may be obtained by any persons possessing an interest in the property at www.Illinoistreasurer.gov, 877-581-3689, or by addressing an inquiry to the State Treasurer: Illinois State Treasurer's Office, Unclaimed Property Division, PO Box 19495, Springfield, IL 62794-9495. Printed by the authority of the State of Illinois



Let's practice civility before, during and after Election Day

By Johnathan Hladik
CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS



Johnathan Hladik

Discussion and debate has always been a part of rural America. From coffee shops to the local co-op, rural residents aren't afraid to show their loyalty for one candidate or another, share their thoughts on the issues of the day and voice their distrust of the government. Sometimes opinions can spur disagreement and raise tensions. But, in the end, most of us will agree to disagree, shake hands and go about our day. Lately, this seems to have changed. The divisive politics of Washington have made their way to our Main Streets. This "us versus them" mentality has damaged relationships, harmed businesses and affected our children.

While technological advances have brought the world together in ways our forefathers never imagined, those same changes also have torn us apart. Showing support for a candidate or issue on social media is often met with personal attacks. This will only accelerate as the Nov. 3 general election draws near.

Rural America is better than this. Here neighbors help neighbors in good times and bad, band together for school and civic events and have lively discussions about the news of the day that always end with plans to meet again tomorrow. This sense of community is what rural America is all about.

Healthy debates and differing opinions aren't wrong. But it is time to rise above the heated discourse. This is our chance to show the rest of America how to set aside differences and work together toward a strong and vibrant community.

Johnathan Hladik is the policy director at the Center for Rural Affairs.

What to know about the graduated tax amendment

A look at the amendment language, proposed rates, and arguments for and against

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

One of the major questions Illinois voters will answer on Nov. 3 will be on the ballot statewide — whether to amend the state's constitution to allow for a graduated rate income tax.

Strictly speaking, the amendment removes a provision from the Illinois Constitution that requires any income tax to be levied at a flat rate on any level of income — the current rate is 4.95 percent. Passage of the amendment would allow lawmakers to apply different tax rates on varying levels of income. Of the 42 states that have an income tax, 32 and Washington, D.C., have a graduated rate structure, while Illinois is one of nine that impose a flat tax.

While the amendment itself does not set any tax rates, legislation already passed by lawmakers and signed by the governor would take effect in January if the amendment passes. The rates created by that legislation would apply to six tax brackets, ranging from 4.75 percent on income up to \$10,000 to 7.99 percent on all income for individual filers making more than \$750,000.

Here's a look the amendment, the accompanying rate legislation, some of the arguments being made and who is funding the advertising campaigns for and against it.

The amendment

Specifically, Article 9, Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution would be amended if the ballot question passes. The new language would read:

"The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the State. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5."

That would replace the current language, which states:

"A tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the rate shall not exceed the rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5."

On the ballot, voters will see the question worded as follows:

"The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the 'flat tax,' that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are

See AMENDMENT, Page 12

Births



Henry George Preston Bonnet

Jeff and Stephanie Bonnet of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, are the parents of a son, Henry George Preston Bonnet, born Oct. 5, 2020.

Maternal grandparents are Rocio Ramirez of Denver and Larry Blanco Sr. of Orlando, Florida. Late great-grandparents are Edith and Ralph Ramirez and Juanita and Adam Blanco.

Paternal grandparents are Dan and Cindy Bonnet of Lena, Illinois. Great-grandparents are June and the late Dalvin Dittmar, of Lena and the

late Robert and Dorothy Bonnet.

Clayton Arnold Thomas Havens

Clayton Arnold Thomas Havens is the new son to Ashley Foley and Anthony Havens of Hanover, Illinois, born on Oct. 14, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Illinois. Clayton joins three brothers, Jordan, 15; Dayan, 13; and Kyler, 10. Grandparents are Harold and Kelly Foley of Savanna, Illinois, and Terry and Jenny Havens of Elizabeth, Illinois. Great-grandparents are Dee Bull of Savanna, Irene Havens of Elizabeth

and Leonard and Erna Hall of Cicero, Indiana.

Alma Shirley Fluegel

Alma Shirley Fluegel is the new daughter to Riley and Ashley Fluegel of Lena, Illinois, born on Oct. 16, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Illinois. Alma joins a sister, Evelyn, 7, and a brother, Dustin, 2. Grandparents are Jim and Kim Goebel and Ron Fluegel, all of Lena, and Deb and Fred Mathes of Owatonna, Minnesota. Great-grandparents are Richard and Janet Ferguson of Pearl City, Illinois.

USDA extends free school meals

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials announced recently that they are extending flexibilities to allow free meals to continue to be available to all children throughout the entire 2020-'21 school year.

The move is aimed at making sure that all American children have access to nutritious food.

"As our nation recovers and reopens, we want to ensure that chil-

dren continue to receive the nutritious breakfasts and lunches they count on during the school year wherever they are, and however they are learning," USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue said in a news release. "We are grateful for the heroic efforts by our school food service professionals who are consistently serving healthy meals to kids during these trying times ..."

A BIG "THANK YOU"

to those readers who have sent a donation to help underwrite The Scoop Today and Shopper's Guide. For those of you who haven't done so in the past year, but enjoy this newspaper and would like to help us pay for its operation, please send a donation in any amount to:

the Scoop Today / Shopper's Guide

213 S. Center Street • Lena, IL • 61048

IF YOU THINK YOUR NEWSPAPER IS WORTH
50¢ an issue, it would be \$26.00; 75¢ an issue - \$39.00
or \$1 an issue - \$52.00

You won't get a tote bag, T-shirt, coffee mug or CD of Lawrence Welk's Greatest Hits. But you will get the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped to support your favorite newspaper.



Name _____

___ Please keep my paper coming:

Address _____

Phone _____

Around the Northern Hills

Are you shopping for a new Ford Vehicle? Illinois Farm Bureau members get \$500 bonus cash toward the purchase or lease of any eligible 2019, 2020 or 2021 Ford vehicle.

You can obtain your e-certificate by going online to FordFarmBureauAdvantage.com. You'll need your county farm bureau membership number. If you need assistance with your membership number, please contact our office at 815-858-2235.

More member benefits

Have you had a chance to try out Illinois Farm Bureau's new member benefit platform? This is a great way that you can save as a farm bureau member. Personally I have come across some great discounts through this platform. What I like is that you can set up notifications on your phone to be alerted of nearby discounts.

To access the new web platform



By **ANNETTE EGGERS**
Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau

at <https://ilfb.abenity.com>, members must create an account and provide their Illinois Farm Bureau member number. Members also may go to the iPhone app store, search IL Farm Bureau membership benefits and download the app on their iPhone or iPad. If you have any questions about the new member benefit platform, feel free to call our office.

Future ag leaders

Are you between the ages of 18 and 35 and have an interest in agriculture? I have just the group for you — the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Young Leaders. We have a

great group of individuals who enjoy promoting agriculture and I would love to see more people join in. The next meeting is Sunday, Nov. 8. If you are interested, contact our office for full details.

Collecting for a good cause

I have had a couple of people ask me recently if we still collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City. The simple answer is yes. We are happy to support a worthwhile cause that has benefited people from our area.

If you have pop tabs that you would like to donate, please drop them off in any kind of container to the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau office, 212 N. Main St., Elizabeth, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Farm fun fact

More than 100 medicines used by humans come from cattle.

•Election (Continued from front page)

Eligible voters who don't receive a ballot may obtain one from the USDA Service Center at 225 N. Main St. in Elizabeth.

Newly elected committee members will take office Jan. 1.

There are three candidates in this year's election, which is for a three-year term.

Benjamin Lehman

Lehman lives in Hanover and has produced corn, soybeans, hay and cow calf pairs for 17 years.

He is an active member of Illinois Farm Bureau and Jo Daviess County Beef Association and serves as president of the Jo Daviess County Beef Association.

Dean Groezinger

Groezinger lives in Elizabeth and has produced corn, soybeans,

hay, wheat and cow/calf -feeders to finish for 15 years.

He is an active member of Farm Bureau, the Jo Daviess County Beef Association and the Corn Growers Association.

Dennis Steffes

Steffes lives in Elizabeth and has produced milk, oats, hay and corn for 24 years.

He is an active member of Farm Bureau; National Milk Producers Federation; Illinois Milk Producers; local, state and national Holstein associations; and the Jo Daviess County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

For more information about county committees, go online to fsa.usda.gov/elections or stop by the USDA Service Center in Elizabeth.

•Instructor (Continued from front page)

motivation for a student."

She said other photographers have influenced her career choices.

"If we're going to talk locally I have to say Bill Delp," Koester said. "He was 'The Man' for photography back in the day when I was in high school. I was always interested in heading down to Manny's and seeing the photo displays he had there in the restaurant.

"I was also influenced by colleagues that I met along the way. I lived in Seattle for three years and did a mentorship under Jordan Zoph, who is a pretty significant photographer in the Northwest. He is younger than me, but he is a phenomenal artist. A lot of the people that have influenced me are folks I worked with along the way that inspired me with their artwork and the way they chose to run their businesses."

Koester spoke briefly about the tools she feels are necessary for students to succeed.

"In my curriculum the Adobe programs are a must-have and all of my students actually have their own Adobe IDs, so they are able to utilize those programs not only in the classroom, but at home as well," Koester said. "A DSL camera is another thing that is definitely important for my classroom. I have run into a little bit of a problem with those students that are fully remote and don't ever come into our actual classroom, so I have to kind of tweak things to do cell phone photography, which is not optimum, but these are difficult times and we do what we have to do."

She said she is keeping an eye to the future.

"I would hope to keep on keeping on as I am right now and also continue teaching my craft to the students at the CTE," Koester said. "This is my first year there, but it is one of the most rewarding things I've ever done in my life. I feel at home at the CTE and I love being able to give back to the community.

"Community over competition is one of my mottos. Obviously, the market is oversaturated with photographers, but when people come to me with questions I share immediately to help them out. I would love to see my students pursue photography if that's what they want to do. I'm always an open book and I feel like knowledge should be universal. I'm totally OK with sharing with the world."

CTE Director Kris Hall said the academy is glad to welcome back a former student.

"Well, since she is a former student and has stayed in touch with several of our teachers, when the opening for a graphics communications instructor happened, she was anxious to apply," Hall said.

Koester is bringing everything the academy expected and more to the table, Hall said.

"We are capitalizing on her different experiences, especially in the area of photography," Hall said. "The first quarter has just gotten underway, but we are seeing a lot of her students in the corridors taking photographs and we will be putting those on our website, our Facebook page and on our Instagram.

"Those students will be getting some immediate gratification with their photographs being published."

Briefs

Birdseed, pet food sale benefits nature group

The Eagle Nature Foundation is sponsoring a fundraising Fall Bird Seed Sale on Nov. 14. More than 20 different varieties of wild birdseed, pet food and suet cakes will be available.

All purchases help ENF raise needed funds for its ongoing research, preservation and educational programs to help the bald eagle and other endangered species.

All seed must be ordered and paid for before Nov. 10. Items will be available for pickup from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 14 at 8384 N. Broadway, about a half-mile south of Apple River.

For a complete list of the sale items, call 815-594-2306.

Conservative women's group sets meeting

The Concerned Women for America Stockton group will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 at the home of Sharon Hastings, 13216 E. Krise Road, Stockton (Willow area). Those who would like to carpool may meet at Calvary Church at 1:45 p.m.

Concerned Women for America is a group of conservative, non-denominational Christian women who protect and promote "biblical values and constitutional principles through prayer, education and advocacy," according to a news release.

Any interested women are invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call Carol Rowe at 815-947-2122 or Pam Hess at 815-947-9154.

Beef association notes scholarship winners

Officials at the Jo Daviess County Beef Association recently announced the 16 recipients of the 2020-'21 association scholarships.

Funds for the scholarship are raised through the spring auction held at the annual beef banquet in March.

All of the students are pursuing a career in the agricultural industry. They are asked to help the beef association at community cooking events, fairs, shows and other community activities.

This year's recipients are: Nicki Adolph, Haley Brudi, Devin Koester, Hannah Brudi, Brian Holland, Dalton Wachter, Mackenzie Furlong, Tyler Wulfekuhle, Wyatt Potter, Rhett Geisz, Nicholas Girot, Bryana Wulfekuhle, Claire Wienen, Cameron Ziarko, Keagan Groezinger, and Stanlee Rillie.

Extension offers fall gardening presentation

The University of Illinois Extension will offer "Falling into the Autumn Vegetable Garden" via Zoom at noon Friday, Nov. 6.

During the session, extension educator Grant McCarty will discuss topics including seed saving, season extension, crop storage and fall soil management.

Registration is required by going online to go.illinois.edu/jsw. There is a \$5 fee.

your source for on-line news:



RVPNEWS.COM

Wishing You
a Safe Harvest Season

Call for a quote today!





240 W. Main St., Suite A, Lena, IL
815-369-4225
www.radersinsurance.com

EXPECT MORE FROM YOUR BODY SHOP

✓ More Experience ✓ More Service ✓ More Quality



KONING'S PRECISION PAINT AND BODY

301 Dodds Drive, Lena, IL
815-369-4148

- Free Estimates
- Certified Technicians
- Free Pickup & Delivery
- All Insurance Welcome
- Free Car Rental
- Competitive Rates
- Lifetime Guarantee



Farmers stressed as virus outbreak drags on and on

Technology troubles, mental health issues complicate operations

By Mary Hookham
CORRESPONDENT

Many farmers believe in being eternal optimists. Technology woes, mental health issues and fluctuating commodity prices have optimists feeling saddened this year. But farmers are looking to the future for hope, better prices and fewer sources of stress.

“We have to remember that farmers and agribusinesses are no different than any other business with people and families concerned over the virus itself,” said Ben Huber, certified crop adviser with Insight FS of Monroe, Wisconsin.

Technological difficulties have been central to the struggles of farmers during this year’s coronavirus outbreak. Even though the lack of high-speed internet service is an ongoing issue for farmers, it has been highlighted this year.

“Many farms do not have access to the internet speed or the technology to effectively communicate electronically through services like Teams or Zoom,” Huber said.

Mental health concerns also have been heightened by the virus outbreak. Jeff Ditzenberger of Argyle, Wisconsin, operates a mental health non-profit called TUGS (Talking, Understanding, Growing, Supporting). He said the virus is in farmers’ faces every day all day and it’s becoming to wear on them.

“There’s no escape from the virus and its effects,” he said. “It’s what consumes everything that’s going on these days and it’s a lot to handle.”

Farmers always have had to deal with pressure from consumers to do better on their farms, treat their animals well, produce products that are safe and healthy to eat and help educate the public. That pressure results in anger, hatred and animosity.

“Then you compound all that with the debate over wearing a mask, and how you’re a jerk if you don’t wear a mask and you’re a hero if you do,” Ditzenberger said. “I remind people that we’re all humans at the end of the day. Nobody wants to die or give

See **OUTBREAK**, Page 16



SUBMITTED PHOTOS *The Scoop Today*

Students create wearable art

Stockton High School students began a study of color with a tie-dye activity. Students chose a set of primary colors to dye shirts and cloth to create additional colors. After photographing each stage of the process, the students analyzed the colors of their finished dye project. On the “dye” day, students dyed shirts for the Stockton High School faculty and staff. Students from the art classes and the art club then painted Chief Blackhawk on the T-shirts.

Community calendar

Friday, Oct. 23
Jo Daviess County Home and Community Education flea market/book fair, Oct. 23, noon to 6 p.m., Elizabeth Community Building, 402 West St., Elizabeth

Saturday, Oct. 24
Jo Daviess County Home and Community Education flea market/book fair, Oct. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Elizabeth Community Building, 402 West St., Elizabeth
Drug take-back event, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Freeport Police Department, 320 W. Exchange St., Freeport.

Monday, Oct. 26
Warren Village Board meeting, Oct. 26, 7 p.m., Village Hall, 113 Cole St., Warren
Lena Committee of the Whole meeting, Oct. 26, 6 p.m., Village Hall, 122 E. Main St., Lena

Friday, Oct. 30
Red Cross blood drive, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., community building, 402 N. West St., Elizabeth. Make an appointment at recrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

VOTED #1
BEST CHIROPRACTOR
21 YEARS IN A ROW!



815-233-1800 DR. GALIN D. SCHRAM

40 YEARS OF QUALITY CHIROPRACTIC CARE
Schram Chiropractic

1009 Loras Drive
Freeport, IL
Electronic Health Records Certified!
schramchiropractic.com
NIU students: see our website for our DeKalb office



378206



Chris Folmar
Financial Advisor

640 W. South St, #4
Freeport, IL 61032
815-616-5955

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING
www.edwardjones.com
Member SIPC



We Understand Commitment

You can rely on Edward Jones for one-on-one attention, our quality-focused investment philosophy and straight talk about your financial needs. To learn more, call today

3755937

Get the beautiful smile you've always wanted

Stockton Dental Center
120 West Front Avenue
Stockton, IL 61085

815-947-3700
New Patients Welcome



Implant Dentistry
Braces / Invisalign
Dental Whitening
Cosmetic Dentistry
Laser Therapy

Dr. Stephen Petras
Dr. Caitlin Pullara
Licensed Illinois General Dentists

382636

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-RP1
 Plaintiff,
 -v.-
 CARLA A. COPPOTELLI, et al
 Defendant

17 CH 00019

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 10, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on November 10, 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:

LOTS NUMBER ONE (1), TWO (2) AND THREE (3) IN BLOCK NUMBER TEN (10)

IN THE CITY OF GALENA, ON THE EAST SIDE OF GALENA RIVER, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 401 PARK AVENUE, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 06-500-035-00

The real estate is improved with a single family 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 lien- or acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
 IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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

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

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
 630-794-5300
 E-Mail:

pleadings@il.cslegal.com
 Attorney File No. 14-17-06428
 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
 Case Number: 17 CH 00019
 TJSC#: 40-2256

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Case # 17 CH 00019
 I3157386

(Published in The Scoop Today Oct. 7, 14 & 21, 2020)

382551

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 29, 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:

Historic Galena Food Tour, located at **422 S. Main St. #2, Galena, IL 61036.**

Dated: September 29, 2020
 ANGELA KAISER
 County Clerk
 ROBIN BUSS
 Deputy

(Published in The Scoop Today Oct. 7, 14 & 21, 2020)

382641

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 29, 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: **Historic Galena,** located at **422 S. Main St. #2, Galena, IL 61036.**

Dated: September 29, 2020
 ANGELA KAISER
 County Clerk
 ROBIN BUSS
 Deputy

(Published in The Scoop Today Oct. 7, 14 & 21, 2020)

382642

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

Plaintiff,
 -v.-
 DELLA GONZALEZ A/K/A DELLA E. GONZALEZ et al
 Defendant

2020CH3

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 November 17, 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:

A PART OF LOTS FIVE (5) AND SIX (6) ALL IN BLOCK SIX (6) IN THE ORIGINAL VILLAGE OF STOCKTON, ILLINOIS AS THE SAME ARE NUMBERED ON THE PLAT RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF THE COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT FIVE (5)

(AT THE INTERSECTION OF QUEEN AND HUDSON STREETS) AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH EIGHTY (80') FEET; THENCE EAST NINETY-TWO (92') FEET; THENCE SOUTH EIGHTY (80') FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 6; THENCE WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, NINETY-TWO (92') FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF STOCKTON, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 125 S HUDSON ST, STOCKTON, IL 61085

Property Index No. 17-001-046-03

The real estate is improved with a single family 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 lien- or 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,

Continued on next page

ROCK VALLEY
Publishing LLC

Can Publish
Your Legals.

Call us at
815-877-4044

or email your
legals to
Legals
rvpublishing.
com

380928

LEGALS

Continued from previous page
 other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
 You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

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

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

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
 630-794-5300
 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
 Attorney File No. 14-20-00078
 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
 Case Number: 2020CH3
 TJSC#: 40-2112

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

Case # 2020CH3
 I3157929
 (Published in The Scoop Today Oct. 14, 21 & 28, 2020)
 382928

Annual Treasurer's Report Village of Stockton Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2019 and Ending April, 30, 2020

Revenues:

Corporate Replacement Taxes	\$ 16,907
Sales Taxes	523,873
State Income Tax	201,811
Motor Fuel Taxes	67,310
Property Taxes	493,596
Licenses and Permits	20,288
Fines and Forfeitures	10,747
Reimbursements from State of Illinois	6,625
Cable Franchise Fees	12,151
Telecommunications Fee	23,618
Video gaming	65,849
Water, Sewer and Garbage Receipts	1,316,832
Interest Earnings	35,585
Rent	7,000
Miscellaneous	46,939
Total Revenues:	\$2,849,131

Vendors over \$2,500:

Altorfer, Inc.	\$4,355
Apple River State Bank	11,025
B&J Construction	22,684
Barkau Automotive	93,078
Belstar Media	3,620
Blue Cross Blue Shield	69,945
Bradley, Diane	7,950
Brewster Cheese Company	21,830
Cargill, Inc.	25,063
Casey's General Stores, Inc.	6,338
Civil Constructors, Inc.	993,982
Civil Materials	24,540
Com Ed	28,566
Community Funding & Planning Services	49,875
Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.	93,221
Core & Main LP	12,880
Creativeations	3,124
Crystal Image Cleaning, Inc.	5,262
Dick, Kyle & Jackie Cahill	9,489
Frontier	9,371
Gills Freeport Disposal	176,490
Heidenreich, Thomas	43,668
Herrell Electric Service	4,001
Hesse Martone, PC	8,812
Holland & Sons, Inc.	4,853
Illinois Department of Revenue	33,841
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	83,625
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	156,699
Illinois Public Risk Fund	27,662
Illinois State Disbursement Unit	36,924
Johnston IT Consulting	7,102
Kathleen Field Orr & Associates	5,049
Lyons Lab	3,725
Lyons Well Drilling Company, Inc.	174,345
Manning Environmental, Inc.	4,656
Martelle Water Treatment	7,666
Mobile Electronics, Inc.	11,832
Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc.	7,785
MSA Professional Services, Inc.	811,974
Mullen Tree Care	13,300
Municipal Well & Pump	9,615
National Wash Authority, LLC	5,800
New Generation Auto, Inc.	3,848
Northern Illinois Environmental Applications	18,209
Paja Law Office	15,430

PDC Laboratories, Inc.	13,771
Petty Cash	2,700
Precision Drive & Control, Inc.	2,692
Quick Attach Attachments, LLC	6,579
Quill Corporation	3,498
Red Gates Archaeology, LLC	2,900
Stockton Ace Hardware	15,726
Stockton Auto Supply	3,532
Stockton Chamber of Commerce	5,000
Stockton School District #206	13,075
The Bauer Group	46,662
Tri-State Computers, LLC	19,073
Uniform Den East, Inc.	5,434
United Health Care Insurance	7,589
United States Treasury	179,159
US Bank	262,975
US Cellular	3,028
USA Blue Book	9,649
Utility Service Co., Inc.	30,217
Viking Chemical Company	7,400
VISA - 1533	4,179
VISA - 5434	3,643
Wards Grove Township Road District	2,594
Water Deposit Fund	2,957
WEX Bank	18,200
Willet Hoffman & Associates	5,298
William Charles Electric, LLC	2,943
Wipfli LLP	8,970
All other under \$2,500	115,445
Grand Total	\$ 3,978,007

Salaries:
 Salaries under \$25,000: Bourland, Brandt, Deneen, Eden, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Hatfield, Heidenreich, Julius Kearbey, Krok, Kunz, Lickes, Lingle, Logemann, Luke, Marvin, Mensendike, Perry, Powers, Stewart, Timpe, Vanderheyden, J., Wachter, West.
 Salaries from \$25,000 to \$49,999: Altfillisch, Cass, Haas, Olson, Sheehan, Sullivan, Young.
 Salaries above \$50,000: Rice, Schock, Schubert, Sigafus, Townsend, Venderheyden, C.

Village of Stockton
 Summary Statement of Condition
 Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2019 and Ending April 30, 2020

	<u>General</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Enterprise</u>
Beginning:			
Fund Balance,			
as restated	\$ 566,592	\$ (129,515)	\$5,847,454
Revenues Received	1,030,282	444,633	1,374,216
Expenditures Disbursed	(1,059,247)	(327,182)	(745,190)
Depreciation	--	--	(385,770)
Other Financing:			
Sources	66,526	59,493	1,557,640
Uses	(110,043)	(29,439)	(549,146)
Ending	<u>\$ 494,110</u>	<u>\$ 17,990</u>	<u>\$ 7,099,204</u>

Subscribed and sworn to this 13th day of October, 2020.
/s/ Rena Eden
 Rena Eden, Treasurer
 I, Susanne Young, Village Clerk of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020.
/s/ Susanne Young
 Susanne Young, Village Clerk

(Published in The Scoop Today Oct. 21, 2020)

383590

Rock Valley Publishing

Can Publish Your Legals.

Call 815-877-4044

or email your legals to Legals@rvpublishing.com

Amendment (Continued from page 7)

asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.”

They'll be able to vote “yes” or “no,” and the amendment has two paths to passage. If it receives 60 percent of the vote from those voting on the question, it passes. But if it fails to reach the 60 percent threshold for those voting on the question but still musters “yes” votes from more than half of those voting in the election, it would still pass.

The rate structure

The proposal to put the amendment question on the ballot was approved with support from only Democrats, as was Senate Bill 687, the accompanying legislation to set graduated rates beginning in January 2021, should the amendment pass. Again, the current rate is 4.95 percent on any taxable income.

The new rate structure would create six tax brackets, with rates applying to margins of taxable income instead of every penny of an earner's income, except for those in the top bracket. The rates would be:

- 4.75 percent on single or joint filers' first \$10,000 of taxable income
- 4.9 percent on single or joint filers' income from over \$10,000 to \$100,000
- 4.95 percent on single or joint filers' income from over \$100,000 to \$250,000
- 7.75 percent on a single filer's income from over \$250,000 to \$350,000 and joint filers' from over \$250,000 to \$500,000
- 7.85 percent on a single filer's

income from over \$350,000 to \$750,000 and joint filers' from over \$350,000 to \$1 million

• Once a single filer exceeds \$750,000 or joint filers exceed \$1 million, the top rate of 7.99 percent will apply at a flat rate to every penny of income. For all other earners, the previous brackets apply.

Those rates effectively mean anyone earning \$250,000 or less will pay the same or lower income tax rates under the graduated structure, while those earning above that amount would pay higher rates.

The measure also raises the corporate tax rate to 7.99 percent from 7 percent and does not change the corporate property replacement tax of 1.5 to 2.5 percent which already exists in current law.

It also raises the property tax credit from 5 percent to 6 percent, and creates a \$100 per-child tax credit for joint filers earning less than \$60,000 annually and single filers earning less than \$40,000 annually. The tax credit would decrease by \$5 per child for every \$2,000 of income a filer has above those amounts.

In estimates released before the COVID-19 pandemic, the governor's office said the graduated tax is expected to bring in about \$1.2 billion for the current fiscal year as it would be in place for only part of it, and \$3.4 billion once it is in place for a full year.

Neither the amendment nor the accompanying legislation would change the level of authority lawmakers have to raise tax rates. A simple majority vote from both cham-

bers in the General Assembly and a signature from the governor is all that is needed to raise rates currently, and that would remain the case with the passage of the amendment.

The fiscal picture

For proponents of the measure, the amendment and the rates approved are all about raising more revenue without increasing rates on middle-income earners or making drastic budget cuts to state services, education and public safety.

Pritzker frequently notes he inherited a government “hollowed out” by budget cuts from previous administrations and a two-year state budget impasse during which the state spent roughly \$5 billion more than it took in each year, driving a backlog of unpaid bills up to \$16 billion.

Pritzker has estimated the budget shortfall for the current fiscal year at \$6.2 billion, as the COVID-19 pandemic has blown a hole in state finances. Without the graduated tax, which would be in effect for only half of the fiscal year, the shortfall could reach \$7.4 billion, he said in April.

To fill that gap, the governor has left open the option of borrowing billions from the federal government and has lobbied for greater aid to states in another federal stimulus package.

But even before the pandemic, Pritzker pegged Illinois' structural, year-after-year budget deficit at \$3.2 billion, and he has framed the graduated tax debate as a choice between 15 percent across-the-board cuts to state government, a 20 percent flat tax hike or passage of the graduated rates.

On Sept. 24, Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton said lawmakers “will be forced to consider raising income taxes on all Illinois residents by at least 20 percent, regardless of their level of income” if the graduated income tax fails. That would push the current tax rate to about 6 percent, and would

require a simple majority vote in a Legislature dominated by Democrats with or without the passage of the amendment.

But opponents argue that without spending reforms, particularly to unfunded state pension obligations which exceed \$137 billion, voters should not consider sending the state more revenue. They also note both graduated tax measures are devoid of any meaningful immediate property tax reforms. Property taxes are levied and collected locally, not by the state, and they fund such things as schools, local governments, fire departments and libraries.

Those in favor of the amendment argue the added revenue could make it easier to fully fund the evidence-based funding formula for K-12 schools, which — years down the line, they say — could alleviate property tax pressures by shifting funding responsibility from local taxes to the state.

But opponents are skeptical of what the added revenues would be used for, as the amendment and accompanying legislation contain no guarantees and the state's pension burden continues to increase.

Opponents also point out that Illinois' combined total tax burden — including state and local sales taxes, income taxes, property taxes and others — is the highest in the country, according to the personal finance website Wallethub. The graduated tax would only add to that, they say, claiming that it might drive high-earning residents from the state. Pritzker has said it is middle-income earners who have thus far been more likely to leave the state because, he says, the tax burden is “unfairly” distributed.

Proponents of the amendment, including Pritzker, cite a breakdown which shows the bottom 20 percent of Illinois earners pay 14.4 percent of their total income to state and local taxes, while the top 1 percent of earners pay 7.4 percent of their income

in taxes. That's according to a report by the left-leaning Washington D.C.-based Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

Other arguments

Opposition, led in large part by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, has centered on what the tax would do to businesses and what lawmakers might do in the future if voters give them the opportunity to levy taxes on portions of the electorate at any one time, rather than on every taxpayer at once.

They also point out the added revenues would not cover state budget deficits amid the pandemic and would require further tax hikes in the future, which could mean adjusting the brackets to raise rates on middle-income earners.

The idea, according to much of the advertising against the amendment, is that giving Springfield politicians the authority to raise taxes on just a small group of taxpayers at any one time makes it easier politically to raise taxes, even though the simple majority vote threshold remains unchanged.

Opposition groups also point to June comments from Treasurer Michael Frerichs, a Democrat who has no role in setting tax rates, who said it was “worth a discussion” to consider taxing retirement income on certain brackets.

While the graduated tax would make it possible to implement taxes on high-earning retirees without taxing all retirees, Pritzker has said he and Democrats in the General Assembly oppose taxing any retirement income, and the idea remains widely unpopular in Illinois.

AARP held a news conference earlier this month noting added revenue from the graduated tax could make lawmakers less likely to tax retirement income in order to fill budget gaps. But opponents continue to point to Frerichs' comments, although the treasurer has since said he does not support a retirement tax.

While those against the measure say the increase to the corporate tax rate will hit job creators hard at a time when the pandemic is already making it difficult, proponents note that businesses structured as pass-through entities — such as S corporations, sole proprietors and others who claim business income on personal taxes — will see taxes decrease if they earn less than \$250,000 annually in taxable income.

Opponents also take issue with the amendment's removal of language which states “there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations,” claiming the removal of the language allows for tax bills such as “education surcharges” or other such fees on top of the regular income tax.

Those in favor of the bill, however, say the prohibition on levying multiple income taxes was simply a companion to the requirement for a single flat tax rate.

Capitol News Illinois is a nonpartisan news service covering state government.



Absolute Antique Auction
Complete Liquidation

Also Featuring: Mr. & Mrs. James Fillhour Personal Property

Friday, October 23, 2020 - Starting at 5:00 PM

Location: Powers Auction Service - 110 E. Murray Street, Browntown, WI 53522

Visit www.powersauction.com For More Details!



Special Notes: This Auction will be Conducted Indoors Following the CDC Protocols for Events and Gatherings. Complementary Meal Ticket at Registration.

Terms & Conditions: All Items Must Be Paid for the Day of Sale By: Cash, Check, Credit Card w/4% Fee. All Items Must be Settled for Before Loading and Removing. **All Items must be removed the day of sale.** 10% Buyers Premium Applies to Today's Auction. All Sales are Final. Everything is Sold As Is., Where Is with No Warranties or Guaranties Implies or Expressed. Announcements Made the Day of Sale Supersede Any Printed Material. Powers Auction Service is Not Responsible for Lost or Stolen Items Once Sold.

110 E Murray Street
Browntown, WI 53522
(608) 439-5760

Website: www.powersauction.com
E-mail: powersauction@gmail.com
Follow Us on Facebook!

383361

DWIGHT PETERSON ESTATE & OTHERS
TAXIDERMY MOUNTS, HUNTING/FISHING
ITEMS, ECHO/STIHL CHAIN SAWS, TOOLS
AND OUTDOOR ITEMS AUCTION

507 E. MAIN ST. • LENA
SATURDAY, Oct. 24, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

ALL health guidelines/regulations regarding COVID-19 will be observed and followed.

TAXIDERMY MOUNTS: Caribou & Elk shoulder mounts; Black & Brown bear rug mounts; black bear hide; deer antlers; Turkey feather mounts; IL turkey hunting pins; **HUNTING/FISHING RELATED:** Hobart meat slicer; Gander Mountain hunting clothing; tree stands; ice fishing supplies; (24) Bass fishing poles/reels; rifle/shotgun ammo; Remington 870 12-gauge barrel; 20-gauge reloader; Tasco 4x32 & 6x20 scopes; Bushnell Spacemaster spotting scope; bow hunting supplies; trail cameras; gun & hunting related items; (7) **CHAIN SAWS, TOOLS & SHOP ITEMS:** Echo CS-400 & CS-450P chain saws; Stihl MS180, MS170 & MS390 chain saws; chain saw sharpener (NEW); 26-gallon upright air compressor; DeWalt surface planer (NEW); Eastwood Versa-Cut 60 plasma cutter (NEW); JD electric heater; hand tools; **OUTDOOR:** Yard-Man 33" snow blower; Fimco 25-gallon pull lawn sprayer.

TERMS: CASH or GOOD CHECK

LOBDELL AUCTION SERVICE - 815-238-0832
IL LICENSE #44000644 - www.lobdellauctionservice.com

383407

Service Corner

G & H PAINTING

Interior & Exterior
Painting & Staining
LENA, IL

Fully Insured
Brent Geilenfeldt
815-369-5368 • Cell 815-275-1069
Adam Heimann
815-275-6450

111032

It's time to have your piano tuned!



Ridgeland Music
Serving Freeport & Northwest Illinois
www.ridgelandmusic.com
815-821-3868

piano tuning and repair
music lessons and coaching

382635

Who You Gonna Call....
STUMP BUSTER

Most Stumps:
\$10-\$30



Lena, IL 815-369-2169
Monroe, WI 608-325-9794

Place Your
Service Ad

Minimum of
4 weeks
Additional Sizes
Available

342013

PEARL CITY SEAMLESS GUTTERS INC.

5" & 6" Seamless
Gutters & Gutter Guards Available.
Multi-color, Color Match.

Owner Operated

Josh Endress • 815-238-2655
Noah Smielewski • 815-307-2392

368500

FARM • LIFE • HEALTH • PROPERTY • CASUALTY • HOME • AUTO

William L. Bohnsack
Independent Agent

14612 West Kerlin Road
Lena, IL 61048

815-369-2277 • 815-275-2767

60258

CHECKERED FLAG



Formerly Checkered Flag Auto Body, Lena

4933 N. Scout Camp Rd., Apple River, IL 61001

815-492-0114

M-F 8-4 • Sat by appointment

Call us for your FREE
estimate today!
• 35 years experience
• Loaner cars available
• All makes & models
• All insurance
work welcomed!

342138

40 YEARS EXPERIENCE!

Bookcases • Entertainment Centers • Fireplace Fronts
Carpentry • Shelving • Bars and more
No Job too Big or Small • Custom Sizing



CHUCK KRAFT
106 W. Provost St. Lena, IL 61048
815-369-5250

Interior remodelling & new exterior doors
Kitchens & Vanities, Windows & Tile Work

CHUCK KRAFT
106 W. Provost St. Lena, IL 61048
815-369-5250

381729



10240 N. Old Mill Rd.
McConnell, IL 61050
815-541-3348
heidrepair@yahoo.com

TORO Repairing & servicing all brands of mowers & small engines.



WIN WINTER

Toro Snow Days Sale • Oct. 14 - Nov. 4
Pre-Season Savings



Plow blade sold separately

383364



**BUSSIAN
INSURANCE
AGENCY**

PRICE • COVERAGE • SERVICE



Joe
Werhane

- Auto • Motorcycle • Boat •
- Snowmobile • RV •
- Home • Renters •
- Condo • Rented Dwelling •
- Mobile Home •
- Business • Farm • Life •



Gretchen
Scheider

www.bussianinsurance.com

375830

240 W. Main St., Suite C • Lena, IL
Call for a quote • 815-369-4747

RICK'S SALES & SERVICE

APPLE RIVER, IL
815-492-2102

Hours: M-Th 11-7; Fri 9-5; Sat 9-1
Check out our website at
rickssalesandservice.com



STIHL **Simplicity**

207460

KW ELECTRIC



Commercial • Agricultural
Residential • Industrial

Call us for any of your electrical needs

Nick Wienand • Greg Kline
Call: 815-908-0775 Stockton, IL

357461

Werhane Total Truck Repair

Straight Trucks - Semis - Dump
Trucks - Farm Type Vehicles
including Farm Tractors

FAIR • FAST • FRIENDLY

- Clutches • Brakes • Welding (Steel & Aluminum) • Electrical
- Lube & Oil Change • Suspension • King Pins • Transmission & Drive Line
- Differentials • Tune Ups • Over Hauls • Minor Body Work
- Tractor-Trailer Wash • Air Conditioning

KEEP US IN MIND FOR ALL YOUR REPAIR NEEDS

Ask for Brian
Call Now!
815-369-4574



Werhane Enterprises

509 E. Main St. • Lena • 815-369-4574

2020-11-4-2020-28

383574

For Classified Advertising Call



(815) 369-4112
(815) 947-3353
Fax: (815) 369-9093

Classifieds

Business Hours:

Mon.-Fri.
9:30 am-4:30 pm
For your convenience
Visa & Mastercard
are accepted



EMPLOYMENT

NOW HIRING!
Monroe, WI
ALL SHIFTS



Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V/H

Bakery Positions

- Year-round work
- Shift Incentives
- Rate incentives
- Attendance incentives

Starting at: **\$12.10/** PER HOUR **Attendance & Production Base Incentives**

- Safety Measures:**
- Enforcing 6 ft social distancing
 - Protective barriers added to workflows
 - Face masks are provided
 - Temperature Scans
 - Continuous facility cleaning & sanitation

Now Conducting **PHONE INTERVIEWS!**
Monday - Friday
8am-4:30pm
800-487-9477

Work the entire season & earn a **\$1,500 BONUS!**

TEXT ColonyJobs
OR VISIT to **97211**
ColonyBrands.com
MUST BE 16 YEARS OLD

Colony BRANDS, INC.
& Affiliates
381582

ADVERTISING SALES EXECUTIVE

Rock Valley Publishing, your hometown newspapers serving the stateline has an opening for an experienced Media Sales Representative to call on current and new accounts in a protected sales territory.

Growing area with many new businesses, this is a great opportunity for the right applicant.

We publish newspapers, shoppers and niche publications throughout the stateline. You have the opportunity to sell into all Rock Valley Publishing, L.L.C. publications, making your paycheck much larger!

For immediate consideration send resume/job history to:

Vicki Vanderwerff, Director of Advertising
Email: vicki@southernlakesnewspapers.com
Fax: (262) 725-6844

FOR RENT

Old School Apartments in Lena, open Nov. 1
Clean & nice 2 bedroom, newer carpet. In house laundry, gym, mail delivery and more.
Security entry, no pets, non smoking.
If you like loud late parties you will need to look elsewhere! \$515/mo.
815-369-4334 382707

GARAGE SALES

Rummage Sale

JO DAVIESS COUNTY HCE is holding a flea market & book fair on Fri. Oct 23, noon-6 p.m. and Sat. Oct 24, 9-1 at the Elizabeth Community Building. Items will not be priced, a good will donation is appreciated. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

REAL ESTATE

Other Real Estate

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familiar/ status or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-900-669-9777. The toll-free tele phone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275. EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Visit our web site at:
www.rvpublishing.com

Moving Sale

MOVING SALE

The **Shopper's Guide** and **Scoop Today** are excited for our upcoming move to a new Lena location next month. We have lots of extra office furniture that will be marked for sale at great prices. Stop by our office during normal business hours (closed on Thursdays) for some great deals on desks, chairs and more. Offers welcome. Please bring help to move large items.

213 S. Center St., Lena
Monday & Wednesday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Wheel Deal



Place your car, truck, motorcycle, boat or RV for one price and it runs for up to 16 weeks.

\$1995

1st three lines
Extra lines are \$1.95 each
17 papers

Starts for 4 weeks and if not sold you call us and we will renew at no additional charge!
(Maximum run 16 weeks total)

PRIVATE PARTY ONLY.
Ad must be prepaid. Deadline Friday 4 p.m.
Call 815-369-4112

Call
815-369-4112
to place your classified ads
DEADLINE IS 4PM ON FRIDAY

Serving the communities in St. Davids County
the Scoop Today
Serving the communities in St. Joseph County
Shopper's Guide

FOR SALE

Announcements

CLASSIFIED IN-COLUMN ADS cannot be credited or refunded after the ad has been placed. Ads canceled before deadline will be removed from the paper as a service to our customers, but no credit or refund will be issued to your account.

DISCLAIMER NOTICE This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance.

AUTOMOTIVE

Automobiles

1990 CHRYSLER IMPERIAL Unique car in very nice condition. White/red. \$3,500. 262-325-3541.

2004 GMC ENVOY 123,342 mi. Heated seats, CD player, great car. \$3,500. 262-534-2694.

2004 HONDA CR-V 95K mi. Excellent condition. \$4900. 815-563-4619 or 815-275-2139

2005 C230 MERCEDES BENZ KOMPRESSOR Black, 4dr. sport, 150k, auto, great cond., runs great. \$4,500 OBO 262-758-9027

2007 FORD EXPEDITION 165K, new cats, O2 sensors, new plugs, coil packs, tires. Excellent condition. \$6,500 Can text or call 262-989-4112

2008 CHEVY HHR LT Good cond., black w/gray leather int., fully loaded, moonroof & mgs. \$4,400. OBO. 262-662-0789

2009 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN Very good cond. hwy miles. Elec. seats. New tires & battery, many new parts. \$5,900. 847-987-0018.

FIND BARGAINS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

AUTOMOTIVE

Boats

1995 SYLVAN 820 ADVANTAGE PONTON 60hp Johnson, 22 ft, runs good. \$1500 OBO. 815-347-0496

23FT. AMERICAN SAILBOAT GLASS w/trailer, Sails and extras. \$400. 262-877-3709

RHODES 19, many, many accessories, full suit of sails & 4 HP engine. Reply to: crackerjack.38@hotmail.com

Motorcycles

1986 Honda Magna VF700, 1745 original miles, super clean \$3,250. Call 414-303-8619.

2019 HONDA MONKEY 125cc 11 miles. \$3,200 262-534-3083

Sports/Classic Cars

1979 CORVETTE 58k miles, new GM motor, \$7,500. Call 414-232-6083.

1979 DATSUN 280-ZX Arizona car all original! 5 speed, runs great. \$11,000. 847-987-0018.

1987 COUGAR 20th Anniversary, 118k, owned since 1989, excellent condition. \$3,500 Can text or call 262-989-4112

Trucks & Trailers

1988 FORD 4X4 250 Pickup, straight shift. Good tires & speed. Cash \$550 - firm. Retired farmer. 608-325-5803

1998 FORD RANGER, 4X4, with cap, automatic, power, transmission fluid leak, \$875. 262-949-6997 text preferred.

Vans, Mini Vans

2001 FORD, E-150 1/2 ton van, white, 4.2 liter. Great for camping or work! \$495 Delavan location. 262-949-6997 text preferred.

•Kitchen (Continued from page 2)

Self-Rising Pumpkin Pie

This is a low-calorie, low-fat dessert that is sure to please.

- 2 large egg whites
- 2 C. canned or fresh pumpkin
- 1 C. non-fat dry milk
- 2/3 cup sugar or brown sugar Splenda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 t. nutmeg or 2 t. pumpkin pie spice for the ginger and nutmeg
- 1/4 C flour
- 1 C. water

In a large bowl combine two large egg whites and 2 cups of canned pumpkin. Mix with a whisk until smooth. Add in non-fat dry milk, sugar, spices and flour. Stir to mix well. Slowly add water and stir. Mix well to a smooth, consistent mixture. (It will also work to add all ingredients into a bowl and mix with a whisk.)

Pour mixture into a prepared 9-inch pie plate. You can also can bake in a 9-by-13 baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 55 minutes (pie pan takes less time). Bake until a table knife inserted into the center comes out clean.

Use whipping cream, Cool Whip or ice cream or enjoy it plain for less calories than a piece of pie with the crust. Per serving: Calo-

ries 135; protein 4.9g; fat 3g; fiber 1.3g

Final thoughts

We are now halfway through October. So far it has been a beautiful month, but now the leaves are piling up, the flowers are gone and there are Christmas ads. Time just marches on.

We deal with more of the COVID-19 cases in our area and wonder if we will ever be back to normal. The truth of the matter is that we will have to find a new normal.

I celebrated a birthday — it wasn't a milestone, but it was great to say that I am still alive and kicking. Many friends sent beautiful cards and useful gifts (and not so useful but beautiful!). Guess what I got a lot of? You guessed it — pumpkin. I can now make pumpkin bars and pumpkin pie for the rest of the season. I loved every can.

Thank you to all who wished me well. I want to wish you all a healthy and happy week. Keep safe and keep moving!

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, 213 S. Center St., Lena, IL 61048 or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

• REAL ESTATE •

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-RP1
Plaintiff,
-v.-
CARLA A. COPPOTELLI, et al
Defendant

17 CH 00019
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 10, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on November 10, 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 401 PARK AVENUE, GALENA, IL 61036
Property Index No. 06-500-035-00
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

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

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

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION

FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-17-06428
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 17 CH 00019
TJSC#: 40-2256

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 17 CH 00019
I3157386
(Published in The Scoop Today Oct. 7, 14 & 21, 2020) 382553

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v.-
DELLA GONZALEZ A/K/A DELLA E. GONZALEZ et al
Defendant

2020CH3
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 November 17, 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 125 S HUDSON ST, STOCKTON, IL 61085
Property Index No. 17-001-046-03
The real estate is improved with a single family 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

or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

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

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-20-00078
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 2020CH3
TJSC#: 40-2112

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2020CH3
I3157929
(Published in The Scoop Today Oct. 14, 21 & 28, 2020) 382929

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2020CH3
I3157929
(Published in The Scoop Today Oct. 14, 21 & 28, 2020) 382929

Rock Valley Publishing Can Publish Your Legals.
Call 815-877-4044
Or email your legals to legals@rvpublishing.com
Today!

HAMMER DOWN REMODELING

FULLY INSURED

- \ Additions
- \ Decks
- \ Ceramic Tile
- \ Drywall
- \ Siding
- \ Window Replacement

(815)947-3568 HOME **JAY RHYNER** (815)275-3861 CELL 304210

MOWERY AUTO PARTS

USED AUTO PARTS

FOR MOST MAKES AND MODELS

LOCATING SERVICE AVAILABLE

Also buying junk cars & trucks

Hours: M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Sat. 8 a.m. - Noon

815-599-0480

686 Van Buren, Freeport, IL

www.moweryauto.com

The Village of Pearl City has the following positions open for the Consolidated Election to be held April 6, 2021

3 - 4 year Trustee
1 - 2 year Trustee
1 - 4 year Mayor

If you are interested in running for one of these positions please contact the Village Clerk to pick up a nomination packet

Cheryl Liebenstein, Village Clerk
815-443-2140
cliebenstein@mchsi.com

Census count cut off as Illinois officials worry over response rate

By Raymon Troncoso
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled the Trump administration could shorten the U.S. Census count on Oct. 13, just hours after the Illinois government committed an additional \$1 million to outreach.

The Trump administration originally tried to shorten the end date of the census to Sept. 30, but federal courts mandated the administration keep the count going until Oct. 31, the extended deadline originally set by the federal government in response to the coronavirus pandemic. However, following the 7-1 SCOTUS ruling, the U.S. Census Bureau announced it was ending the count at 5 a.m. Oct. 16 in Illinois.

The Census Bureau accepted phone responses and paper forms postmarked by Oct. 15.

Gov. JB Pritzker tweeted about the ruling shortly after its announcement, calling the decision “wrong” and saying it could lead to “an undercount in communities that can least afford it, perpetuating generations of disinvestment that make our nation weaker.”

Enumeration, or the total rate of households being counted in the census, is currently at 99.9 percent for the U.S. and Illinois, according to the Census Bureau. However, census outreach advocates say that the self-response is a more reliable measure for an accurate count.

“It’s not an exact science,” said Anita Banerji, director of the Democracy Initiative at Forefront, which conducts census outreach in Illinois.

According to Banerji, multiple factors and situations can affect enumera-

tion tallies conducted by census agents. People living in nursing homes, college campuses and prisons can skew totals. The coronavirus has displaced families and killed thousands in Illinois over the course of the census count.

“Getting to that 99 percent when you think about all the different challenges we’ve had, it’s not an exact number,” Banerji said. “So for all intents and purposes, we as advocates focus on the self-response number because we know that to be more of a tried and true number.”

Illinois’ self-response rate sat at 71.2 percent as of Oct. 13, the seventh highest in the nation, and the state is the most populous in the top 10 for self-response. In 2010, the state’s self-response rate was 70.5 percent.

In a release distributed before the SCOTUS ruling, the Pritzker administration announced it had spent an additional \$1 million through the Illinois Department of Human Services for “census-related media outreach in communities of color across the state” to encourage more households to fill out self-response forms for the census.

According to that release, “many underserved and marginalized neighborhoods and cities are hovering between a 40-50 percent participation rate,” which puts hundreds of millions of federal dollars at stake over the next 10 years. Funds that could go toward programs to assist those traditionally underserved and marginalized communities in Illinois that aren’t getting counted.

Capitol News Illinois is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news service covering state government.



MARY HOOKHAM PHOTO The Scoop Today

Mike Wenger unloads the hopper of his combine into a waiting grain truck late last week. The ongoing pandemic only adds another layer of stress for farmers who already deal with the uncertainties of weather, markets and more.

• **Outbreak** (Continued from page 9)

somebody else a disease or be called a murderer.”

He said it’s important to be available to family, friends and neighbors when those people are going through a crisis or simply need a listening ear. Most people just want to hear that everything will be all right, and that’s what the agricultural world wants to hear most right now he said.

“Hope is a pretty important, powerful thing, and man ... we need a lot of it right now,” he said.

Ditzenberger said he is thankful

more people are willing and able to discuss their mental health issues. When so many factors play into mental well-being for farmers, it’s tough to work through all those issues while also operating a farm and keeping up with family.

“I think the bright spot in all this is that we are finally getting about 2 percent of the population to talk about mental health,” he said. “Previously it was 1 percent, and to me, that’s really important.”

He suggests people simply be kind to each other. This year, he recommends people be more accepting and understanding of people with different views on hot-button issues such as wearing masks, politics and racial justice issues.

“If you want to make a difference, be the difference,” he said. “Sometimes in order to be the difference, all you need to do is be kind.”

An eye on prices

Commodity prices have experienced extremes this year as a result of the virus outbreak. Although they’re rebounding some over the last few weeks, farmers have struggled with the unknown of what’s happening next and how to cope with the fallout of the price swings.

“Markets often fall as fast or faster than they rise,” Huber said. “The price uncertainty and volatility is a real challenge in ag in any year, but the pandemic really threw commodities into a tailspin. It’s very difficult to run any business when your gross revenue level can fluctuate like that.”

Mike Wenger, dairy and crop farmer south of Brodhead, Wisconsin, said late in 2019, farmers were excited for a good year ahead because of higher prices. But when the virus outbreak happened, the good prices fell.

“The bank always wants to know a farm’s cash flow for the upcoming year but they won’t tell us their

best guess on a milk price,” he said. “If we estimate too low, the farm doesn’t cash flow and if we estimate too high, it looks good but is unrealistic. This happens every year but was certainly more extreme this year.”

Like many farmers, Wenger is grateful for the coronavirus relief programs from the federal government but said he does not want to rely on financial aid from the government. He believes each year will be different; perhaps next year, there won’t be any aid at all, he said.

Brodhead-area cash crop farmer Roger Markham has been monitoring the Chicago Board of Trade daily since 1973. As a former hog farmer and current crop farmer, he puts stock in knowing and understanding the value of the markets.

“If you’re not doing a good job with your marketing plan, you’re forced to think about how much that sucks for you,” Markham said.

The virus outbreak gave farmers opportunities to make money in the market because when people were forced to stay home, the markets fell, he said. Farmers could sell sooner than planned and pick up some extra money per bushel on commodities like corn, beans and wheat.

“Back when I started farming in 1958, my dad said in order to be successful, I had to remember two things: family and I sell whatever I raise, and if I do a good job selling, I’ll be a successful farmer,” he said.

Huber said farmers are always working to be better at managing price risk. But many of those helpful management tools can be expensive or limiting.

“In the future, I see farmers with the ability to manage market risk, being the people able to better withstand the volatility in the market,” he said. “How that risk is managed will be different in almost every operation.”



10240 N. Old Mill Rd.
McConnell, IL 61050
815-541-3348

heidrepair@yahoo.com

Repairing & servicing all brands of mowers & small engines.

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

A whole new animal is coming to town!



We are excited to announce that we are adding Bobcat Turf to our lineup. 2021 models are starting to arrive, stop on out and take a look or take one for a spin.

