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Trees for a brighter future

Community volunteers involved in planting oak trees as part of the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program gather on a recent project day. From the left: Participants included (back row) Debbie Larys, Abigail Issleb, Ed Purmann, Brook Bradbury, Denny Young, Jonna Stayner Dittmar, Mike Dittmar, Mindy Pratt, Shay Bradbury, (front row)

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Obituary

DONALD SCHWARTZ

Donald V. Schwartz, age 95, formerly of Lena, IL, passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Midwest Senior Care Community in Galena, IL, after a short battle with Alzheimer's. He was born on Feb. 19, 1928, on the family farm in Darlington, WI to Lewis and Victoria (Blackbourn) Schwartz. He attended Lena High School. He married Phyllis Reeder on Sept. 13, 1945, in Lena and they were married 74 years before her passing in 2020. He worked at Commonwealth Edison in Freeport, IL for 40 years as a lineman, crew chief and later area foreman.

After retirement Donald and Phyllis spent many wonderful years in Florida where he enjoyed playing cards with friends and golfing. He loved to play video gaming machines, travel on bus trips to casinos, cruises to many exciting destinations and meeting new people who quickly became friends. Donald was an avid Green Bay Packers and Chicago Cubs fan. He enjoyed watching John Wayne movies. Donald enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL.

Donald is survived by his son Gregory (Jill) Schwartz of Hampton, VA; daughter Mary (Greg) Althof of Stockton, IL; five grandchildren - Britton (Kim) Schwartz of Virgin-



ia Beach, VA, Jason (Kimberly) Schwartz of Reston, VA, Derek (Adriana) Althof of Park City, UT, Nathan (Whitney)

Althof of Stockton, IL, and Bryant Althof of Stockton, IL; three great grandchildren - Parker, Emmerson and Sophia Schwartz. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phillis, parents, Lewis and Victoria Schwartz, and siblings, Mary Goebel, Wilma, Judy, Robert, Francis, Paul and Orvin.

The family would especially like to thank the staff at Prairie Ridge of Galena, Dr. Richard Farrell, the staff at Midwest Senior Care Community and the staff at Hospice of Dubuque for their kindness and exceptional care of Donald.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Leamon Funeral Home, Lena and 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, April 14, 2023, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL. Funeral Mass will follow beginning at 11 a.m. Luncheon will follow at the church. Interment of Donald and Phyllis will take place at St. Joseph Cemetery in Lena.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in his name. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.



Ashlee and Jeremy Mueller announced the birth of a son

Harvey L. Mueller was born on March 31, 2023.

Grandparents are Mark and Debbie Mullen, Jeff Smith and Annie, Corey and Chris Blair, and Brian and Laurie Mueller. Great Grand Parents are Brenda and Don Shank, Mary and Don Smith, Martin and Helen Mueller, Alvin and Lorelee Smith.

Harvey joins siblings Peighton (16), Ava (13), Layla (9), Martin (5).

McCombie sponsoring Rx drop-off in three counties

House Minority Leader Tony McCombie (Savanna) is hosting a series of upcoming prescription drop-off events in partnership with local Sheriffs to help ensure that unused, unwanted, or expired prescriptions are properly disposed of. The three upcoming events will be held on Saturday, April 29, which is National Prescription Take Back Day, a movement backed by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency to help prevent medication misuse and opioid addiction. Event details are as follows:

Stephenson County
German Valley Fire Department, 600 Church St
Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Carroll County
Leader McCombie's District Office, 9317B IL Rt. 84
Time: 8 a.m. - noon

JoDavies County
Elizabeth Community Center, 402 West St
Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Representative McCombie will be joined by State

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Church news

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, will celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter on April 16. 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. Confirmation will begin with supper at 5:30 p.m. and class will follow.

The weekly ministry of Healthy Wolves Backpack will continue. Backpacks are filled with food and taken to Pearl City School every Friday. The backpacks are sent home with families for the weekend so that adequate nutrition can be provided for children over the weekend. The families then return the backpack, and they are refilled to be sent home for the next weekend. Currently, 41 children are served through this program. Backpacks are assembled Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs youth kitchen. If interested in funding this weekly project through giving, visit the St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, website.

The April Grace Meal will be held on Sunday, April 16 with all orders for curbside pick-up. All meals are by reservation only. Reservations can be made to the church office by phone at 815-443-2492 or email at prshadmin@gmail.com by Thursday, April 13 at 5:00. The menu is ham, coleslaw, baked potato, baked beans, and pudding. The meal is supported by a grant from the Freeport Community Foundation and Thrivent.

Women's Gathering will meet on April 18 at 8:45 a.m. for coffee and fellowship in

Luther Hall. Kitchen and closet cleaning will begin at 9 a.m. Bible Study will be at 11 a.m. Shawn Kuhlemeier will lead the study that continues the Ten Commandments.

At noon the Women's Gathering Board will serve a soup lunch.

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.

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, April 16, 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 meet Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 8 a.m. at Beltline Café, 325 West South Street, Freeport, Illinois. Everyone is 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 better. On the third Wednesday of each month from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Salem 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.



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Highland Community College Agriculture Department attends National PAS Conference

The 2023 National Professional Agriculture Student (PAS) Conference was held March 15 through 18 at Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny, Iowa. Six students from Highland Community College attended and participated in national competitions. To be able to participate in the National PAS Conference, students had to compete at the state-level conferences — held in the fall semester at Illinois State University or the spring semester at Lincoln Land Community College.

Each student who participated prepared and submitted materials such as resumes, cover letters, career planning projects, and lesson plan materials prior to the conference. "The students did a great job and represented themselves and Highland Community College very well," said Highland Agriculture Instructor Justin Ebert, who advises the Ag Club and PAS. "To be prepared to compete at the National PAS Conference, these students put in a great deal of time and effort, and it showed in their results."

Participating HCC students received the following recognitions:

- Hannah Visel — National Champion in the Animal Systems Career Planning Project
- Alyssa Miller — National Runner-up in the Agricultural Education Teaching Demonstration
- Anna Johnson — Third

Place in the Livestock and Dairy Production Employment Interview

- Sara Johnson — Fourth Place in the Agricultural Education Teaching Demonstration

- Magen Busker — Sixth Place in the Livestock and Dairy Production Employment Interview

- Adriana Anderson — Seventh Place in the Animal Systems Career Planning Project, Eighth Place in the Livestock and Dairy Services Employment Interview

- Hannah Visel, Alyssa Miller, Anna Johnson, Sara Johnson, Magen Busker — College Agriculture Quiz Bowl Competition: The team made it to the fifth round and finished with a 3-2 record.

Other than the competitions at the National PAS Conference, the students participated in leadership development workshops, listened to keynote addresses from Andrew Rose of Global Development Partners and Matt Carstens CEO of Landus Corporation, attended the career fair, went dancing, and were able to attend a couple of games of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament being held at the Wells Fargo Arena in downtown Des Moines.

For more information on the Highland Community College Agriculture Program or the PAS Organization, contact Justin Ebert at justin.ebert@highland.edu or Monica Pierce at monica.pierce@highland.edu.



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The six Highland Community College students that attended and participated in national competitions are (left to right) Adriana Anderson, Alyssa Miller, Sara Johnson, Anna Johnson, Hannah Visel, and Magen Busker.

Annual awards celebration for Daughters of the American Revolution

At the Heritage Center in Lanark, the annual Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) awards presentation was held on March 11. Honored were deserving high school seniors with the DAR Good Citizens Awards. Awards were also presented to Community Service Award recipients and the American Flag awardee.

Award was presented to senior students Cora Dittmar (River Ridge), Emma Kempel (Lena-Winslow), Mason McIntyre (Aquin), Sydney Driscoll (Scales Mound), Riley Schultz (Stockton), Blake Heller (Warren), Abigail Manson (Freeport), Madelyn Statfield (Orangeville), Laine Rosensiel (Pearly City).

The DAR Chapter also honored those who display the United States flag using correct flag protocol and this year's awardee was Paul Mayer of Savanna.

The Community Service award was presented to Sharon Madden, Cheryl Borlund, Suzanne Young, and Pat Westaby for their service in working with families at the Stockton Food Pantry. Brad Aude of Chadwick was recognized for his community service.

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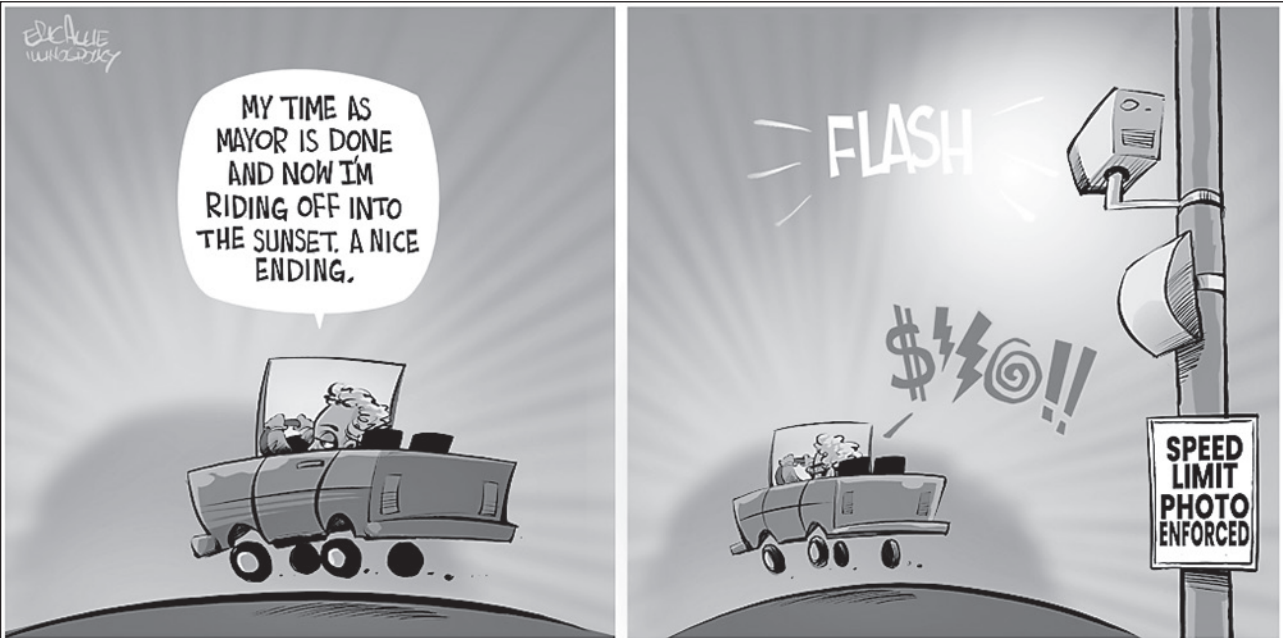
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OPINION



Analysis: Report suggests state spending will soon begin outpacing revenues once again

Three-year forecast projects revenue decline followed by slow growth

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

While Illinois has recently experienced a prolonged stretch of good financial news, a new state fiscal forecast notes that if spending continues to grow at its recent pace it could lead to future budget deficits.

It would mark the reversal of a recent trend during which the state logged considerable surpluses this fiscal year and the two years prior.

In the highest-spending scenario outlined in the three-year forecast from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, the state could once again face a bill backlog as high as \$18 billion. That estimate assumes spending growth at its five-year average of 7.1 percent.

"This example shows that spending patterns seen in the past few years cannot continue without a comparable increase in revenues which is not seen in the commission's current estimates," the report from the legislature's nonpartisan forecasting commission noted.

If the state keeps spending growth at 1.8 percent—the most austere scenario outlined by the commission—it could maintain an accounts payable balance of \$1.4 billion, the same as it was at the end of Fiscal Year 2022.

Even in that scenario, state

spending would outpace revenues in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024 that begins July 1—although Gov. JB Pritzker has proposed decreasing state spending in FY 24.

His \$49.6 billion proposed spending plan for FY 24 represents a 0.7 percent decrease from the baseline number assumed in the COGFA forecast. Lawmakers, however, are still working on crafting a final budget before their May 19 adjournment.

"We have to pass a balanced budget ... Illinois has had a past where, you know, for a few years anyway, that didn't happen," Pritzker said at a news conference. "... And I think the General Assembly has taken that very seriously."

While the new report illustrated that lawmakers may have to tighten their belts in the coming years, it remained consistent with previous projections by the commission and other forecasters that have suggested an economic slowdown is on the horizon.

The COGFA report noted that over the past five years, state revenues have grown at a rate of 12 percent on average, compared to the 7.1 percent average expenditure growth.

Pandemic-era federal stimulus funds have mostly dried up, however, and their effect on the nation's economy is beginning to wane. Many economic forecasts anticipate a mild recession is on its way.

The slowdown was evidenced in COGFA's March

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Celebration for Police Chief Matt Summers

Help celebrate the retirement of Freeport Police Chief Matt Summers on Monday, April 17, 2023. Chief Summers has been with the Freeport Police Department for 28 years. Please join for an open house and presentation to celebrate his well-deserved retirement from 5 p.m. to 5:40 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.

Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension meeting

The April meeting of Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension will be held April 20, 2023, at the Pearl City Library at 1 p.m. The roll call question will be "What Keeps You Young?". The major lesson, *Financial Emergency/Preparedness for the Older Adult*, will be given by Colleen Brown. Joyce Bonnet and Judy Shippee will bring a raffle item. All meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Freeport city manager finalist reception

As part of the Freeport City Manager selection process, the public is invited to attend

a Meet and Greet Reception to meet the final candidates. The Meet and Greet Reception will take place on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers. A Q & A session will begin at 7:30 P.M.

The finalist candidates for the Freeport City Manager are Blaine Wing, former City Manager (city of Rochester, MI) and William "Rob" Boyer III, Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director (City of Freeport, IL).

Victorian funeral presentation

Learn how the death rituals of the Victorian Era have impacted our current traditions. Mortuary and embalming equipment of the era will be displayed. The presentation will take place on April 22, 2023, at the 18&8 Event Center, 1802 8th St., Monroe, WI

from 9 a.m. to 3 pm. Lunch is included.

Please register in advance. The cost is \$30. Contact the Green County Genealogical Society to register. info@greencogenealogywi.org

Lanark Public Library

The Friends of the Lanark Public Library invite all to attend their special program on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room at 111 S. Broad Street, Lanark, Illinois.

The featured speaker will be Diane Ludwig from Freeport Public Library addressing the topic of e-books. The Friends of LPL sponsor the annual subscription to this on-line book service. Come learn about accessing books on phones, tablets and computers using the Lanark Public Library account. No advance registration is necessary.

FHN presenting informational Stroke Program April 25

Every 40 seconds, another American has a stroke, and strokes claim the life of another American every 4 minutes. May is Stroke Month, and FHN will present a program explaining stroke and treatment options in a special Speaker Series event this month.

FHN Stroke Program Coordinator Tracy Love MSN, RN, CNL will talk about risk factors and symptoms of stroke as well as prevention at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25 at the FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills, 1010 W. Fairway Drive in Freeport.

Stroke is a brain attack, cutting off blood flow and oxygen to the brain.

Stroke can happen to anyone at any time, regardless of race, sex or age. Love will talk about what to do in case of a stroke and the treatment options available at FHN. FHN's teleneurology capabilities connect the FHN stroke team to a regional comprehensive stroke center partner for collaboration on care, including advanced treatment options. FHN Memorial Hospital has been designated by the Illinois Department of Public Health as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital since 2015.

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Warhawks win Pearl City Tournament

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Warren-Stockton Warhawks are as hot as anyone to begin the 2023 softball season. After winning the Pearl City Tournament, the Warhawks saw their record improve to 8-1 on the year. The Warhawks entered the tournament with a record of 5-1 and three games scheduled for that Saturday, April 8.

Warren-Stockton began the day with an early morning matchup against the West Carroll Thunder. The Warhawks found themselves trailing big early on as West Carroll posted five runs in the top of the first morning. It seemed the Warhawks just needed some time to wake up, as those were the only five runs the Thunder would score for the remainder of the game.

The Warhawks started chipping away in the bottom of the second. After Adrienne Baker took a leadoff walk, she went on to steal second and third base. Baker then reached home safely on a Maizy Fonseca groundout, giving the Warhawks their first run of the tournament.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Warhawks cut the Thunder lead down to three runs. E Martin led off the inning with a single to left and proceeded to round the bases due to some sloppy defense. Martin's score pushed the score to 5-2, but the Warhawks still found themselves trailing late in the game.

The Warhawk offense would explode in the bottom of the fifth, however. After a Lauren Kehl walk, Martin singled into left, once again. Later in the inning, Fonseca

and Liv Thrumen hit back-to-back singles that allowed Warren-Stockton to tie the game at 5-5. Finally, Ava Heidenreich singled up the middle, allowing Fonseca to score the game winning run as the Warhawks went on to win by a score of 6-5.

That fifth inning scoring spree set the tone for the rest of the day, as the Warhawks were locked in. In their next game, the Warhawks picked up a 6-0 victory over East Dubuque. Kehl had a dominant pitching performance, tossing five innings of shutout ball with six strikeouts and just two hits allowed.

Kehl was also impressive at the plate, going two for three on the day. Baker played a big part in the win, going two for three with three runs batted in and one run scored. Thrumen was pro-

ductive in the box too, going two for three with two RBI. Martin finished the day one for three with two runs scored as the Warhawks combined for seven hits in the win.

The last game of the tournament was expected to be another intense matchup as the Warhawks squared off with the Galena Pirates. While the Warhawks came into the championship game at 7-1, the Pirates were undefeated at 4-0.

The game was an absolute pitcher's duel from the very start. Kehl picked up a pair of strikeouts in the first inning alone. Galena's pitcher matched her pitch for pitch as the game went scoreless through the first four innings. In the top of the fifth, the Warhawks finally had a breakthrough. Baker led the inning off with a double to left field.

Later in the inning, Thrumen singled to move Baker over to second base. With two outs, Heidenreich came through in the clutch with a line drive up the middle. The hit allowed Baker to score the first run of the game.

The Warhawks had some more two-out magic in the top of the sixth. After two quick outs, Martin and Baker hit back-to-back singles, allowing the Warhawks to go up 2-0. Some sloppy defense would allow another Warhawk run to come in as J Radaszewski took a walk and Martin advanced to third after an errant throw. Martin would eventually score on a passed ball, putting Warren-Stockton up 3-0.

They were some nice insurance runs for the Warhawks, but they were ultimately unnecessary as the

Warhawks held on for a 3-0 victory to capture the Pearl City Tournament Championship.

Kehl was dominant from the mound, tossing a complete game shutout with 17 strikeouts and just three hits allowed. It was her pitching that gave the Warhawk offense so many opportunities to take the lead.

At the plate, Baker led the way, going two for three with one run scored and one RBI. The Warhawks had just five hits in the game, but that was all they needed on that Saturday evening.

Warren-Stockton will look to keep it rolling when they play host to West Carroll on Thursday, April 13 at 4:30 p.m. On Monday, April 17 the Warhawks will travel to face off with the Dakota Indians.

Wildcats believe they can compete with anyone

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The River Ridge-Scales Mound Wildcats have continued to impress through the young 2023 varsity baseball season. After getting off to a 5-1 start, the Wildcats split a pair of exciting NUIC-West games with Warren-Stockton. By the end of last week, the

Wildcats held a record of 7-2.

The Wildcats opened the week with an away game against the Dakota Indians on Monday, April 3. RR-SM came out on top 9-1 thanks to an 11 hit performance by the Wildcats. George Winter led the way, going three for four with a pair of runs scored. Maddox Knauer finished the

game going two for three with three runs batted in. Knauer also picked up the win on the mound, tossing five and one third innings with five strikeouts and just one hit allowed.

The next day, the Wildcats were set to face off with the Warren-Stockton Warhawks. It was the first of two meetings the teams had last week.

Warren-Stockton had control of their first meeting from start to finish. A leadoff triple by Jared Dvorak set the tone for the day as the Warhawks jumped out to a 5-0 lead by the end of the third inning. That triple was part of a two for three, two runs scored, one RBI day for Dvorak. Will Stietz was right up there too, going three for four with three runs scored and one RBI.

The Warhawks were boosted by an electric pitching performance from Brady Broshous, who racked up 10 strikeouts in just over five innings. RR-SM had no answers for Broshous as he picked up the win in an 8-2 victory for Warren-Stockton.

The teams met again on Thursday, April 6 for their second matchup. At the start, it looked like the Warhawks would run away with things again. Following a Broshous double, the Warhawks jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first. Warren-Stockton doubled their lead in the second, when Brady Stietz, Reed McNutt, and Dvorak hit three consecutive singles.

RR-SM broke out for a big

third inning, however. After Joe Winter hit a leadoff single, Jacob Deurr walked, and E Cogan hit a single of his own. With one out, Knauer hit the third single of the inning for RR-SM, driving in their first run of the day. Later in the inning, George singled up the middle bringing in a pair of runs to give the Wildcats the 3-2 lead.

Warren-Stockton would respond by tying the game in the top of the fourth and taking the lead in the fifth. It was a Broshous homerun to left field that gave the Warhawks the lead again. The Wildcats quickly responded with a run of their own to tie the game in the bottom half, however.

The game remained tied until the bottom of the seventh, when the Wildcats came to the plate. A leadoff single by Cogan had RR-SM in business. Warren-Stockton chose to intentionally walk Knauer to bring Ben Richmond to the plate. That move didn't pay off for the Warhawks as Richmond singled up the middle, bringing in Cogan to score for the walk off victory.

Late last week, RR-SM

Head Coach, Jeremy Knauer, spoke about some of the improvements his team has made in the young 2023 season. Prior to the second matchup with the Warhawks, Jeremy said, "It's been better this year, but the last two games we have struck out too many times against good pitching. We have to grind out at bats better."

To close out the week, the Wildcats squared off with Amboy in what would be another tough matchup. It would require another comeback effort as well.

The Wildcats entered the bottom of the seventh trailing Amboy by a score of 3-2. Knauer was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. Richmond then took a walk and the Wildcats had runners in scoring position with no outs. A grounder up the middle by George would tie the game at 3-3. Then, with one out, Richmond would score on an error by Amboy's third baseman for yet another walk off victory.

The Wildcats struck out just five times in their 4-3 win over Amboy, which is something Jeremy has stressed for his squad since before the season. Charlie Wiegel led the way offensively, going two for four with one run scored. Richmond finished one for three with two runs scored, and Knauer went one for two with one run scored.

Jeremy had spoken about a number of those guys earlier in the week. "Maddox [Knauer] has been getting on base at a high clip. Ben [Richmond] has done a good job being more in play, along with Joe

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Around the Northern Hills

By Annette Eggers

Are you between the ages of 18 and 35 and have an interest in agriculture? Then the Young Leaders Committee is just the group for you. We have a great group of individuals that enjoy promoting agriculture and I would love to see more people join in. The next meeting is Sunday, April 16 at 6 p.m. at the farm bureau office in Elizabeth. If you have any questions, call our office at 815.858.2235 or email jdcfbmgr@gmail.com.



Annette Eggers

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We are always looking for ways to communicate with our members. Many people read my column in the paper, others follow us on Facebook or Instagram, but would you like to receive Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau news directly to your inbox? Share your email with us and we will make sure to add you to our periodic email newsletter. If you are interested, please share your email with me at jdcfbmgr@gmail.com.

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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.

Farm Fun Fact

April is National Gardening Month. Let's hope that the weather changes soon so everyone can get planting!

Plant a tree; help the planet

The Stockton Township Memorial Park in Jo Daviess County is now home to 25 new oak trees with the help of the 4-H Nature Explorers Club and Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District. Together these volunteers participated in the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program, which focuses on addressing the decline of native oak trees throughout Illinois.

"The goal of the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program aligns so well with what we hope to accomplish in our Nature Explorers Club that we knew we wanted to participate. The loss of our

oak trees is a global issue, and it is important that our youth see the difference they can make locally by simply showing up and giving their time! When Mindy Pratt at the Soil and Water Conservation District reached out to express their interest, we started the planning process. Mindy found our location, and our 4-Hers and volunteers planted the trees," says Angela Miller, 4-H Program Coordinator. "Denny Young and the Stockton Park District were wonderful to work with. Someday these 4-H members and volunteers will visit Memorial Park and remember that they helped

plant those trees." Throughout the spring of 2023, youth in 38 counties throughout Illinois are planting groupings of 25 oak trees on public properties in their county for a total of 950 newly planted trees across the state, with new plantings totaling 1725 between this year and last year.

"More trees will move us closer to cleaner water, healthier soils, more animals and birds, greater biological diversity, and cleaner air," says Curt Sinclair, University of Illinois Extension 4-H Natural Resources and Shooting Sports Specialist. "All these are critical to

people's health and quality of life," says Curt Sinclair, University of Illinois Extension 4-H specialist. "Illinois 4-H is primed to take action to increase the number of oak trees in the state. The natural world is talking to us, and Illinois 4-H is primed to listen, learn, and act."

Illinois once held 14 million acres of trees, according to Sinclair. That number dropped to 3 million acres before intentional efforts 50 years ago began to reverse the decline. Today, Illinois has five million acres of trees. To help support this project, please visit <https://go.illinois.edu/4hgreencommunity>.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I Plaintiff, -v.- LORI A. UPMANN et al Defendant

2022 FC 16

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 10, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on April 25, 2023, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOTS TEN (10) AND ELEVEN (11) IN BLOCK B IN A. L. BRINK'S ADDITION TO WARREN, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS. ALSO, BLOCK THREE (3) IN A. M. JONES THIRD ADDITION TO WARREN, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS. THE SAME BEING A STRIP OF LAND 150 FEET LONG AND ABOUT THIRTY (30) FEET WIDE LYING AND BEING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF LOT NO. 11 IN BLOCK B OF A. L. BRINK'S THIRD ADDITION TO WARREN, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 313 COURTLAND STREET, WARREN, IL 61087

Property Index No. 43-21-002-125-00

The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

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

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

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

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er's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

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

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

Case # 2022 FC 16 I3216271

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS PHH Mortgage Corporation PLAINTIFF

Vs. Nichole L. Falconer; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2022FC39 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 09/27/2022, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on May 18, 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 following described real estate:

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PIN 89-18-19-06-202-008

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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 assess-

ment 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.

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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 14-22-03292. I3217094

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF

Vs. Melissa S. Turner; Joseph S. Turner; State of Illinois - Department of Revenue; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC2 NOTICE BY

PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Joseph S. Turner Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

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Melissa S. Turner Joseph S. Turner the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for U.S. Bank N.A., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, as Document No. 312526; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Kathy Phillips Clerk of the Circuit Court Jo Daviess County Courthouse 330 N. Bench Street Galena, IL 61036 on or before May 12, 2023, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff

15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-22-09717

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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

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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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The Highland Community College Speech Team includes (left to right) Brooke Allison Parkinson, Tabitha Roenneburg, Olivia Wilhelms, Maddie Eppenstein, Ruby Snyder, Maria Bender, and Mason McIntyre.

Highland Speech Team meets with success heading into a national competition

The Highland Community College Speech Team attended the Phi Rho Pi Region IV Tournament on Saturday, March 25 hosted at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, Ill. Phi Rho Pi is the national organization for community college forensics teams, and teams are separated into geographic regions (Region IV is made up of primarily Illinois schools). The regional tournament represents the "last stop" on the road to the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament.

"Once again, students on the Highland Speech and Debate Team demonstrated their strong work ethic, commitment to craft, and exceptional overall character," said Speech Communication Instructor Harry Bodell. "They have formed bonds with students across the region that will help them stay strong at nationals, and most importantly they have formed deep bonds with one another. Our team is a family, and I couldn't be prouder of how they have come together this season."

Participating HCC students received the following recognitions:

Communication Analysis
Brooke Allison Parkinson, Gold Medalist
Mason McIntyre, Bronze Medalist

Duo Interpretation
Maddie Eppenstein and Ruby Snyder, Bronze Medalists

Impromptu Speaking
Mason McIntyre, Silver Medalist

Informative Speaking
Mason McIntyre, Silver Medalist

Persuasive Speaking
Ruby Snyder, Silver Medalist

Poetry Interpretation
Olivia Wilhelms, Bronze Medalist

Prose Interpretation
Brooke Allison Parkinson, Gold Medalist

Team Sweepstakes
Individual Events, Bronze Medalist

Medalists

The Bronze Medalists team will wrap up the season by traveling to Washington, D.C. from April 8 through 15 for the Phi Rho Pi National

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Last week I told you all that my Spring decorations survived the snow, rain, and wind. I made the mistake of putting them back up, and they came down again. I am waiting for the weather report to see when I can get them back up. This week features leftover ham recipes, leftover egg recipes, some good ideas for Mother's Day, and a yummy dessert. Have a good week cooking.

Million Dollar Deviled Eggs

One of my favorite dishes is my grandmother's glass deviled egg plate. My mother inherited it, and now I have it. I use it whenever I serve deviled eggs at my house. I bought a plastic one to travel because I don't want to break the glass one. I have fond memories of both of them filling deviled eggs. My mother used to make them from leftover Easter eggs. I have mentioned before that my fa-

ther loved them pickled in red beet pickle juice. So deviled eggs are a product of leftover Easter dinners. A friend gave me this deviled egg recipe and swears it is really good. Try this expensive sounding egg recipe (eggs cost a lot more this year than any year in the past, so maybe the "million" part isn't so far-fetched.)

- 12 hard-boiled eggs
- ¼ C. mayonnaise
- 1 T. butter, softened
- 2 t. yellow mustard
- 1 t. sugar
- ¼ t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper
- Dash of hot sauce
- 1/8 t. paprika

Cut the eggs in half and remove the yolks. Place the egg white halves on a serving plate or a deviled egg plate. If you have a mini food processor, the fastest and best way to get the yolks smooth is to chop them in the food processor until they are smooth. Place the chopped egg yolks in a large measuring cup or medium bowl. In a separate bowl, combine the mayo, butter, mustard, sugar, salt, pepper, and hot sauce until smooth. Add it to the egg yolks and mix until combined. Carefully fill each egg half. Garnish with paprika. You can also decorate the eggs with crumbled bacon, olive slices or sweet baby pickles sliced.

Pearl Onion Broccoli Bake

I am always looking for broccoli casseroles, and I found this one that marries the flavors of broccoli, onion, and cheese. It is a great side. You can buy the bagged pearl onions in most grocery stores (I know that buying them are a lot easier than peeling them.)

- 2 pkg. (16 oz. each) frozen broccoli florets
- 1 pkg. (14.4 oz) pearl onions
- ½ C. butter, divided
- ¼ C. flour
- ¾ t. salt
- 1/8 t. pepper
- 2 C. 2% milk
- 6 oz. cream cheese, cubed
- 1 C. shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 C. breadcrumbs

Preheat the oven to 350. Cook broccoli in 1 inch of water until almost tender; drain. Cook pearl onions in 1 inch of water until almost tender; drain. Transfer to a greased 9 x 13 greased baking dish.

In a large saucepan, melt ½ C. butter; whisk in flour, salt, and pepper until smooth. Gradually whisk in milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Reduce heat; stir in cream cheese until blended. Add to vegetables stirring gently to coat. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Melt the re-

maining butter and toss with breadcrumbs. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake, uncovered, until topping is golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes.

Spinach Parmesan Casserole

This side dish is a great one to go with any ham dish. It is easy to make and a great way to introduce a veggies to your family.

- 2 lbs. fresh baby spinach
- 5 T. butter
- 3 T. olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 T. Italian seasoning
- ¾ t. salt
- 1 C. grated Parmesan Cheese

Preheat oven to 400. In a stockpot, bring 5 C. water to a boil. Add spinach; cook covered for 1 minute or just until spinach is wilted. Drain well. In a small skillet, heat butter and oil over medium-low heat. Add garlic, Italian seasoning, and salt; cook and stir until garlic is tender, 1 to 2 minutes.

Spread spinach in a greased 1½ qt. 8-inch square baking dish. Drizzle with butter mixture, and sprinkle with cheese. Bake, uncovered until cheese is lightly browned, 10 to 15 minutes.

Farmer's Ham Casserole

This recipe is the first one in giving you a dish to use the leftover ham. It is a great brunch casserole or serve it at night for a hefty supper. You make it the day before, so it is ready for you to make for a brunch mainstay or supper entrée. It also is made in a small square pan.

- 3 C. shredded hash brown potatoes
- ¾ C. shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 C. cubed fully cooked ham
- ¼ C. chopped green onions
- 4 large eggs
- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- ¼ t. pepper
- 1/8 t. salt

Place potatoes in an 8-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray. Sprinkle with cheese, ham, and onions. Whisk eggs, milk, pepper and salt; pour over all. Cover and refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Preheat the oven to 350. Bake, uncovered, until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 55 to 60 minutes.

Asparagus Ham Dinner

This dish is another way to use up the leftover ham. It

is quick to make because you make it on top of the stove. Since asparagus is more and reasonably available, this dish is a great one to serve for dinner or company.

- 2 C. uncooked spiral pasta (fusilli or rotini are good ones)

- ¾ lb. fresh asparagus, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 medium sweet yellow pepper, julienned
- 1 T. olive oil
- 6 medium tomatoes, diced
- 6 oz. fully cooked ham, cubed
- ¼ C. minced fresh parsley
- ½ t. salt
- ½ t. dried oregano
- ½ t. dried basil
- 1/8 t. cayenne pepper
- ¼ C. shredded Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, sauté asparagus and pepper in oil until crisp-tender. Add tomatoes and ham; heat through. Drain pasta and add to mixture. Mix parsley and seasonings and stir into asparagus mixture. Sprinkle with cheese.

Ham and Cheese Casserole

This casserole has ham and green beans and noodles, so you have everything done for you in one dish. It makes two 9 x 13 casseroles so you can freeze one of the casseroles to have on hand for a quick weekday dinner or unexpected company. I also would use a combination of cream of chicken and cream of celery soups. Did I mention you can use up even more leftover ham? I promise this is the last one for a while.

- 24 oz. cooked egg noodles
- 3 lb. cubed cooked ham
- 4 cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 C. 2% milk
- 4 C. frozen cut green beans, thawed
- ¼ C. butter, melted
- 2 C. shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Preheat oven to 350. Cook pasta according to package directions. In a large bowl, combine the ham, soup, beans, and milk. Drain pasta; pour over ham mixture and toss to coat. Transfer to 2 greased 9 x 13 baking dishes. Drizzle each with butter; sprinkle with cheese. Bake, uncovered for 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through.

Mint Brownies

I recently had these brownies at a meeting. We all thought they were great, so our friend, Barb, shared the recipe. I like to use the Duncan Hines Brownie mix, and I like my brownies to not be

as fudgy. If you want a fudge brownie, use the regular method. I think you will like them, and they are pretty too.

1 box family size brownie mix for a 9 x 13 pan

Mint Icing

- 2 sticks (1 C.) butter, room temperature
- 2½ C. powdered sugar
- 1 T. milk
- ½ t. mint extract
- Green food coloring
- Chocolate Icing
- 1 C. semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ¼ C. milk
- 2 T. butter
- ½ t. vanilla
- 1 C. powdered sugar

Mix brownies according to directions for cake-like brownies. Bake and allow brownies to cool completely. Mint icing: place butter into a medium sized bowl. With a hand mixer, cream butter until fluffy. Add powdered sugar, milk, mint extract, and several drops of green food coloring. Mix until smooth. Spread over cooled brownies.

Chocolate Icing: Microwave chocolate chips, milk, butter and vanilla in a medium sized microwave-safe bowl for 30 to 40 seconds. Whisk mixture to make sure all chocolate chips have melted. Whisk in powdered sugar. Immediately pour warm chocolate icing over mint icing and spread with spatula. You will want to do this quickly before the chocolate gets too stiff to spread. Place brownies in the fridge or freezer until chocolate icing is firm, about 15 to 30 minutes. Cut and serve.

Final Thoughts

I hope that everyone had a great Easter celebration. The weather was warmer, and we didn't have to dodge snow or ice. We certainly had some awful weather before we got to the weekend. Once again, we had rain, wind, and lots of action. I was fortunate to not have any storm damage. I had an Orangeville friend who had roof damage, several others had limbs down, and still more people lost electricity. I hope that the weather elves have gotten it all out of their systems.

We have elected officials for our school boards, park boards, village boards, and the community college board. Thank you to all who put themselves out there to run for positions that are not paid but involve service. Congratulations to those who were elected. Good luck in making all the decisions that must be made to make our communities run smoothly. Public service is to be commended and recognized because without these people our schools,

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Economic conditions signal flight to liquidity

By Daniel Grant
FARMWEEK

The usual optimism farmers carry into spring planting shouldn't overlook growing economic concerns this season. The Federal Reserve's latest interest hike—the ninth consecutive increase since last year—pushed borrowing costs to the highest level since 2007 amid persistent inflation.

With the benchmark federal funds rate up another 25 basis points in March to a range of 4.75% to 5% and inflation still at 6%, Fed Chair Jerome Powell warned the process of getting inflation back down to 2% has a long way to go and will likely be a bumpy ride.

David Kohl, professor emeritus of agriculture and applied economics at Virginia Tech University, believes the federal funds rate could eventually reach 5.5% with a prime rate near 8.5%, which could put a strain on many industries, including agriculture. "I think the Fed will start reducing interest rates when headline inflation drops below 4%. We have a long way to go," Kohl said at the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers farmland values conference in Bloomington. "One of the things we'll see not only in ag, but we're also seeing in the banking industry, is a flight to liquidity," he told the RFD Radio Network at the event. "Financial liquidity is a buffer to preserve wealth."

The ag economist is encouraging farmers to become as financially liquid as possible this year and build resiliency to the mounting economic pressure. "It's not about equity. It's about looking at the balance sheet from working capital to expenses," Kohl said. "Liquidity is that choke point that if you don't have it, then you have to sell assets. You build it through either profits or refinancing."

The economic issues also will likely lead to a tightening of credit across all sectors, according to Kohl. "A lot of our lenders don't want to be the first ones to face that ad-

versity," he said. "And, we've got a whole set of regulators who have never experienced a downturn. One of the things they tend to do is panic."

Kohl said two regional bank failures in the U.S. and one in Europe were "lucky" to be rescued.

The combination of rising costs and interest rates along with the possibility of lower farm returns this year is also changing the dynamics of the farmland market. "I can see farmland leveling off," Kohl said. "Who's buying farmland? Baby boomers like me. I think they'll be more selective."

The recent escalation of farmland values helped many in ag—farmland represents about 82% of assets on ag balance sheets nationwide, according to the economist. But it also leads to higher real estate taxes. "It's a fixed cost per acre," Kohl said. "It's one of the things that hits you in this margin squeeze."

A key for farmers moving forward is to recognize the changing financial atmosphere and prepare for it rather than react after the fact. "The problem is the last two to three years (of general profitability in ag) made us very complacent," Kohl said. "You're going to have to be vigilant and do projected cash flows and monitor it. You can't just manage your finances once a year for tax reasons."

"The reality is we're going to see extreme volatility," he said. "But volatility creates opportunity, not just challenges. Good managers and landowners position themselves well to take advantage of volatility."

The energy markets and energy policy will also play a big role in how farmers fare in the changing economic environment. About \$8 out of every \$10 of farm expenses is connected to oil, Kohl added.

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• Recipes (Continued from page 12)

cities, and towns would be in trouble. Thank you again for your service.

The next holiday is Mother's Day. We will be looking for some brunch recipes and of course, the rhubarb will begin to peek out of the ground. We will continue to look for Spring recipes. If you have

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Do not decide on your own that any medical information does not relate to your dental health care. The fact is everything that you put in your body, from vitamins to herbal medications to prescription drugs (including inhalers) causes a specific reaction or symptom. The problem is this desired reaction can interfere with medications your dentist may administer or prescribe and cause an undesirable reaction. The simple truth is, if your dentist does not know what



By **DR. STEPHEN PETRAS**
Illinois Licensed
General Dentist

medications or supplements you are taking, he or she will not know how to protect you from these interactions. These reactions can be serious, even life-threatening. They are also avoidable.

For example, you may not be aware that popular supplements like ginkgo biloba and vitamin E can affect blood clotting. If you were to take these along with aspirin or ibuprofen, which acts as a blood thinner, the effect is compounded, and your blood may not clot readily. Some anti-anxiety supplements, such as St. John's Wort or Kava Kava, may seem innocuous, but they can enhance, or cause a stronger effect, of the anesthesia that you might receive during a dental procedure. Some herbal supplements and diet pills have a diuretic effect. Without adequate saliva to neutralize plaque acids, tooth decay can increase dramatically. If taken in conjunction with prescription diuretics, the combined effect can escalate from dehydration and loss of potassium in the body to an altered heart rhythm. In this state dental anesthesia could be deadly.

It is also imperative that you are forthright with your dentist about whether you are taking birth control pills or Viagra. One of the most common side effects of oral contraceptives is gingivitis and some medications may interfere with the birth

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Some medical conditions or medications require that your dentist avoid certain anesthetics. Some medical conditions make it difficult to control oral disease and oral bacteria and the inflammation associated with periodontal disease contributes to many systemic diseases and autoimmune conditions. Some medications can cause inflammation of the gum tissues or delay bone healing after oral surgery. Hundreds of medications can cause xerostomia or dry mouth. Dry mouths affect oral health, which in turn affects your systemic health. Tobacco and alcohol use affects both your oral and systemic health. Your dentist needs to know everything that you are taking to avoid interactions or manage side effects.

It is imperative that you give a complete medical history. This information must legally be kept confidential and withholding information could lead to serious complications.

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2022 FC 16
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• Drop-off (Continued from page 2)

Representative John Cabello (R-Machesney Park) in Stephenson County as well as Stephenson County Sheriff Steve Stovall; in Carroll County by Sheriff Ryan Kloeping and in Jo Daviess County by Sheriff Kevin Turner.

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KITCHEN APPLIANCES All Appliances on Sale 	MATTRESSES All Therapedic & Serta Sets are on Sale! 

Stockton election night results

VILLAGE TRUSTEE (4YR) STOCKTON (VOTE FOR) 3

	Votes, Percentage
Mitchell L. Kappes (IND).....	156, 33.48%
Daniel E. Kunz(IND).....	163, 34.98%
Terry Ann McGovern (IND).....	147, 31.55%

VILLAGE TRUSTEE (UNEX.2YR) STOCKTON (VOTE FOR) 1

NO CANDIDATE.....	0
PK.COMM. (6YR) STOCKTON PK. (VOTE FOR) 2	
Michelle Bartch.....	220, 100.00%
PK.COMM. (UNEX.2YR) STOCKTON PK. (VOTE FOR) 1	
Sally R. Tucker.....	271, 100.00%

TRUSTEE (4YR) STOCKTON LIB. (VOTE FOR) 3

Debra A. Huso.....	253, 52.60%
Lillian H. Townsend.....	228, 47.40%

BD.MBR. (UNEX.2YR) STOCKTON CUSD 206 (VOTE FOR) 1

Nicole Haas.....	424, 100%
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BD.MBR. (4YR) STOCKTON CUSD 206 (VOTE FOR) 3

Roger Groezinger.....	238, 17.49%
Scott A. Hayes.....	253, 18.59%
Daniel J. Breed.....	326, 23.95%
Derek Volling.....	286, 21.01%
Tamara Graham Ruter.....	258, 18.96%

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and George Winter,” Jeremy shared. “Camden Fleck has been a nice surprise for us this year at the plate too,” the RR-SM coach added.

Once again, the Wildcats were boosted by a solid pitching performance from Maddox. The senior went five innings with just one hit allowed, while striking out six. The three runs allowed were unearned. Dylan Diehl pitched two shutout innings of relief, allowing zero hits while striking out two.

It's that pitching that gives Jeremy and his squad

confidence. “Our pitching has been solid all year, except for one inning against Pearl City,” Jeremy shared adding, “If we can pick up the ball consistently, continue to pitch well and be in play, we can compete with anyone.”

The Wildcats hope to put some more wins in the win column when they play host to East Dubuque this Thursday, April 13 at 4:30 p.m. On Monday, April 17 the Wildcats have another tough matchup as they play host to the Lena-Winslow Panthers.