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Stockton students are kindhearted kids

Stockton School District was gifted a new Social Emotional Learning Program this school year for all second and third graders. The program is called Two by Two Kindhearted Kids. Lesson topics include kindness, respect, responsibility, empathy, cooperation, perseverance, and citizenship. To spark their attention, each student is

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Obituaries NANCY INGRAM

Nancy Ingram, age 87, of Apple River, Illinois, passed away peacefully at Edenbrook in Platteville, Wisconsin on Friday, March 17, 2023. Nancy was born on June 24, 1935, in Marseilles, Illinois to Charles and Clara (Brown) Fleming. She was a librarian in Columbia, Missouri at various schools, including Rock Bridge High School. Nancy moved to Apple River Illinois in 1981, after marrying Terrance Ingram in Columbia, Missouri at the Friends Meeting. She loved growing flowers with a green thumb and watching birds. She could watch them for hours. Nancy was a kind friend, a home-

maker, a bookkeeper, an ac-

1977, to Keith and Kathleen

(Crowe) Eikstadt in Medina,

Ohio. She attended school

SARAH EIKSTADT

fought illness.

2012.



Church and for many years helped with the children's Good News Club. She was the co-owner of Apple Creek Apiaries and Apple Creek Farm Supply, alongside her husband Terry. Nancy also bottled honey alongside her husband. She was a beautiful singer; she often did duets with Terry and sang in choirs. She loved

er.

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Nancy is survived by her husband, Terry of Apple Riv-

singing the old Gospels.

countant and er, her two sons; Karl (Cindy) JUDY NOVOTNY Laun of Danvers, Illinois, and a proofread-Rolf (Julia) Laun of San Antonio, Texas; two granddaugh-Nancy attended the ters Christina (Rob) Sabo of Naperville, IL and Jennifer Apple River (Vince) Luna of San Anto-Presbyterian nio, TX; three great-grandchildren; Avery, Andrew, and Charlie; and her sister Charlene Earlywine of Morrison, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Keith, and her sisters Barbara and Dorothy.

It was Nancy's wish to donate her body to medical research. At this time, no services will be held. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

Sarah will sweet nature and gentle ways. be forever She was smart and loyal, yet and missed by moth-Kathleen Crowe (Rockford),

Keith Eikstadt (Lena, IL), children; Kathleen Eikstadt Anna (grandchildren Aleesa and Alivia), and Justian Eikstadt

she could be fierce when needed. She enjoyed fishing, and loved spending time with her grandbabies, and enjoying family gatherings. Sarah was a wonderful provider for her family, working tirelessly father even through her illness. The world hast lost a

bright, loving soul, whose spirit will live on in all who loved her. Godspeed, dear Sarah-we miss you forever. What is Remembered lives"

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamon-

It is with a heavy heart I am writing that on Feb. 25, 2023, Judy Novotny took her final breath in this life. Judy was born on Jan. 27, 1952, as the oldest of three children to Marvin and Lois Novotny, who greeted her at the gates of Heaven. Along with her parents, she will be able to see her younger sister, Carol Guthrie, again, the love of her life, Jack Carpenter, and her beloved daughter, Hillary.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Heather (Jay) Hermes; four grandchildren, Liam, Grace, Aiden, and Olivia; her brother Joey (Connie) Novotny; and nieces and nephews. Also, Ily, her faithful 4-legged companion, and her feathered friend, JJ.

Judy graduated from beauty school after high school. She then went on to become a full-time wife and mother, doing other jobs as means to help provide. She was a tremendous baker, making wedding cakes, themed cakes, catering events, and taking cookie orders. Judy always taught her daughters how to make all food from scratch. In her early years, she bartended, cleaned, and collected nightcrawlers to sell, to help make ends meet. As time went on, Judy worked as the Head of the Dietary Dept for a combination of 30 years, at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Prophetstown, IL, and Lee County Nursing Home in Dixon, IL. Judy loved the residents at the Nursing Home; making them laugh and feel loved was

brought with daughher ters to visit such cards, bread,

or cookies.

always wanting to teach her children to be a light. In her later years, she worked at the tanning bed, where she loved the customers and kept her skin sun kissed.

My mom loved being out in the sun; she could always be seen outside in the same terrycloth romper, working in her garden or yard to beautify it in any way she could. She planted a garden every year that always produced more than she needed, sharing her bounty with friends, families, and neighbors. Judy taught her girls that we never waste anything, showing her daughters how to preserve the food from the garden. She made sure that the life skills she was taught as a child were instilled into her own children.

Judy was such a hard worker, always going above and beyond. She had the best sense of humor, making every task fun and enjoyable. She was always joking around, making us laugh, and being silly with us, even when we were working. My mom was so kind, thoughtful, vivacious, and compassionate, to not only her fellow man - but also animals. There are countless times when she would put back an item or two from her grocery very important to her. She cart so that she could help out ton, IL 61085.

frequently the person ahead of us in line, who came up short and needed a little extra help. She was always making a meal for anand deliver other family or stopping by homemade with a tray of cookies, bread, creations or pies. She was generous and willing to lend a help-ing hand. She always told my sister and I, "Treat others how you want to be treated," "Kill with kindness," "Two wrongs don't make a right," and "Be a light to everyone, always.

She lived out the final months of her life in JoDaviess County, overlooking the beautiful rolling hills, snow-covered trees, and the ever-peaceful pastures blanketed in the gentle white powder. She was blessed by the love of her family. Sitting upon her chair, she watched her son-in-law construct an additional living space for her. She watched her granddaughters bake and cook, filling the house with the most comforting aromas, while her grandsons told her stories and jokes to make her laugh. She sat there in her final resting place, with three Yorkshire Terriers warming her lap and her loving daughter holding her hand. She was not alone; she was loved and she will be missed dearly. If we can remember to "Always be a light," then part of my mom's spark will live on.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon. Cards or Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling. com or P.O. Box 14, Stock-



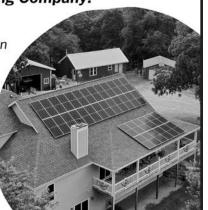
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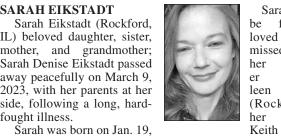
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Church news

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, will celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Lent on March 26. A Worship Service with Holy Communion will begin at 9 a.m. with Pastor Michelle Knight presiding.

The service will be available on Livestream on the St. John's Pearl City Facebook Page. Sunday school will be held during church.

On March 29 a mid-week soup supper will be served from 6 to 6:30 p.m. A short service will begin at 6:30 p.m. The weekly services will be held in Luther Hall. All community members are welcome.

The Northwest Conference Spring Gathering of the Women of the ELCA will be held on April 13. There will be a brunch served at 9:30 a.m. at Deer Ridge Ministry. Pastor Dave and Louise Decker will present a program on their ministry at 11 a.m. The deadline for signing up at the church for the event is April 1.

The Christian Education Committee is excited to announce the plan for Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer.

Community VBS Family Nights will take place on May 7, June 4, July 2, and Aug. 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A meal will be served from 5 to 5:20 p.m. for families to enjoy. Families may register threeyear-olds to fifth graders to participate in Community VBS Family Nights by going to https://tinyurl.com/stjohnpcvbs. Sign up by April 10.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Pearl City is located at 229 S. First St., in Pearl City.

To contact the church, call 815-443-2215 for information.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL. On Sunday, March 26, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Services may be joined in-person or via Facebook Live. The reading will be from John 11:1-45.

On Wednesday, March 29, Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to join, and no quilting experience is necessary. Come and tie the quilts and make difference in the world.

Please contact the church office at 815-369-5552 with any questions.

Salem United Church of Christ

All are welcome to join for a service led by Pastor Christopher Ham at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, Illinois, this Sunday, March 26, 2023, at 10 a.m. The Adult Sunday School will be hosted prior to service, starting at 9 a.m. on the lower level of the church. Children's Sunday School is held during church service at 10 a.m.

The Wednesday Breakfast Bunch will be meeting Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 8 a.m. at the at the Amigo's, 306 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL. All are welcome to join.

On the first Wednesday of each month, Salem United Church of Christ hosts a Men's Night. On these evenings the men meet at 6:30 p.m. at the church in fellowship hall on the lower level for a time of visiting, playing games, and getting to know each other. On the third Wednesday of each month from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., Sa-

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tíme of our loss of Anelene Heidenreich. For your kind words, prayers, rides, food, and more, we are so

appreciative. Again, for our Mom, Grandma, and

Great Grandma, we say thank you.

Craig and Kris Heidenreich

Mark and Deb Heidenreich

Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

lem hosts a Crafternoon's at the church on the lower level. Everyone is invited to come and work on crafts. There will be snacks, a brief devotional thought, and plenty of time to share projects with one another. For more information on these gatherings, contact salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com.

Stockton Community Choir

The Stockton Community Choir will be performing the Cantata "Come to the Cross and Remember" on April 2, 2023, at 6 p.m. The Cantata will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church. The Stockton Community Choir is under the direction of Lana Crandall. The cantata is a great way to begin Holy Week.

Pearl City Community Choir

The Pearl City Community Choir will present the Easter Cantata "We are Witnesses" on Friday, March 31 at 7p.m. and on Palm Sunday, April 2 at 2p.m. at Pearl City United Methodist Church.

Calvary-Wesleu-Willow Churches

The Final Joint Lenten Service for the Calvary-Wesleu-Willow Churches in Stockton will be on March 26 at 6p.m. at Calvary Church. "Finding Grace," the Calvary Praise team, will be bringing a musical program. This will wrap up the Lenten Series. The following week, on Palm Sunday, April 2, the Community Cantata will be presented at 6 p.m. at Calvary.

RICHARD VRSTAL

Richard "Rick" E. Vrstal, 83 of Lena passed away on Monday, March 13, 2023, at SSM Monroe Hospital. He was born Sept. 25, 1939, in Berwin, IL to Edward and Joan (Horna) Vrstal. He married Penelope Ford in 1959 and together they had Jeffrey, Martin, and Joseph their infant son who passed at birth. In his later years, Rick then went on the find the love of his life Sharon Wilson in 1990.

He liked to say he had worked for over 100 years between 30+ years of teaching, and 30+ years at JC Penny's, 40+ years as a photographer. During his teaching career he taught at Warren from 1962-1966 until he took a job at Lena-Winslow Jr. High where he taught Social Studies and took pictures at different sporting events for the yearbook until his retirement in 1993. He enjoyed taking pictures for weddings, senior pictures, wildlife, and nature. At many of his family gatherings you

WILLIAM BROOKS

William Robert Brooks, age 90, of Stockton, IL passed away Friday, March 17, 2023, at the VA Hospital in Madison, WI. William was born on May 10, 1932, in Fort Dodge, IA to the late William and Abby (Collins) Brooks. William married Nancy Boekholder on Nov. 17, 1962, at St. Joseph's Church in Freeport, IL.

William was a graduate of Fort Dodge High School and St. Ambrose University. would find Rick taking candid photos. For many years he would take portraits and candid photos at the Bunny

Hop as well as being the photographer for the Jo Daviess County Queens Pageant. At JC Penny's he helped a lot of gentlemen find suiting for special events until he retired in 2003.

He loved going to his children's, grandchildren's, great grandchildren's, niece's, nephew's events. He enjoyed cooking, sharing his recipes and gardening. He loved the outdoors and went bow hunting and fishing along the Apple River. Throughout the years he traveled to many different places.

He is survived by his wife Sharon; children-Jeff Vrstal, Marty (Raeann) Vrstal; step children- Angie (Tim) Mazurkiewicz, Adam Wilson;

> He proudly served in the United States Navy. W i l l i a m was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton

and the Model Airplane Club. He had worked as a Quality Control Manager for Eaton. William enjoyed reading, building model airplanes, tinkering, and remodeling. grandchildren-Shayna (Scott) Lincoln, Lindsey (Dan) Yoder, Nick Vrstal (Chivone), Daphne Booth, Tiffany Vrstal (Matt Burkehalter), Christian (Isabelle Insko) Mazurkiewicz, Jadyn Mazurkiewicz, Braxton Mazurkiewicz, Mason Mazurkiewicz, Kameryn Wilson, and Lillie Wilson; great grandchildren- Brycen, Macyn, Lincoln, Max Vrstal, Jack Yoder, Kiah and Danny Guzman, Blake Ladow, Cooper, Anastasia, Evangeline Booth, Athena Burkehalter; brother- Jack Vrstal; sister-Kathy (Dan) McKean; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Rick was preceded in death by his parents, infant son Joseph; sister-inlaw- Janet Vrstal.

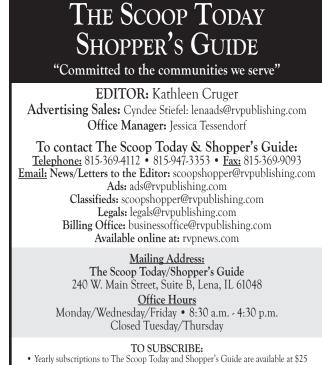
A Memorial service was held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at Leamons Funeral Home in Lena, IL. Officiating was Pastor Doug Carroll. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Condolences may be sent to the family on our website www.Leamonfh.com.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Brooks; his daughters, Thea Brooks and Lisa (David) Craig; his son, William Brooks; his 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Elaine; and his granddaughter, Haley.

A service will be held at a later date. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome. com





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Highland Gallery announces a call for entries for Juried Art Exhibit

Highland College announces a call for entries for their 50th annual District High School Juried Art Exhibit on view at the Highland Gallery from April 12 to May 2. Work is due Wednesday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the west wing of the Ferguson Fine Arts Center, Highland Community College, 2998 West Pearl City Rd., Freeport, Ill.

Community If the due date is inconve- annual spring exhibit show- College and our district high made for the early drop-off but must be done at least one week in advance by contacting highlandgallery@highland.edu.

> designed to recognize high school artists in northwest Illinois to celebrate their visual contributions to the community. "This exciting

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nient, arrangements can be cases the many talented high school students that choose to share their visual art accomplishments with our College and the community," said Gallery Director The juried art exhibit is Robert Apolloni. "Highland Gallery has been hosting this juried high school art exhibit for 50 years, serving as a highly successful collaboration between the

schools."

An Opening Reception and Awards Presentation will take place Wednesday, April 12 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at 5:30 p.m. outside the Highland Gallery. For more information about this exhibit or the Highland Gallery, contact Bill Buehler at 815-599-3490 or bill.buehler@highland.edu.

News briefs **Stephenson County Fiber Art Fair**

The Stephenson Country Fiber Art Fair will be held on Sat-urday, April 8, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jane Addams Community Center, 430 W. Washington Street, Cedarville, IL.

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It will be a celebration of fiber and the fiber arts with workshops, demonstrations of spinning and weaving, vendors offering fibers for spinning plus finished yarn, dyes, books, gifts, equipment, handmade soap, and baskets.

Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children under 12.

Beth Nielson Chapman to perform at Monroe Arts Center

Watch Beth Nielson Chapman with opening act Mia Morris, perform on Saturday March 25, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Gunderson Stiles Concert Hall. For more information, visit the Monroe Arts Center website or call 608-325-5700.

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Pritzker signs measure guaranteeing five days paid leave for Illinoisans

Bill passed during General Assembly's lame duck session in January

By Nika Schoonover CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker signed Senate Bill 208 into law last week, ensuring at least 40 hours of paid leave for Illinois workers. Effective Jan. 1, 2024, workers will begin to earn paid leave on their first day at a rate of one hour of leave for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours of paid leave for the year. Employees can begin using their paid leave either 90 days after their employment begins or 90 days after the act's effective date.

"Today we will become the third state in the nation to require paid time off and the first among the largest states." Pritzker said in a Monday news conference. "I'm exceptionally proud that labor and has "changed hands" a this has a significant impact to recognize the value of this requirement to employees and employers alike."

The measure passed in both chambers earlier this year during the 102nd General Assembly's lame duck session.

Prior to the act's effective date. Illinois workers have not been guaranteed paid time off for sick leave, childcare, medical appointments or any other reason.

"About 4 million workers ... in Illinois do not have access to even a single sick day," said state Sen. Kimberly Lightford, D-Westchester, who carried the bill in the Senate. The measure has been under negotiation since 2019

and business came together number of times since its inception, Lightford said.

Lightford, who is the Senate's majority leader, acknowledged former state Sen. Toi Hutchinson, who served from 2009 until 2019 and was an original carrier of the bill. "This is an issue that has been lingering around the General Assembly for far too long," Lightford said. "I'm really glad it landed in my lap when it came over to the Senate."

When SB 208 was debated on the floor in January, one key point of opposition was that it would burden small businesses by raising costs. "My major concern are the little guys. It's the mom-and-pops that have 5, 10, maybe 13 employees, that

on their budgets," Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, R-Jacksonville, said on the House floor.

pushed Pritzker back against this sentiment at the bill signing ceremony.

"Just like bigger businesses, small businesses want their workers to be more productive, to be able to deal with their stresses, emergencies at home, so they can be better and more productive at work," Pritzker said. "I want to encourage anybody who's concerned about that to look at, and remind the workers who work for them, how important it is that we have a law like that that protects workers in the state of Illinois."

The measure does not apply to employees subject to collectively bargained contracts, because time off would be subject to negotiations between the union and the employer. Ultimately, the measure received a few Republican votes in the House but passed the Senate with only Democratic support.

Around the Northern Hills

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau would like to offer funds to reimburse farmers for purchasing Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS). Fifty-five percent of farm tractors in Illinois do not have a cab or ROPS. Only 1 in 5 victims will survive a tractor rollover accident. The leading cause of farm related deaths in Illinois is tractor rollover accidents. ROPS help protect farmers and family members from being crushed in the event of a tractor turnover or rollover.



Annette Eggers

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau members who purchase a ROPS could receive a reimbursement of \$250 towards the purchase of a ROPS (six rebates are available). To receive the \$250, members need to bring in their paid invoice to the Farm Bureau office in Elizabeth. Customers are responsible for the cost, freight, and installation which are available through the dealer. If you have been thinking about putting a ROPS on one of your tractors, now is the time! For more information about this program, or to become a member of our organization, contact the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau office at 815-858-2235 or email jdcfbmgr@gmail.com.

FS patronage benefits

Did you know that if you are a Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau member and a customer of Stephenson Service Company that you may be eligible for FS patronage benefits? Qualified purchases you make from FS gives you the potential to become an owner of the company, thereby giving you a voice in its governance. Each year, the FS Board of Directors considers the payment of patronage refunds based on each division's sales and profitability and only pays patronage refunds to Farm Bureau members. If you're not already a member, please contact our office at 815.858.2235 or sign up at www. myifb.org.

Cover crop field day

Mark your calendars, the spring cover crop field day is set for Friday, April 7. Look for more details to come. Hopefully by then the weather will be much improved and spring will be in full swing. I know all of us are more than ready!

Family farm signs

It's that time of year that we are all thinking (okay, maybe wishing) of planting and sprucing things up around the farm. Why not add a "This is a Family Farm" sign to your landscape? The signs are 17.5" X 23" and cost \$30.

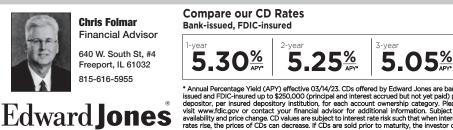
Rules of the Road

Thank you to everyone that came out to the "Rules of the Road" meeting that we hosted. Rodney Knittel from Illinois Farm Bureau did a fantastic job of presenting the rules and answering members' questions. If you would like an electronic copy of the booklet, let me know and I would be happy to send it your way. It has a great amount of information.

Farm Fun Fact

Nearly 1 million people are employed in the food and fiber industry in Illinois, with about 75,000 being farm operators.





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We just can't get rid of our cold weather. The nights are still frigid, but at least the days are warmer. The Daylight-Saving Time has given more light at the end of the day. My body doesn't like the change and I don't like to have to change the many devices in my house. I will admit it is easier in the spring to go forward because some of mine are not digital. Hopefully everyone enjoyed their St. Patrick's Day and are ready to move into some spring cooking. Have a great week cooking!

Apricot Fluff

Many people make an orange fluff, but using apricot Jell-O gives a different fruit flavor. This salad would be perfect for Easter dinner.

1 C. apricot or peach yogurt 1 pkg. (3 oz.) apricot gelatin

1 pkg. (10 oz.) miniature marshmallows

3 C. chopped fresh apricots In a large bowl, add yogurt to gelatin; stir 2 minutes to completely dissolve. Gently stir in whipped topping, then marshmallows and apricots. Refrigerate until firm, at least 4 hours.

Five Cheese Ziti al Forno

Olive Garden offers a Five Cheese Ziti, and this recipe is very close to their version. It is great for the Lenten season because it is meatless. Serve with bread and salad, and you have the perfect meatless Ital-

ian dinner

11/2 lbs. uncooked ziti or small tube pasta

2 jars (24 oz. each) marinara sauce

1 jar (15 oz.) Alfredo sauce 2 C. shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

1/2 C. reduced fat ricotta cheese 1/2 C. shredded provolone

cheese

¹/₂ C. grated Romano cheese Topping:

1⁄2 C. grated Parmesan cheese

¹/₂ C. panko breadcrumbs

3 garlic cloves, minced 2 T. olive oil

Fresh parsley and basil,

chopped for garnish Preheat the oven to 350. Cook the pasta according to the package directions for al dente. In a large Dutch oven, combine the marinara sauce, Alfredo sauce, 1 C. mozzarella, the ricotta, provolone, and Romano. Cook over medium

heat until sauce begins to simmer, and cheeses are melted. Stir in cooked pasta; pour mixture into a greased 9 x 13 baking dished which has been coated with cooking spray.

Top with remaining cup of mozzarella cheese. In a small bowl, stir together Parmesan, breadcrumbs, garlic and olive oil; sprinkle over pasta. Bake, uncovered, until mixture is bubbly, and topping is golden brown, 30 to 40 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Garnish with parsley and basil.

Herbed Seafood Casserole

To give you a fish dish for Lent, this creamy casserole is full of wonderful seafood. The shrimp and scallops are great at Aldi's in the frozen food department. They are reasonably priced there also. Enjoy this decadent casserole as a main entry for a special dinner,

a Friday night, or a company main dish.

1¹/₂ C. uncooked long grain

Topping: 1¹/₂ C. breadcrumbs

1/4 t. pepper

¹/₄ t. dried thyme

2 T. butter melted

Preheat the oven to 325.

Cook rice according to pack-

age directs. In a large skillet,

heat butter over medium-high

heat. Add celery, onion, and

carrot; cook and stir until

crisp-tender. Add garlic, salt

and pepper; cook 1 minute lon-

ger. Add to cooked rice. Stir

in parsley and dill. Transfer to

2/3 C. water; bring to a boil.

Reduce to medium. Add

shrimp; simmer, uncovered,

30 seconds. Add scallops;

simmer just until shrimp turn

pink and scallops are firm and

opaque, 2 to 3 minutes longer.

Drain, reserving 1 C. cooking

liquid. Place seafood in a large

In a large saucepan fill with

a greased 9 x 13 baking dish.

- 2 T. butter
- 3 celery ribs, thinly sliced 1 medium onion, finely

chopped

- 1 medium carrot, shredded 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 t. salt

rice

- 1/4 t. pepper
- 2 T. minced fresh parsley
- 1/2 t. dill weed Seafood

1 lb. uncooked shrimp (31 to 40 per lb.), peeled and deveined

1 lb. bay scallops

1 can (16 oz.) crabmeat, drained, flaked and cartilage removed

5 T. butter, cubed

¹/₄ C. flour

1¹/₂ C. half-and-half cream

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese,

cubed

bowl; stir in crab.

1/2 t. salt

1/2 t. dried dill weed See KITCHEN, Page 15

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency **PY23 ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** (LIHEAP)

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency, as administrator of the Home Energy Assistance Program in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties, is pleased to announce that funds are available through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane, and electric heating bills.

The LIHEAP program began Sept. 1 for all income-eligible households. Applications will be taken on a first-come first-served basis through May 31, 2023, or until funding is exhausted. There will be no priority groups this program year. Households in need are encouraged to apply.

Due to funding limitations, there will be NO NEW enrollments in the PIPP program this year.

Applicants may apply for a Direct Vendor Payments (DVP) which provides a one-time benefit payment for income eligible homeowners and renters to gas or propane and electric vendors to help with home utility bills and for reconnection assistance. Households must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines listed below to receive a benefit from LIHEAP.

Income Guidelines:

Family Size	30 Day Income	Family Size	30 Day Income
1	\$2,265	6	\$6,198
2	\$3,052	7	\$6,985
3	\$3,838	8	\$7,324
4	\$4,625	9	\$7,484
5	\$5,412	10	\$7,643
		11	\$7,802

For more than 11 household members, please add \$590 for each additional person.

Please call the Freeport office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 to receive information on how to receive a pre-application packet. Completed preapplication packets and required documents listed below may be submitted for processing by mail, email, drop box or fax. Appointments will be made for those needing help with the packet.

** To submit an application, you MUST submit ALL of the required documents.

- Proof of Social Security numbers (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all household members. Individuals without an SSN or ITIN can still apply and NICAA will advise.
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days prior and including the application date, such as paycheck stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD income, pension/retirement statements, unemployment reports, child support, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance, self-employment reports and proof of zero income.
- · Complete current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days.

· Copy of current lease if any utilities are included in the rent payment.

There is no more funding for LIHWAP water and sewer bill assistance.

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Letter to the editor I would love to earn sure that is our main focus. your vote on April 4 for the I opened Keller Williams Stockton School Board. My daughter will be going to kindergarten this August and I want to get more involved,

and help make important

decisions that will make

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Jill Freese

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Notice The Lena Community District Library Board of Trustees is actively seeking new members. We have TWO, 6-year term Trustee positions available.

Please call Brittany at 815-369-3180 or stop in at the front desk for more information.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Melanie Lewin; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2022FC36 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 12/20/2022, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on April 20, 2023 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 follow-

ing described real estate: LOT 13 IN WINTER HEIGHTS SUBDIVI-SION, A SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST OUAR-TER OF SECTION 25 AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUAR-TER OF SECTION 36, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RE-CORDED SEPTEMBER 16, 1954 IN BOOK "F' OF PLATS. PAGE 5 AND A CORRECTED PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK "F" OF PLATS, PAGE 49. SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STE-PHENSON COUNTY, IL-LINOIS.

PIN 18-13-36-108-017 Improved with Single Family Home

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1486 Winter Drive

Freeport, IL 61032

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance,

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

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

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

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

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15-1701(C) OF THE IL-LINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-03879. I3214900

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT ILLINOIS Fifth Third Bank, National Association Plaintiff, VS.

Lana R. Dagel; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

Defendants. Case No. 2022FC42 315 East Jefferson, Freeport, IL 61032 Judge David M. Olson

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 9, 2023, Steven M. Stovall will on April 20, 2023, at the hour of 9:30AM at the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 315 East Jefferson, Freeport, IL 61032

Parcel Number(s): 18-19-06-231-004

The real estate is improved with a Single Familv Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property 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. The son County, Illinois.

property will NOT be open for inspection.

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

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 22-018016.

Zachariah L. Manchester MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: 312-651-6700 Fax: 614-220-5613 Attorney. No.: 6303885 Email: StateEFiling@ manleydeas.com I3215485

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT ILLINOIS AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC Plaintiff,

vs. Angela M. Figueroa

Defendants. Case No. 2022FC1 708 North Hunt Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032 Judge David M. Olson

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 21, 2022, Steven M. Stovall will on April 20, 2023, at the hour of 9:30AM at the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Lots 10, 11 and 12 in Block 7 in Johnson Wheel Company's Plat of West Freeport. Situated in the City of Freeport, Stephen-

Commonly known as 708 nois 61050. North Hunt Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032

Parcel Number(s): 18-13-25-331-009

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property 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. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file num-

Attorneys for Plaintiff Telephone: 312-651-6700 Fax: 614-220-5613 Attorney. No.: 6308109 Email: StateEFiling@ manleydeas.com

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ASSUMED NAME

PUBLICATION NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on February 23rd, A.D. 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Oak Leaf Trading Company located at 10902 N. Wachlin Rd., McConnell, Illi-

Dated this 6th day of March A.D. 2023 JAZMIN WINGERT County Clerk and

Recorder

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We, Brent and Colleen Myers are bringing forth our Land Patent for the following parcel located at 4606 Lily Creek Road Freeport, Illinois [61032]. Any party interested in viewing or challenging this claim can view the associated documents here_https://www.statenationalhelp.com/brent-colleen-myers

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April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023) 434572

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal residents of the Town of West Point in the County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, that ANNUAL MEETthe ING of said Town will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 being the second Tuesday of said month. The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 6 o'clock P.M. on said day at West Point Township Building, 6890 N. Five Corners Rd., Lena, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting.

AGENDA: 1. Call to order

2. Election of Moderator 3. Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting

4. Annual Financial Reports

5. Authorize Transfer of Funds

6. Donations

7. Open Forum

8. Adjournment

Dated at Lena, this 15th

day of March, 2023. BILL STATON

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ber: 21-027746.

Jenna M. Rogers MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker. Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We, Brian and Carla Myers are bringing forth our Land Patent for the following parcel located at 4480 Illinois Route 26 North, Freeport, IL [61032]. Any party interested in viewing or challenging this claim can view the associated documents here https:// www.statenationalhelp. com/brian-carla-myers

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RUSH TOWNSHIP,

JODAVIESS COUNTY Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and residents of the Township of Rush in the County of Jo Daviess and the State of Illinois that the ANNU-AL TOWN MEETING of said Township will take

place on Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, being the second Tuesday of the month, at the hour of 7:30 pm., at the Rush Town Hall, 2999 North Canyon Park Rd., Stockton IL., for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Township. After a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in the pursuance of the law, come before the meeting, and especially to consider and decide the following;

Agenda 1. Elect a moderator

2. Set the moderator's salary

3. Approve the minutes from the 2022 Annual Town Meeting

4. Report of Officers- Financial reports & statements

5. Authorize transfer of funds

6. Set time for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting

LEGAL NOTICES

7. Open forum
 8. Adjournment

Ben Wooden, Rush Township Clerk (Published in The Scoop Today March 22, 2023) 434593

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters and residents of the Township of Pleasant Valley, in the County of Jo Daviess and the State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023

Being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Township Building for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Township; and after a moderator having been elected, will pro-

cide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and specially to consider and decide the following: **AGENDA** Call to order Election of Moderator Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting Annual Financial Reports Open forum Closing Rena Eden, Town Clerk (Published in The Scoop Today March 22, 2023) 434588

PUBLIC NOTICE Rush Township Fuel Bid Rush Township is soliciting fuel bids for the period of July 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024. Conditions of the bid:

1) The bidder will supply diesel fuel and gasoline to Rush Township.

ceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and specially to consider and decide the following: <u>AGENDA</u> 2) The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularity in any of the bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Township.

3) Bid specifications may be obtained by calling Garrett Toay at 515.710.9055. Bids are due at 3882 N Canyon Park Road, Stockton, IL 61085 by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Ben Wooden

Township Clerk (Published in The Scoop Today March 22, 2023) 434594

PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular monthly business meetings for the

Township of Rush for the fiscal year 2022 – 2023 will be held at 7:00pm at the Rush Town Hall, 2999 North Canyon Park Rd., Stockton IL, on the following dates:

> April 11, 2023 May 9, 2023 June 13, 2023 July 11, 2023 August 8, 2023 September 12, 2023 October 10, 2023 November 14, 2023 December 12, 2023 January 9, 2024 February 13, 2024 March 12, 2024 Ben Wooden, Rush Township Clerk (Published in The Scoop Today March 22, 2023)

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Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY23 ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

La Agencia de Acción Comunitaria del Noroeste de Illinois (NICAA), como administradora del Programa de Asistencia de Energía para el Hogar en los condados de Stephenson y Jo Daviess, se complace en anunciar que hay fondos disponibles para ayudar a los hogares elegibles por ingresos con sus facturas de calefacción de gas natural, propano y electricidad, asistencia de horno para propietarios de viviendas y asistencia de factura de agua de emergencia.

El programa LIHEAP comenzara el 1 de septiembre del 2022 para todos los hogares elegibles por ingresos. Las solicitudes se tomarán por orden de llegada hasta el 31 de mayo del 2023 o hasta que los fondos se agoten. No Habra periodo especial. Se alienta a todos los hogares elegibles por ingresos a presentar su solicitud.

Debido a las limitaciones de fondos, NO HABRA NUEVA INSCRIPCIONES este ano para el programa PIPP.

Los solicitantes pueden solicitar un Pago Directo al Proveedor (DVP, por sus siglas en inglés), proporciona un pago único de beneficios para los hogares elegibles por ingresos a los servicios públicos de gas o propano y electricidad y para la asistencia de reconexión. Los hogares deben estar en o por debajo del 200% de las Pautas federales de pobreza que se enumeran a continuación para recibir un beneficio de LIHEAP.

PAUTAS DE INGRESOS:

<u>Tamaño de la familia Ingreso de 30 días</u>		<u>Tamaño de la familia Ingreso de 30 días</u>	
1	\$2,265	6	\$6,198
2	\$3,052	7	\$6,985
3	\$3,838	8	\$7,324
4	\$4,625	9	\$7,484
5	\$5.412	10	\$7,643
		11	\$7,802

Para más de 11 miembros en el hogar, por favor agregue \$590 por cada persona adicional.

Llame a la oficina de Freeport al 815-232-3141 o al 800-883-1111 para recibir un paquete de pre aplicación. Los paquetes y documentos de solicitud completados se pueden enviar por correo, correo electrónico, buzón o fax. Se pueden hacer citas limitadas para necesidades especiales.

** Para presentar una solicitud, DEBE presentar TODOS los documentos requeridos. **

 Comprobante de números de Seguro Social o Número de Identificación del Contribuyente Individual (ITIN) para todos los miembros del hogar. Las personas sin un SSN o ITIN aún pueden solicitar y NICAA aconsejará si se es posible.

e Prueba de todos los ingresos brutos de todos los miembros del hogar durante 30 días antes e incluyendo la fecha de solicitud, como talones de cheques de pago, ingresos de SSA / SSI / SSD, declaraciones de pensión / jubilación, informes de desempleo, manutención de los hijos, Asistencia de TANF/AABD/ Township GA, informes de autoempleo y comprobante de ingresos cero.

Facturas completas de calor y electricidad emitidas en los últimos 30 días.
Completar la factura actual de agua / alcantarillado para la asistencia de la factura de agua de emergencia.

 Copia del contrato de arrendamiento vigente si se incluyen servicios públicos en el pago del alquiler.
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No hay más fondos para la asistencia con las facturas de agua y alcantarillado de LIHWAP.

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	gn up is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3

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• Kitchen (Continued from page 10)

In a small saucepan, melt dry ingredients just until The singing and dancing were butter over medium heat. Stir in flour until blended; gradually stir in cream and reserved cooking liquid. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened and bubbly, about 2 minutes. Reduce heat. Stir in cream cheese, dill, and seasonings until smooth. Stir into seafood mixture. Pour over rice mixture. Toss bread crumbs with melted butter; sprinkle over top. Bake, uncovered, until golden brown, 50 to 55 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving

Reuben Sandwiches

If you have leftover corned beef, here is an easy sandwich to serve the "scraps" of the corned beef. Sullivan's has a good pumpernickel rye bread, and the homemade Thousand Island dressing is a great addition.

- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 2/3 C. chili sauce 3 T. finely chopped pickles
- 12 slices pumpernickel
- bread
- 12 slices Swiss cheese 12 oz. sliced corned beef,
- warmed 11/2 C. rinsed and well-
- drained sauerkraut 3 T. butter

In a medium bowl, stir together the mayo, chili sauce and pickles until evenly blended. Spread one side of each slice of bread with 1 T. dressing. Place 1 cheese slice on each of 6 bread slices. Dividing evenly, top each with corned beef, sauerkraut, and remaining cheese slices. Top with remaining bread slices, dressing side down.

In a large skillet, melt 1 T. butter over medium-low heat. Add 2 sandwiches: cook, flipping once until cheese melts and bread is lightly toasted, about 3 minutes per side. Repeat twice with remaining butter and sandwiches. Serve with remaining dressing on the side.

Cinnamon Raisin Quick Bread

You can use this bread as dessert bread with fruit or breakfast bread. It is moist because of the buttermilk. The next cake recipe uses buttermilk also, so you can buy and use it up for both recipes. It combines two great flavors and is easy to assemble (I think the "quick" is a little signal!)

- 4 C. flour
- 2 C. sugar, divided
- 2 t. baking soda 1 t. salt
- 2 eggs. Room temperature
- 2 C. buttermilk ¹/₂ C. canola oil
- ¹/₂ C. golden raisins
- 3 t. cinnamon

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, combine flour, 1¹/₂ C. sugar, soda, and salt. In a small bowl, whisk eggs, buttermilk, and oil. Stir into

moistened. Fold in raisins. In a small bowl, combine cinnamon and remaining sugar; set aside.

two greased 8 x 4-inch pans. Sprinkle with the reserved cinnamon and sugar; repeat layers. Cut through batter with a knife to swirl. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks.

Italian Cream Cheese Cake

This cake is beautiful on a cake stand. It is also very moist because of the buttermilk and the whipped egg whites. You can decorate it with pastel candies or jellybeans in time for a beautiful

Easter dessert.					
¹ / ₂ C. butter, softened					
¹ / ₂ C. shortening					
2 C. sugar					
5 eggs, separated,	room				
temperature					
1 t. vanilla					

- 2 C. flour
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1 C. buttermilk 1¹/₂ C. sweetened shredded
- coconut
- 1 C. shopped pecans
- Frosting
- 11 oz. cream cheese, softened
 - 3/4 C. butter, softened 6 C. powdered sugar
- 1¹/₂ t. vanilla
- ³/₄ Chopped pecans

Preheat the oven to 350. Grease and flour three round cake pans. In a large bowl, cream butter, shortening and sugar until light and fluffy, 5 to 7 minutes. Beat in egg yolks and vanilla. Combine flour and baking soda; add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk. Beat until just combined. Stir in coconut and pecans.

In another bowl, beat egg whites with clean beaters until stiff but not dry. Fold in a fourth of the egg whites into the batter; then fold in remaining whites. Pour into prepared pans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

Frosting: beat cream cheese and butter until smooth. Beat in powdered sugar and vanilla until fluffy. Stir in pecans. Spread frosting between layers and over top and sides of cake. Store in refrigerator.

Final Thoughts

I hope you all had a chance to see the high school musical. It was a wonderful evening of memories for those of us who identified with the music in the 1980's. They also had great references and quips that we "oldies" could relate to.

enthusiastic and fun to watch. They had a great pit orchestra and crew, and everyone had a good time. Thank you, Spoon half of the batter into Lena-Winslow Music Department, for a wonderful evening of "live" music.

Another great event was the Lena Area Historical Society's program on the Sunday after the musical. Jacob Andrews, sexton of the Lena Burial Park, gave an informative

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR

THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STEPHENSON COUNTY -

FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Association, not in its individual

capacity but solely as owner

Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

OF REAL ESTATE

GIVEN that pursuant to a Judg-

ment of Foreclosure and Sale

entered in the above cause on

12/20/2022, the Sheriff of Ste-

phenson County, Illinois will on

April 20, 2023 at the hour of 9:30

AM at Stephenson County Court-

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 fol-

Improved with Single Family

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

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

If the property is a condominium

and the foreclosure takes place

after 1/1/2007, purchasers oth-

er than the mortgagees will be

required to pay any assessment

and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765

If the property is located in a

common interest community,

purchasers other than mortgag-

ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

the court.

lowing described real estate:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

PIN 18-13-36-108-017

1486 Winter Drive

Freeport, IL 61032

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY

No. 2022FC36

U.S. Bank Trust National

Trust

Vs.

house

Home

PLAINTIFF

Melanie Lewin; et. al.

DEFENDANTS

the history of the park and the many people who were part of Lena's past. Jacob and his crew and others in our community have done a wonderful job of preserving the old part of the cemetery. They have managed to fix almost all the stones that were damaged by age and neglect. The limestone monuments have been cleaned and sparkle in the sunshine. Thank you to the

and educational program on museum for offering this program and Jacob for giving a great learning experience to all who attended. The museum is holding its annual dinner and program on May 3. They are selling tickets for the evening as well as raffle tickets. You can see any member or contact Cindy Drye at Cindy's Beauty Shop, the Lena Mercantile, and Engel's Jewelry and Repair. The dinner and program are the main fundraiser for the

maintenance of the museum. Easter is not very far away. We have begun to offer recipes for the big spring meal. If you have any favorites or some new Easter recipes we would like to see them. If you have any recipes that you would like to share with us, you can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, The Shopper's Guide at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

REAL ESTATE NOTICES

ees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

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

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-03879.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY -

FREEPORT ILLINOIS Fifth Third Bank, National

VS.

Lana R. Dagel; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.

Case No. 2022FC42 315 East Jefferson,

Freeport, IL 61032

Judge David M. Olson NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on Feb-

ruary 9, 2023, Steven M. Stovall will on April 20, 2023, at the hour of 9:30ÅM at the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Lot 2 in Block 6 in Chas. E. Meyer Addition to the City of Freeport. Commonly known as 315 East

Jefferson, Freeport, IL 61032 Parcel Number(s): 18-19-06-231-004

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property 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. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 22-018016. Zachariah L. Manchester MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI 11C Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: 312-651-6700 Fax: 614-220-5613 Attorney. No.: 6303885 Email: StateEFiling@manleydeas.com 13215485 (Published in The Shopper's Guide March 15, 22 & 29, 2023) 434221

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY -FREEPORT ILLINOIS AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC Plaintiff,

VS.

Angela M. Figueroa

Defendants. Case No. 2022FC1 708 North Hunt Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032

Judge David M. Olson NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 21, 2022, Steven M. Stovall will on April 20, 2023, at the hour of 9:30AM at the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described

mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 708 North Hunt Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032 Parcel Number(s): 18-13-25-331-009

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property 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. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 21-027746. Jenna M. Rogers MANLEY DEAS **KOCHALSKI LLC** Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: 312-651-6700 Fax: 614-220-5613 Attorney. No.: 6308109 Email: StateEFiling@manleydeas.com 13215487

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each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser Guide not to exceed \$300, in certified March 8, 15 & 22, 2023) funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate

Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for 13214900

Association

Plaintiff,

IN*CI*DENTAL*LY Childhood GERD and Oral Health

Normally when your child eats or drinks, the lower esophageal sphincter, a ring of muscle located at the bottom of the esophagus, opens to let food in and then closes to keep food in the stomach. When this muscle does not function properly, acids in the stomach can flow back (reflux) into the esophagus. Sometimes, the stomach contents go all the way up the esophagus and your infant or child spits up or vomits. Other times, the stomach contents only travel partly up the esophagus, which can burn or make them choke. Sometimes this acidic fluid can pass into the airway, causing inflammation which can trigger asthma symptoms. Reflux can happen at any age, but it's common in babies because their esophageal sphincter does not reach adult length and strength until age two.



Most babies with reflux will outgrow it, but if it becomes a long-term problem, it is called gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).

GERD is one example of the interconnection between oral health and overall health. While GERD is a disorder of the digestion system, it can have profoundly negative effects on your child's oral health. As previously discussed, acids can destroy the protective enamel layer of the tooth. Primary teeth are more vulnerable to acids because they have a thinner layer of enamel than adult teeth. Since stomach acid

is much more caustic than the acids in the foods and beverages we eat and drink, erosion of the enamel takes place at an even greater rate. Enamel protects the sensitive inner structures of teeth. Thin enamel can make teeth unusually sensitive to heat. cold, and bite pressure. While stomach acid can wear away tooth enamel anywhere in the mouth, most acid erosion usually develops on the inner tooth surfaces. Teeth that are weakened by erosion of the enamel are prone to cavities, cracks, and fractures.

Regular dental exams are important to detect oral disease in all children. For children with undiagnosed GERD, regular exams also assist in the early detection of acid erosion and other oral indicators of chronic acid reflux. Children with GERD may exhibit any of the following

symptoms: frequent belching (accompanied by complaints that it "burns"), nausea, vomiting, gagging, choking, laryngitis, wheezing, earaches, hiccups, and coughing at night or whenever they are lying down. They may also have a loss of interest in eating, or difficulty gaining weight. If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, report these in his or her health history. When the findings of a dental exam suggest that your child may have GERD, your dentist will report this to your child's pediatrician for further evaluation and possible referral to a gastroenterologist. The sooner your child receives a definitive diagnosis of GERD, the sooner preventative measures can be initiated to avoid further damage. Children with GERD need to eat smaller meals, eat slowly, avoid foods that trigger symptoms, add foods that help reduce symptoms, and avoid lying down for two hours after eating. Keep in mind that every child is

different, and your child may experience more intense acid reflux to some trigger foods than others. Sharing this information with your child's gastroenterologist and/or registered dietician can help them to adjust your child's diet so they can meet the nutritional requirements necessary to maintain both oral and overall health. Helping your child to understand how these actions and dietary changes can give him or her the power to help control their symptoms can go a long way as they begin to adjust to their new diet and regime.

Certain dental treatments, such as fluoride varnish applications, can help protect vulnerable tooth enamel against refluxed stomach acid. Your child will also benefit from sealants, which provide a physical barrier against these acids. Depending on the severity of the damage and how well the acid reflux is controlled, you will need to take your child to the dentist every six months or sooner as needed to mitigate damage. Update your child's health

history at each dental visit to reflect any new medications, treatments, test results, procedures, or new diagnoses.

Between dental visits excellent daily oral care is crucial. Have your child rinse with fluoridated tap water after every meal or snack, then brush with fluoridated toothpaste a half hour after eating when their saliva has neutralized the acids. Have them floss before brushing in the morning and in the evening before going to bed. Make sure that they are using a soft-bristled toothbrush and are not overly aggressive when brushing. Some medications to treat GERD can reduce saliva, making your child even more vulnerable to decay. Teach your child to stay hydrated with fluoridated tap water. Since your child is already vulnerable to decay, it is essential that they avoid sugary and sticky foods that will accelerate tooth damage Since many children's medications contain substantial amounts of sugar, have your child rinse with tap water after each dose.



LARGE ESTATE LIVE PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY, APRIL 1 • 9 A.M. **69 DAWN AVE., PLANO, IL 60545** North of IL RT. 34 from Plano, IL. Take Little Rock Rd. to Vilman Rd., then north to Dawn Ave., then east to yard (watch for signs). Comfort station and lunch available. NO BUYER'S PREMIUM!

Attendance permitting, 2 auction rings running simultaneously! Bring a friend! Rain or shine! This is a partial listing only, expect to find surprises! Will update AuctionZip as we find more items! TRACTORS, GAS ENGINES, CARS & TRUCKS, 2 & 3 BOTTOM PLOWS, MASSEY HARRIS & FERGUSON COLLECTIBLE MEMORABILIA, SIGNS, PEDAL TRACTORS, LOCAL OLDER ADVERTISING ITEMS, TRACTOR & IMPLEMENT PARTS, LG QUANTITY OF SHOP TOOLS & USEFUL ITEMS

1979 Ford Thunderbird, T-Top, 119,000 miles, white leather interior, cranberry & white exterior full power, NO TITLE, 2005 Ford 150 2-wheel drive, frame & engine damage, no rust showing on body panels with title, 2003 Ford Taurus SE 106,300 miles, runs, NO TITLE, showing rust. 1949 Massey Harris 44, NF, Gas, mounted belly blade, with rear mounted log splitter, complete with chains, Massey Harris 22, older restoration, parade ready, NF, G. 1953 Massey Harris 33 v 6 engine parts tractor, 1950 Massey Harris 44 parts tractors, several 2 & 3 bottom plows, half Scale Model Massey Harris 101 Crossley engine needs additional body panels, scaled by Mr. Pohl, 3 wheeled bicycle restored in Massey Harris colors, Honda CL 160 motorcycle with title, homemade gas powered 2 seater cart, with bench seat, Allis Chalmers riding lawn tractor parts only, IH LA 1.5 -2.5 hp gas engine on steel wheel cart, Fairbanks 1A Eclipse Scale model gas engine, sev. Vintage collectible FH Briggs & Stratton engines skidded, Kinkade steel wheel walk behind plow planter, several Metal, Masonite & wood signs, Mostly Ag related other themes incs. Massey Harris & Massey Ferguson dealer sign, Blackhawk Seed Polo, IL, Vintage 7-up clock running, lighted beer signs & several other metal signs, several cast iron tractor seats incs. Buckeye & Racine, collection of round advertising thermometers & Massey Harris clock, collectible Massey Harris tractor & farm paper memorabilia, older area local advertising items, ag related, bullet pencils and pens, thermometers etc., 4' fiberglass dairy cow, Pedal Trac power craft, (3) Massey Ferguson pedal tractors, (2) Massey Harris Pedal tractors, one pedal tractor wagon, child's sled, Blacksmith forge, Massey Harris yard wagon with dump, Crossley car frame. Household Furniture & Home Furnishings, ZIPPO LIGHTER DISPLAY CABINET, (2) framed Massey Harris 12 buckles in each display. Tools: Atlas & F.E. Reed metal lathes with tools & attachments, newer 60-gal upright air compressor, newer Predator 3500 generator, gas bottle cutting torch on cart, Century wire welder, Sanborn 230 continuous amp control welder, portable sand blaster on cart, Industrial cut of saw, hydro floor jacks & stands, Eclipse vise on stand & several other vises, double wheel grinder on stand, table mount saw Sharpeners, (2) antique wrench displays, *Sandwich Manufacturing Hydrant*, chain saws, Hand crank Corn sheller, older ag related fuel containers, *Several* tool boxes & 2 pc tool chest full, lg selection of hand tools most likely precision tools in some, *power shop tools*, radial arm saw, drill press, Planner, band saw etc. *lots of hardware, & organizers, iron* stock etc. roll-away shop bench with draws, tractor & implement parts, lights, fenders, tin works, tires, iron wheels, HD metal cabinets, shop oils & liquids, dimensional hardwood lumber various lengths & widths, iron, wire & motors. Many other items - too numerous to mention. AUCTIONEERS: Chris Wegener, 815-451-2810; Brian DeBolt, 630-878 1262; Mike Espe, Elburn, IL.

Harold F. & Betty L. Pohl, estate



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