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## Scheuerell discusses pitching duo, defensive pieces and more

By Trenten Scheidegger  
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The Orangeville Broncos appear poised and ready for another postseason run. After suffering their first losses of the 2023 softball season, the Broncos bounced back quickly by going on another five-game winning streak. Prior to their April 28 game against the Lena-Winslow Panthers, the

Broncos held a record of 18-2 which is a .900 winning percentage.

A big reason for the recent winning streak is the dynamic pitching duo of Laney Holland and Leah Baker. Holland and Baker each play a significant role in pretty much every single game for the Orangeville Broncos. That continued to be true last week, as they each

helped the team earn victories as part of the five-game winning streak.

On Wednesday, April 26 the Broncos earned a hard-fought victory over the Polo Marcos. Holland picked up the win on the mound, going six innings with just two runs allowed. Baker came in for the save, getting three quick outs in a clean inning. While

the duo doesn't always pitch in the same games, they came together to help the Broncos beat Polo 5-2 on that Wednesday evening.

The next day, Orangeville found themselves in another battle as they faced off with the Durand Bulldogs. Orangeville took an early 3-0 lead and Baker's pitching on the mound made sure they held onto

it. Baker pitched a complete game, going seven innings with just two hits allowed. She collected the win on the day as the Broncos beat Durand 3-1. Durand's only run came unearned.

Orangeville head coach, Lon Scheuerell, spoke about the team's exceptional pitchers, "Leah and Laney have both done an excellent job keeping our team in games this year. They both throw strikes and make the other team hit the ball." The Orangeville head coach believes they work well off each other explaining, "They both offer attributes that make them successful when they are pitching. Leah throws a little bit harder and tries to use her fastball to get hitters out. Laney relies more on a change-up that tends to keep hitters off balance."

Scheuerell can rely on the duo in pretty much any situation. "There have been five games this year that Laney has come in relief for Leah. The other night against Polo, Laney pitched the first six innings, and it was a tight game, so we brought Leah in to face the top of the order of Polo, and she was able to get the one, two, three inning. Both of them are very experienced and threw all of the innings, last year for our team that made it to sectionals," Scheuerell added.

Despite being off to an 18-2 start, the Broncos are still looking to improve each and every day. Scheuerell discussed some of the things the team has been working on and some areas he would like to see the team perform better. "Some areas that we continue to try

to improve in is our defense. There were a few games early in the year that our defense made too many errors, which led to some big innings for the opponent," Scheuerell shared. The early focus for the Bronco defense has been in the outfield. Scheuerell explained, "One area we worked on extensively is in the outfield. We have a freshman center fielder in Anicka Kraft and she has done a great job out there and is getting more comfortable with each game. Our left fielder, Ava Theisen, has a strong arm and last weekend she threw out a player trying to stretch a single into a double. Our right fielder, Isabelle Talbert, continues to improve and has shown a lot of power on the offensive side, hitting two homeruns in the last week against Galena and Durand."

On offense, Scheuerell and the Broncos are working on the basics. "We are really stressing the importance of doing some of the small things that help win games," Scheuerell said explaining, "One area that we have worked a lot on is bunting and limiting our strikeouts. Last week we had a couple of successful bunts that brought in runners from third base. Both Hanna Broge and Laney Holland were able to get the bunt down to bring in extra runs."

So far Orangeville's head coach is loving what he's seeing from the 2023 squad. "If the team continues to improve, we will have an opportunity to make a good postseason run," Scheuerell closed with.

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## Le-Win Royalty

The 2023 Lena-Winslow prom court consisted of (from left to right) Wes Offerman as Prom King, Maddie Young as Prom Queen, Jace Flynn, Liv Esser, Kaidynce Lynch, Gage Dunker, Grace Groezinger as Prom Princess, and Quinn Rodebaugh as Prom Prince. Prom was held on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

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# Obituaries

## DONNA FELTMEYER

Donna Feltmeyer, age 91, of Warren passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2023, in Galena, Illinois. Donna was born on Jan. 22, 1932, to Roy and Edna (Ferry) Downs. She married Paul Feltmeyer on Dec. 6, 1951, in Stockton, Illinois.

Donna farmed alongside her husband Paul, and together they raised five children. In her younger years, Donna and Paul enjoyed dancing, snowmobiling, playing softball, and playing cards. She enjoyed gardening, canning produce, doing wallpaper, paintings, and sewing, especially doing embroidery. She worked part time at the Warren Cheese Plant where she was the "Jack of all trades" and at Honeywell in Warren. Donna was a past member of the Warren Winter Warriors snowmobile club and the Sisterettes Bowling Team. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the



Apple River United Methodist Church.

Donna is survived by her four daughters; Karen (Michael) Ty-son of Apple River, IL, Kim (Scott) Holm of Lee, IL, Ronda (Timothy) Dower of Stockton, IL, Tammie Moyer of Cross Plains, WI, daughter-in-law; Holly Feltmeyer of Warren, IL, grandchildren; Rachel (Donald) Brinkmeier, Jennifer (Jason) Eubanks, Kristy (Matthew) Leitzen, Brandon (Kaydra) Heller, Lyndsey (Benjamin) Underwood, Karli (Josh) Weltzin, Jenna (Mason) Winters, Madalyn (Jerek) Pontius, Bryce Moyer, Noah (Becca Riggs) Holm, Caitlyn Moyer, Callie Moyer, and Robert Moyer, great-grandchildren; Alexander (Ana Zinke), Elizabeth, Benjamin, Maxwell, Braeden,

Braxtyn, Brynn, Hanna, Haley, Tyler, Jonathon, Paul, Carson, Caden, Mia, Lane, Jaxson, and Preslee, sister; Joyce Zeal, sisters-in-law; Pauline Feltmeyer and Lorraine Feltmeyer, special friends; Lewis and Connie Burmeister, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Roy and Edna Downs, her husband Paul, son Robert, brother Kenneth Downs, and sisters; Velma (Deyo) Bitz, Hazel Pierce, Phyllis Schiess, Alice Brown, June Dawson, Ruby Phillips, and Judy Baber.

A private family funeral service will be held at the United Methodist Church in Apple River. Pastor Matt Smith will officiate the services. Burial will be at the Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leanonfh.com](http://www.leanonfh.com).

## JOANNE DONOVAN

Joanne Louise Donovan, age 81, formerly of Lake Carroll, IL passed away peacefully on April 23, 2023, after a long illness. She was born on Aug. 23, 1941, in Rockford, IL, the daughter of Joseph and Helen Sehr. Joanne was a 1960 graduate of West High School in Rockford. She married Patrick Donovan on Oct. 5, 1963, and together they raised three children. Her husband preceded her in death on May 17, 2011.

She was a member of St. Wendelin Catholic Church in Shannon and the Freeport Painting Club. She was a CNA at Rockford Memorial in rehabilitation for over twenty years. Joanne loved garage sales, bargain shopping especially at "The Joint," antiques, painting, cooking, baking, and spending family time with her



children and grandchildren. She loved decorating her home with roses and dainty country decor.

She enjoyed traveling with her husband and over the years she and Patrick traveled to Alaska, England, Ireland, and Scotland. She became the "fisherman's wife" cooking hearty country breakfasts to a full kitchen table of fisherman and friends of Lake Carroll.

She is survived by her son, Steven (Kim) Donovan; her daughter, Pamela (Jeffrey) Klarman and Katherine Donovan; her grandchildren, Christopher Klarman, Britni (Nicholas) Malady, Danielle Ellis, Natalie (Gregory) Clough, Emily Klarman,

Nicholas Ellis, and Betsy Donovan (finance Daniel); her great grandchildren, Brayden, Ireland, and Olivia; and her sister, Helen Powers and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Patrick.

The family would like to thank Azura Memory Care in Beloit, Wisconsin for their outstanding care for the past couple years and to Agrace Hospice for their compassion and comfort in her final months.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at St. Wendelin Catholic Church in Shannon at 11 a.m. with a visitation that began at 10 a.m. Interment took place at St. Wendelin Catholic Cemetery with a luncheon following at the church. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com)

## ELINOR "KAY" ERICKSON

Elinor "Kay" Erickson, nee Rice, age 82, late of Lena, IL, formally Mokena, IL passed away on April 21, 2023. She was born Sept. 21, 1940.

Elinor was the loving wife of Darrell Erickson and loving mom of Mary (Tony) Velcich, Glen "Gus" (Lisa) Erickson, Amy (the late Hiram) Wurf,

and the late Kent Erickson. Cherished Nana, Patrick (Kara) Erickson, Katie (Tommy Sargis) Erickson, Nicholas (Emma Gordon) Velcich, Jessica (Ryan Dillavou) Velcich, Megan Wurf, Joel Wurf, and Great-Nana of Emersyn. Sister of the late Joanne Racynowski and sister-in-law of Duane (Beverly) Erickson, Douglas (Anne) and the late

Darwin (Debra) Erickson, and the late Danny Erickson. Caring aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Saturday, April 29 at Vandenberg Funeral Home, 19604 Wolf Road, Mokena, IL from 10 a.m. until the time of service at noon. Interment was in St. Johns Cemetery in Mokena, IL.

## DARYL RACKOW

Daryl Eldon Rackow, age 71, died on April 23, 2023, at Monroe Health Services in Monroe, WI. Daryl was born on Jan. 16, 1952, to Eldon and Lucille (Miller) Rackow, the oldest of five children; Diane (Tom) Low, Cindy Rackow, Laurie (Alan) Boeck, and Tim (Lisa) Rackow. He married Patricia Mick on Dec. 26, 1972, and had four children; Jesse, Daniel (Courtney), Brandy, and Christopher (Rikkie Johnson), many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Daryl served his country in the United States Army Reserves. During his life he farmed with his dad, drove semi and milk trucks, and owned his own upholstery business, Turtle Upholstery. Daryl was also a firefighter for the McConnell Fire Department. He later married Debra Golackson on April 17, 2021.

Daryl is survived by his wife Debra, four children, including his "favorite daughter", grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his par-

ents and grandparents.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Monroe, WI. A visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of services on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the church. Pastor Ewings will officiate the services. Cremation rites have been accorded. A private family burial will take place at a later date. A memorial has been established in his name. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leanonfh.com](http://www.leanonfh.com).

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This event will be held in the Elizabeth Community Building on Friday, May 12. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., presentation begins at 7:00 p.m.

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# Sullivan's Foods transaction expected to close in early May



Coborn's Inc. has signed a purchase agreement to acquire the Sullivan's Foods grocery stores and other business units in northern and central Illinois, the company's first expansion into the state. The stores are operated by the Sullivan family under the Sullivan's Foods banner.

About 800 people work in the organization, which is comprised of 11 grocery stores, a convenience store/fuel center, three ACE Hardware stores, a central office and limited-assortment warehouse. All employees will be hired by Coborn's Inc. The stores will continue to operate under the Sullivan's Foods name.

The Sullivan's Foods stores included in the acquisition are located in Freeport, Kewanee, Lena, Marengo, Mendota, Morrison, Princeton, Mt. Morris, Savanna, Stockton and Winnebago, Illinois. The acquisition also includes other retail business units, such as the JB Sullivan Inc. (corporate office facility) in Savanna, the Sullivan's Foods Warehouse in Savanna, two Sullivan's Ace Hardware stores in Mendota and Winnebago, Sullivan's Home and Hardware in Savanna and the Savanna Station (c-store).

"The Sullivan family has run their family of stores with great care and is a highly respected retailer," said Chris Coborn, chairman and CEO. "We look forward to extending the same operating philosophies in these locations that have made us successful for 102 years – investing and training for our people, supporting

our communities and investing in our stores to improve the experience for our guests. "We look forward to having the entire Sullivan's team join our team to learn more about their operations and communities. This is our first entry into the state of Illinois, so we have some things to learn, some added distance to figure out and to onboard their team into our organization."

Sullivan's Foods is a family-owned and -operated grocery retail business that was started in 1967 by John and June Sullivan. While serving in the Army, John took a part-time job as a meat cutter. After his military service, he became a full-time meat cutter in Stockton, Illinois. The family later moved to Platteville, Wisconsin, where John worked for another grocery store.

During his seven years in Platteville, he learned more about the meat cutting trade. In September 1967, John and June moved to Savanna, Illinois, and purchased their own grocery store. With the success of this location, they expanded their business in 1973 with an additional store located in Stockton. To keep up with the growing market, the owners purchased two more locations in 1978, and then in 1980,

purchased another two locations. Today, Sullivan's Foods operates 11 locations in northern and central Illinois. Their six children have all been involved in some way with the business.

Sullivan's Foods is supplied by Associated Wholesale Grocers as its lead wholesaler. It will continue this relationship with AWG. "This sale makes perfect sense for our family and for our employees," said Susie Dauphin, secretary and property manager of Sullivan's Foods. "Coborn's has long been a highly respected

company, and our family felt perfectly aligned with their values, operational standards, support of the communities they operate in and, most importantly, the company culture and commitment to their employees. We are grateful to all our guests and employees who have helped us build our business over the past five decades.

I know our communities and employees are in good hands as we make this transition."

The transaction is expected to close in early May, subject to customary closing conditions. With this acquisition, Coborn's Inc.'s portfolio of grocery stores will expand to 77 locations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, North Dakota, Michigan and Illinois. The company operates about 135 business units, including grocery stores, retail liquor stores, fuel centers, pharmacies and franchised restaurant businesses.



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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.

## Local community members transform The Butterfly Farm into an oak tree savanna

The Butterfly Farm in Stephenson County is now home to an oak tree savanna thanks to local youth and community members. The group of 25 oak trees, called a savanna, will bring new life to oak-hickory forests currently under threat in Illinois.

The 4-H Green Communities Tree Program focuses on tackling global issues at a local level. "Oak savannas are being overtaken by invasive species, as well as more shade-tolerant trees, such as maples," 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."

10405 Bellview Rd in Orangeville, IL was chosen to be the site for our second planting of an oak tree savanna due to its location and access for the public. "The Butterfly Farm is just off the Jane Addams Trail and is accessible from both the trail and road. It is a quiet and peaceful slice of heaven that the public can access to enjoy nature, hear the birds chirp, and enjoy the prairie grasses," says Brenda Heumann the Stephenson County 4-H Program Coordinator.

Seven youths took part in the planting in Stephenson County along with adults from the Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District, Northwest Illinois Forestry Association, Pheasants Forever, and the University of Illinois Extension, including Master Gardeners.

The Butterfly Farm at

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The LIHEAP program began Sept. 1, 2022, 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. Households in need are encouraged to apply.

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
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**\*\* 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 NICA 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.

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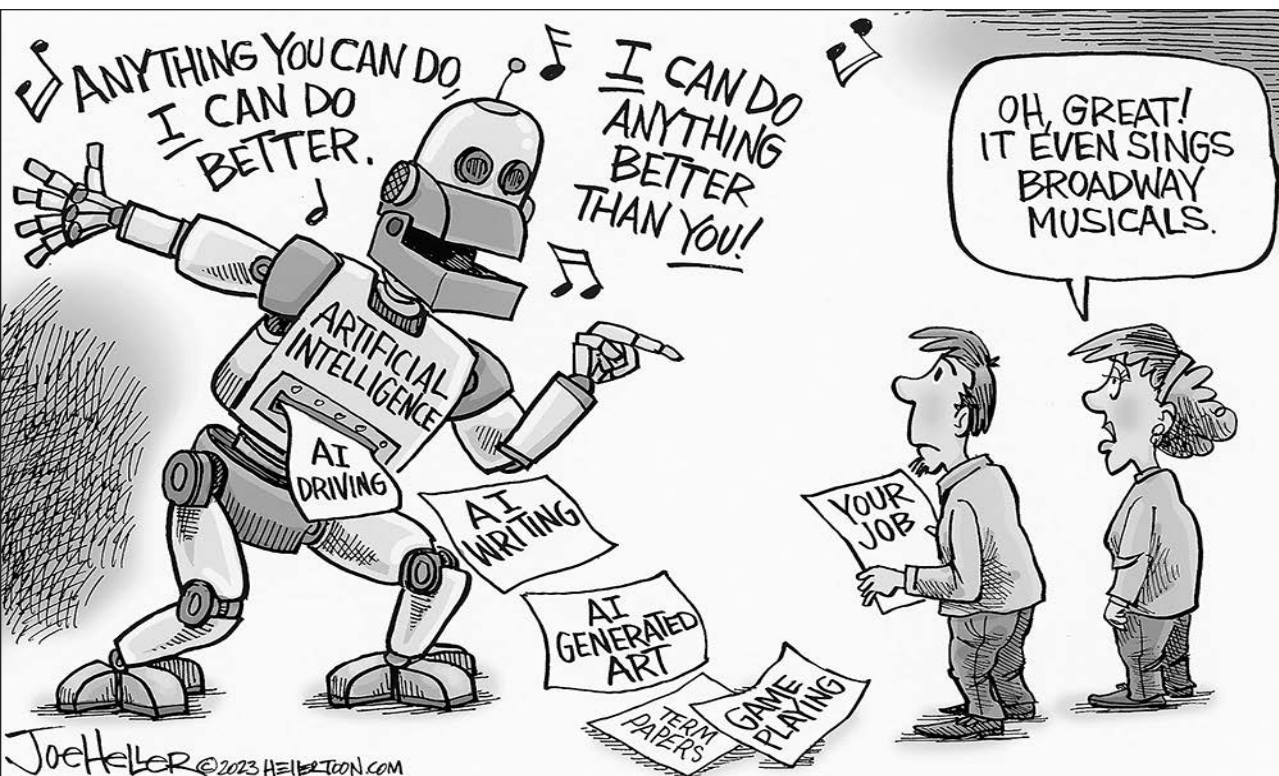
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# OPINION



## Slices of life

# Snow day



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

Grief no longer engulfs me as it once did. It's become less and less with time, as people warned me—promised me—it would.

But it is still here. Always. Instead of a constant downpour, sometimes it is hardly a rain at all. Nothing more than a light mist descending from the clouds, posing hardly a presence in the sky.

Most people wouldn't even notice it. But I do. Because, of course, the microscopic water droplets are aimed only at me. Others are impervious. They will stay that way, until it becomes their time. Then the awareness will be pricked within them, too. I am sorry for that.

Grief no longer engulfs me, but some days are filled with—melancholy. A general feeling of malaise.

I wake up and linger. It takes me awhile to gather the gumption to get out of bed. When my feet finally do hit the floor I am immediately exhausted. I know I had things to do, but I can't quite remember what they were, or maybe they just don't feel very important anymore. I feel very alone.

Sometimes I cry, but even that feels old. How many tears can I shed without thinking I'm simply feeling sorry for myself.

Get a grip. These days don't come often anymore—thank goodness. But when they do, they are inexplicable.

I languish on the couch. Not hungry. Tired—in need of a nap—but unable to sleep. It's like feeling sick

without being sick. That, I guess, is pretty good definition of grief.

But I've decided to change the branding a bit. We all have off days when we feel like doing nothing, or at least when we get nothing done. When melancholy overshadows all the other well-meaning things we had planned.

It doesn't take grief to cause an unproductive day. It can be all sorts of life obstacles. Boredom. A strained relationship. Stress at work. Politics. Money problems. The weight of raising a family. Worries about the state of the world. All of it.

I've come up with a term that serves as my rescue at such times.

Snow day. As a child, a snow day was a magical, miraculous event. It was Mother Nature's way of making us all take a break - from school, from work, from life.

Sort of like what a cloud of melancholy will do.

Both melancholy and snow can make us take a break—take a day. They cause us to pause and simply do nothing.

It doesn't matter what climate you live in, or whether it's winter or summer. A snow day is always in season.

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### NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY Housing Stability/Homeless Prevention Program Rental / Mortgage/Utility Assistance

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding through DCEO CSBG Program and DHS Homeless Prevention Program to assist families in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties who are past due on their rent or mortgage and utility payments and are at risk of becoming homeless or are homeless due to a recent financial crisis affecting their ability to pay housing costs.

Have you have experienced one of the following financial hardship conditions:

- Loss of Employment or substantial reduction in work hours
- Current Medical Disability or Emergency
- Loss or Delay of some form of Public Benefit
- Natural Disaster
- Change in Household Composition
- Illegal Action by a Landlord
- Displacement by a Government or Private Action
- Some other condition beyond your control which creates a financial hardship (such as a large car repair bill)

You may be eligible for assistance if you:

- Can provide third-party documentation of your financial crisis condition
- Can prove the ability to make future rent or mortgage and utility payments

Documents that are required to apply:

- Proof of Social Security numbers for all members of the household
- Proof of all income for all members of the household for the 30 days prior to the application date
- 2020 income tax return.
- Current Benefit letter for household members receiving SSA, SSI, or SSD income
- Copies of your current utility bills (electric, gas/propane, Water)
- Current Lease or Mortgage with contact information
- Eviction Notice or Past Due Letter from landlord, mortgage, and /or water company
- Third Party Documentation of financial hardship condition

Please call our office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between the hours of 8:00 and 3:30 Monday through Friday for more information on how to apply. We are in the office and taking applications for NICAA program assistance by mail, email, fax and drop-box.

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### Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency (NICAA) 27 S. State Ave., Suite 102, Freeport, IL 61032 CSBG Transportation Assistance Program

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, through the Community Services Block Grant, has funds available for residents of Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties to provide CSBG eligible individuals with assistance for costs such as car insurance, registration fee, and/or car repairs to meet their need to maintain household stability.

In order to be eligible for this assistance, the applicant's household income must be equal to or less than the following chart:

#### Income Guidelines:

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**In my opinion**

# Absolute power at Capitol prevents lawmakers from addressing important state issues

Running for office last year, I knew Illinois was broken. But I have come to realize in just the few short months of serving as the state representative in the 75th District that the problems are much greater than I ever imagined as a candidate.

I have found that there are many good ideas that have both Democrat and Republican support but these bills never see the light of day because the House leadership refuses to allow them to move forward. For instance, I am a co-sponsor of House Bill 1079, which ends the 35-year moratorium on new nuclear power plant construction in Illinois. This legislation has strong bipartisan support but it has never been called for a vote on the House floor despite overwhelming support in committee.



By **JED DAVIS**  
State Representative

The reason legislation such as House Bill 1079 does not come up for a vote is because the House leadership won't allow it. Power in Springfield is absolute and unfortunately wielded not by the body as a whole but by the individuals who control the House and Senate chambers.

Former House Speaker Michael Madigan may no longer be in charge of the House but the rules he used to control the process are very much intact. The rights of individual members are almost non-existent.

What has this top-down

approach gotten us? Are we tackling the big issues? Are we solving the state's problems?

We could not take a few moments to vote on important bipartisan legislation to end the moratorium on nuclear power plants and ultimately address the rising cost of electricity in Illinois and to ensure we do not have rolling brownouts. Instead, we spent time considering legislation to ban the use of pronouns "boy" and "girl" referring to children in statute (HB1596), require menstrual products be put in all public restrooms (HB 3093), and ban cat declawing (HB 3093).

I talked to a lot of voters in the 2022 election cycle and not once did I hear anyone bring up the need to put feminine hygiene products in every public restroom.

People want lower utility bills. They want better schools. They want more jobs and more opportunities. Instead of addressing these central, core issues, our leaders are focused on banning cat declawing and other mind numbingly inane ideas.

It would be one thing to entertain legislation like this if we were considering the important issues facing our state, but we are not.

One of my bills (HB 2609) requires price transparency at hospitals. It has bipartisan support and would go a long way toward stabilizing the price of health care in our state. It never got called and was never even heard in committee.

I understand that time is a factor. There are thousands and thousands of bills introduced every year, and

it is difficult to give them all a fair hearing. But why wasn't a bill requiring price transparency at hospitals called for a vote when a bill banning cat declawing was called?

We wonder why we have the fifth highest unemployment rate in the nation. We wonder why we lost more than 100,000 people last year and we wonder why we pay some of the highest taxes in the nation.

Our state is in serious trouble, and it is being run by unserious people. If I learned anything as a freshman legislator, it is that the go-along-to-get-along politics lead only to a permanent minority that constantly is forced to cede power to people who think the most pressing issue facing Illinois is the availability of tampons

in the men's room.

I may be a small voice in a big pond but all it takes to begin the process of change is for people like me to point out the obvious.

There are some of us who are doing just that, and our numbers and influence are growing because the thing the political elites have forgotten is that they have built a house of cards that will all come crashing down once their incompetence and poor leadership is exposed.

We deserve better. What we need is strong leaders who will stand up and declare the "emperor has no clothes" and that is exactly what I intend to do every day I am in Springfield.

*State Rep. Jed Davis is a Republican from Newman who was elected to his first term in 2022.*

**Weekly connection**

## A lifetime of memories and faith on the farm

I was strolling through the farmhouse the other day where my parents had lived together for the past fifty-one years. We moved to our Wisconsin farm in 1972 when my dad was thirty-eight years old. He just went home to be with the Lord three and half months ago so that makes fifty-one years all together of working on this farm that God led them to. Each of my parent's eight children love this farm. We love the land, we love the buildings, we love the cows and machinery, but most of all we love the life and the memories that we have from growing up here. We have great memories of living together, working the land, milking the cows, filling



By **SCOTT CERNEK**  
Columnist

the barns with hay, making improvements over the years, adding machines sheds, bigger tractors and better practices. God has been good to all of us through it all. Our parents passed on the farm to us kids and we rent it to our third oldest brother and his family.

Our sister lives in Montana with her husband and their family and my mom has decided to go spend some

time there to rest and be away from the workload of keeping a big farmhouse clean, and tending to the gardens and lawn like she has always done. She just turned eighty-eight and it's too much for her now. Just before she left for a few weeks, I sat in her favorite room, and we talked and then I got up and strolled around the house. It's quite amazing that every little nook and cranny tells a story of her and my dad's love for God and family. There are pictures of their childhood and all their own siblings and parents. Those take me back to my own childhood and warm memories of laughter and joy that filled our lives every time we got together.

Then there are pictures of all of us kids when we were younger living at home and then more of when we all got married. There are more pictures of when the grandchildren began to arrive, all thirty-five of them. Finally, there is a spot for the great children, and they number up around sixty now.

There are also albums and albums of pictures from each stage of life and in the midst of all these pictures the farm remained a constant

with each family sharing a love for everything that it entails. I got a little teary eyed as I thought of how this amazing time in our lives was coming to an end, but then I quickly realized that we would always have these memories. Each and every family member has been influenced and blessed by the life and faith of our folks, and now we have a chance to continue to share this faith with our own families and all those who God brings into

our lives. There was never any doubt who was responsible for the blessings that my parents experienced. On the home farm sign out by the road are the words "To God be the Glory". Giving God the glory didn't start with my parent's faith. It started with their parents, grandparents and great grandparents and who knows how far back beyond them. In the Cernek

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# Church news

## St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, will celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter on May 7. A Worship Service with Holy Communion will begin at 9 a.m. with Pastor Michelle Knight presiding. Sunday School will be held during church.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Outreach will be held Sunday, May 7 at 10 a.m. in Luther Hall. Start a shawl or quilt or work on one already started. Someone will be available to help.

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 first night of Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the summer's Community VBS Family Nights will take place on May 7. A meal will be served from 5 to 5:20 p.m. for families to enjoy. The children will rotate through stations of Bible study, crafts, and music. Confirmation students will be helping. VBS will continue this summer on June 4, July 2, and August 6. There will be no charge for participating.

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, May 7 for Sunday Worship Service. Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service. The reading will be from John 14:1-14.

On Wednesday, May 10 Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience necessary. Come and tie the quilts and make difference in the world. On Thursday, May 11, Friendship Club will meet at Good Shepherd. The Potluck and meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. Entertainment by Tyger Johnson will start at 1 p.m. No dues are required to attend however, a free will offering would be appreciated.

All services will be recorded and available on the church's Facebook page and website. Please visit <http://goodshepherdlena.org/> or and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL> for more information. Please contact the church office at 815-369-5552 with any questions.

## News briefs

### American Legion Auxiliary

The May meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, May 10 at the Lena American Legion Home at 6:00 p.m. We will crown Miss Poppy, discuss the Memorial Day breakfast, and make tray favors for the hospitalized veterans. We will also plan Poppy distribution. Dues will be collected. New members are always welcome. Rose Marie Bruegger oversees the social hour.

### Lanark United Methodist Women in Faith

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**Rob Boyer will step into the role of Freeport City Manager. "I'm pleased to take on this role," says Rob Boyer. "I'm very invested in the community, and I look forward to serving the City of Freeport to the best of my ability."**

## Public Works Director Rob Boyer appointed next City Manager

During a special meeting on April 24, the City Council approved the appointment of Deputy City Manager and Public Works Director Rob Boyer to the position of City Manager. Boyer will replace Freeport's current City Manager Randy Bukas due to his

retirement in June.

Rob Boyer has 24 years of organizational leadership in both private and public organization, with a strong background in public works and utilities. In August 2022, he was appointed Deputy City Manager and was awarded the City of Freeport's 2022 Director of the Year award.

Mayor Jodi Miller stated, "It was my pleasure to put forward the decision made by the executive search committee and look forward to working with Rob as our new city manager. Rob is a man of integrity and high standards and will expect the same from his team. We can all look forward to the continuation of moving Freeport forward on every level."

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# Lena Winslow splits games with Pearl City

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

Last week, Lena-Winslow baseball head coach, Nick Werhane, discussed his desire for the Panthers to sweep the Pearl City Wolves. If the Panthers had pulled that off, they would have put themselves in sole possession of the NUIC-East lead. While Le-Win didn't sweep Pearl City, they managed to split games with the Wolves, keeping their conference hopes alive.

On Tuesday, April 25 the Panthers made the trip to face off with the Wolves for the first time. A big second inning played the difference in this one as the Panthers jumped out to a

big seven-run lead. On the early advantage, Werhane said, "That put all the pressure on them, and we were able to maintain and seal the win."

The Panthers combined for 11 hits as they went on to beat the Wolves 10-5. "You're always going to have a good chance to win with those offensive numbers," Werhane said. It was Jake Zeal who led the way for Le-Win, going two for three with three runs scored and two runs batted in. Lucas Fye, Drew Streckwald, Rowen Schulz, and Luke Madigan each had multiple hits as well.

The Wolves put up just four hits in a down offensive day. Jayden Downs led Pearl City,

going two for four. Nathan Brinkmeier finished the game one for three with three runs scored and two walks. That was all the Wolves could muster against Le-Win's pitching efforts, however. "Drew pitched like a senior should and Cobryn Lynch and Luke Madigan combined to finish the game. It was a total team effort, and that's what I have been preaching all season," Werhane said on the win.

The win in game one only raised the stakes for game two. On Thursday, April 27 the Panthers and Wolves faced off in a game that had a bit of a post-season atmosphere. It felt like a must win game for both the

Wolves and the Panthers.

It was a low-scoring affair to start. Heading into the fifth inning, Le-Win held a slim 2-1 lead over the Wolves. Pearl City's offense was about to have a breakthrough, however. After Downs took a walk to lead off the inning, another pair of walks and a dropped third strike had the Wolves in business. A single by Jon Dinderman blew the game wide open as he drove in Myles Freedlund and Kyle Niehaus. Three consecutive singles by Lexton Endress, Brinkmeier, and Kip Martens brought in another run as the Wolves jumped out to a 7-2 lead.

The Panthers never recovered from the inning as Pearl

City went on to win by a score of 8-4. Brinkmeier led the way as he couldn't get out, going two for two with two runs scored and two walks. Martens finished the game with one hit and three RBI. Dinderman was one for three with two RBI. Brinkmeier got the win on the mound, going five and one third innings with nine strikeouts and seven hits allowed.

Following the game, Werhane praised Brinkmeier saying, "I was really proud of how we competed against the best pitcher [Brinkmeier] in the area. I find it hard to believe there are many better than him in all of class 1A. We were able to get seven hits off him and get him out of the game in the sixth inning. We said before the game that if we could get him out early and be within two or three runs that we would have a chance to win it. Unfortunately, Pearl City did a great job of finishing us off this time and earned a tough win."

Despite the loss, Werhane is extremely pleased with what he saw from his squad. Specifically Streckwald, who Werhane complimented saying, "His pitching performance on Tuesday, it wasn't his best performance, but he did what a senior needs to do. He competed hard and did what needed to be done to keep us in the lead."

The Panthers saw a lot of improvements from their pitching staff over last week. "For the first four innings, Luke Madi-

gan was pitching his best game of the year. He has a ton of potential and I was very proud of how he competed. [Madigan] just ran out of steam in the fifth, which is to be expected a little bit from a freshman," Werhane shared.

Le-Win's coach knows the team's strength is still in the batter's box, however. "Our hitting has been our strength all season long, and it starts with Zeal at the top. He's so good, making contact, driving a ball deep into the gap, taking a walk, or even getting hit by a pitch. He will literally do anything to help the team and he's so unselfish. He's getting on base at a .709 percentage right now, so that means he's likely to score with the next few batters behind him in Streckwald, Schulz, and Madigan," Werhane said. "Another big surprise over the past two games has been Lucas Fye. He had two hits on Tuesday, and another off Brinkmeier on Thursday. That's huge production from the seven hitter. [Fye] is also making some great plays in right field," Le-Win's coach added.

Following the series, the Panthers saw their overall record move to 11-3 on the season. Meanwhile, the Wolves improved to 12-7. Le-Win has another big series this week with Du-Pec. On Thursday, May 4 the Panthers travel to face off with the Rivermen. That same night, the Wolves play host to the Aquin Bulldogs.

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## Village of Lena happenings

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There will be a Flooding and Waste Treatment Plant Meeting on Wednesday, May

17 at 6 p.m. in the basement of the Lena Community Center. This meeting is to share with the Lena residents the findings of the Stormwater Study conducted by Fehr Graham. Capital Improvement needs for the Wastewater Treatment Plant will also be discussed. PowerPoint slides will be available after the meeting at [www.villageoflena.com](http://www.villageoflena.com) for those unable to attend.

The Village Board meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend to see what is happening within the Village of Lena. If you have a topic that you would like to discuss you can call Village Hall at 815-369-4016 to be put on the agenda for Public Participation.

All residents received a Village of Lena Newsletter in mid-April. There is a correction to the event date for Taste of Lena. The event will be held on June 3 in downtown Lena.



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**Fourth grade winners are (left to right) Alexander Zink, Jaylee Dittmar, and Brody Roberts.**



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**Seventh grade winners are Harper Hastings and Addison Tiesman.**



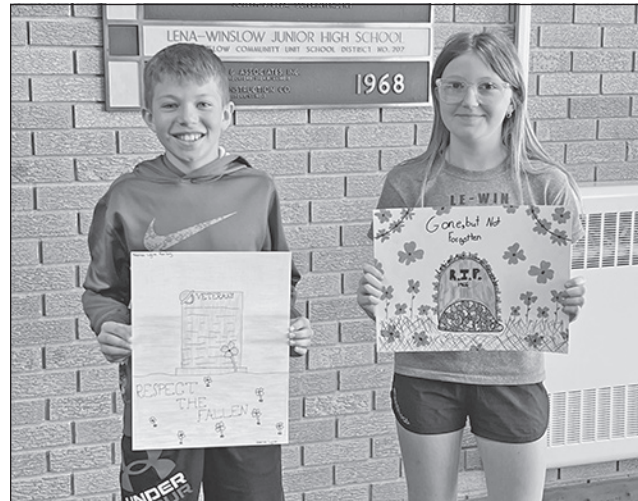
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**Fifth grade winners are (left to right) Addison Blakely, Karli Hill, and Carter Diestelmeier.**



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**Sixth grade winners are Mason Coulthard and Maci Graves.**

# Annual Poppy Poster Contest

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary recently held the annual Poppy Poster Contest. All students in grades four through 12 were eligible to participate for a chance to compete at the state level. Mrs. Amendt, Le-Win Elementary School art teacher, and Mrs. Voreis, Le-Win Junior and Senior High Schools art teacher assisted students at with the project and a total of 140 posters were submitted.

Each winner received a gift basket from Sweetie Me from the Lena American Legion Auxiliary. Poster winners have been sent to the Department Headquarters of the American Legion Department of Illinois to be judged and awarded cash prizes. Any winners awarded at Department will receive a notification letter mailed directly to them.

all the students and to Mrs. Amendt and Mrs. Voreis for making this contest a success. Posters not sent to Department Headquarters will be hung up in local Lena business windows during the month of May to commemorate Memorial Day.

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# Lawmakers consider banning vehicle searches based on cannabis odor, changes to probation

## Measures would further decriminalize use of substance after its 2020 legalization

By Nika Schoonover  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Just before lawmakers went on a two-week spring break, the Illinois Senate passed two bills that would work to further decriminalize cannabis use in Illinois. The bills – Senate Bill 125 and Senate Bill 1886 – would prevent an individual's vehicle from being searched solely based on the smell of cannabis and would allow some individuals on probation to consume cannabis or alcohol.

When Illinois legalized cannabis in 2020, it also made individuals previously charged with minor cannabis offenses eligible to have their records expunged. At the end

of 2020, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced 492,129 cannabis-related convictions had been expunged and 9,219 people with low-level cannabis convictions had been pardoned.

"It was incredibly important as we were looking to legalize this product that has clearly demonized so many communities," Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, D-Peoria, said of the legalization law at a news conference. Both bills will still need approval in the House and a signature from the governor to become law.

### Cannabis odor in motor vehicles

SB 125 would ensure that the smell of "burnt or raw can-

nabis in a motor vehicle" cannot alone be probable cause for an individual's vehicle to be searched. "People—especially people of color—are unnecessarily pulled over far too often," Sen. Rachel Ventura, a Democrat from Joliet and lead sponsor on the bill, said of the legislation during floor debate. "The odor of cannabis alone shouldn't be one of those reasons (for their car to be searched). Cannabis is legal in Illinois and it's a pungent scent that can stick to clothes for extended periods of time."

An amendment to the bill created an age exemption, specifying that individuals under the age of 21 are still

eligible to have their vehicle searched solely based on odor. After that provision was added, the ACLU of Illinois shifted from supporting the bill to having a neutral stance on it.

"We do have concerns that the amendment to the bill creates a workaround, or a loophole, that could have the effect of incentivizing police to target youth for unnecessary traffic stops or vehicle searches," Atticus Ballesteros, an attorney with ACLU of Illinois, said in an interview.

Ballesteros added that ACLU of Illinois originally supported the bill because there are many reasons why a vehicle may smell of cannabis. "And to us, that ap-

plies irrespective of age," Ballesteros said. The measure passed 33-20 in the Senate and awaits action in the House.

### Substance use on probation

SB 1886 would bar courts from preventing individuals from using cannabis or alcohol if they're on probation, conditional discharge or supervision. The bill has several exemptions, though, including if the person is sentenced to a crime that involved "the presence of an intoxicating compound in the person's body."

Courts would also still be allowed to impose substance

use restrictions if the person is under the age of 21 or if they are participating in "problem-solving court," a system of courts designed to help people with mental health and substance abuse problems.

The measure passed with a 34-21 vote and will head to the House.



# Ag and natural resources scholarship available

Individuals who are or will be studying agriculture, natural resources or related programs with an emphasis in conservation are encouraged to apply for the R. C. Miller Scholarship. The Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation is seeking individuals interested in applying for the scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year. The chosen recipient will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

To be eligible to apply, individuals must be residents of Stephenson County and enrolled in an agriculture, natural resources or related degree program. Applicants must be accepted at their chosen college or university and be a full-time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours per semester.

The scholarship was established by R. C. Miller, a lifetime Stephenson County resident and ardent supporter of agriculture, natural resources and conservation. Miller, who died in 2007, left a legacy in the community to support a variety of programs and efforts, especially youth and conservation causes.

To receive an application, please call the University of Illinois Extension Stephenson County Office at 815-235-4125. Completed applications are due by June 1, 2023, to the U of I Extension, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd, Freeport. The application can be emailed to applicants. The Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation Board is responsible for selection of the scholarship winners. Past recipients may re-apply for consideration.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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DEFENDANTS. NO. 22 FC 18 1264 WEST STAVER STREET FREEPORT, IL 61032 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 9, 2023, Sheriff of

Stephenson County will on 6/20/2023, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: CITY OF FREEPORT LOT 51 OF CRESTWOOD ADDITION TO

THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK "F" OF PLATS, AT PAGE 29, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 18-13-36-128-008 COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

1264 West Staver Street Freeport, IL 61032 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a one car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is white. The property does not have a fence. The property is occupied.

The Judgment amount was \$92,918.41. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, 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 property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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).

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-08936IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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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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**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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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:**

The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other good will be sold for cash by CubeSmart to satisfy a lien on May 11, 2023 at [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). Online Bids START 14 days prior to the final sale date listed above at the stores and approximate times listed below:

**Online Bids END Approx: 1:00PM at CubeSmart #4409, 555 W. South St. Freeport, IL 61032 (779)677-2500:** cube 1006 Katelyn Vanderkolk

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**Public Notice**

Stockton Community Unit School District #206 has a vacant seat on its Board of Education. The seat may be filled by a resident of the Stockton School District.

Procedure to fill vacancy:

1. Send letter of interest and any relevant credentials to: Superintendent James Bunting, Stockton CUSD #206, 540 North Rush Street, Stockton, Illinois 61085 by Monday, May 8, 2023.
2. The Board will interview prospective candidates on the evenings of Tuesday, May 9, 2023. The Board will then install the new member at its regular meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023.

Prospective candidates can call James Bunting at 815-947-3391 or email [james.bunting@stocktonschools.com](mailto:james.bunting@stocktonschools.com) with questions

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**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT WEST POINT TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2023**

**TOWN FUNDS:**

**Revenues:** Property Taxes - \$171,836.20; Replacement Tax - \$23,038.45; Interest - \$1,807.47; Dividends - \$648.00; Refund (auditor & withholding) - \$5,150.75; Misc. Income - \$1,230.00. **TOTAL REVENUES: \$203,710.87.**

**Disbursements:** Salaries: Under \$5,000 - Z. Mau, W. Staton, W. Bohnsack, M. Kempel, J. Smeck, J. Goebel, D. Erickson, D. Brinkmier, D. Langy, D. Packard, D. Kempel, P. Kempel and C. Fahr. Under \$10,000 - K. Gerbick. Under \$20,000 - B. Kempel and K. Peight. Under \$25,000 - J. Daws. Under \$50,00 - B. Daws. Total Salaries: \$120,954.67. Social Security taxes - \$7,499.18. FICA Taxes - \$1,753.85. IL Unemployment Tax - \$606.27. Stephenson County Assessor - \$8,505.20. Transferred to Cemetery Account for mowing - \$8,300.00. Lucas Group (audit) - \$2,950.00. TOIRMA Insurance - \$4,425.00. Donations - \$6,750.00. Misc. expenses under \$1,500 - \$7,783.74. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$169,527.91.**

**CEMETERY FUNDS**

**Revenues:** Transfer from Town Fund: \$8,300.00. **TOTAL REVENUES - \$8,300.00.**

**Disbursements:** Heilman Mowing - \$6,003.00; True Vine - \$2,259.60; Misc - \$20.00. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$8,282.60.**

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND**

**Revenues:** Property Tax - \$3,529.49; Interest - \$287.45. **TOTAL REVENUES: \$3,816.94.**

**Disbursements:** Allied Benefit Insurance - \$2,120.00; Misc. under \$1,000 - \$1,117.11. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$3,237.11.**

**ROAD DISTRICT FUNDS**

**Revenues:** Property Taxes - \$252,023.54; Replacement Taxes - \$55,318.44; Interest Income - \$4,451.67; Dividend Income - \$791.00; Fines/Permits - \$3,750.00; Transfer from Building & Maintenance Fund - \$3,000.00 and Misc Income - \$4,163.35. **TOTAL REVENUES: \$323,498.00.**

**Disbursements:** Agro Plus Finance - \$8,548.83; Altorfer - \$5,712.39; Bulletproof - \$3,000.00; Compass Minerals - \$11,926.55; Doc's Excavating Inc - \$69,447.50; Helm-Civil - \$9,471.00; Helm Truck & Equipment - \$5,709.08; Illowa Culvert & Supply - \$31,467.00; Jerry's Welding Service - \$6,850.75; Jon Daws - \$3,119.00; Bruce Daws - \$4,109.28; Monroe Truck Equipment - \$3,084.47; Prairie State Tractor - \$4,000.00; Stephenson County Highway Dept - \$16,608.21; Stephenson Service Co - \$38,912.91; Toirma (Insurance) - \$6,199.00; McConnell Machine & Welding - \$3,341.92 and Visa (tools) \$3,605.11. All other disbursements less than \$2,500 - total of \$28,075.30. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$263,188.20.**

**BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND:**

**Revenues:** Property Tax - \$17,631.51; Interest - \$662.54. **TOTAL REVENUES: \$18,294.05.**

**Disbursements:** Transferred \$3,000 to Road & Bridge account for new flooring. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$3,000.00.**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION**

	Town Funds	Gen'l Cemetery	Road Dist Assist	Bldg & Equip
Beginning Bal	\$279,228.79	\$ 13.90	\$50,229.69	\$312,171.59
Revenue	203,710.87	8,300.00	3,816.94	323,498.00
Disbursements	169,527.91	8,282.60	3,237.11	263,188.20
Ending Balance	\$313,411.75	\$ 31.30	\$50,809.52	\$372,481.39

*Subscribed and sworn to this 11th day of April 2023. Karen Peight, West Point Township Supervisor and Treasurer of West Point Township Road District. William Staton, Clerk of the West Point Township, Stephenson County, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.*

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## Pearl City students hard at work

Tomiya Stultz, Anahi Hernandez and Madison Roach work on their science lab results as they examine how temperature affects chemical reactions.

# Anti-Human trafficking panel presentation

The public is invited to attend a panel presentation on anti-human trafficking efforts in Green County, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on May 11 at the Monroe Public Library. The free educational session is coordinated through SSM Health Monroe and the Green County Healthy Community Coalition and Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, a multidisciplinary group consisting of members from several different coun-

ty agencies. Attendees will hear from representatives in law enforcement, healthcare, and human services. A question-and-answer session will follow the panel presentation.

"This panel presentation is important for the health of our community," said Krista Bethke, Human Trafficking Survivor Advocate for Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc. "Our goal with this

presentation is to increase awareness, education, and collaboration on the topic of anti-human trafficking, which makes us better able to protect and support our most vulnerable populations."

Light snacks will be provided at the event, which will be held in Monroe Public Library's second floor community room, 925 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Monroe. Reservations are not required.

## School nutrition professionals' training dates are set for August

As part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA), all school nutrition professionals receive annual training hours to meet the USDA Professional Standards. These standards ensure that school nutrition personnel have the knowledge, training, and tools to plan, prepare, and purchase healthy products to create nutritious, safe, and enjoyable school meals.

University of Illinois Extension has partnered with the Illinois State Board of Education to offer professional development training for school nutrition professionals. There will be two training opportunities in early August.

Registration is from 7:45 to 8 a.m.

The training will start promptly at 8 a.m. and last until 12:30 p.m. Trainings are offered on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, at Pearl City School, 100 S. Summit St, Pearl City and on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023, at Roscoe Middle School, 6121 Elevator Rd., Roscoe. The training will provide four hours of USDA Professional Standards credits for the 2023-24 school year.

There is no charge for this training; however, pre-registration is required. Register at [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw) or call 815-235-4125. If you need accommodations to participate, please reach out. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet access needs. Registration closes July 28.



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### NOTICE

The regular monthly business meeting for the West Point Township County of Stephenson and State of Illinois for the fiscal year 2023-2024 will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the West Point Township Building, 6890 N Five Corners Rd, Lena.

William Staton,  
Township Clerk  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - 15 North Galena Avenue, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF Duane E. Williams, DECEASED.**

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Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Carla Williams, 331 Valley View Drive, Lena, Illinois 61048, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SJ Chapman, Bielski Chapman, Ltd, 123 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2300, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act III. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before November 3, 2023, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days

after it has been filed.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD & BRIDGE BUDGET AND TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Town of West Point and Ordinance for Road Purposes of the West Point Township, in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the home of the Town Clerk, Bill Staton, from and after 8 o'clock a.m., on May 2, 2023.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinances will be held at 7 o'clock p.m., on June 6, 2023, in the West Point Township Building, 6890 N. Five Corners Rd., Lena, IL. Final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at this meeting.

Karen Peight, Supervisor  
Bill Staton, Clerk  
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# Measure would require schools to notify parents of bullying incidents within 24 hours

*Districts would also collect data on bullying for six years to inform next steps*

By Nika Schoonover  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS  
Legislation that would tighten anti-bullying protocols in Illinois schools will head to the full state Senate after unanimously passing out of committee last week. House Bill 3425 particularly targets cyberbullying, requiring that schools "make diligent efforts" to notify the parents or guardians of students involved in a bullying incident within 24 hours of the administration being made aware of it. The measure passed the House 78-25

on March 24. "Cyberbullying cases are not necessarily relegated to the schoolyard, they're not relegated to the confines of your school," Rep. Margaret Croke, the lead House sponsor on the bill, said in an interview. "So you could have a child who's just receiving messages constantly, incessantly, from the time they wake up to the time they go to bed and there's no break." According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, suicide is the third leading cause of death among Illinois-

ans between the ages of 10 and 19. Children who experience some type of violence such as being bullied or feeling unsafe at school are five times more likely to attempt suicide than those who don't. "I think the suicide rate and cyberbullying and bullying really needs to be connected," Sen. Sara Feigenholtz, a Democrat from Chicago and the Senate sponsor on the bill, said in committee. "There should be a sense of urgency and a handoff of notification immediately or within 24 hours."

Opponents raised concerns that a 24-hour notification policy creates an unnecessary burden for school administrators. "We all monitor our emails and our voicemails at all times, even if we're not on the clock," Alison Maley, government and public relations director at the Illinois Principals Association, said. "We are concerned about what that would mean for an administrator if they happen to see an email at four o'clock on a Saturday. If they are out of town, if they're on vaca-

tion." According to Khadine Bennett, director of advocacy and intergovernmental affairs with ACLU of Illinois, school districts would be able to develop their own policy around notification. This could include who within the school administration would be responsible for notifying a parent or guardian and what the process would be if the administration becomes aware of an incident during break. On top of the 24-hour notification policy, the bill expands the definition of bullying from the original law

to include "physical appearance, socioeconomic status, academic status, pregnancy, parenting status and homelessness." The Illinois State Board of Education would also have to create and share a template for model bullying prevention policy by Jan. 1, 2024. Additionally, ISBE would collect data regarding bullying allegations within school districts, charter schools and private elementary or secondary schools, although this

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would not apply to religious schools. The data may then be available to parents or guardians of children enrolled at these schools if requested. Croke said the

data collection would help form a better understanding of the types of incidents that occur over a six-year period. Schools would be required to share data beginning in

the 2024-2025 school year and ending in the 2030-2031 school year. "We want to know how many bullying incidents are occurring at the schools and what type of

bullying incidents," Croke said. "Are they mainly cyberbullying? Are they mainly children who are LGBTQ? Are they mainly for children of a certain background or

socioeconomic status?" The measure also creates the Illinois Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention Fund. The fund, subject to appropriation, would allow

the State Superintendent of Education to provide a grant to a school district or school to support its anti-bullying programming.

## REAL ESTATE NOTICES

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If you are a parent of a child who habitually breathes through their mouth, rather than their nose, then the following information is crucial for your child's health and development. Signs that your child may be mouth breathing include sleeping



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with their mouth open, drooling on their pillow, snoring, dysfunctional sleep, constantly having their head forward and mouth hanging open, and air hunger when they eat, as demonstrated by noisy breathing and gasping. Your child may also be excessively tired or inattentive throughout the day. Dysfunctional sleep patterns may lead to hyperactivity and impulsive or antagonistic behaviors. If your child displays signs and symptoms of mouth

breathing, report these to your child's healthcare providers.

The first and most crucial step is to find out why your child is mouth-breathing. It does not make sense to treat symptoms without diagnosing and treating the cause. Early diagnosis and intervention are crucial for healthy craniofacial growth and the formation of optimal airway structure. Chronic mouth breathing during your child's formative years can lead to a number of negative compensatory physiological changes, which can set up a domino effect of lifetime respiratory problems, craniofacial deformities, and orofacial myofunctional disorders. These include an abnormally long face, recessed chin and

jawline, dysfunctional bite, overcrowded teeth, pain in the temporomandibular joint, headaches, facial pain, postural problems and swallowing, sleep, and speech disorders. Early diagnosis and prevention of irreversible damage will require a collaborative effort between a number of health providers which may include any or all of the following: a Pediatrician, Dentist, Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Physician, Allergist, and Speech-Language Therapist.

Chronic rhinitis or inflammation of the inner lining of the nose that lasts for more than four weeks, deviated septum, infected and swollen tonsils and adenoids, congestion from allergies, an overreactive immune system, and narrow palates are just

some of the underlying health conditions that can lead to mouth breathing. Treatment of the underlying cause and intervention to return to optimal function and nasal breathing will depend on the extent of the damage.

While this column has focused primarily on children, you should be aware that mouth breathing

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# • **Broncos** (Continued from front page)

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# Lena-Winslow Education Foundation receives donation

The Lena-Winslow Education Foundation recently received a memorial donation from the Rick Vrstal Family. Rick was a long-time educator in the Lena-Winslow District as a social studies teacher in the junior high. He spent many years teaching hundreds of students. The Educational Foundation appreciated his love of education and his family's gift. The Board wishes to express their sincere appreciation for this gift as an investment in our future.

The Lena-Winslow Education Foundation's mission is to provide funds to enhance instruction for students, to enrich learning experiences for both students and faculty, and to offer scholarships to Le-Win graduates for high-

er education. In the past it has provided opportunities for students to go to special performances or have field trips above and beyond the classroom budgets. Grants were awarded to teachers for learning centers, computer enhanced studies, and special guest speakers as well as books for the district libraries. The foundation continues to offer scholarships to seniors.

The foundation is proud of their staff and students and are grateful for the opportunity to enhance their educational opportunities at the Lena-Winslow Schools. If interested in donating to the Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, donations may be mailed to 401 Fremont Street, Lena, IL 61048.



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Sharon Vrstal and the Vrstal family generously donated funds to support the Lena-Winslow Education Foundation as well as honor Rick Vrstal, a long-time teacher in the Le-Win school district. Pictured are Sharon Vrstal (Rick Vrstal's wife) and Dr. Tom Chiles (Superintendent of the Lena-Winslow School District and Education Foundation member).

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