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Timpe signs letter of intent for Central Michigan

Dedication pays off for Stockton basketball star

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

Back in April, Stockton basketball standout Tiana Timpe made a decision that would spark the beginning of a new chapter in her basketball career. Just over seven months ago, Timpe made her verbal announcement to play basketball for the Central Michigan University Chippewas. She took that one step further Nov. 11, when she put pen to paper, inking her letter of intent to make CMU her future home and turning her into Stockton's first ever Division 1 girls basketball player.

The senior had multiple options on where to take her career to the next level, but Timpe and her family felt that CMU was the perfect fit for her.

"We knew it was the right place when we were driving up for a visit and we saw Blackhawk Road; Highway 20 goes right into Mount Pleasant, maroon and gold colors, and the mascot is a Native American," said Timpe's father and coach, Tim Timpe. "So, it just seemed like a good fit, right?"

He went on to explain why he believes his daughter will also be a tremendous fit for the Chippewas' roster and play style, saying, "It's a team that shoots a lot of threes, which all of you know, that's what Tiana likes to do."

"They run and gun, and shoot threes, it was a really good fit. Great coaches, great people that are there. We're really happy with her decision and I know she is too."

The Chippewas have been quite successful themselves. CMU has a five-year streak of 20-win seasons. Timpe will be in a position where she can come in and be a part of an already winning program, with eyes on being one of the best in the nation.

With success, however, comes lots of dedication and sacrifice. Both Timpe and her parents acknowledged the sacrifices they had made for each

other in order to make this all possible.

"I want to thank my parents," Timpe said. "They deserve this as much as I do. It takes a lot of dedication from a kid, but it also takes a lot of dedication from the parents."

"If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be signing this piece of paper."

Tim Timpe shared some emotional words when discussing his daughter's hard work, saying, "The countless hours she has put into this and the sacrifices she has made — her summers. The last six summers, she hasn't had any."

"Going to basketball tournaments, coming in the gym and shooting a lot, driving two and a half hours just to practice with her AAU team two nights a week, she has sacrificed a lot in her high school career to get to this point. It's paid off with a full ride scholarship from Central Michigan."

Jackie Timpe, Tiana's mother, added "As Tiana said, it's taken hours of driving to AAU, we have been across the United States for AAU. The dedication in the gym, not only my daughter but my husband, and it means the world to us."

The Timpe family recognizes that hard work pays off.

"I'm very excited," Timpe said. "I've worked very hard for this and put a lot of time into this and now that it is all coming to an end it being worth it, just makes me feel so much better."

Timpe explained that Division 1 basketball has always been her dream.

"It makes me feel that dreams really do come true as long as you work hard," she said. "You hear that a lot, as long as you work hard your dreams will come true, but they actually do."

"We knew it's always been her dream to play Division 1," Tim Timpe said. "Ever since she was in fifth grade, she's been wanting to do it, and she has accomplished that here today. I couldn't be more proud of her."

Timpe and her father have shared

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Stockton High School basketball standout Tiana Timpe, center, signs her letter of intent to play at Central Michigan University as her father and coach, Tim Timpe, and mother, Jackie Timpe, look on. The signing ceremony was held Nov. 11.

Extension highlights need for radon testing

Northwest Illinois considered at higher risk for harmful gas

By Katelyn Black
CORRESPONDENT

The University of Illinois -Extension is working to educate people on the high radon levels found in northwestern Illinois communities with a Nov. 30 Zoom program. "Radon: Why is it Still an Issue?" is set for 6 p.m. Nov. 30.

According to Stanley Solomon Jr., the extension educator for environmental and energy stewardship,

radon is an indoor pollutant. It has no color or odor and results from the decay of radium and uranium.

Still, radon is not a harmless natural gas; it plays a major role in causing lung cancer in nonsmokers and is the second leading cause for the disease behind smoking itself.

"It all goes back to the underground uranium

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Slices of life

Embrace friendship with gratitude and hugs

This column is dedicated to friends. Old friends. New friends. New friends who will one day be old friends.

Family you'd chose as friends. Best friends. Casual friends. Facebook friends. Editor friends I've never met. Peripheral friends. Understanding friends. People you casually encounter who may not be friends (yet) but feel like they are. You all are golden.

I learned this recently, out of necessity.

I don't consider myself a dependent person — quite the opposite. Most of the time I'm pretty indy (read: mom cool). Some of this can be chalked up to my heritage. I come from people who lived months in a frozen climate. This may have led to intimate cuddling and large families, but mostly it led to long months of isolation due to the frigid temperatures. This created a toughness and resiliency known as "cold nose, warm heart."

My ancestors' hearts may have been warm, but the rest of their bodies



By
**JILL
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were not, hence the large parkas and extra blankets. It's difficult to hug through a puffy parka and billowing blanket. Take it from my great-grandparents.

Move ahead a couple of generations and you can ascertain I didn't grow up in a "huggy" family. We were more than loving. I never doubted that. But hugs? You might see them at funerals and weddings. If we said, "I love you," once we meant it; why repeat words that didn't need repeating?

Love brings me back to the subject at hand: friendship.

I don't take my friends for granted.

Or maybe I do. Maybe I did. Facebook sort of makes that easy, doesn't it? We can even pause our friends for 30 days if they displease us in some way. Not sure what we should make of that, even in an election year.

Speaking of years, has 2020 not been the bomb — in a masked and morbid atomic sort of way? I truly thought it couldn't get any worse, and then it did.

I don't want to go into details because I try not to be too personal about things (while being as personal as I can be — go figure).

I found myself in a situation where I really, truly, honest to goodly needed my friends. During COVID. #maskawareness

How do you reach out during a pandemic? You just do. How do you ask for help? You just do.

At first I tried to tough it out. It's hard to be vulnerable, even with friends. I didn't want to jump to conclusions or burden people with my

plight. But I grew weary. After a time I contacted a few select friends and my sister (who qualifies as a lifelong friend).

I am a hold-it-to-the-vest person. I don't often show my cards. I probably should have been a professional poker player. So, reaching out to others at a down time in my life was difficult.

Luckily I've chosen good friends, or perhaps they were chosen for me.

After the last few weeks I feel fortunate for the support received. I'm surrounded by people who care unconditionally.

This column is dedicated to friends — and family who feel like friends — who provide support during some of the most difficult times of life.

My advice: Cherish the people who have your back no matter what. Cherish those who give and give (and give some more) without asking anything in return.

Cherish old friends and new friends, sisters and brothers, sons and

daughters. Trust your gut. Talk to the people who hear you and honestly listen. Break free from those who don't; that may happen. There will be surprises along the way. There were for me. Good ones and even the opposite.

Finally: Never take anyone for granted. Not your friends. Not your family. Never, ever anyone you hold dear to your heart. It's hard to operate under that pretense, because it's hard to not take things (or people or life) for granted. Don't beat yourself up if you do. It's the human condition.

Take each day as it comes. Try to see the good and the gifts and (dare I say) miracles. They are there for the taking — even on the worst and most teary-eyed days. And even if you don't come from a hug-filled background, go against the grain. Hug away. You won't regret it. I'm speaking from the heart as well as experience. Trust me.

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Largest farms benefit from new congressional mandate

By Anna Johnson,
CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS

Who deserves farm payments? Farm payments should be reserved for family farms facing difficult times, but the government and taxpayers should not support checks without limit to the largest operations.

While enacting limits on farm payments, Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have failed to close loopholes that enable the largest farms to maneuver around them.

Most farm payment programs are subject to a maximum payment, and generally farms with an adjusted gross income of more than \$900,000 are ineligible.

But under USDA rules, many farms can claim multiple maximum payments for several individual family members involved in the operation.

Congress loosened restrictions in several ways in the 2018 farm bill, and the USDA recently released a rule codifying these changes.

The Center for Rural Affairs opposes these changes and urges Congress to act to rectify them.

One change expands the number of family members who can claim farm payments. Previously, direct

family members, such as parents, children and spouses involved in the operation could each claim a payment. Now, nephews, nieces and cousins can claim payments. While most family farms don't pursue payments for multiple family members, the few who do can now bring in millions of taxpayer dollars.

Another change is the removal of the payment limitation of \$125,000 from marketing assistance loans. Farmers can use excess commodity on hand as collateral to receive these types of loans when prices are low. And, when prices increase, they sell and pay off the loan.

The farm bill removed similar payment caps from other farm payment programs, such as loan deficiency payments and marketing loan gains. Other support programs lost their payment caps as well.

Anna Johnson is the policy manager for the Center for Rural Affairs. Established in 1973, the center is a private, nonprofit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches and rural communities through action-oriented programs addressing social, economic and environmental issues.



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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We went from the frying pan into the fire. One day it was in the 80s, and the next night we are down to the 20s wind chill. The weather people said it was coming, and it is November. This week's recipes continue with some tummy warmers, some great sides and two decadent holiday desserts. Enjoy cooking and eating this week. Using the oven is a great way to warm up the house!

Autumn Apple Fruit Salad

I am used to eating apple salad with apples, celery and chopped pecans with a mayo dressing. This apple salad has a lot of fruit in it; the fall part of the salad would be the cranberries, but the use of grapes and oranges makes it extra tasty. You could also use one-half chopped apples and one-half chopped pears. Enjoy this fall salad with pork dishes.

- 3 large Gala apples, chopped
- 2 t. lemon juice
- 2 C. red grapes, halved
- ¾ C. chopped pecans
- ½ C. dried cranberries
- 1 can (16 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained well
- 1 C. vanilla Greek yogurt
- 3 T. mayonnaise
- ½ C. brown sugar, packed
- 1 t. cinnamon.

In a large bowl, combine apples and lemon juice. Toss to coat well. Add grapes, pecans, cranberries and oranges and toss to combine.

In a medium bowl, whisk together yogurt, mayo, brown sugar and cinnamon; pour over fruit. Stir gently and refrigerate for an hour before serving.

Cheesy Zucchini

If you are looking for a side to use some of the zucchini you might have left, this cheesy dish will make a great vegetable for any fall meal. You can substitute the cherry tomatoes with grape ones. If you have the equipment to make zucchini into noodles, it makes for a great presentation.

- ½ C. cherry tomatoes
- 2 T. olive oil, divided

- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 t. butter
- 2 sliced green onions, white parts only

- 1 minced garlic clove
- 2 T. flour
- 2/3 C. milk
- ½ t. Dijon mustard
- ½ t. salt
- Pinch of cayenne
- 1/3 C. shredded cheddar

- 1 lb. zucchini seeded and cut into match stick pieces

- 4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled

Toss cherry tomatoes with olive oil, salt and pepper. Roast on a preheated baking sheet at 425 until softened, about 10 minutes. Set aside. Meanwhile, melt butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add green onions and garlic and cook for one minute. Add flour and stir for 30 seconds. Add the milk, mustard, salt and cayenne and whisk until thickened, about two minutes. Off the heat, whisk in the cheddar cheese and set aside. Sauté the zucchini in olive oil over medium-high heat until softened, two to three minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Add to the cheese sauce and cook, tossing until coated. Top with the tomatoes and cooked bacon. For additional garnish chop some green onions and sprinkle across dish.

Vegetable Beef Soup with Cabbage

When the weather decided to kick us into November, soup sounded really good. This soup is easy and fast. A.J.'s Meat Market has great beef stew meat. Sometimes I leave out the potatoes and just have the other vegetables and cabbage. If you aren't a cabbage lover, you can omit the cabbage too. As I have said before, I always use the broth with less sodium so that I can season it myself.

- 1½ lbs. beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch pieces

- 1 cube beef bouillon
- 2 C. beef broth
- 1 onion, chopped finely
- ¼ t. pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 celery ribs, sliced
- 1 large carrot, sliced
- 4 C. cabbage
- 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
- Salt to taste

Cook and stir stew meat in large saucepan over medium heat until browned on all sides. Drain any excess grease. Stir beef bouillon into beef broth in a bowl until dissolved; pour over stew meat. Add onion, pepper and bay leaf; cover and simmer until stew meat is very tender. Add

potatoes, cabbage, celery and carrot; cover and simmer until potatoes are tender, 30 to 45 minutes.

Stir tomato sauce and salt into stew; simmer, uncovered until tomato sauce is fully incorporated and flavors have blended, 15 to 20 minutes.

Kielbasa and Cabbage

Sausage and cabbage are a great fall favorite. Since we are continuing with the cabbage theme from the soup in the recipe above, this cabbage pairs with Kielbasa sausage. Kielbasa is a type of smoked sausage, usually only lightly smoked. It is highly flavorful in its own right, and especially so when mixed with a variety of dishes. For instance, people who prefer milder flavors like to use it in sausage dishes. It is also commonly served in combination with sauerkraut. Enjoy this easy fall dish.

- 6 slices bacon
- 1 C. chopped onion
- ¼ C. water
- 1 T. sugar
- 1 T. caraway seeds
- 2 t. minced garlic
- ¼ t. crushed red pepper
- ¼ t. seasoning salt
- 1 to 1½ lb. cabbage, cored and cut into 6 wedges

- 1 pkg. (14 oz.) Polish kielbasa, cut into ½-inch slices

Cook bacon in a very large skillet over medium heat, turning once until crisp. Transfer to paper towels, reserving drippings in skillet. Crumble the bacon when cool. Stir in onion, water, sugar, caraway seeds, garlic, crushed red pepper and seasoning salt into drippings in skillet. Add cabbage; cook, covered, stirring occasionally, over medium heat for 10 minutes. Arrange kielbasa over cabbage in skillet; continue cooking, covered, until cabbage is tender and sausage is heated through, about 10 minutes more. Sprinkle with crumbled bacon to serve.

Pumpkin Spice Cake

I have made pumpkin bars for years, and I have always wondered if you could make the bars in a cake pan. I finally found a recipe that did just that. There are some differences in the cake and my bar recipe. I use cinnamon and pie spice and a lot less powdered sugar for the frosting. Try making this cake for any place you need a cake.

- Cake:
- 1 C. unsalted butter, softened
- 2 C. sugar

- 4 large eggs
- 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
- 1 t. vanilla
- ¾ C. flour
- 2 t. baking soda
- 2 t. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 t. baking powder
- 1 t. salt
- ½ C. chopped pecans
- Frosting:

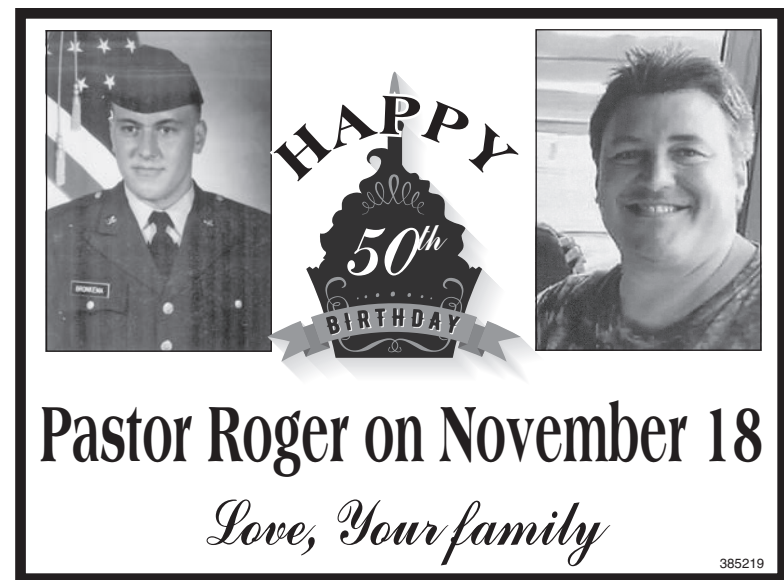
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- ½ C. butter, softened
- 2 t. vanilla
- ½ t. salt
- 6 C. powdered sugar
- Garnish: chopped pecans and pumpkin pie spice

Preheat oven to 350. Spray a 9-by-13 pan with baking spray with flour.

Cake: In a large bowl, beat butter and sugar with a mixer at medium speed until fluffy, three to four minutes, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in pumpkin and vanilla.

In another large bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, pie spice, baking powder, and salt. With mixer on low speed, gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture, beating

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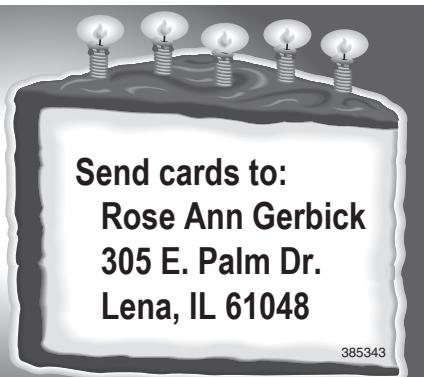
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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

LINDA K. BROSE

Linda K. Brose, 68, of Lena, Illinois, passed away Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, from pneumonia at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, surrounded by her family. She was born July 23, 1952, in Freeport to Albert and Anna (Lott) Baldauf of Pearl City. She attended school in Pearl City and at Northern Illinois University, where she earned a master's degree in mental health. Linda married Michael Brose of Freeport on June 19, 1976. They had two daughters, Stephanie Brose and Amy Hoffman.

Linda worked many jobs in the mental health field through her career. She retired in 2020. Linda and Mike moved to rural Lena in 1980, where she dabbled in raising a variety of animals. She liked traveling, especially to Europe, Africa and Asia. The family visited Israel together, where they visited the Holy Land.

Linda is survived by her husband, Mike; daughters, Stephanie Brose of Freeport and Amy (Jason) Hoffman of Coleta, Illinois; two wonderful grand-



children, Aria and Quinn Hoffman; her brother, Kenneth (Darlene) Baldauf of Pearl City; and her sister, Lorraine Kaiser of Afolkey.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Anna Baldauf; and her brother-in-law, Robert Kaiser.

A visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena. Social distancing guidelines will be followed and masks will be required.

A private family funeral will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020.

Burial will be at Lena Burial Park in Lena, Illinois.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial has been established in her memory.

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

HILLARY J. WAGENECHT-ALBRECHT

Hillary J. Wagenecht-Albrecht, 41, of Dixon, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, at Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital in Dixon.

Hillary was born Oct. 28, 1979, in Morrison, Illinois, the daughter of Dale Wagenecht and Judy Novotny.

She is survived by her mother, Judy Novotny of Dixon; her father and stepmother, Dale and Susan Wagenecht of Cordova; adopted dad, Jeff Albrecht of Prophetstown; her sister, Heather (Jay) Hermes of Stockton, Illinois; nieces and nephews, Liam, Grace, Aiden and Olivia of Stockton; and grandmother, Patricia Albrecht of Prophetstown.

Hillary was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Marvin and Lois Novotny; paternal grandparents, Larry and Joyce Wagenecht; and paternal grandpa, John Albrecht.

She was beautiful, funny, sarcastic, wildly inappropriate at times, tenacious, persistent, a note taker,



would send texts that could have been letters, being incredibly specific and inquisitive and always ending them in the same way, "All my love forever and always no matter what... Xo." She had the most beautiful blonde hair that smelled of Pantene. She loved cooking and eating food. She loved hanging out with her group of friends from high school, whom she cherished. Her laughter was infectious and her smile truly lit up the room. She loved music and went to many concerts, fairs, flea markets and swap meets. She loved cars, trucks and going to car shows. Hillary loved her family so much, es-

pecially her nieces and nephews, and enjoyed joking around with them, doing voices and pretending, playing and having tea parties with them. She would talk for hours on the phone wanting to hear every single event in their lives. Hillary especially loved her dogs, Cow and Ily. She signed all of her cards including her dog Cow in every letter, card or note. Hillary loved being outside in the sunshine and helping her mom in the garden. She was such a kind and loving soul.

She was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt and friend to many. Hillary is going to be missed tremendously by those of us that had the privilege of knowing her.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, please send cards to P.O. Box 14 Stockton, IL 61085 in care of Hillary Albrecht's family.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

LELAND WESLEY PIERCE JR.

Leland (Bud) Pierce passed away Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, at home with family.

Bud was born on Dec. 9, 1923, son of Leland Sr. and Florence (Parker) Pierce. He was a 1941 graduate of Stockton High School, and attended the Farm Short Course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Bud married Hazel C. Downs on Oct. 10, 1945. They celebrated 65 years together before her passing in 2011. He was a dear husband, wonderful father, devoted grandfather and an awesome great-grandfather, always calmly teaching and showing the way.

He was a farmer. He also enjoyed card playing, music, singing, dancing and was self-taught on the piano, organ, ukulele, and banjo. (and surpris-



ingly good at all of it.) He was a member of the Unitarian Universalist church, and also worked on the board of the Morseville Church and cemetery. Bud was involved in the Plum River

Masonic Lodge, Wards Grove Township board, Stockton Co-op board, Farm Bureau and Pioneer Seed sales.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three sisters, Elizabeth (Carson) Herring, Edith (Lendelle) Bauer and Linda (Donald) Lloyd; an infant son; and sons, Danny and Gary. He leaves behind three daughters, Cathy

(Tom Brobst) Brandenburg, Sharen (Mark) Mellicker and Connie Finn (Lisa Metcalf); daughter-in-law, Becky Pierce (Craig Priegel); seven grandchildren, JoLynn (Kevin) Kuhl, Dana (Roy) Probus, Calista (Juan) Cruz, Allison (Mike Farber) Pierce, Gavin Ninow, Emily Pierce and Wesley Pierce; six great-grandchildren, Alex (Stephanie) Kuhl, Evan Kuhl, Morgan (Chris) Geier, Colton Probus, Raegan Probus and Grey Ninow; one sister, Mariam Blair; brother, Max (Mary) Pierce; and two sisters-in-law, Joyce Zeal and Donna Feldmeyer. Uncle "Bud" will also be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Bud was kind, hard-working and generous, always serving others graciously. He will be remembered by all as the man first in line to help or lend a hand. He was loved and cherished by many. His gentle personality and sweet smile will be missed by all who knew him.

There will be a memorial service held on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton at 2 p.m. with a visitation beginning at noon. Interment will follow at Morseville Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

ROBERT LEE 'BIG BOB' LYVERS

Robert Lee "Big Bob" Lyvers, age 83, of Lena, passed away Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Chicago on Aug. 7, 1937, to Carsey and Dorothy (McKnight) Lyvers. Bob graduated from Parker High School in 1955. He married his high school sweetheart, Lynn Leibfried, on Feb. 23, 1957, at Salem Evangelical Reformed Church in Chicago. They moved to McConnell in 1960, and together they raised three children. Bob was a lifelong truck driver for various companies and retired from H&W Motor Freight in 1994. Upon retirement, he enjoyed working for the village of Lena and was a proud member of the community.

Bob was a devoted member of the Lena Lions Club, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Freeport Transportation Club, Lena Historical Society and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena. He enjoyed deer hunting, dancing, gardening and making recycle trips to the salvage yard.

Bob was a proud husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend. He was known for his sense of humor and larger-than-life personality. He was always quick witted and had a joke for any occasion. He was



never without words.

Bob is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lynn; his children, Susan (Dan) Milligan of Bloomington, Robert (Martha) Lyvers II of Lena and Sherry

(Matt) St. Eve of Belleville; grandchildren, Adam, David and Dan Milligan, Kellee Doctorian, Robert and Michael Lyvers, Anna Hoffman, Mary Beth Wampfler, Jamie Shultz and Jana St. Eve; nine great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Terry Sloatman; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Donald Lyvers; sister, JoAnn Sheldon; and sister-in-law, Susan Sloatman.

A private family service will be held at Lena Burial Park in Lena.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory for FHN Hospice and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The family would like to send a special thank you to Lena Living Center and FHN Hospice.

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

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Corn production in Illinois is forecasted to be up 18 percent this year from 2019, and soybean production is expected to be up 12 percent, according to the Illinois Crop Production report released recently by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

According to the report:

• **Corn:** The planted area is estimated at 11.4 million acres, up 9 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 11.2 million acres, is up 10 percent from 2019.

Based on Nov. 1 conditions, the Illinois corn yield is forecast at 195 bushels per acre, down five bushels from last month but up 14 bushels from 2019. Production is forecast at 2.18 billion bushels, up 18 percent from last year's production.

• **Soybeans:** The planted area is estimated at 10.3 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 10.25 million acres, is up 4 percent from 2019.

Based on Nov. 1 conditions, the Illinois soybean yield is forecast at 58 bushels per acre, up four bushels from 2019. Production is forecast at 595 million bushels, up 12 per-

cent from 2019.

Nationally, corn production for grain is forecast at 14.5 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast but up 7 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of Nov. 1, yields are expected to average 175.8 bushels per harvested acre, down 2.6 bushels from the previous forecast but up 8.3 bushels from last year.

Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.5 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 1 percent from the previous year.

U.S. soybean production for beans is forecast at 4.17 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 17 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of Nov. 1, yields are expected to average 50.7 bushels per harvested acre, down 1.2 bushels from the previous forecast but up 3.3 bushels from 2019.

The area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 82.3 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 10 percent from 2019.

FHN offers medication education program to local groups

The FHN Family Counseling Center has received funding through the Illinois Department of Human Services to implement Generation Rx, a national educational initiative to promote safe medication practices in an effort to prevent the misuse of prescription drugs. The local team is scheduling free educational programs through the end of June.

The Generation Rx program is offered through a partnership between the Cardinal Health Foundation and the Ohio State University College of Pharmacy. The curriculum includes hands-on activities that focus on teaching teens safe medication practices, as well as techniques for turning down the invitation to misuse.

Studies show that the average age a young adult begins to mishandle prescription drugs — through over-

use, sharing prescriptions or using prescription drugs to "manage" life — is in his or her early 20s, so this program aims to reach teens with good information and prevent misuse.

The FHN Family Counseling Center is offering the program free of charge to groups in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties, including the Boys and Girls Club of Freeport and Stephenson County, church youth groups, school and club sports teams, school health classes and more. For more information or to schedule a presentation for a group, contact the counseling center at 815-599-7315.

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

•Kitchen (Continued from page 3)

just until combined. Fold in pecans. Spread batter into prepared pan. Bake until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, about 45 minutes, covering with foil halfway through baking to prevent excess browning. Let cool completely in pan on a wire rack.

Frosting: In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and butter with a mixer at medium speed until smooth and creamy, about two minutes, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Beat in vanilla and salt. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating at low speed until smooth, stopping to scrape bowl. Spread onto cake. Garnish with pecans and pie spice.

Pecan Pie Cheesecake Bars

These bars are really scrumptious. They take a lot of ingredients and some time, but they melt in your mouth and feed a lot more than one pecan pie. You can buy graham cracker crumbs at most grocery stores. If you don't use them fast enough, put them in the freezer, and they will keep for months. There is a caramel with sea salt ice cream topping that would go great on these bars.

2 C. graham cracker crumbs
2/3 C. plus 2 T. unsalted butter, melted, cooled slightly and divided
4 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened

3/4 C. sugar
1/4 C. flour
6 eggs, divided
1 T. plus 1/2 t. vanilla, divided
1/4 C. firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 C. light corn syrup
1/4 t. salt

2 1/2 C. coarsely chopped pecans
Caramel sauce for serving
Preheat the oven to 350. Line a 9-by-13 pan with foil, letting excess extend over sides of pan. Spray foil

with baking spray with flour.

In a medium bowl, stir together graham cracker crumbs and 1/3 plus 2 T. melted butter; press mixture into bottom of prepared pan. Bake for eight minutes. Remove from oven, and let cool completely on a wire rack. Leave oven on.

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese with a mixer at medium speed until smooth. In a small bowl, whisk together sugar and flour; gradually add sugar mixture to cream cheese, beating just until combined. Add 3 eggs, one at a time, beating just until combined after each addition. Beat in 1 T. vanilla. Spread mixture onto prepared crust. Bake until filling is set and slightly puffed around the edges, about 25 minutes. Let cool on a wire rack for five minutes. Leave oven on.

In a medium bowl, whisk together remaining 3 eggs; whisk in brown sugar, corn syrup, salt and remaining 1/3 C. melted butter and remaining 1/2 t. vanilla until smooth. Stir in pecans. Gently pour mixture onto cheesecake layer. Bake until top is set, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Loosely cover, and refrigerate until cold, about four hours or overnight. Using excess foil as handles, remove from pan and cut into bars. Serve with caramel sauce. Refrigerate bars in an airtight container for up to three days.

Final thoughts

If you are doing any Christmas shopping, they are already plugging the Black Friday deals. I think a lot of people will be like me; Christmas will be small this year. For some they need gift cards to put food on the table. The Lena Business and Professional Association is sponsoring a "Giving Tree" at the Lena Mercantile. Many groups and churches adopted families in years past. That

probably won't be happening, so if you have any extra money, pick a mitten off the tree. I have been missing craft fairs this fall. We only hope that they will be back next year.

It has been a rough week for me. One of my best friends lost her husband. He has been ill for several years, so it wasn't unexpected. I will miss his sense of humor and his love of life. He was a great guy who would do anything for anyone. He loved the Lions Fall Festival. If we get to have that next year, we will all miss him. He was a good and faithful servant. He touched many lives, and will be missed.

Another week of hearing about friends coming down with COVID passes. They are asking us to limit our Thanksgiving celebration to less than 10 people and to try and limit those people to those in your "pod." For some, that will be hard because their immediate family is more than 10.

Every day we face a new challenge. The only thing we can do is to keep on truckin' with one foot ahead of the other. Stay safe and healthy.

If you have found any Thanksgiving or 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.

•Slices

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And to the friends of mine out there: It goes without saying, I'm sending you love and lots (and lots) of hugs.

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.

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Enhancing hands-on training

Students and health care officials show off a new hospital bed and simulation mannequin for the nursing program at Highland Community College in Freeport. The Northwest Illinois Area Health Education Center donated the equipment. Nursing, medical assistant and basic nursing assistant students will use the equipment for hands-on training. Pictured from left to right are Melissa Rockwood, Northwest Illinois AHEC coordinator; Jennifer Grobe, Highland associate dean of nursing and allied health; Teresa Strum, Northwest Illinois AHEC director; Mary Engelkens of Rock City; and Kaylee Blocker of Davis.

Births

ALEVYA LOUISE

Alevya Louise is the new daughter to Summer and Rorie Russell of Stockton, Illinois, born on Nov. 7, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Illinois. Grandparents are Louise Russell and William Ninow, both of Freeport.

DAVINA JADE JACKSON-BLESSING

Davina Jade Jackson-Blessing is the new daughter to Delquasia Jackson and Morgan Blessing of Freeport, Illinois, born on Nov. 9, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport. Grandparents are Veronica Jackson of Freeport, Cheryl Blessing of Freeport and Dakeith Jackson of Rockford, as well as special grandpa, Anthony Thompson of Freeport. Great-grandparents are Paula Broege of Freeport, Will Jackson Freeport and Marilyn Gilmore of Lena.

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Farm assistance deadline nears

Officials at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency remind farmers and ranchers that the deadline to apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) is Dec. 11. The program provides direct relief to producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19.

CFAP 2 will provide up to \$14 billion to eligible producers of certain row crops, livestock, dairy, specialty crops, aquaculture and more. All eligible commodities, payment rates and calculations can be found on farmers.gov/cfap. CFAP 2 is a separate program from CFAP 1 and interested producers must complete a new application to be eligible for payment for CFAP 2.

Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP 2 application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office.

Application options

Producers have several options for applying to the CFAP 2 program by the December 11 deadline:

1. Using an online portal at farmers.gov/cfap. This allows producers with secure USDA login credentials, known as eAuthentication, to certify eligible commodities online, digitally sign applications and submit directly to the local USDA Service Center.

2. Completing the application form using the CFAP 2 application generator and payment calculator found at farmers.gov/cfap. This Excel workbook allows customers to input information specific to their operation to determine estimated payments and populate the applica-

tion form, which can be printed, then signed and submitted to their local USDA Service Center.

3. Downloading the AD-3117 application form from farmers.gov/cfap and manually completing the form to submit to the local USDA Service Center by mail, electronically, or by hand delivery to an office drop box. In some limited cases, the office may be open for in-person business by appointment. Visit farmers.gov/coronavirus/service-center-status to check the status of your local office.

USDA Service Centers can also work with producers to complete and securely transmit digitally signed applications. Producers who are interested in digitally signing their applications should notify their local FSA office when calling to discuss the CFAP 2 application process. More information is available online at farmers.gov/mydocs.

Producers of commodities with payments based on acreage will use acreage and yield information provided by FSA through the annual acreage reporting process. Producers have the option to complete their application by working directly with their local FSA office or online through the CFAP 2 application portal.

All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap/apply. For existing FSA customers, including those who participated in CFAP 1, these documents are likely already on file.

As of Nov. 9, FSA has paid more than \$9.5 billion with more than 576,000 applications for CFAP 2. This builds upon more than \$10.3 billion paid through CFAP 1.

For the latest information about CFAP 2, go online to farmers.gov/cfap or call 877-508-8364.

Obituaries

CORY McPEEK

Cory McPeck, age 37, of Stockton, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020. He was born Nov. 14, 1982, in Freeport, Illinois, to Mark McPeck and Penny Feltmeyer.

Cory attended Stockton schools and was a member of Willow Winners 4-H Club. He worked for Stockton Stainless for many years and had a love for farming. Cory was always willing to give a helping hand. He enjoyed riding his 3-wheeler, lighting off fireworks, looking for trees that had fallen to split into firewood, spending time with his daughter and taking her to amusement parks and sitting around a bonfire with good friends. He was also an avid collector of Ghostbuster memorabilia.

Cory is survived by his mother, Penny (Steve) Oppold of Pearl City; his father, Mark (Amy) McPeck of Stockton; his daughter, Madelyn McPeck of Freeport; his brothers,



Chad (Jordy) McPeck of Pearl City and Bryan (Rachel) McPeck of Kent; his honorary brother, Patrick Otto of Stockton; his grandmother, Pauline Feltmeyer of

Stockton; and his four nieces and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his Grandma and Grandpa McPeck; his Grandpa Feltmeyer; his sister, Jessica McPeck; and his cousin, Jackie McPeck.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton at 7 p.m. with a visitation beginning at 2 p.m.

A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

EVELYN TIPTON

Evelyn Tipton, age 93, of Forreton, Illinois, passed away Friday, Nov. 13, 2020, at home in the care of her loving family and Serenity Hospice. A Celebration of Life service was held Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020 at Law-Jones Mt. Carroll. Visitation was held prior to the service. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Mt. Carroll. Memorials may be made to Walnut Acres Nursing Center, Freeport, where Evelyn had worked for many years. Family and friends are invited to share in Evelyn's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Evelyn was born Dec. 2, 1926, in rural Lanark, Illinois, the daughter of Lawrence and Hazel (Schmidkemp) Nowak. After eighth grade, Evelyn graduated into the working world. When Evelyn was 15, she married Earl Thompson. In a relatively short amount of time, young Evelyn was left a single mother of two sons. The world changed for her in 1947, when Evelyn met the

love of her life, Sherman Tipton. Sherman had three daughters about the same age as Evelyn's two sons. Their first date was sitting in the front seat as five children peered from the back seat in Sherman's car. It was evident that God was working in their relationship, and on March 10, 1948, Evelyn and Sherman were married in Mt. Carroll.

They soon had their sixth child as they looked toward their future. Evelyn became a nurse and worked 25 years at the Stephenson County Nursing Home, later named Walnut Acres. They moved to Freeport in 1960 after Sherman began working for Civil Constructors. In 1994, after retirement, they moved to Monticello, Kentucky, near Cumberland Lake to be near their son, Glen, and of course, fish. They returned to Illinois in 1999 and bought a home in Forreton. Sherman passed away Aug. 31, 2003. They were members of the Forreton United Methodist Church.

Everyone knew that Mom and Dad liked to fish and camp, often going just as far as the Mississippi,

at Spring Lake. Once, in Manitoba, Canada, Evelyn was honored with the Big Fish of the Year Award, for catching a 12-inch plus crappie. She also liked sewing, cooking and spending time with her dog, Sadie. Her secret to making the best cheesecakes was to "just add a little pineapple." Family gatherings were the most important thing. In 2008, she took a 14-day trip to Alaska with family, one of her favorite trips.

Evelyn will be dearly missed by her five children, Patricia Tipton of Chadwick, Glen (Patricia) Thompson of Monticello, Kentucky, Ginger (Robert) Law of Mt. Carroll, Shirley (David) Senn of Mt. Carroll and Steve (Jacquelyn) Tipton of Shannon; 19 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 51 great-great-grandchildren; her brother, Robert (Shirley) Nowak of Fulton; two sisters, Ruth Reken-thaler of Lanark and Donna (Fred) Domberger of Kent; and two special friends, Betty Hake and Valerie Woods. Evelyn is preceded in death by her parents; a son Richard at the age of 24; five brothers and a sister.

OPAL MAE RITZMAN

Opal Mae Ritzman, age 99 and a half, passed away Nov. 11, 2020, at home surrounded by her family. She was born May 2, 1921, to George Frederick and Rosa Hart in Berreman Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois. Opal and Milo P. Wachlin were married Dec. 13, 1939; he passed away on June 3, 1961. She and Quincy Leo Ritzman were married July 2, 1962; he passed away on Feb. 1, 1984. Opal was employed by Micro Switch for 35 years, retiring in 1985. She was a member of Lena United Methodist Church, Lena American Legion Auxiliary and an honorary member of the Lena Woman's Club.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Eleanor Wachlin; grandson,



Larry (Pat) Wachlin; and granddaughter, Kellie (Ray Balles) White, all of Lena; great-grandchildren, Brian (Ambre Barnes) White, Scott White, Leslie (Kurt)

Bauer, Kyle (Chelsey) White; six great-great-grandchildren, Dylan, Tyler, Berkley, Breanna, Isaac and Elijah; many nieces and nephews; three step-granddaughters, Sheryllynn Marten, Gwen Komaniecki and Debra James; and two sisters-in-law, Phyllis Frederick and Marie Frederick.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Wayne, Walter, Russell, Lloyd and Paul; four sisters, Lucille Holland, Joyce Pfile, Marcella Gaul and Marjorie Rose Frederick, twin sister of Marcella who died at 8 days; first husband, Milo Wachlin; second husband, Leo Ritzman; and son, Jim Wachlin.

A visitation was held Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, Illinois. A private family funeral will be held.

Burial will be at Lena Burial Park in Lena. The Rev. Keri Rainsburger will officiate the services.

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

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



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Family Healthcare Center – Highland View Drive. Forms can also be downloaded at www.fhn.org/docs/SantaLetter.pdf. Parents please complete the parent section on the back of the letter to Santa card. (1-877-600-0346 x901) No charge

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Luminary Night

Enjoy the beauty of the soft light of luminaries as FHN joins this annual neighborhood tradition. Sunday, December 20 • Dusk • Along Stephenson Street and Lincoln Boulevard • No charge

Happy Holidays from your friends at FHN!

We hope you will join us at one or all of FHN's Festival of Trees events – there's something for everyone!

Around the Northern Hills with Annette Eggers

It's hard to believe that I have been here at the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau for more than 15 years now. This will be my last column, as I have accepted a position with Compeer Financial as the team lead for crop insurance. I have enjoyed my time working with everyone at the farm bureau — from working with the board to volunteers, working with the affiliate companies, getting to know our members and working on agricultural issues. I'm sure that I'll still run into many of you, as I won't be going too far away.

Rooted in agriculture

You don't farm, so should agriculture and Farm Bureau matter to you? According to the Census of Agriculture, roughly 108,000 Illinoisans farm, just a small portion of the population. What I'm about to say next about the value of agriculture and the Farm Bureau doesn't apply to you, right? Wrong. Yes, farming and an organization that supports farmers probably doesn't matter to you in the way that they mattered to your great-grandparents. But they do matter, differently.

Farming may not be your job, but for many of us, it's the economic foundation we're standing on. With almost 1 million agriculture-related jobs in Illinois, that means more than 13% of Illinois jobs are supported by agriculture. It's the source of your food (Jo Daviess County is No. 1 in the state for beef production and the total number of cattle, the No. 1



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alfalfa producer, and the No. 3 dairy county), and it's still one of the top economic drivers of your small town.

Agriculture is not only dependent on those in production agriculture, it includes the driver that takes the products to market, the mechanic that keeps the machinery running, the factory worker that makes tires for the equipment, those that work in processing who convert the farm commodities into foods that consumers enjoy, the chef that prepares the food at your favorite restaurant and the mom who picks out the food to feed her family — just to name a few.

On a different note, Farm Bureau is continually investing in member programs, educational efforts (such as Ag in the Classroom activities) and investing in our future leaders (through scholarships and leadership programs).

So, do farming and Farm Bureau matter to you, as much as they mattered to your ancestors? Maybe not. But if you take time to study your roots and look around at the people, industries and institutions that are helping enrich your community and everyday life, you might find out that they matter even more.

Keep the tabs coming

We have had quite a few members bring in pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you. Remember, you can drop those tabs off any time between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. They go toward a good cause!

Shopping helps Farm Bureau

It's that time of year that we are all thinking of what to get that hard-to-buy-for person for Christmas. Why not get them a "This is a Family Farm" sign? The signs are 17.5 inches by 23 inches, cost \$30 and are available at the Farm Bureau office in Elizabeth.

Speaking of Christmas shopping, did you know that by shopping on Amazon, you can also support the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Foundation? All you need to do is go to www.smile.amazon.com and choose the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Foundation as your charity. This is a great way to support Ag in the Classroom and agricultural scholarships while doing your normal shopping.

• Testing (Continued from front page)

concentrations and depths," Solomon said.

Higher concentrations can be found when uranium is trapped near the surface or when soil structures have "significant fractures (that) create pathways for soil gases to rise easily," Solomon said.

About 55 percent of northwestern Illinois homes have radon levels over the recommended action level, which is four picoCuries per liter, according to an Extension news release.

At four pCi/L, some sort of action to reduce the radon levels is recommended.

Lena, for example, has had 44 homes professionally tested for radon levels. Of those homes, 23

— or 52 percent — tested for more than the recommended level of 4 pCi/L.

Because communities in northwestern Illinois are seeing alarming numbers, Extension officials are looking to educate people about the gas and also encourage more testing.

There are some local areas where no radon testing has been done, the release said.

"The effort is to encourage more radon testing of homes. Every home has the potential to have elevated radon levels," Solomon said. "The only way to know is by testing."

Testing can be done professionally or with a home kit, available at health departments in Stephenson, Jo Daviess and

Carroll counties, or at some hardware stores.

In Stephenson county, kits cost \$8.

Craig Beintema, health administrator with Stephenson County's Health Department, said testing is important for northwestern Illinois residents because "northwest Illinois (is) considered a higher risk due to the subsurface and the age of homes."

The subsurface is the rock beneath the soil.

Solomon, like Beintema, recommends at-home test kits, but adds that professional testing is just as important and should be done before adding any sort of professional mitigation system.

In addition, radon testing should be done every three years.

Should a home test positive for more than the recommended action level of four pCi/L, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency recommends visiting the IEMA website at www.2.illinois.gov or calling the IEMA nuclear and radiation safety program at 800-782-7860 or 217-782-2700.

To register for the Extension's radon education program, go online to web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw or call 815-235-4125. There is a \$5 registration fee

Stephenson County Fair sets 2021 dates

With winter just around the corner, organizers of the Stephenson County Fair are planning for summer fun in 2021.

Members of the fair association recently announced July 27 through July 31 as next year's fair dates.

"We understand there is always the chance the fair won't happen again in 2021," Gary Mielke, Stephenson County Fair Association board president, said in a news release. "But we need to remain positive and start planning for when it does happen."

Those plans include booking a new carnival that will bring about 20 rides, including a 65-foot gondola ride, according to the news release. In addition, discounted wristbands for unlimited rides will be available during three nights of the fair.

Other entertainment and attractions will include face painting, axe throwing, an escape room and a lumberjack show.

The 2020 fair was canceled in June because of the pandemic.

"A lot of youth and adults were heartbroken when they found out they were not going to get to exhibit at the fair, ride the rides, enjoy the food, watch the entertainment in the grandstand, visit the vendors in the commercial building, etc.," Mielke said. "But we just could not put the community at risk with everything that was going on and our local health department advising us to cancel."

For more information about the fair, go online to stephensoncountyfair.org, call 815-235-2918 or find them on Facebook.





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Trap shooting team aims for success

Above, nine members of the River Ridge FFA chapter participated in the trap shoot earlier this fall at Coleta Sportsman's Club. The group included some veteran trap shooters and other students who were new to the competition. The varsity team finished in sixth place while the JV team finished in fourth place. Charlie Schnitzler placed fourth overall in the individual competition. Isaac Rife, shown at left, led the JV team by hitting 33 of 50.

Pritzker extends eviction moratorium, driver facilities to close

COVID-19 cases set records

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

As the state once again reported a one-day high for COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, Gov. JB Pritzker announced Nov. 13 he would extend a temporary ban on evictions and Secretary of State Jesse White announced he would be closing driver services facilities.

At his COVID-19, Pritzker said this iteration of the eviction ban will aim at excluding "tenants who may have been taking advantage of the eviction moratorium but who are in fact able to make their monthly rent payments."

He said the new eviction moratorium will apply only to renters who have earned no more than \$99,000 in annual income or \$198,000 as joint filers for this calendar year.

The governor said renters will be required to submit a declaration form to their landlord certifying that they are unable to pay their rent due to the substantial loss of income or an increase in out-of-pocket expenses stemming from the pandemic.

"This new order also clarifies that enforcement of pre-pandemic eviction orders can indeed move forward if there are serious health or safety concerns," he said.

The state's rolling seven-day average COVID-19 case positivity rate increased to 13.2 percent Nov. 13 as the state reported a record 15,415 new confirmed and probable cases of the disease out of 106,540 test results reported over the previous 24 hours.

That topped the previous one-day case count record, set the day before, by more than 2,700. As of Nov. 13, 96 of the state's 102 counties were at a warning level for COVID-19 spread as hospitalizations once again set new highs.

The rising COVID-19 spread led the secretary of state's office to once again shut down Drivers Services Facilities, at least from Nov. 17 to Dec. 7, as the state has encouraged all Illinoisans to stay at home except for essential doctor visits, grocery trips, COVID-19 tests or work or schooling for the next three weeks.

White's office encouraged all to use the secretary of state online services and announced that expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards will be extended until June 1, 2021. The extension includes those who have February, March, April and May 2021 expiration dates, as expired driver's licenses and ID cards will remain valid until June 1, 2021.

In a news release, White said 19 Commercial Driver License facilities will remain open for driving tests scheduled by appointment by calling 217-785-3013. Seven Drivers

See COVID-19, Back Page

Briefs

Warren grad studies at Knox College

Jacob VenHuizen of Apple River is a new student at Knox College as of the fall semester. VenHuizen is a graduate of Warren High School.

Knox College is a liberal arts college in Galesburg, Illinois.

Library offers services inside or curbside

The Warren Township Public Library is offering curbside service and half-hour appointments to serve patrons.

People may call 815-745-2076 to set up an appointment to check out library items, use the computers and make copies. In addition, interlibrary loan services and online reading via Overdrive and Libby are available.

For more information or to get help with getting a library card, contact the library.

Extension offers evergreen program via Zoom

The University of Illinois Extension will offer the online program "Decorating with Fresh Evergreens" at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2. Candice Hart, state master gardener specialist, will demonstrate how to make wreaths, swags, garlands and other decor using various evergreens, while also discussing some of the best evergreens to grow in an Illinois garden.

The program will be held via Zoom and costs \$5. Registration is required and can be completed by going online to <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw> or by calling 815-235-4125.

Lena Historical Society sells holiday gift boxes

The Lena Historical Society is accepting orders for holiday gift boxes through Nov. 30. The boxes contain

cheese from Torkelson Cheese Co. and a beef sausage log from A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats.

All profits from the gift box sales will go toward maintenance and expenses at the Lena Historical Museum.

Gift boxes cost \$30 and will be available for pickup from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the museum, 427 W. Grove St.

To place an order, call Cindy at 815-369-4030 or Eleanor at 815-369-4304.

Warren students receive music festival invite

Several Warren School District students were selected recently to participate in the District 8 Illinois Music Education Association festival.

The students are: Candace Baumgartner, senior band; Jaylyn Carter, senior chorus; Reese Raisbeck, junior chorus and senior band; Emilie Slichenmyer, senior band; and Evan Trone, junior band.

The selected students will join other young musicians in masterclasses via Zoom because an in-person festival is not being held this year.

Stockton seeks entries for decorating contest

The Stockton Chamber of Commerce is organizing a decorating contest as part of the Nov. 27-Nov. 28 Christmas Walk.

Residents and businesses are eligible to participate, be included on a map and be in the running for prizes.

The contest signup deadline is Friday, Nov. 20. Go online to <https://forms.gle/mnJgCJxPghzCVcyd8>.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Lena-Winslow CUSD #202	401 Fremont Street	815-369-2525	7:30-4:00
<i>School District/Joint Agreement Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Office Hours</i>

Also by **January 15, annually** the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ **www.isbe.net**.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2020

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	3,742,797	944,946	346,102	292,437	324,753	1,227	20,474	122,679	95,976
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	2,493,344	275,095	0	246,501	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	582,337	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		6,818,478	1,220,041	346,102	538,938	324,753	1,227	20,474	122,679	95,976
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		6,535,763	1,046,069	343,975	412,275	251,219	0		86,757	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2019		4,395,822	1,235,706	8,514	882,366	306,504	54,183	497,395	143,896	366,330
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2020		4,678,537	1,409,678	10,641	1,009,029	380,038	55,410	517,869	179,818	462,306

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000: Adams, Tara; Bollman, Lois; Crandall, Richard; Determan, Mary; Duncan, Tamara; Erb, Susan; Everding, Paul; Gallagher, Joanne; Gerbode, Joy; Hillmer, Katherine; Hoffman, Hillary; Jeffrey, JoAnne; Jogerst, Nancy Jean-Paige; Krell, Scott; Kuhlmyer, Susan; Marggraf, Hannah; McCabe, James; Moest, Barbara; Nimitz, Bethany; Pickard, Ryan; Popp, Alan; Scheider, Susan; Schneiderman, Steven; Searby, Barbara; Simler, Linda; Thill, MaryBeth; Tresemer, Donald; Unger, David; Wells, Marcia; Werhane, Adam; Zimmerman, Jill; **Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999:** Blakely, Jessica; Duchow, Tiffanie A; Fry, Tabitha; Kent, Lindsey; Killian, Lindsey; Linden, Andrea; Maurer, Hannah; McMullen, Matthew; Raab, Katy; Schultz, Katelyn; Stachowicz, Ali; Stepanek, Melissa; Stodden, Lindsay; Wagner, Karly; Werhane, Katherine; White, Emily; **Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999:** Anderson, Rebecca; Arndt, Conor; Baldauf, Brooke; Benson, Kyle; Blakely, Mark; Blakely, Matthew; Bonebright, Sara; Chrisman, Holly; Daughenbaugh, Tamarah; Feiner, Jane; Freedlund, Brianne; Geiseman, Michael; Hahne, Ryan; Haselman, Jessica; Jones, Kristin; Larson, Kari; Leamon, Kimberly; Linnemann, Katrina; March, Jason; Meador, Mary; Meyers-Matz, Stephanie; Modica, Mary; Monigold, Debra; Ortiz, Jacqueline; Parkinson, Christina; Pieper, Kelli; Richardson, Erin; Rickels, Austin; Robinson, James; Schoeny, Tracy; Schultz, Renee; Snook, Jacob; Spidahl, Allison; Tiesman, Kristin; Voreis, Linda; Werhane, Nick; Wilks, Tiffanie; Wirtz, William; Woodley, Jamie; **Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999:** Amendt, Susan; Arand, Richard; Benson, Heather; Copus, Barbara; DeZell, Ann; Lobdell, Andy; Milder, Kevin; Milder, Kimberly; Price, Leslie; Sargent, Stacy; Smargiassi, Brenda; Smargiassi, Thomas; Stevens, Catherine; **Salary Range: \$90,000 and over:** Chiles, Thomas; Kuehl, Mark

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

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lane; Gapinski, Susan; Gift, Jerrid; Gruhn, Staci; Hastings, Lorna; Heitter, Amber; Hermann, Jared; Hershey, Roberta; Heun, Kolton; Hille, Leigh; Hintz, Duane; Hoffman, Brittney; Holtz, Melissa; Hook-Winters, Lori; Huttenlocher, Dennis; Kampmeier, Sandy; Keltner, Sandra; Knoll, Leigh; Knoup, Nicholas; Koehler, Leonard; Krogman, Kaytlyn; Krogull, Douglas; Lieb, Clayton; Lotz, Steve; Lynch, Shaun; McCrary, Jessica; Miller, Charity; Monigold, Barbara; Monigold, David; Moscato, Caroline; Myelle, Elizabeth; Ognibene, Sarah; Ormiston, Sean; Pettenger, Mindy; Phillips, Larry; Popp, Kevin; Raab, Tonya; Rahn, Gigi; Runkle, Sharon; Russell, Kay; Russell, Roger; Salamone, Frances; Schoger, Ashley; Schoonhoven, Meredith; Schrader, Pamela; Schulz, Bethany; Schulz, Riley; Schulz, Roger; Sherrer, Nicole; Shumaker, Cynthia; Simler, Linda; Solverson, Clara; Spinhirne, Karen; Stamm, Marlen; Staver, Jered; Staver, Katelin; Stich, Tammy; Streckwald, Jordan; Taft, Michael; Taylor, Tammy; Toman, Bernard; Tootelian, Nicola; Trost, Mae; Warner, Jessie; Wenger, Carol; Werkheiser, James; Williams, Christine; Winters, Amanda; Wybourn, Nick; Wybourn, Tammy; Young, Rodney; Zimmerman, Jill; **Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999:** Ackerson, Sherri; Bland, Abigail; Bonebright, Danielle; Camerer, Jordan; Crothers, Julie; Klaas, Kirk; Knoup, Stacey; Schierloh, Darcy; Schierloh, William; Smith, Brian; Spinhirne, Dawn; Townsend, Gerald; Winning, Debra; Wybourn, Ryan; **Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999:** Reed, Duane; Wybourn, Doug; **Salary Range: \$60,000 and over:** Groezinger, Amy; Hoff, David;

Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
AFLAC	3,015.64
ALL AMERICAN SPORTS CORP.	10,222.67
Amazon Capital Services	3,076.57
AMAZON.COM	9,489.42
Barton Electric	255,000.00
BENNING GROUP LLC	6,000.00
BRAIN POP LLC	2,950.00
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	74,034.97
Civil Constructors, Inc	75,109.00
ComEd	27,097.47
Community Bank	294,232.27
COMMUNITY BANK HSA	38,388.75
Curriculum Associates Inc	14,714.53
DELTA DENTAL OF ILLINOIS	18,827.65
Easterseals	55,153.00

EBSCO Information Svcs	2,716.89
Educational Networks	3,600.00
Embrace Education	3,850.00
ENTRE COMPUTER SOLUTIONS	4,385.77
Follett School Solutions	4,018.51
FREEPORT RUG/LINOLEUM, INC	23,405.00
Frontier	2,607.79
GILL'S FREEPORT DISPOSAL	4,085.32
Gordon Food Service Inc	25,503.68
ILLINOIS ASSOC SCHOOL BDS	4,298.00
Illinois Fiber Resources Group	4,200.00
ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIRE	57,531.99
Illinois Scholastic Cooperative	228,340.25
ING COMMON REMITTER	24,438.00
Ingram	3,502.02
Larson & Darby Inc	9,735.91
LENA-WIN DENTAL INS	21,723.87
LENA-WINSLOW HEALTH INS	220,901.47
LE-WIN ESPA	3,024.99
LeWin Flex	6,243.48
LE-WIN TEACHERS' ASS'N	12,746.10
MENARDS, INC	7,847.10
MER Signs	10,995.00
Midland Paper	7,339.85
MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIP. INC	16,784.00
MONTICELLO SPORTS	4,781.99
NIUNet	8,000.00
NORTHWEST SP. ED. COOP.	72,048.17
Prairie State Insurance Cooperative	90,015.00
Professional Plastics	4,248.46
Rocketbook	3,374.50
Santander Leasing	174,720.00
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	5,452.64
SIEMENS BUILDING TECH.	5,575.00
Simplifaster	2,537.00
STEPHENSON SERVICE CO	6,090.24
Sterling Commercial Roofing	174,420.00
Symmetry Energy Solutions LLC	9,094.53
T.H.I.S. FUND	21,574.22
TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM	101,260.98
THE BANK OF NEW YORK Mellon	53,737.50
The Home Depot Pro Institutional	33,671.21
Tyler Technologies	31,062.46
USBank	9,989.03
VILLAGE OF LENA	13,649.44
webrestaurantstore	2,988.86
WERHANE ENTERPRISES, LTD	5,452.01

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY -
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Christina Kreeger; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

2019CH6

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-
BY GIVEN that pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale entered in the above cause
on 08/20/2019, the Sheriff of
Stephenson County, Illinois will
on December 17, 2020 at the
hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson
County Courthouse 15 North
Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West
door of courthouse Freeport, IL
61032, or in a place otherwise
designated at the time of sale,
County of Stephenson and State
of Illinois, sell at public auction
to the highest bidder for cash, as
set forth below, the following
described real estate:

LOT 1 OF ROLLING ACRES
SUBDIVISION IN THE
NORTH HALF OF SECTION
1, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH,
RANGE 7 EAST OF THE
FOURTH PRINCIPAL ME-
RIDIAN, ACCORDING TO
THE PLAT THEREOF RE-
CORDED IN BOOK "H" OF
PLATS, PAGE 37; SITUATED
IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT,
COUNTY OF STEPHENSON
AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 18-18-01-178-017
Improved with Single Family
Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
1210 Sun Vu Dr Freeport, IL
61032

Sale terms: 10% down of the
highest bid by certified funds
at the close of the auction; The
balance, including the Judicial
sale fee for Abandoned Resi-
dential Property Municipality
Relief Fund, which is calcu-
lated at the rate of \$1 for each
\$1,000 or fraction thereof of the
amount paid by the purchaser
not to exceed \$300, in certified
funds, is due within twenty-four
(24) hours. The subject property
is subject to general real estate
taxes, special assessments, or
special taxes levied against said
real estate and is offered for sale
without any representation as to
quality or quantity of title and
without recourse to Plaintiff and
in "AS IS" condition. The sale
is further subject to confirma-
tion by the court.

If the property is a condomini-
um and the foreclosure takes

place after 1/1/2007, purchasers
other than the mortgagees will
be required to pay any assess-
ment and legal fees due under
The Condominium Property
Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and
(g)(4).

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

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

Upon payment in full of the
amount bid, the purchaser shall
receive a Certificate of Sale,
which will entitle the purchas-
er to a Deed to the real estate
after Confirmation of the sale.
The successful purchaser has
the sole responsibility/expense
of evicting any tenants or other
individuals presently in posses-
sion of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be
open for inspection and Plain-
tiff makes no representation as
to the condition of the property.
Prospective bidders are admon-
ished to check the Court file to
verify all information.

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court file or contact Plaintiff's
attorney: Codilis & Associates,
P.C., 15W030 North Frontage
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60527, (630) 794-9876. Please
refer to file number 14-18-
14176.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF STEPHENSON
CITIZENS STATE BANK, an
Illinois Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
KRIS R. WILD, THERESA
E. WILD, UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA -

INTERNAL REVENUE
SERVICE, ORANGEVILLE
COMMUNITY BANK,
UNKNOWN OWNERS,
and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

2020 CH 28

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-
BY GIVEN that pursuant to the
current Decree for Foreclosure
entered in the above-captioned
cause on September 15, 2020,
an agent of the Stephenson
County Sheriff's Office will
at 9:30 a.m. on December 17,
2020, at the Stephenson Coun-
ty Courthouse, 15 North Gale-
na Avenue, Freeport, Illinois
61032, sell at public auction to
the highest bidder, as set forth
below, the following described
real estate:

Address: 12838 North Hulbert
Road, Winslow, L 61089

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

Commencing at the North-
east Corner of the Northeast
Quarter of Section 30, Town-
ship 29 North, Range 7 East of
the Fourth Principal Meridian;
thence South along the East line
of the Northeast Quarter of said
Section 30, a distance of 875.59
feet, more or less; thence West,
parallel to the North line of the
Northeast Quarter of said Sec-
tion, a distance of 1,080.12 feet,
more or less, to the point of be-
ginning; thence South, parallel
to the East line of the North-
east Quarter of said Section 30,
a distance of 750 feet, more or
less; thence West parallel to
the North line of the Northeast
Quarter of said Section 30, a
distance of 650.00 feet, more
or less; thence North, parallel
to the East line of the North-
east Quarter of said Section 30,
a distance of 750.00 feet, more
or less; thence East, parallel to
the North line of the Northeast
Quarter of said Section 30, a
distance of 650.00 feet, more or
less, to the point of beginning;
all being situated in Oneco
Township, Stephenson County
in the State of Illinois.

Together with an easement for
ingress and egress as shown in
a Declaration of Easement re-
corded June 2, 2008 as Docu-
ment No. 200800095058.

All being situated in Stephen-
son County, Illinois.

PIN: 16-03-30-200-004

The improvements on the real
estate consist of a single family
home and various outbuilding
previously utilized as a dairy
farm.

The judgment amount was
\$571,070.46 together with in-
terest thereon at the statutory
rate plus additional costs, in-
cluding publication costs, court
costs, attorneys' fees and ex-
penses of sale.

Sale Terms: 25 percent down
of the highest bid by certified
funds at the close of the auc-
tion; the balance, in certified
funds, is due within twenty-four
(24) hours. The subject property
is subject to general real estate
taxes, special assessments, or
special taxes levied against said
real estate and is offered for sale
without any representations as
to quality or quantity of title and
without recourse to Plaintiff and
is "AS IS" condition. The sale
is further subject to confirma-
tion by the Court and is, further,
subject to a right of redemption
in favor of the Internal Revenue
Service.

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 con-
firmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be
open for inspection and Plain-
tiff makes no representation as
to the condition of the property.
Prospective bidders are admon-
ished to check the court file to
verify all information.

Persons wishing information
regarding the real estate may
contact:

Joel Kempel - Citizens State
Bank

102 West Main Street, Lena,
Illinois 61048-9247

Phone: (815) 369-4524

Dated this 4th day of Novem-
ber, 2020.

YALDEN, OLSEN &
WILLETTE

By: /s/ Craig A. Willette
Craig A. Willette, Attorney for
Citizens State Bank, Plaintiff
Yalden, Olsen & Willette
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384888

CAUCUS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that
on December 1, 2020 a caucus
of the Democratic Party in the

Township of West Point, Ste-
phenson County, will be held at
Lena Community Center, Upper
Level, commencing at 7:30 p.m.
for the purpose of nominating
candidates for the following of-
fices: Supervisor, Clerk, Road
Commissioner and (4) Trustees.
Dated: November 11, 2020.

/s/ Bill Staton

Presiding Officer

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385188

CAUCUS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that
on December 1, 2020 a caucus
of the Republican Party in the
Township of West Point, Ste-
phenson County, will be held at
Lena Community Center, Upper
Level, commencing at 6:30 p.m.
for the purpose of nominating
candidates for the following of-
fices: Supervisor, Clerk, Road
Commissioner and (4) Trustees.
Dated: November 11, 2020.

/s/ Bill Staton

Presiding Officer

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385189

NOTICE OF CAUCUS

Notice is hereby given that
on December 1, 2020 a cauc-
us of the Republican Party in
Erin Township of Stephenson
County, Illinois will be held at
2699 North Unity Road, Lena,
commencing at 7 o'clock p.m.
for the purpose of nominating
candidates for the following of-
fices:

- 1 - Supervisor
- 1 - Clerk
- 1 - Road Commissioner
- 4 - Trustees

DATED: November 13, 2020

Jean M. Amendt

Presiding Officer

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385374

NOTICE OF CAUCUS

Notice is hereby given that on
December 2, 2020 a caucus of
the Republican Party in Kent/
Erin Multi Township of Ste-
phenson County, Illinois will be
held at 2699 North Unity Road,
Lena commencing at 7 o'clock
p.m. for the purpose of nomi-
nating candidates for the fol-
lowing offices:

- 1 - Multi Township Assessor

DATED: November 13, 2020

Jean M. Amendt

Presiding Officer

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Edens celebrate 60 years

Marion and Kris (Albrecht) Eden of Pearl City, Illinois, are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married Nov. 20, 1960, by the Rev. Lee Luepke at St. John's Lutheran Church in Massbach, Illinois. They are blessed with two children, Perry (Maurine) Eden of Freeport, Illinois, and Pamela (Sean) Brady of Hoffman Estates, Illinois. They are blessed with five grandchildren, Cassaundra Eden, Keith (Shannen) Eden, Jared Eden, Riley Brady and Benjamin Brady; and two great-grandchildren, Liberty Goodson and Xander Eden. The family asks you to share your memories and congratulate Marion and Kris on 60 years of marriage by sending a card to them at 400 S. Main St., Pearl City, IL 61062.

FFA members explore careers, test their knowledge

Members of the River Ridge FFA chapter have had a busy start to the school year, including exploring career possibilities and testing their knowledge among fellow FFA members.

In mid-October, students Kylie Hiher and Cora Dittmar attended the Elite Conference to learn more about a career as an ag educator. The girls had a chance to talk to current ag teachers, attend breakout sessions and meet with representatives from colleges that offer an ag education major.

On Oct. 17, Hiher, Dittmar, Cora Ritchie and Emma Boop participated virtually in the state Horse Career Development Event. They judged four classes of horses at halter and four performance classes.

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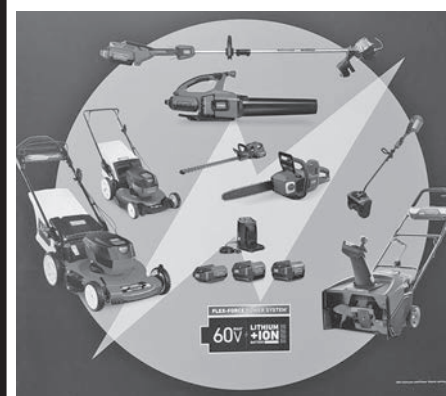
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Timpe signs

Tiana Timpe, right, goes up for a jump shot. The Stockton High School senior last week signed a letter of intent to play Division I basketball at Central Michigan University.

PHOTO COURTESY STOCKTON LADY BLACKHAWK BASKETBALL. *The Scoop Today/Shopper's Guide*

Stockton High School's Tiana Timpe has spent countless hours in the gym with the goal of playing for a Division I team. Last week she made that goal a reality by signing to play at Central Michigan University.

Judge's decision clears way for revamped marijuana dispensary licensing

By Raymon Troncoso
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A Sangamon County court on Thursday denied a restraining order requested by cannabis dispensary license finalists in an attempt to stop the state from rescoring the applications of losing applicants.

In early September, Gov. JB Pritzker's administration revealed after months of delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic that just 21 firms out of over 900 applicants qualified for the first round of 75 "social equity licenses" for marijuana dispensaries. These licenses were earmarked for dispensaries expected to improve the economic conditions of communities harmed by the war on drugs.

Later that month, Pritzker an-

nounced that rejected marijuana dispensary applicants would have another chance to amend their submissions before the licenses were awarded.

Some firms originally selected as finalists criticized the governor for the decision, accusing him of caving to political pressure. Three firms sued the administration in an attempt to stop the re-evaluation, first appealing to the state Supreme Court, then to a lower court once that request was denied.

That lawsuit was dealt a blow Thursday after Sangamon County Judge Adam Giganti denied a temporary restraining order that would have prevented the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation from grading amended

applications and adding new finalists to the 75-license lottery.

The three firms named as plaintiffs in the lawsuit — SB IL LLC, Vertical Management LLC and GRI Holdings LLC — argued for the injunction on the grounds that changing the process after winners were already announced was unfair and that allowing losing firms to resubmit their applications would cause the three groups "irreparable harm."

In the court's 17-page opinion, Giganti wrote the plaintiffs failed to demonstrate how Pritzker's administration giving losing firms a second chance would cause irreparable harm, and that "the public interest favors allowing (IDFPR's) administrative process, including its announced supplemental process, to proceed."

REAL ESTATE LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT,
ILLINOIS
Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Christina Kreeger; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 08/20/2019, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on December 17, 2020 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF STEPHENSON
CITIZENS STATE BANK, an Illinois
Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
KRIS R. WILD, THERESA E. WILD,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,
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Defendants.

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Growing ag knowledge

Stockton agriculture teacher Hannah Brudi recently received a Bushel of Books grant from the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau. Brudi, center, presented books to Stockton Elementary School teachers Jeni Pearce, left, and Angela Kurth, right. The agriculture books will be used in the elementary school's reading program.

• Timpe (Continued from front page)

a lot of time together on the basketball court, and off it. When her high school career comes to an end, Timpe and her father will have spent more than eight seasons as a dynamic coaching-player duo.

"As a coach, I know she has put in the work ethic," Tim Timpe said. "I see her in the gym all the time, she is one of the best players I have seen. As a dad, I couldn't be more proud of her."

"It's a big relief, this day is. Know-

ing that she is now committed, signed and ready to go," he said. "It's just a big relief as a parent, but it's just an immense sense of pride for all of us, really."

With COVID-19 putting a damper on things, the Timpes are happy that she was able to commit to college ball, even as her senior season is up in air.

"She was fortunate enough to get an offer before the summer started. This summer was an unusual summer and not many coaches got to see her," Tim

Timpe said. "We were fortunate that she had a school that she loved, and we were able to visit in January. Great basketball program, great coaches, we're fortunate."

Timpe said she is relieved at being able to sign at CMU, but still wants to finish her high school career with the team she has grown up with. "I want my senior season. I want to play," she said. "It's very frustrating for us, but we are going to keep fighting and doing what we are doing."

• COVID-19 (Continued from page 9)

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Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike warned that regions 1-6 of the state's COVID-19 mitigation plan — which covers areas not including or immediately adjacent to Cook County — are all past their peak hospitalization numbers of the first wave of the pandemic, and the other areas are nearing those peaks.

"If someone has a heart attack tomorrow, that person is also going to want to have a bed in a hospital, and whether it's a COVID person in that

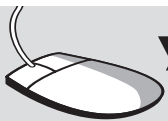
bed or a flu person in that bed, that heart attack victim needs to have some care too and we need to make sure that going into these coming months, that everyone's going to have a bed to be cared for," she said, noting that some hospitals are already canceling elective procedures to dedicate the staff and hospital beds for more dire needs.

"The situation we face now is increasingly dangerous for health care workers and hospital systems especially in every part of our state," Pritzker said. "More Illinoisans are in the hospital battling COVID-19 now than we saw at our highest average in the spring.

And, increasingly, we have regions at risk for potential ICU bed shortages and staffing shortages, as our case rates continue to rise."

"If we want to be able to go out to eat, to finally have that wedding that's been postponed since the spring, to visit family and friends, we need to stay home now to be able to achieve that later," Ezike said. "And the only way we can begin to get back to normal is to reverse the trend to decrease the number of people getting infected every day."

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