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Stockton WA TAN YE makes local donation

Stockton WA TANYE gave a \$100 grant donation to the local library. Stockton is one of 10 clubs throughout Iowa and Illinois governed by the WA TAN YE Association. The yearly Library Grants are available as a WTE Association project. The association is proud to offer Stockton Township Library this grant. Claire Smunt, library director, will purchase large print books with the donation. She has mentioned books by such authors as Nora Roberts and Danielle Steel, as well as Western stories and Christian fiction as possibilities. Stockton is lucky to have such a great library in the community. Pictured left to right are Claire Smunt, library director, and Sally Tucker, WTE President.

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Several Stockton FFA teams win divisions at state

Stockton FFA had seven teams of students compete in the Illinois FFA Agriscience Fair over the last week. These students have spent the entire school year working on a research project and writing a paper about their findings. Four of these teams won their division at the state level.

Division winning teams included Masyn Cahill and Ava Hess (Division 4 of Food Products and Processing Systems), Elijah Haas and Javier Montalvo (Division 4 of Power, Structural, and Technical Systems), Kyle Haas and Katelyn Winters (Division 4 of Plant Systems), Margaret Carter (Division 3 of Plant Systems).

Cahill and Hess conducted research on the effects of different cooking oils on popcorn popping rates as well as the health effects of these various oils. Elijah Haas and Montalvo conducted their research on the effects of different types of fuels on engine parts. Kyle Haas and Winters researched how different watering levels will affect lettuce yield. Carter researched the germination rates of old seeds compared to new seeds.

These members will be recognized for their state championship at the Illinois FFA State Convention in June. They will also compete in the National FFA Agriscience Fair.

Warhawks wrap up 2023 softball season

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Warren-Stockton Warhawks wrapped up their 2023 softball season, last week. After finishing the regular season with a record of 14-6, the Warhawks were feeling good about things as they went into the postseason. Warren-Stockton picked up two victories over Winnebago and Durand to end the regular season, sending them into the playoffs riding a two-game winning streak.

Riding their seniors, the Warhawks had hopes of making a deep postseason run. That's easier said than done, however. For their first playoff matchup, the Warhawks ran into an extremely familiar opponent in the Galena Pirates. During the regular season, Warren-Stockton and Galena faced off three times, with the Warhawks winning two of those matchups. The only victory Galena took

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Church news

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, will celebrate Pentecost and a dedication of memorials on May 28. A Worship Service with Holy Communion will begin at 9 a.m. with Pastor Michelle

Knight presiding. To celebrate Pentecost, everyone is invited to wear red.

The second night of Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the summer's Community VBS Family Nights will take place on June 4. 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 July 2 and August 6. There will be no charge for participating.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Pearl City is an ELCA par-

ish and is located at 229 S. First St., in Pearl City. The church is handicapped accessible. Please call 815-443-2215 for information or with any questions.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, May 28 for Pentecost Sunday Worship Service. Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service. The reading will be from John 20:19-23.

On Monday, May 29 the office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Thank you to all the men and women who have served in the military to keep our freedom safe.

On Wednesday, May 31 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.

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.

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, May 28, 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, May 31 at 8 a.m. at Amigo's, 306 North Galena Avenue,

Freeport, Illinois. Everyone is welcome to join.

Would you like to get more involved and enjoy the company of the congregation? Join for one of the monthly gatherings. Men's Night is held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. During this time the men spend time visiting, playing games, and getting to know each other better. Bible Study is offered 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Craftsmen is held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. During this time there are snacks, a brief devotional thought, and plenty of time to work on crafts individually or together. All of the above-mentioned events are hosted on the lower level of Salem United Church of Christ, and all are welcome to join. For more information on any of these gatherings, you can contact salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com.

Obituary

CLARE YACKLE

Clare Yackle of Oakley Courts, Freeport, and formerly Lake Carroll, went to her heavenly home on May 13, 2023, at the age of 96. Clare was born on April 16, 1927 to George Clifford and Mildred LaRosh Lloyd. She attended both grade and high school in Spring Hill, KS, where she met her future husband, Norman Yackle.

After high school graduation Clare moved to Kansas City, MO to attend business college. For five years she rode across town in a streetcar and worked as a private secretary. Norman served in the Coast Guard during this time, and then earned a bachelor's degree from Kansas University. The couple saw each other on weekends to attend football games, dance to big name bands in Kansas City, and to spend time in Spring Hill with their parents. Clare and Norman were married on June 25, 1950, in Spring Hill United Methodist Church. That fall, Norman attended the University of Iowa to earn his master's degree, and Clare worked in the Old Capitol building as secretary. They enjoyed their time in Iowa City, attending many college basketball and football games and theater presentations, and sneaking onto the golf course to play golf.

Clare and Norman moved



to Shannon in 1951, where Norman was hired as a coach and teacher. The first year there, Clare was secretary to the superintendent. They were parents of four children, Michele, Mike, Mary and Marcy. In 1982 they moved to Lake Carroll, IL, where they enjoyed going on nature walks and spending many hours on the golf course.

In June 2000, Clare and Norman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary surrounded by friends and family. Clare was very proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and kept up with their activities with great interest.

Clare was a long-time member of Shannon Bethel United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school for over 50 years. She was a member of Bethel United Methodist Women, the Shannon American Legion Auxiliary, the Lake Carroll Ladies' Golf League, and the Lake Carroll Red Hat Society. For years after her husband died, Clare organized a Relay for Life team called "Stormin' for Norman".

She is survived by her

brother Merrill (Joan) Lloyd, sister-in-law LeEllen Lloyd, three daughters, Michelle (Mark) Horner of Shannon, Mary (Tim) Berryhill of Stockton, IL, and Marcy (C.T.) Campbell of Luray, VA, son Mike (Linda) Yackle of Crystal Lake, IL, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Rachel (Kelcey) Brackett, Ben (Elisa) Horner, Derek Berryhill, Rose (Jake) Stoecker, Nick (Jessica) Yackle, Norman (Kelsey) Yackle, and Monica Campbell. Also surviving are five great-grandchildren, Arys and Dell Brackett, Isla Horner, and Piper and Penelope Yackle.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband Norman, brother George and sister-in-law Rosemary Lloyd, sister Betty and brother-in-law Glenn Kappelman, brother Damon, and grandson Richard Berryhill.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, May 16 at Bethel United Methodist Church in Shannon. The funeral was held Wednesday, May 17, also at Bethel United Methodist Church in Shannon, with Pastors Brenda Norris and Dawn Barr officiating.

Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport.

A memorial fund has been established for Shannon Bethel United Methodist Church.

American Pickers to film in Illinois

The American Pickers are excited to return to Illinois! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in July 2023.

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find historically significant or rare items, in addition to unforgettable Characters and their collections.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along

the way, they want to meet characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

We at American Pickers continue to take the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, we are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in

the area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear their memorable stories.

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell...we would love to hear from you! Please note, the Pickers do not pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public.

If interested, please send your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call (646) 493-2184 facebook: @GotAPick.

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to all area businesses, individuals and Junior parents for your generous donations and support of Lena-Winslow Post Prom all year. 111 students attended a post prom lock-in on April 30th with lots of fun activities, games, food and prizes. Our community support is unmatched, thank you so much for helping to provide a safe and fun night for our Le-Win students!


2023 Post Prom Committee



Jim & Judy Schubert of Stockton, IL will be celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary on June 4 from 1 - 4 p.m.** at the Corner Tap in Stockton, IL.

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Highland Chemistry lab donation funds the purchase of equipment for students

A donation to the Highland Community College Foundation by Fred and Carol Redmore was used to purchase a Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS5™ infrared spectrometer for Highland's Chemistry lab. Fred Redmore taught Chemistry at Highland for more than 40 years, and Carol Redmore taught English.

Spectroscopy is the study of the interaction of light and matter. Chemists commonly use infrared spectroscopy in their chemical investigations. In some ways, the bonds that hold atoms together in mole-

cules can be reasonably modeled as springs. The springs can be made to bend and stretch with infrared radiation. The infrared spectrometer measures the intensity of infrared radiation applied and compares it to the infrared radiation that passes through the sample. Different bonds have different characteristic absorptions of radiation. From the different infrared absorptions, investigators can piece together the structural features of the molecules.

"The donation came at the perfect time as our previous

instrument ran MS-DOS 3.0 and used floppy disks for data storage," said John Sullivan, Highland Chemistry instructor. "The new instrument is a current generation and is used in many local workplaces for analysis and quality control of products."

Daniel Creuzer, a Highland student planning to go into the medical field, shares working with the spectrometer on an Honors Program project provided a meaningful additional path for him to learn data gathering. "I had a lot of fun working on the project, and

I'd totally do it again," Creuzer said. "John Sullivan was an excellent mentor during the project. He provided hints during the project that allowed me to find the answers myself without explicitly telling me what I had to do. For example, I learned Beer's law quite a bit ahead of when it was presented in the normal class materials, and that helped me understand what kind of information I was supposed to be getting."

For more on Highland's Chemistry program, visit highland.edu.

News briefs

Carroll County Help Center Thrift Shop

Carroll County Help Center Thrift Shop is having a \$2 bag sale on infant and children's clothes through size 14 every Friday and Saturday in May. Customers can choose a free toy with each purchase while supply lasts.

Thrift Shop hours are Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Thrift Shop is located at 126 South 4th St. Savanna.

American Legion to update Memorial Day roll call

After a few years not holding the roll call of deceased veterans at the Lena Memorial Day service, The American Legion has reinstated this as part of their service. To be sure that all local veterans are honored, the Legion is asking for assistance in collecting names of anyone veteran who has passed away since May 2022.

If you know a veteran that lived in Lena or was a member of the Lena American Legion that passed away, please email jameps54@yahoo.com and include the time of their service.

Bake and rummage sale

A Bake and Rummage Sale Fundraiser will be sponsored by Holy Ghost Court #228 of the 1891 Financial Life (National Catholic Society of Foresters) in the Holy Ghost church basement. The sale will take place on Memorial

Day weekend Friday through Monday, May 26 through May 29. Funds raised up to \$1500 will be matched through the "Hearts and Hands" program. Proceeds will go towards replacing Father Wernerus' grave cover. Contact Karen Reese for any questions at 608-568-3124 or dkreese@tds.net

Townsend Family Reunion

The Annual Townsend Family Reunion will be held Sunday, June 4 at the Townsend Cemetery. Potluck lunch will be at 12:30 p.m., with a walking tour of the cemetery to follow. Please bring a chair, table service, and a dish to pass. Tables will be provided. Join to learn more about the family members at their final resting place. If it is raining, meet at the Stockton Park house.

Orangeville American Legion Memorial Day Service

Orangeville American Legion Post 720 will be holding the 2023 Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 29 at 2 p.m., at Sunset Acres Cemetery in Orangeville. The event is open to the public.

Manny Cemetery Friends

If interested, join on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Manny Cemetery. Contact Kevin Robieson at 815-266-1441 or Connie Robieson at 815-238-8786 with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Elevated Voices celebrates Juneteenth with Wild West themed event

"Elevated Voices" Non-Profit Collective Celebrates Juneteenth with Wild West Themed Event Freeport, IL - The "Elevated Voices" non-profit collective, founded by Alana Paige and Phylinese Brooks, is pleased to announce their upcoming event on June 17th at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds from 1-6pm. This year's event will pay homage to the Wild West and celebrate Juneteenth, a holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States.

Through Black art, expression, and voices, Elevated Voices hopes to cultivate a more profound and vital understanding of one another while also creating a space for Black creatives of all mediums to thrive, allowing them to feel empowered, seen, and heard. With this year's event, they aim to expand the image of Blackness by honoring the contributions of Black cowboys and cowgirls, who played a significant role in the Wild

West era yet are often underrepresented in local fairs and rodeos.

"We want to celebrate the rise of Black people after emancipation was passed, especially after June 19th, 1865 - Juneteenth," said Alana Paige, co-founder of Elevated Voices. "This event is an opportunity for our community to come together, honor our ancestors' contributions, and elevate their stories."

The event will feature various forms of Black art, including music, spoken

word, and visual arts, as well as food and beverages from local vendors. Attendees are encouraged to come dressed in their Wild West best and join in the festivities. "We invite everyone to join us in celebrating this momentous occasion and honoring the contributions of our ancestors," said Phylinese Brooks, co-founder of Elevated Voices. "This event is an opportunity to come together as a community, have fun, and learn about Black history and culture."

NWILED awards the John D. Cooke, III Memorial Entrepreneurial Scholarship

Beginning in 2018 Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED) began offering an entrepreneurial scholarship. In 2021, the scholarship was renamed in honor and remembrance of the late John Cooke III who was a founding member of the organization. This year, NWILED was pleased to announce four scholarships across our service area.

The 2023 winners of the NWILED John D. Cooke, III Memorial Entrepreneurial Scholarship are:

Winner: Chase Dittmar – Galena High School, \$2,000

Runner Up: Jacob Furlong – Galena High School, \$1,500

Runner Up: Katie Barch – Stockton High School, \$1,500

Honorable Mention: Zachary Pauley – Chadwick-Milledgeville High School, \$1,000.

Through the Cooke scholarship, NWILED hopes to enrich the lives of deserving students in our service area that are entrepreneurial and want to start a business or pursue a career in business. We received 10 applications this year. Our winner, Chase

Dittmar, plans to attend Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to pursue a degree in biology and environmental science. While working on his degree, Mr. Dittmar intends to advance his agri-

tourism beekeeping business by purchasing additional beehives, filing for his LLC application, creating a label for his honey products, and growing his market presence.

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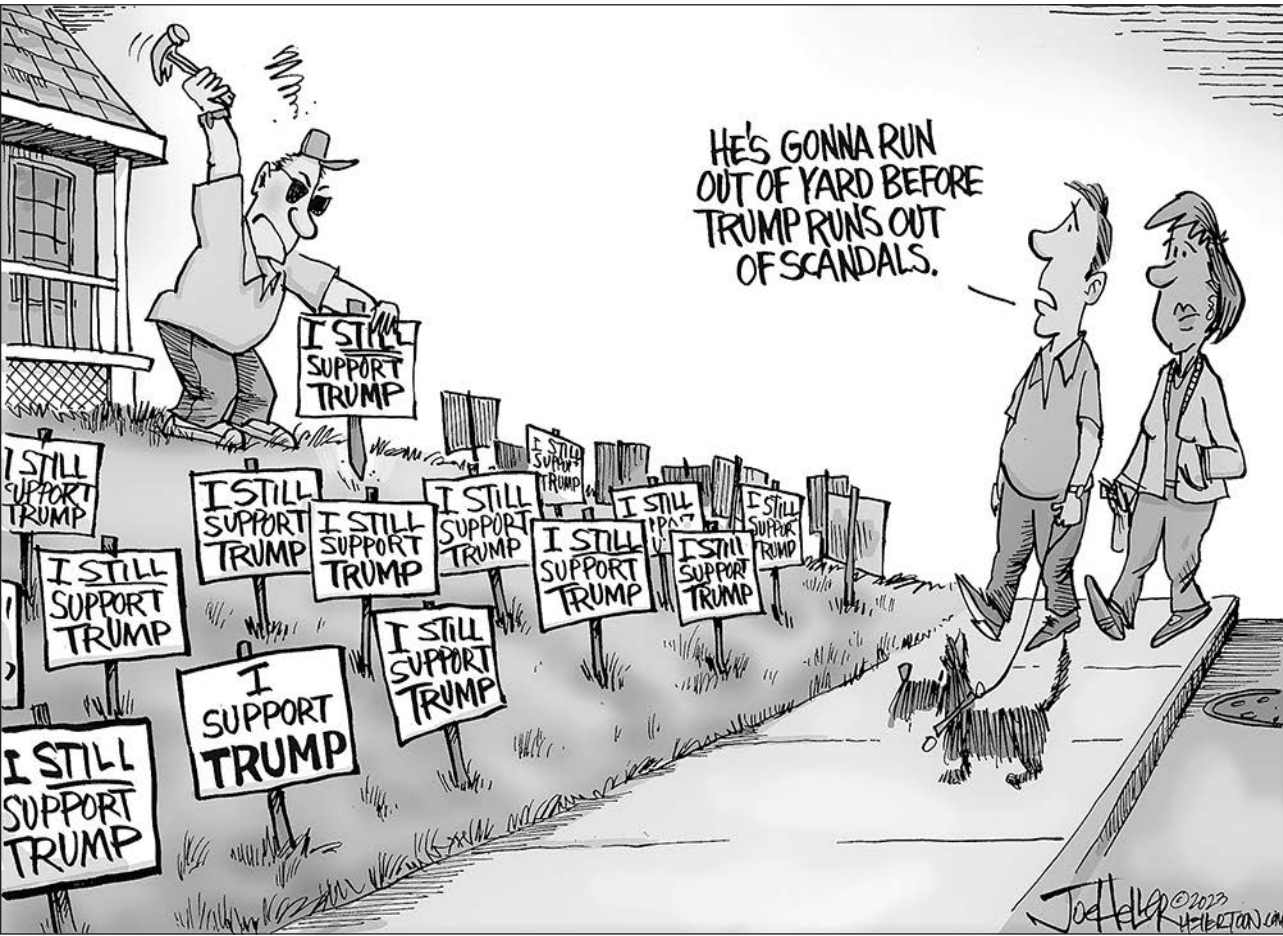
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OPINION



Slices of life

Being someone's You



By JILL PERTLER
Columnist

There are some things I really miss.

Lots of them, actually. When I called him, I knew he'd pick up if he could. And if he couldn't, I knew he'd call me back as soon as he was able, and probably send a text before that.

When he answered my calls, I'd often say, "It's me," and he'd answer "Hello, You!"

I miss being someone's You.

In his phone contacts, he had me listed as AAJill, so that my number would show up at the top of his list.

I miss being at the top of someone's list. I miss being their AA.

Sometimes I'd have an itch on my back that I couldn't reach. I'd simply ask him to scratch that particular spot. It was no big deal.

I miss having something as simple and complex as an itch being no big deal. I miss having someone to scratch my back.

I miss having someone who has my back.

The other day, I got tangled up while trying to get out of a complicated bathing suit. Seriously. It would have been hilarious if I wasn't trapped, contorted and alone.

The suit had lots of crisscrosses in the back and I found myself unable to navigate the web of straps. In the old days, I would have summoned for my husband's help. He would've given me a hard time about it, and we both would have laughed,

but he would have helped me free myself from the fabric.

I miss his help. I miss him teasing me and giving me a hard time. I miss us laughing together. I miss having someone who will help free me from life's tangles and awkward spots.

He was really proud that I wrote this column. He'd bring it up in conversation with people we didn't know well, and I'd sort of cringe because I didn't want the spotlight on me.

I miss having someone be proud of my writing, or any of the things I do. I miss him building me up.

We used to take each other for granted. After 33 years of marriage, I think that's pretty common, but it isn't necessarily a negative thing. He took it for granted that I'd prep the coffee every night. I took it for granted that he'd pour me my first cup every morning. I took it for granted that we'd go to bed together each night. He took it for granted that we'd make the bed together each morning.

I miss being taken for granted and having someone to take for granted.

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- Sept. 2 Deb Leininger, Freeport, IL

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State tax credit a bipartisan approach to easing Illinois' affordable housing deficit

By State Rep. Dagmara Avelar and State Rep. Ryan Spain

All around Illinois, the signs of change are apparent. The COVID-19 pandemic changed our economy, how we live and work, and how working-class and lower-income families struggle day to day.

We come together to argue for a solution to one of our state's most pressing needs to address this change head on: affordable housing. This is not a regional problem, or one of partisan politics. We all know someone who needs help finding a home to call their own, without bankrupting them.

Illinois is far from alone, as our nation grapples with a tenacious housing crisis. As the Illinois Housing Council shared in a report last fall, our state has the eighth-highest deficit of homes nationally, and our housing deficit has grown 64 percent just in the past decade.

Without affordable housing, Illinois cannot grow its population or

attract new businesses. Our families cannot build wealth and save for a better future. Residents travel farther for jobs, for education, for basic services. Stress grows in our economy, our environment, and on every form of public service.

We are coming together as a Democrat and Republican in the Illinois House for a better path forward. The Build Illinois Homes Tax Credit would build on our state's most successful production tool—the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit—to attract private investment for shovel ready affordable housing developments that cannot move forward due to financing gaps.

As envisioned under House Bill 2044, Illinois can take a major step toward addressing its affordable housing shortage by mirroring that successful federal tax credit program with a state credit that more than 20 other states already have adopted.

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Guidelines for writing, submitting a letter to the editor

Rock Valley Publishing encourages readers to reach out to the community by writing a letter to the editor.

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The Build Illinois Homes State Tax Credit calls for creating an estimated 3,500 homes or apartments each year, generating nearly \$1 billion in economic activity and \$300 million in state and local taxes paid over the

next decade, and more than 17,000 jobs supported during that time. Each annual round of tax credits will cost the state \$350 million spread over 10 years, but the economic returns generated from the program will more

than offset the cost.

If the Legislature and governor approve the tax credit as part of next year's state budget, Illinoisans will pay nothing to support it for several years unlike most state grant programs. Developers receiving the credit use its promise to finance their project fully upfront, and then must complete construction that meets state guidelines and must have qualified tenants move in before investors can collect a single dollar in credits. Unlike grant dollars, any investor found not to be

following the credit's rules must pay back tax dollars they receive.

We stepped up in the Legislature during the pandemic to invest \$225 million in federal dollars to ensure affordable housing developments could move forward because of funding shortfalls caused by rising interest rates, inflation on construction costs or other financing challenges. But those funds are running out, and our long-term needs are growing. If we do not act now, Illinois will see a drop in the production

of desperately needed affordable homes and apartments.

Workers relocating to our suburbs for warehouse and logistics jobs need affordable housing for our economic success. Seniors and working families on smaller incomes in our cities, suburbs, and rural areas need affordable housing to stabilize their lives. Our neighbors struggling with homelessness need access to safe and stable housing coupled with services. We know the will to create more affordable housing is strong,

and we believe the Build Illinois Homes Tax Credit is the way.

We urge our colleagues in Springfield to embrace our changing post-pandemic world and make a commitment to affordable, accessible, quality housing throughout our great state. Support the Build Illinois Homes Tax Credit.

Rep. Dagmara "Dee" Avelar, D-Bolingbrook, represents the 85th District. Rep. Ryan Spain, R-Peoria, serves the 73rd District and is deputy Republican leader.

• Slices (Continued from page 4)

He talked about his grandparents and how they used to shop for dinner each day at the grocery store. We couldn't wait to do that. To waste time at the grocery store, as a couple, without kids, carrying one of those mini baskets because we didn't need a whole cart.

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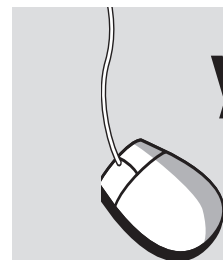
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But I am here and he isn't and I have to do the best with what I have. It isn't my first choice, but it's what I've got.

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



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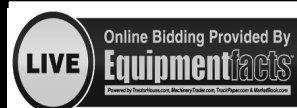
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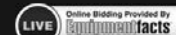


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Army Corps to implement 'lessons learned' from 2022 low water levels

By Timothy Eggert
FARMWEEK

Top leaders with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said the service is working to insulate the ag industry from negative impacts similar to those caused when dry conditions dramatically lowered Mississippi River water levels last fall.

Despite dredging efforts and shortened barge tow lengths implemented at the time, the low water levels from October to late November — peak harvest time — closed locks and dams, snarled barge traffic, halted the flow of grain and sent freight rates skyrocketing.

Appearing at a Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works hearing

over the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers fiscal year 2024 budget, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Michael Connor said the service this year is leaning on “lessons learned” from that period to “try and ensure that the next drought doesn’t have a steep impact.”

When Mississippi River levels fall as low as they did last year, there is “significant immediate economic impact” because “you can’t efficiently move product,” Connor said, adding “that reverberates (in) the agricultural community.”

He was responding to U.S. Sen. John Boozman, R-Arkansas, the ranking member of the Senate Ag Committee, who said most ag products nationwide are exported via

water system infrastructure.

“Our inland waterways, our ports and harbors are so vital” to farmers who rely on them for inputs and trade, and to consumers who depend on their efficiency to keep food costs affordable, Boozman said.

While the upper portions of the river currently don’t reflect the exposed riverbed like last fall — areas from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Burlington, Iowa, largely remained above flood stage through late April and early May because of severe winter snow melt — they could again drop this summer and fall if severe dry conditions repeat.

In addition to dredging and working with the ag in-

dustry to manage portions of the river, Connor said the Corps is continuing to develop a “long-term strategy” for drought contingency planning across all the inland waterway systems it oversees.

That strategy includes using Corps’ authorities under the Environmental Infrastructure Program and standard operations to make changes that can “provide more water” and to see whether “ecosystem restoration might take pressure off water supply in our tribal programs and planning programs,” Connor said.

Lt. Gen. Scott Spellmon, the 55th Chief of Engineers and Corps’ commanding general, said the Corps’ budget for research and development

has quadrupled to \$86 million under its current request.

If appropriated, parts of those funds would be used to improve inland waterway system modeling and apply reservoir forecasting and changing precipitation patterns to better predict drought-related stress periods, Spellmon said. The Corps’ total \$7.41 billion FY 2024 budget request is its largest ever, one that would spend more than \$2 billion on general construction, including \$1.726 billion worth of improvements to coastal and Great Lakes ports via the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and over \$1 billion on inland waterways.

A total \$4.47 billion would go to operation and

maintenance costs, with the Mississippi River and Tributaries program calling for \$232 million. Budget plans for construction projects and maintenance to Corps’ facilities along Illinois portions of the Mississippi River and state waterways, including the Chicago, Illinois and Kaskaskia rivers total around \$282.5 million.

Major items include a combined \$106 million for regular maintenance at Illinois sites on the Mississippi River such as dredging and repairs, and specific projects such as replacing the kevel rail at lock and dams 18 and 20 and repairing concrete at Lock and Dam 21.

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All youth ages 11 and up, who have completed the 5th grade, are welcome to attend for only \$5. Pre-registration is required. Register

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

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Farm Fun Fact

May is National Asparagus Month.



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Community donation supports local education

Ty Harmston of Country Financial (Elizabeth branch) recently donated funds to purchase a new mobile plant cart for the River Ridge Agriculture Department greenhouse. This plant cart will enable the students to use the space more efficiently and allow room for growing new species. Thank you to Country Financial for supporting the River Ridge agriculture program! Pictured (left to right) are Peggy Trone, Ty Harmston, Laiken Haas and Joseph Winter.

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U.S. Supreme Court leaves assault weapons ban in place, for now

Plaintiffs had requested injunction pending appeal

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS
Illinois' ban on assault-style weapons and large capacity magazines will remain in force, at least for the time being. The U.S. Supreme Court on May 17 declined to grant a temporary injunction to block enforcement of the law, known as the Protect Illinois Communities Act, pending an appeal of five consolidated lower court decisions at the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

On April 26, the National Association for Gun Rights,

or NAGR, filed an application for an injunction with Justice Amy Coney Barrett, who hears emergency requests from the Seventh Circuit. According to a notation on the court's website, Barrett referred the application to the full court, which declined to issue the injunction.

The court did not issue an opinion giving its reasons for the denial. It would have taken votes from five justices to grant the injunction. Once the full court has acted on an application, the application is considered closed and there is no further opportunity to request the same relief.

State Rep. Bob Morgan, D-Deerfield, who was the law's chief sponsor in the House, issued a statement praising the court's decision.

"The Protect Illinois Com-

munities Act has already prevented the sale of thousands of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines in our state," he said. "This ruling is a victory in the fight to keep these weapons of war from creating more carnage in communities like mine and countless others across this state."

NAGR, along with a Naperville gun dealer, are plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging both the state weapons ban and a local ban enacted by the city of Naperville in August 2022. Both laws were enacted in response to a mass shooting at an Independence Day parade in Highland Park that left seven people dead and scores more injured or traumatized.

On Feb. 17, U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall declined to block the laws while the case was being heard. In a 33-page opinion, she said the plaintiffs failed to meet the high legal standard for a preliminary injunction.

That standard requires

someone to show that they are likely to succeed on the merits of their case, that they will suffer irreparable harm without an injunction, that the "balance of equities" tips in their favor and that an injunction is in the public interest.

On the "balance of equities" test in particular, Kendall said the plaintiffs stand to suffer only "minimal" harms from the ban on the sale and possession of certain weapons. She also said the state and city "compellingly" argued that their laws protect public safety by removing particularly dangerous weapons from circulation.

NAGR appealed that decision to the Seventh Circuit, which also declined to issue an injunction. Wednesday's

decision from the U.S. Supreme Court upholds both denials. The Gun Violence Prevention PAC, or G-PAC, issued a statement praising the decision and the state's lawyers. "Stopping enforcement of the law would allow resumption of a continuing flow of new assault weapons and large capacity magazines into our communities," G-Pac said in a statement. "Sale of those dangerous weapons has now stopped and it should never be resumed."

In a separate case in the Southern District of Illinois, Judge Stephen P. McGlynn granted a request for a preliminary injunction on April 28. That ruling involved three consolidated cases, including one filed by the Illinois State

Rifle Association.

That order was quickly put on hold by the Seventh Circuit, which is now scheduled to hear a consolidated appeal in five federal cases challenging the law—the three from the Southern District, the NAGR case from the Northern District, and one other Northern District case challenging local weapons bans in Chicago and Cook County.

Oral arguments in that appeal are scheduled for June 29.

Shots fired

On May 17, 2023, at approximately 10:17 p.m., Freeport Police Department officers responded to the 1100 Block of S Galena in reference to shots fired. During the investigation, officers learned that a 19-year-old male victim had sustained a gunshot wound. The victim was transported by ambulance to the Freeport Memorial Hospital in stable condition. The shooting is considered gang related.

The Freeport Police department is investigating the incident and is asking for anyone who has any information to contact either the Freeport Police Department at 815-235-8222, or Staline Area Crime Stoppers at 866-TIPSNOW or through texting at Tip411.

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Armed robbery and aggravated battery arrest

On May 16, 2023, officers of the Freeport Police Department arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile of Freeport. The juvenile was arrested for the Armed Robbery and Shooting that occurred on December 8, 2022, in the 600 Block of W. Avon. The juvenile was charged with two counts of Armed Robbery and two counts of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS.

MICAH WILSON; COURTNEY WILSON; MICAH WILSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; COURTNEY WILSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, 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.

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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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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:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 604 Delores St East Dubuque, IL 61025 and which said Mortgage was made by: 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 June 23, 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

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. I3220843 (Published in The Scoop Today May 24, 31 & June 7, 2023) 438203

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Township of Rush, in the County of Jo Daviess, 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 by appointment at the residence of Garrett Toay, 3882 N Canyon Park Rd, Stockton, IL 61085, on or after 8:00 a.m. on May 21st, 2023.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at the Rush Town Hall, 2999 North Canyon Park Road, Stockton, IL 61085, and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at this time.

Dated this 17th day of May, 2023. Garrett Toay, Supervisor

Ben Wooden, Clerk (Published in The Scoop Today May 24, 2023) 438171

NOTICE Stockton CUSD #206 Board of Education in Jo Daviess County announces the availability of the amended budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022. The budget will be available for public inspection online at stocktonschools.com or at the District Office, 540 North Rush Street, Stockton, Illinois during normal school hours beginning on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at the Rush Town Hall, 2999 North Canyon Park Road, Stockton, IL 61085, and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at this time.

Dated this 17th day of May, 2023.

Garrett Toay, Supervisor

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

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The Board of Education will hold a public hearing regarding the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6:20 p.m. in the Stockton Middle Conference Room at 500 North Rush Street, Stockton, Illinois.

Nicole Haas Secretary, Board of Education (Published in The Scoop Today May 24, 2023) 438122

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 10-120 of the Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended, the Jo Daviess County Farmland Assessment Review Committee shall hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the County Board Room located on the 3rd floor at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting will be the certification of the 2024 farmland values received from the IL Department of Revenue.

Laura Edmonds, CIAO Chief County Assessment Officer (Published in The Scoop Today May 24, 2023) 437909

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> (Published in The Shopper's Guide March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023) 434572

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Update on antibiotic resistance



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

Bacteria are single-celled, living organisms that can reproduce on their own and can survive in a variety of environments, including inside our bodies. Most bacteria are harmless and some even help your body to digest food, absorb nutrients and fight disease. Antibiotics work on the harmful types of bacteria that cause disease by either killing them or interfering with the bacteria's reproduction. Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria evolve or change, so that antibiotics no longer affect or kill them. While antibiotic resistance can take place in nature, poor infection prevention and control of infections and frequent and inappropriate use of antibiotics accelerate its spread. One example of this is when antibiotics are mistakenly prescribed for a viral infection. If your infection or illness is caused by a virus it will not respond to an antibiotic. To compound this, the antibiotics can destroy your body's good, or disease-fighting bacteria, which can cause you to develop a serious bacterial infection.

The largest contributor to antibiotic resistance is seen when people stop taking their antibiotics before the prescribed amount of time "because they feel better," or "want to save some for next time." When antibiotics are not taken for the full amount of time prescribed, the weakest bacteria will be killed, but the strongest bacteria are left to grow and develop defense strategies against antibiotics called resistance mechanisms. These resistance traits in their DNA can then be spread to other germs. Several years ago, when I first discussed this issue, there were already certain strains of bacteria that had become resistant to even the most powerful antibiotics.

As more germs evolve multiple and/or complex resistance mechanisms, it can make all antibiotics ineffective, resulting in untreatable infections.

Antibiotic resistance jeopardizes the safety of procedures such as organ transplants, chemotherapy, surgery, and child delivery. Failure to address antibiotic resistance is not an option. It is one of the biggest threats to global health. For example, one of the most antibiotic-resistant pathogens in clinical medicine, *Acinetobacter* (A.) *Baumannii*, has developed both intrinsic and acquired mechanisms of resistance. Bloodstream infections

from these bacteria have a reported death rate of 34%-43% in ICUs worldwide. A. *Baumannii*, which is included in the group of antibiotic-resistant germs that the World Health Organization (WHO) deems to be "the greatest threat to human health," has been found in water, soil, and food throughout the world.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and WHO annually report on the progress of global efforts to fight antibiotic resistance. While they have made progress with this arduous task, it is admittedly not nearly enough. Thankfully, recent research is benefitting from the combination of advancements in knowledge gained by both the Human Genome Project and technological advances that allow for a better understanding of the bacterial immune system and how organisms develop antibiotic resistance. This means that researchers can use whole-genome sequencing to track the spread of drug-resistant microbes through populations. Insight into the mechanisms behind resistance, whether through mutations that alter the targets of antibiotics or by acquiring dedicated resistance genes from other bacteria, is leading to new ways to circumvent or reverse these. Advances in cryo-electron microscopy have led to the development of a new antibiotic that was shown to be effective against some of the most resistant bacteria in lab testing and is now entering human trials.

As the CDC incorporates these new weapons into its arsenal, they continue to do so in a manner that recognizes the interconnection between people, animals, and plants within their unique environments (water, soil, etc.) throughout the world. The common goal remains to prevent, detect, respond to, and contain infections in a manner that avoids the further development of antibiotic resistance.

There are several critical ways you can help slow the emergence of resistant bacteria and prevent the spread of resistant infections. Taking antibiotics only when they are needed is the most important way you can protect yourself and

your family from antibiotic resistance. Never pressure your healthcare provider to prescribe an antibiotic. While viruses differ greatly from bacteria, they can cause some remarkably similar signs and symptoms of certain diseases. Because of the seriousness of antibiotic resistance, your doctor will not wish to prescribe antibiotics without a differential diagnosis to confirm that the cause of the infection is bacterial. Thanks

to recent developments in rapid diagnostic testing, confirmation of whether a virus or bacteria is the cause of infection may be reported sooner. When your dentist or physician decides that your infection warrants antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed. Do not share your antibiotics with anyone. Some people are unknowingly allergic to certain antibiotics and may have a life-threatening reaction that will

require emergency medical care. In addition, you do not know if your antibiotics are effective against their particular infection, the potency of antibiotics changes as they age, and inappropriate use of antibiotics may cause a "superinfection".

To prevent the occurrence and spread of infections, teach and model good hand hygiene for your children. Make sure they know how to cover their mouths and

properly dispose of tissues when they are ill. Make sure that they rinse off their toothbrushes thoroughly and do not store them in a dark, damp place. Keep them up to date with their vaccinations. Teach them not to share personal items such as drinking glasses, eating utensils, combs, and toothbrushes. Stay home when ill. If you or your child must go out when ill, wear a mask.

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Join University of Illinois Extension's Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Diane Reinhold, for *Yes! You Can: Preserve It Safely: Dehydrating: From Grape to Raisin*. We will cover the basics of safely selecting, dehydrating and storing fruits and vegetables. As well as discuss the various drying methods and commonly dried foods such as fruits and vegetables in the form of chips or leathers.

Yes! You Can: Preserve It Safely: Dehydrating: From Grape to Raisin will be held in-person on Thursday, June 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County, 2998 W. Pearl City Road Freeport, IL 61032, and virtually via Zoom, Tuesday, June 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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• Lessons (Continued from page 7)

Other items span \$55 million for aquatic ecosystem restoration along the Upper Mississippi River and \$50 million for ongoing work at lock and dam sites along the Illinois River, including replacing a lock gate at Lock-

port. *This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.*

• Kitchen (Continued from page 11)

Rosy Rhubarb Upside Down Cake

This rhubarb recipe was sent to me by a friend who loves to make cakes. It is very much like one I have used in the last couple of years. It is moist and pretty on a serving plate.

3 C. cubed fresh rhubarb (about 8 stalks cut into 1-inch pieces)

¾ C. regular sugar

¾ C. water

1 T. lemon juice

½ t. cinnamon

¼ t. nutmeg

Cake:

3 T. butter, melted

¼ C. packed brown sugar

1 C. flour

1 t. baking powder

¼ t. salt

2 eggs

2/3 C. white sugar

1 t. lemon extract

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large saucepan, combine the rhubarb, sugar, water, lemon juice, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, uncovered for 6 to 8 minutes or until rhubarb is crisp tender, stirring to dissolve sug-

ar. Drain, reserving 6 T. cooking liquids.

Pour butter into an 8-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with brown sugar; top with drained rhubarb. In a small bowl, sift flour, baking powder and salt together twice. In a large bowl, beat eggs on high speed for 3 minutes. Gradually add sugar, beating until thick and lemon colored. Beat in extract and reserved cooking liquid. Fold in flour mixture. Pour over rhubarb. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until top springs back when lightly touched. Cool 10 minutes before inverting onto a serving plate. Serve warm.

Final Thoughts

I bought my cemetery pots that hopefully will be able to be used on my front porch. There seems to be a problem with cemetery flowers and pots disappearing. My greenhouse guy was talking about it and we both agreed that stealing anything off graves is disgusting. The only thing lower than stealing is vandalizing graves. At this time of the year, many of us visit ceme-

teries more than at other times. The people who take care of them work very hard to keep them looking nice. If you see anyone stealing or vandalizing, please report them. I am off my soap box about cemeteries. I spent a lot of teaching years taking students to cemeteries in one of my classes. I hoped to impress upon them the importance of respect.

There has been a lot of action around town with removing trees and trimming them. I guess that is also a sign of summer. I am looking forward to the gardens that are being planted. I know the planting season has had a rough start. Some people are still waiting for the

soil to be turned over so that planting can begin. I was gifted with some beautiful asparagus and have been enjoying this wonderful vegetable. Thank you to my friends who have helped me enjoy this seasonal favorite. Rhubarb seems to be the fruit (or vegetable) that people are using. We will continue to look for seasonal recipes.

If you have any summer vegetable or fruit recipes, we would like to see them. If you have any recipes that you would like to share with us, you can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *The Shopper's Guide* at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

REAL ESTATE NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. MICAH WILSON; COURTNEY WILSON; MICAH WILSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; COURTNEY WILSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 22 FC 18
1264 WEST STAYER 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. Galea 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:

TAX NO. 18-13-36-128-008
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
1264 West Stayer 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,

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.

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For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

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# 22-089361L

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.

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JDCF announces June dates for guided tours of Casper Bluff

All are invited to join trained volunteer guides for a family friendly, interactive tour of the magical Casper Bluff Preserve, a place where nature's treasurers meet with history's secrets. Morning tours will be held on Saturday, June 3 and 17 beginning at 9 a.m. with an evening tour scheduled for Tuesday,

June 19 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. RSVPs are required at www.jdcf.org/ events.

One of the most popular stops on the tour is the Mississippi River overlook. Casper Bluff commands some of the best views of the mighty River and its backwater sloughs and is home to many rare and

wondrous birds. Attendees will also be shown part of the Aiken Mound group, a series of Native America mounds that were built approximately 700-900 A.D. as part of the Effigy Mound culture. The tour winds through acres of restored native prairie that is starting to bloom right now and is a sight not to be

missed.

Casper Bluff is open daily dawn to dusk and is located at 870 S Pilot Knob Rd. Galena, IL.

After the visit guests are welcome to stop by the brown donation tube next to the welcome kiosk and help support the preserve. For more information, visit www.jdcf.org.

• Warhawks

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during the regular season came on a walk off 5-4 win on Wednesday, May 3. Warren-Stockton won the other two matchups by scores of 7-0 and 3-0. For the most part, the Warhawks had plenty of reason to feel confident heading into their postseason meeting.

It can be challenging to beat a team multiple times in a season, let alone three out of four victories. When it came down to it, the Pirates won the game that mattered most as they upset the Warhawks in the playoffs. The Warren-Stockton offense struggled to muster any moment as they garnered just two hits on the day. M Blair and A Heidenreich were the only Warhawks to get hits in the game. Elaina Martin had the bat taken out of her hands as Galena chose to intentionally walk Martin twice in the game. Martin led the way offensively with 11 homeruns throughout the regular season.

Warren-Stockton head coach Mike Renz says the erasing of Martin's bat played a role in their disappointing performance. "Our key offensive weapon, Martin, was intentionally walked twice, which got us a bit out of our offensive rhythm," Renz shared following the loss. Heidenreich and Blair each had doubles in the loss, but that was it for the Warhawks' offense. "We also squared up a few other balls really well offensively that Galena just made nice defensive plays on," Renz added.

Much like they were all year, the Warhawks were led by an exceptional pitching performance by Lauren Kehl. Kehl tossed seven complete innings with 11 strikeouts. Renz shared that the defense behind Kehl cost the Warhawks. "As was the case in all our games this year, Lauren Kehl was very effective on the mound, but our defense did struggle a bit by committing three errors," Renz explained. Those errors, combined with a pair of walks, allowed for

five unearned runs to cross the plate for Galena.

Early on, it was a low-scoring affair that had all the looks of a pitcher's duel. Unfortunately for the Warhawks, a defensive collapse allowed the Pirates to jump out to a 4-0 lead in the fourth. The Pirates rode that momentum the rest of the way as they went on to win by a score of 10-1.

While the loss was disappointing, perhaps the most impactful loss for the 2023 Warhawks will be their graduating class of seniors. Kehl and Martin were the captains for a group of girls that made an impact on the varsity program throughout the last few years. On the graduating class, Renz went into detail about what his program is going to be losing without them around. "The Warhawks class of 2023 brought a determined and goal-oriented approach to this softball team as soon as they were given the opportunity, after Covid had eliminated their freshman year of ball," Renz shared. On the captains Martin and Kehl Renz said they "played a major role in setting the tone at practices from day one of their sophomore year and that continued until the last pitch of their senior year." On the rest of the senior class Renz added, "The other seniors; Janal Radaszewski, Liv Thrumman, Morgan Blair, Ava Heidenreich, Abby Wilkinson, and Kylah Kurek, each helped intensify and enhance this attitude every day in their approach to the game. These seniors continued to stress an attitude that with each pitch, each ground ball, and each swing, the ultimate goal was to just keep improving."

Renz added that the senior's efforts will not be forgotten any time soon. "The Warhawks class of 2023 left a lasting impression of winning on this program and they will be greatly missed," the Warren-Stockton coach closed with.

• Clinic

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