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Stockton's top readers

Stockton Elementary and Middle School announces their Top Readers for the year. The Top Readers are students who received the most accelerated reader points in their class. Congratulations to readers (pictured left to right) Elsie Coppe, Kenton Raab, Brynley Downey, Clay Headlee, and Olivia Libberton.

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Members from SSM Health Monroe Hospital and Freeport Student Garden gathered to celebrate the expansion of the school's Community Supported Agriculture

SSM Health Monroe Hospital supports Freeport Student Garden

tal has presented the Freeport Student Garden with a donation of \$3,300. The gift will cover the startup costs for Freeport Student Garden's expansion of their Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program with the goal to offer produce shares to 20 Freeport School District families who

face food insecurity.

"We are excited to support the Freeport Student Garden as they expand their current programs to assist their class-

Hospital Marketing & Communications Consultant. "This program not only will help address food insecurity for these families, but it will also teach the students growing the produce life skills that will benefit them for years to come."

As reported in the 2022-Stephenson County Health Needs Assessment, 19% of the population received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) compared to

SSM Health Monroe Hospi- mates," expressed Rebecca the national average of 12% Bordner, SSM Health Monroe and 52% of children in Stephenson County are eligible for free or reduced lunch.

Ben Skipor, agriculture science teacher at Freeport High School, also commented that With this donation, we will be able to work toward providing families of need with fresh produce. I am excited that our students will be at the center of this project, helping their peers and seeing the direct impact of their work, knowing that it's making a difference.'

The Freeport Student Garden is entering its tenth season and currently offers a CSA program and operates a booth at the Stephenson County Farmers Market in Freeport on Saturday mornings.

Shirley Ann Heller, age 88 of Stockton, passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at her home. She was born to Lyle and Daisie (Hardacre) Rife on Nov. 13, 1934. She grew up with her four sisters in Stockton, IL. She graduated from Stockton High School in 1952. On Sept. 3, 1952, she married the love of her life, the late Dalvin Heller. Together they farmed and raised a beautiful family in rural Stockton, IL.

Shirley lived a quiet life doing the things she loved the most - raising her kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. When she had a moment to herself, she was an avid reader and enjoyed the simple things like puzzles, bird watching, and going to the casino and enjoying scenic rides on the motorcycle with her husband. The most important thing in



her life was Jason (Amber) Heller, Courtof her family. She always greeted everyone at the front door with a warm hello and was

quick to offer up some food. Shirley's legacy is her family. Shirley will be remembered as a loving, patient, and generous soul who always put the needs of her family first.

She is survived by her four children Mike (Dixie) Heller of Winslow, Steve (Sue) Heller, Susan (Bill) Schamberger, and Randy (Kelly) Heller all of Stockton; 11 grandchildren-Nathan Heller, Mark (Tonya) Heller, Joe (Sarah) Heller, Doug (Kira Jackson) Aurand, Amanda (Grant) Stocks, Brandon (Kaydra) Heller, David (Anna Gustafson) Heller,

taking care ney (Kyle Englert) Schamberger, Kalli (Eric) Offenheiser, Cole (Espana Mendoza) Schamberger; 22 great-grandkids- Allison, Blake, Nathaniel, Zaiden, Brandon (Taydra), Ryan (Maddie), Cody (Ravyn), Bailey, Emma, Logan, Erica, Mitchell (Stephanie), Riley, Jamie, Tyler, Jonathan, Paul, Ryker, Liam, Miles, Devan, and Mason; 6 greatgreat grandkids- Brior, Onyx, Brecken, Barrett, Hudson, Oaklynn, and one on the way; four sisters Phyllis Gothard of Freeport, Pat Phillips of Lena, Mary (Max) Pierce of Stockton, and Sharon (Stan) Cox of Apple River. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 65 years. Cremation rites to be ac-

corded. A Celebration of Life to be held at a later date. A memorial has been established in her name.

MICHAEL J. THOREN

Michael J. Thoren, age 67, of Stockton, IL passed away May 26, 2023, in Surprise, Arizona. Michael was born Dec. 7, 1955, in Elizabeth, IL, the son of Donald and Luella (Randecker) Thoren. Mike was the older brother to Greg and Kelly Thoren. He graduated from Stockton High School in 1974. Michael married Brenda Behen in Arizona on Oct. 9, 1999. They met in Phoenix while in golf leagues in 1997 and enjoyed many happy years and adventures together.

He loved their dog Buddy, who went to doggie heaven last September. He rooted for the Cubs and Bears (not al-



ways happily), enjoyed playing golf, especially in the Bob Golf Tournament, NASCAR and snowmobiling. He was proud of

helping to start the Massbach 4H Club, being a volunteer Stockton Firefighter, and delivering meals to needy local families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. He was very generous to his nieces and nephews and liked to cook and barbe-

Michael spent many years working in the auto industry. He worked at Kappas Gas Station, McNett Automotive, was an independent auto buyer in until retirement, an auto buyer for Runde PreDriven in Hazel Green, WI.

Michael is survived by his wife, Brenda Thoren of Stockton, IL; his mother, Luella Thoren of Elizabeth, IL; brothers, Greg (Janis) Thoren of Stockton and Kelly (Michele) Thoren of Elizabeth; nephews, Neil Thoren and Chris (Mollie) Thoren; nieces, Julia (Ben) Blair and Jennifer Thoren; three wonderful great nieces, Camille, Madeline and Anna; and many loving cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his dearly beloved father, Donald Thoren.

A private celebration of life will take place in June. In lieu of flowers, Michael would be appreciative of donations made to Tunnels to Towers



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The USDA projects this year's corn crop, which U.S. farmers are still planting, could produce a record 15.3 billion bushels (up 10 percent from last year).

USDA: Large crop estimates projected to pressure prices

USDA projects some record-large crops in the U.S. and South America this year and

If realized, ending stocks are expected to rise while crop prices could plummet in the coming year based on the Ag Department's May world ag supply and demand estimates.

USDA projects this year's corn crop could produce a record 15.3 billion bushels (up 10 percent from last year) with an average yield of 181.5 bushels per acre (up 8.2 bushels from last year).

Meanwhile, U.S. soybean production was pegged at 4.51 pillion bushels this season, up 5 percent from last year.

The hefty crop production esimates pushed 2023-24 ending

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bushels for corn (up 805 million bushels from 2022-23) and 335 million bushels of beans, up 120 million bushels from the revised 2022-23 forecast. Ending stocks of wheat, though, could slip 11 percent to the lowest level in 16

"We got the first look at the 2023-24 balance sheets and they were bearish for corn and soybeans," Joe Camp, market analyst with CommStock Investments, told the RFD Radio Network. "Ending stocks were up a bit more than anticipated."

USDA's season-average price estimates reflected the bearishness of the big crops with 2023-24 projections at \$4.80 per bushel for corn (down \$1.80 from 2022/23), \$12.10 for beans (down \$2.10) and \$8 for wheat, down 85 cents from last year's

This season's crop production estimates, of course, are based on weather-adjusted trends assuming normal planting progress and summer weather.

"We know we're going to go back to trading weather here pretty quickly," Camp said as most crop markets were in the red following the May 12 release of the latest estimates. "That will be the big determinant of what the next crop looks

Elsewhere, USDA pegged 2022-23 production in Brazil at a record 130 million metric tons (mmt) of corn, up 5 mmt from last month, and 155 mmt of beans, up 1 mmt.

Soy production in Brazil for 2023-24 could soar to a record 163 mmt, according to USDA. Planting for that crop will begin

'We didn't see any major changes on the global balance sheet," Camp said. "They're still sticking with big numbers in Brazil and a damaged crop out of Argentina.'

As for demand, USDA projects total corn use could increase 5 percent in 2023-24, with food, seed and industrial use up 55 million bushels, exports projected to rise by 325 million bushels to 2.1 billion and corn used for ethanol to edge 1 percent higher.

Meanwhile, demand for sovbean oil as a biofuel feedstock was projected to accelerate by 900 million pounds to 12.5 billion pounds in 2023/24. But, U.S. soy exports could slip by 40 million bushels to 1.98 billion in the next year due in large part to competition from South

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Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension

The June meeting of the Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension will be held June 15 at 1 p.m. at the Pearl City Library. The roll call theme will be "an unusual food you have Anita Costello will

present "What to Eat When You Can't Eat That". Becky Thomas and Janet Ferguson will donate the raffle items. Meetings are open to anyone who desires to join.

Jet memorial donations requested

The Northwest Illinois Aerial Combat Memorial committee is confident that the jet project will be painted and moved to its permanent location in Lena this year. Thank you to everyone who has donated to support the project. The committee has nearly reached their donation goal of \$30,000. Further donations are requested in order to bring this project to completion and can be sent to Jet Project PO Box 290, Lena, IL, 61048.





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Golden Meals Menus are available at nicaa.org

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Kayaking the river

My middle son flew in (on a plane) to visit his brothers and me in Florida. As it was just me and the three boys (#testosterone), it fell to reason we'd want to do something both athletic and outdoorsy. Kayaking on a river seemed like a good fit.

I've kayaked lots of times - during the summer, at the lake. We have a little trek we take whenever the whim hits us. We go up a narrow river - against current—until we hit a small rapid (turnaround time) and head back—with the current. It's a course encompasses about a mile and a half.

The Florida river website (I thought) offered two courses. One was 4.7 miles, the other 2.5. Gosh did the 2.5 sound doable. More than I was used to, but I'm tough, and I enjoy pushing myself from time to time. Besides, my boys would be watching.

We arrived at the kayak rental place and were offered just one route: the 4.7 mile one. Apparently the 2.5-mile rookie route was no longer available, or maybe I just imagined it.

I attempted the math inside my head. It goes without saying 4.7 is a lot more than 1.5. Practically three times as much - maybe even more. I gulped and didn't say a word as we paid our kayak rental fees. I was with my boys. And much like when they tricked me into the upside-down scary rollercoaster at Disney,



JILL PERTLER Columnist

I wasn't going to back out.

En route to the river, our van driver described the excursion, and let it slip that the trip was actually closer to 5 miles versus the advertised 4.7. We'd been awarded a bonus .3 miles! I cringed.

We got to the river and set set out on the 4.7 (or quite possibly 5) mile trek.

Five miles! And they hadn't even offered us a fail-safe option for bailout should that option be needed.

"Ladies and gentlemen, if you can't make the whole trip, and are in danger of kayak failure, pull over to the side of the river and call the number on your wristband. We will send an air-conditioned river van to pick your party up ASAP."

There was none of that. It was just me, my kayak, the paddle and the 4.7 (or let's just be honest and call it 5) miles of endless river.

The experts at the kayak shop told us the trip would take three or four hours. Half an hour in I was feeling the strain just a bit in my arms, and the kayak seat was, let's say, less than comfortable.

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The joy of an antique tractor

Sometime in the late 60's my grandpa bought a shiny red Super MTA Farmall tractor with a wide front end from an old farmer. I think he paid about fourteen hundred for it. It was a beauty for sure. It had an independent power take-off and this wonderful thing called power steering that made it a joy to use on the farm. We had been using a standard M, a Co-Op tractor, and a Ford Jubilee to farm about five hundred acres of row crops and another hundred or so of alfalfa. When that Super MTA arrived it really gave us a boost. It was so smooth and fun to drive that all of us boys couldn't wait to get our turn on it. We plowed with the Co-Op and then disced with the Super M. We also would mow hay with the Ford and then run the alfalfa through a crimper/ conditioner pulled behind the Super M. It was great! Gramps kept it over at the beef farm most of the time, but one of us would drive it over to the home farm about twelve or thirteen miles away whenever we needed the

extra help. Somewhere in the early 90's we threw a rod in it and then pushed it into the corner of the shed to overhaul at a later time. About twenty years later we finally decided to send it in to be overhauled. Instead of just an overhaul, we agreed to have it completely fixed



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up with a new paint job and all. A few months later we got the call that it was ready to come home from the shop. We waited with bated breath to see our restored old friend When that tractor pulled in the driveway, it was almost like the first day Gramps bought it. The joy we all felt to have that tractor home and in mint condition was incredible. Each one of us took turns driving it around the driveway and orchard

feeling the adrenaline of nostalgia and joy that we once had for that tractor. My dad even climbed up on the seat at 88 years old and drove it around a little.

A couple weeks ago I pulled it out of the shed and hooked it up to my nine-foot New Holland haybine and headed out to mow my tenacre hay field. It surely didn't disappoint. Just hearing the familiar sound of that motor was exhilarating. In fact, as I was mowing it felt like grampa and dad were right there on that tractor with me. It was really a cool experience. A few years ago my dad bought several antique tractors, put up a small shed and filled that shed up with his toys. None

of the tractors he bought can hold a candle to that Super

A few years ago, my dad told me that what he would really like to do is have about fifty or sixty acres to farm with all the antique tractors he had bought. I guess I'm

getting to live out his dream in a small way on my little hobby farm.

Since Dad went home to be with the Lord just a few months ago, I feel that he is closer than ever. I sure miss talking with him and listening to him reminisce

about the early years of farming and raising a family. In Proverbs 10:7 we read; The memory of the righteous is a blessing. I think often of what the reunion will be like in heaven someday.

Until next week, God

A blueprint to better mental health care, access in Illinois

By Abdi Tinwalla, MD, and Andrew Lancia, MD

In all parts of Illinois, mental health awareness and treatment is a public issue like it has never been before. On behalf of frontline care providers, we welcome the attention and call for the support that must follow.

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- Worship times: Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.
- Sunday School: Sunday, 9 a.m.
- Vacation Bible School:

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309 S. Main Street, Elizabeth, IL 61028 email: firstumcofelizabeth@gmail.com Pastor Roger Bronkema 815-291-6261 email: rbronkema18@gmail.com

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 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
- Prayer meeting Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Sunday services broadcasted at 11:30 a.m. on Radio WCCI 100.3 FM

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- Reconciliation Saturday 3:30 4:15 p.m. Parish Hall for Rent Seats 200

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- www.schapvillezion.org
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 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
- Bible Study Classes Available

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Rev. James Mehltretter

- Website: www.shepherdofhill.com
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 Sunday School (Sept. May) 8:45 a.m.
- · Holy Communion is celebrated weekly.

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- Handicapped Accessible

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- Pastor Chip Sohl 815-541-1425
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- p.m.
 Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.



Shots fired

On May 30, 2023, at approximately 2:19 p.m., officers of the Freeport Police Department responded to the 1200 Block of S. High Ave in reference to shots fired. During the investigation, officers learned that shots were fired from a vehicle towards subjects standing near a residence. There are no reported injuries, and 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 Stateline Area Crime Stoppers at 866-TIPSNOW or through texting at Tip411.

Tips to Stateline Area Crime Stoppers can also be submitted online at www.statelineareacrimestoppers. com or on the P-3 mobile app. Tipsters to Stateline Area Crime Stoppers always remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1000. Stateline Area Crime Stoppers is the official Crime Stoppers organization of Freeport and Stephenson

Church news -

St. John's Lutheran Church

John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, will celebrate the second Sunday after Pentecost on June 11. A Worship Service with Holy Communion will begin at 9 a.m. with Pastor Michelle Knight presiding.

The June Grace Meal will be held on June 18 with curbside pickup only. The menu includes ham loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, and cake. All reservations are due by Thursday, June 16 at 5 p.m. by calling the church at 815-443-2215. Leave a message with your reservations.

Anyone who would like to help at the Pearl City Food Pantry on Saturday, June 17 to stock shelves should call the church and leave a message. Calls will be returned with more information regarding this valuable community out-

The third night of Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place on July 2. 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

August 6. There is no charge to participate.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Pearl City is an ELCA parish 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, June 11 for Barnabas the Apostle Sunday Worship Service Sunday Worship Service. The reading will be from Matthew 10:7

On Wednesday, June 14 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.

Highland adds new programs in Agriculture, Business, and Education

options among the 70-plus programs offered at Highland Community College this year.

Whether students follow a transfer pathway or prepare for a trade to get them directly into the workforce, they will find possibilities with certificates, degrees, and emphasis areas. Programs coming this year include a Cannabis Studies certificate, Marketing and Small Business Management/Entrepreneurship certificates, associate's degrees, and emphasis areas to major in Mathematics Education or Science Education.

The certificate program in Cannabis Studies precedes a more comprehensive enhancement of the academic lineup offered by the Agriculture Department at Highland. Faculty believe this timely

demand for skilled labor in the burgeoning legal cannabis industry. "With the relatively recent legalization of hemp production and use in the United States and the state-level legalization of marijuana production and use in Illinois, the cannabis plant has certainly become a study of interest to many people, said Agriculture Instructor Monica Pierce. "By offering a certificate program in Cannabis Studies, we hope to bridge educational gaps that exist. Students enrolled in the program will get experience growing cannabis in a greenhouse setting while also learning about legal policies, cannabis processing, and career opportunities."

New programs from the Business department are

Students will have new addition will help meet the similarly structured for re- management certificate and cent high school graduates or those with some work experience to get an edge in a variety of jobs. The certificates and associate of applied science degree programs are designed as standalone options for students who do not intend to transfer, as an alternative to the department's existing four-year pathways.

"The marketing certificate and degree will be valuable for those looking to work in marketing-specific positions, but also for those with a marketing overlap. No matter the field, understanding and applying marketing principles are essential," said Business instructor Evan Talbert. 'Whether you are wanting to start a new business or thrive in an existing one, the entrepreneurship/small business

degree will focus on legal requirements, personnel management and leadership, cost controls, and other integral concepts for the small business owner."

For students seeking to transfer for a four-year teaching degree or master's, the Division of Natural Science and Mathematics is premiering new majors to meet a need for educators. "There are national and regional teacher shortages in high schools and middle schools, particularly in math and science areas," said Dean of Natural Science and Mathematics Brendan Dutmer, Ph.D. "Our new programs in Mathematics Education and Science Education are structured to guide

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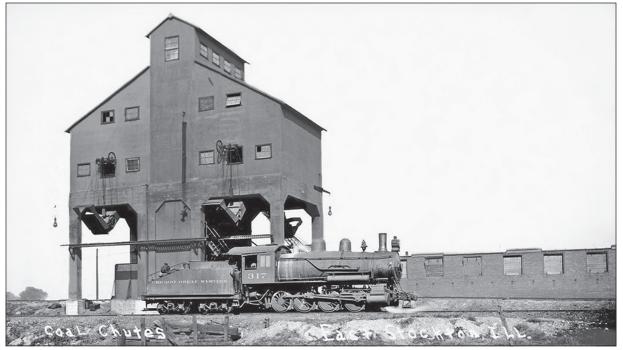




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from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Children and parents parice cream from scratch as ley Dairy Farm. they learn about the importclub on June 24 from 10 a.m. ant source of these two foods Farm Bureau Young Leadgrocery store - it comes from their "Animals on the Moo-

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the all-important dairy cow. Children will also have the ticipating will get the chance chance to milk an actual dairy to make their own butter and cow, provided by Willow Val-

The Jo Daviess County doesn't just come from the ers Committee will also have

hand. The petting zoo will have a variety of farm animals available for the crowd to see up close. Make-it-and-takeit activities such as "circle of earth" bracelets and "Feed Sack" trail mix will also be highlighted as part of the event.

For information on this program, contact the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau at 815-858-2235



ve" mobile petting zoo on

Around the Northern Hills

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Foundation provides scholarships for college students studying agriculture and funds our Agriculture in the Classroom program, which promotes agricultural and environmental education in all of Jo Daviess County's K-12 classrooms. Each year our Agriculture in the Classroom program teaches children the importance of our food and fiber industry.

Anyone can contribute to the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Foundation since it has a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status. The Foundation may accept charitable contributions of money, property, securities, and special memorials and endowments. The Foundation Board of Directors and the Farm Bureau staff administer the Foundation. The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Board of Directors appoints the Foundation directors. There are two ways to make a contribution. You can send a check to our office at PO Box 501 in Elizabeth or call with a credit or debit card to contribute.

Local member benefits

Don't forget to take advantage of memberonly benefits for Jo **Daviess County Farm** Bureau members. We have businesses around the County who have partnered with us to offer these discounts. Make sure to have your farm bureau membership card handy when asking for those discounts. For a full listing of the local benefits,



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To access the new web platform at https://ilfb. abenity.com, members must create an account and provide their Illinois Farm Bureau membership ID number. Members can also go to the iPhone App Store, search IL Farm Bureau Membership Benefits and download the app on their iPhone or iPad. Once downloaded, members may customize the app to include frequently used offers; search offers by business name, location, and category; and provide instant in-store discounts at nearby restaurants and retailers.

questions about the app or additional Illinois Farm Bureau member benefits may contact our office or the Illinois Farm Bureau Membership call center at 309-557-2689. Personally, I have downloaded the app on my phone, and it alerts me when there are discounts in the area that I'm in. It's super easy!

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It's the end of another school year. For many area families summer vacation activities will include a trip to the zoo. For those of you who struggle to get your child to understand the importance of maintaining dental health, it may interest them to know that many of the animals at the Brookfield Zoo are trained to participate in their own dental healthcare, which includes holding still while someone brushes their teeth. Just like in humans, oral

care plays a significant role in maintaining overall health and quality of life in animals.



DR. STEPHEN PETRAS Illinois Licensed General Dentist

Dental disease causes pain and weakens oral structures. Pathogens that cause oral infections can spread throughout the body. Dental pain can make an animal eat less food, favor one side of their mouth, reject hard foods, or not eat at all. If a tooth is infected or broken, an the mouth, drool constantly, or cause damage to other oral tissues by their altered bite. If not detected, swelling from an oral infection that blocks an airway could kill an animal.

Preventative dental care at Brookfield Zoo will vary from species to species. The age of an animal also influences the delivery of care. However, maintaining oral health for all species at any age depends on healthy nutrition, keeping their teeth clean, and regular dental exams. For some

animals that are prone to oral disease, such as sea lions and orangutans, teaching them to voluntarily hold their mouth open while an animal care specialist brushes their teeth can help them to live longer, healthier lives. For other animals, the zoo crew curates their diet to utilize food as a "toothbrush". For example, plant-eating animals (herbivores) are given twigs and leaves in their diets to help clean their teeth. Depending on the species, meat-eating animals (carnivores) may be given bones, carcasses, or rawhide

to help clean their teeth. Hard human and animal healthcare. and crunchy foods are also provided to help keep their teeth clean.

Maintaining oral health through preventative care is always a better option than treating dental disease. This is the standard for both However, should an animal break a tooth or develop an oral infection, Brookfield Zoo will call in a veterinary dental care physician to provide whatever care is needed to restore the animal back to health.

Jo Daviess County Retired Teachers Association news The Jo Daviess County sert. Beverages will be coffee

Retired Teachers Association and water. Please remember will be meeting in person on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 411 W. Catlin Street in Elizabeth, Illinois. meeting will be held in the basement Fellowship Hall. The meeting will include a speaker representing Casper Creek Natural Cemetery which is near Galena.

A lunch prepared by the members of the church will be held at 12 p.m. following the meeting. The cost of the lunch is \$10. Reservations may be made by calling Kim Cassens at 815-238-3238 before June 14. The meal will consist of egg dishes like quiche, potato dishes, fruit plate, coffee cake, and desthat a reservation made is a reservation paid.

This meeting will be hosted by the Stockton Retired Teachers. Dues for the year of \$10 will be collected by the Treasurer for those who have not yet renewed their membership. Recently retired teachers and administrators, or retired teachers or administrators who have recently moved to the area are invited to join. Active membership is open to any retired teacher or administrator formerly employed in the Nation's schools or in a federally sponsored school. For additional information about the association, contact President Mary Stayner at 815-266-8283.

River Ridge honor roll

River Ridge Middle School 4th Quarter Honor Roll

4.00+ Nicholas Cobine. Ella Dittmar, Genevieve Kidwell, Elizabeth Rife, Samuel Cobine, Brogan Grube, Luke Holcomb, Christian Mor-

3.50 - 3.999 Janna Barrett, Amber Davis, Piper Golden, Jackson Goldsmith, Faith Morhardt, Chloe Nemon, Makenna Wurster, Bria Andrade, Ben Blankenbaker, Evalynn Doms, Bronx Gonzalez, Lane Groezinger, Wesley Haas, Russell Howard, Amber Schlarmann, Violet Golden, Natalie Haas, Frances Howard, Sophia Martinez, Benjamin Schoenfeld, Brock Turner, Damian Ware, Lucas Wurster

3.00 – 3.499 K a d e n Sydnie Bertucci, Bauer, Hamish Boden, Kenley Patterson, Hunter Peck, Carson Dodd, Bryson Eganhouse, Joseph Frazier, Breck Roche, Alexa Rolwes, Ashlynn Wasmund, Hayden Bradbury, Frida Carriaga, Alexander Cross, Hadessa Fogle, Cruz Jimenez, Morgan Kloss, Travis Velazquez

River Ridge High School 4th Quarter Honor Roll

4.00+ Camdyn Heaven Brotherton, Sophie Buck, Sam Grzeslo, Lauren Kloss, Jamie Schnitzler, Nicholas Schnitzler, Celia Turner, Emily Wurster, Enver Ahmedi, Addison Albrecht,

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3.50 - 3.999 Dylan Diehl, Cora Dittmar, Sadie Fry, Emma Goldsmith, Ketelsen, Maddox Knauer, Kelsey Randall, Samuel Ries, Bodhi Schulze, Emma Walters, Ruby Dickerson, Macey Fulton, Lucas Holland, Katherine Leonard, Ty Spahn, Kayla Diehl, Zoe Eisenberg, Laiken Haas, Lucius Mendenhall, Graci Vanderheyden, Luna Vivaracho Menendez, Jaime Miller, Matthew Ransom, Gracie Schnitzler, Leah Spahn

Gonzalez, Landis Long-

vid Buck, Kelly Chapman, Camden Flack, Brynn Fry, Isabella Haring, Logan Keleher, Mason Smith, Ian Wach-Wendy Weimerskirk, Joseph Winter, Bindilene Bradbury, Boop, Brook Devin Bradt, Zoey Chapman, Madilyn Gonzalez, Harmony Packard, Kaci Patterson, Averi Rolwes

River Ridge High School - Semester 2 Honor Roll

4.00+ Camdyn Camerson Harris, Jackson Heaven Brotherton, Cora Dittmar, Sadie Fry, Sam Grzeslo, Lauren Kloss, Jamie Schnitzler, Nicholas Schnitzler, Celia Turner, Emily Wurster, Enver Ahmedi, Addison Albrecht, Millicent Boden, Cora Boop, Ruby Dickerson, Avery Engle, Morgan Flynn, Lynnea Groezinger, Arthur Horn, Matthew Johnson, Gwendoline Miller, Micaela Miller, Amie Richmond, Ben Richmond, Isaac Rife, 3.00 – 3.499 Ethan Evelyn Walters, George Winter, Kathryn Cobine, Aizlynn

Griffiths, Lucius Mendenhall, Elaina Doms, Sawyer Fry, Samuel Rife, Gracie Schnitzler, Sarah Winter

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Cannabis regulatory reform bill fails to advance in spring legislative session rious dialogue from the public sidered an illegal controlled allow those types of products can ultimately expand this in-

By Nika Schoonover CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A proposed cannabis reform bill won't get further consideration until at least the General Assembly's fall veto session after stakeholders failed to come to an agreement during the spring session's final stretch. Rep. La Shawn Ford, a Chicago Democrat and the bill's sponsor, told Capitol News Illinois that Senate Bill 1559 didn't pass in part due to disagreements around delta-8 THC, a synthetic psychoactive substance typically manufactured from hemp-derived CBD.

"We need to regulate it, make it safe, make sure that it's taxed and treat it just like cannabis," Ford said in an interview.

But advocates for the cannabis industry are pushing for a full ban. Ford said he refused to rewrite the bill to include a ban "without any se-

and from the state regulators."

Delta-8, found in small traces of hemp and cannabis plants, is an easily accessible substance that can be purchased in licensed dispensaries but also in convenience stores that otherwise are prohibited from selling cannabis.

Unlike the more wellknown form of THC, delta-8 is often derived from CBD and causes a much milder high. But concerns over the substance's safety have arisen across the country because it remains unregulated, and consumers of delta-8 have gotten sick after consumption. On the federal level, the

substance's legal standing is murky. In response to a cannabis industry attorney's inquiry about the substance's legal status, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration issued a letter in February saying delta-8 should be con-

substance because it can only be obtained synthetically.

But last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that delta-8 is generally legal because is derived from the cannabis plant, classifying it as hemp. While the substance's legal status remains uncertain, several states have moved to regulate or ban the drug because of safety concerns. The FDA received 104 reports of adverse events in patients who consumed delta-8 THC products between Dec. 1, 2020, and Feb. 28, 2022. In 55 percent of those reports, the individual needed some type of medical intervention.

Pamela Althoff, executive director of the Cannabis Business Association of Illinois, said she supports a ban because, in addition to its synthetic nature, it could be detrimental to the industry. "To to proliferate undermines the cannabis industry," Althoff said in an interview. "It will have a devastating effect on any new license holder who was trying to establish themselves, either from a cultivation craft grow side or from opening up a dispensary.' Althoff added that her association will support regulating the substance eventually but wants to ban the drug immediately while regulation measures are finalized.

Peter Contos, deputy director of the Cannabis Equity IIlinois Coalition, said they've been pushing for lawmakers to regulate delta-8 for over two years but they're opposed to banning the substance. "This needs to be regulated," Contos said. "A ban is not going to get us any closer to the solution and it's really key that we regulate this with intention and care so that we dustry...but also ensure that products are safe and tested."

Ford argued that banning it while trying to decriminalize cannabis and reform the industry would be hypocritical.

"If we ban it the way cannabis was banned, then we're going to have a new crop of people that's going to be entered into our criminal justice system," Ford said.

Ford said negotiations would continue on the wide-ranging bill that was only introduced on what was scheduled to be the final day of the spring legislative session.

The measure as drafted would address multiple areas of the state's burgeoning cannabis industry, including reforms for craft growers, dispensary operations and licensing procedures. The stalled bill did not include any language on delta-8.

Among other things, the bill would have increased canopy space for craft growers from 5,000 square feet to 14,000 square feet. That measure, Ford said, could help those businesses grow to be more competitive in the industry.

Ron Holmes, a lobbyist for CBAI, said in a committee hearing that they're concerned about expanding the allowed amount of space for craft growers. "What we're going to have is scenario where we let 14,000-square-foot out the door for every license holder that exists in the state and that we're going to have no room for new licensees," Holmes

The measure also would have allowed dispensaries to operate drive-thru windows and offer curbside pick-up services, making sure they

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From Lena's Kitchen



We got a big taste of summer weather this past week. Maybe we will be done with the ninety-degree weather for a few weeks. The heat should make our gardens grow, so that fresh produce will begin popping up. This week's recipes include a good dip, two entrées, and two seasonal des-

Cheeseburger Dip

This appetizer is almost a meal. It has all the good things that you put on a cheeseburger without a bun. You serve it with potato or pita chips. If you don't have smoked paprika, you can use regular paprika. Enjoy this hearty dip all summer long.

- 1 T. oil
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. pepper
- 1 T. Worcestershire sauce 12 oz. cream cheese, soft-
- ened
- 1 bag (8 oz.) shredded cheddar jack cheese
- 1 C. thinly sliced romaine
- ½ C. diced tomatoes
- 1/4 C. red onions, diced
- ¹/₄ C. chopped dill pickles Sauce

- 1/3 C. mayonnaise 1 T. yellow mustard
- 11/2 T. ketchup
- 1/4 t. garlic powder 1/4 t. smoked paprika
- 1 T. pickle juice from the

Preheat the oven to 375. Heat oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add the ground beef, salt, pepper, and Worcestershire sauce. Cook, breaking apart beef into small pieces with a wooden spoon until no longer pink, about 6 minutes. Remove from the heat. Spread the cream cheese on the bottom of a 10-inch cast-iron skillet. Top with ½ of the shredded cheese, the cooked ground beef, and then the remaining shredded cheese on top. Bake

for 18 to 20 minutes until the edges are bubbly. Let cool slightly, about 10 minutes. In a small bowl, mix the sauce ingredients: the mayo, mustard, ketchup, garlic and onion powder, paprika and pickle brine. Top the dip with lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickle slices. Drizzle with sauce. Serve with rippled potato chips or pita chips.

Chicken and Spring **Veggies**

If you want to beat the heat, this stir fry recipe is a great main dish. I always use the low-sodium soy sauce as well as the less salt chicken broth. I think you can always add salt, but it is hard to take it away once it is there! This stir fry is also very colorful because of all the colors of the sweet peppers.

- 1 C. chicken broth
- 1 T. white balsamic vinegar
- 2 t. flour
- 1 T. olive oil
- 1 lb. asparagus, trimmed 1/8 t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper
- 1½ C. cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, cut into 1/4 inch strips

In a bowl, mix broth, vinegar, and flour. In a nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium high heat; add asparagus, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring until tender, 5 to 6 minutes adding tomatoes the last 2 minutes of cooking time. Remove into a bowl.

Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper and add to skillet. Over medium high, cook, stirring, until no longer pink, 4 to 5 minus. Remove chicken into bowl. Add broth mixture to skillet; bring to a boil. Cook until thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in veggies and chicken; cook until heated through about 1 minute. Garnish with thyme and serve with rice.

Pepper Steak

The pepper steak is also a heat friendly recipe because it is made on the stove. If you wanted to serve it on noodles, vou could.

- 1 lb. flank steak, sliced 1/4 inch thick against the grain
 - 4 T. low sodium soy sauce

- 2 T. rice wine vinegar
- 2 T. sesame oil
- 2 T. cornstarch
- 2 C. beef broth
- 2 T. sugar 2 t. black pepper
- ½ t. salt
- 1/8 t, crushed red pepper
- 2 T. canola oil, divided
- 2 green peppers, cut into
- strips 2 red peppers, cut into strips 2 orange peppers, cut into
- 1 red pepper, cut into strips 1 medium onion, cut into

½ C. pieces of green onion, marinade. chopped to 1-inch pieces

2 t. minced garlic

2 t. minced ginger

Cooked rice

In a large bowl, stir together steak, 1 T. soy sauce, vinegar, and sesame oil. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour. In a small bowl, whisk together cornstarch and remaining 3 T. of soy sauce until smooth; whisk in broth, sugar, pepper, salt and red pepper until combined. Remove steak from marinade and place on a plate; add broth mixture to

In a large skillet, heat 1 T. canola oil over medium-high heat. Add steak in a single layer; cook until browned, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove steak from pan. In same skillet heat remaining 1 T. oil over medium heat. Add peppers, onion and green onion pieces; cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, 5 to 6 minutes. Stir in garlic and ginger; cook until softened and fragrant, about 3 minutes. Stir in steak and marinade; cook, stirring constantly, until thickened, 3 to 5 minutes. Serve with rice. Garnish with sliced green onions.

Strawberry Pretzel Pie

Most of us have had the strawberry pretzel salad or dessert (remember there is a debate on which one it is!). This recipe takes a lot of the same ingredients and puts them into a pie. It is not a traditional pie because you make it in a springform pan. You

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COURT OF THE 15TH

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STEPHENSON

COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION,

MICAH WILSON;

MICAH WILSON;

CLAIMANTS:

CLAIMANTS,

COURTNEY WILSON;

UNKNOWN OWNERS

COURTNEY WILSON;

UNKNOWN OWNERS

NO. 22 FC 18

NOTICE IS

GIVEN that

AND NON-RECORD

DEFENDANTS

1264 WEST STAVER

STREET FREEPORT, IL

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO

JUDGMENT OF

FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS

MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE ACT

pursuant to a Judgment of

Foreclosure and Sale en-

tered by the Court in the

above entitled cause on

March 9, 2023, Sheriff of

Stephenson County will

on 6/20/2023, in Stephen-

son County Courthouse

15 N. Galena Ave (West

Door), Freeport, IL 61032,

at 9:30am, sell at pub-

lic auction and sale to the

highest bidder for cash, all

and singular, the following

described real estate men-

tioned in said Judgment,

situated in the County of

Stephenson, State of Illi-

nois, or so much thereof as

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TAX NO. 18-13-36-128-

COMMONLY KNOWN

AS: 1264 West Staver

Description of Improve-

ments: The property is a

single family. The property

COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Freeport, IL 61032

Street

STEPHENSON

said Judgment:

PUBLIC

HEREBY

AND NON-RECORD

PLAINTIFF,

LEGAL NOTICES

The Judgment amount TO BE A DEBT COLLECwas \$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 esis 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

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

the bid amount, the pur-

chaser shall receive a Cer-

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

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TOR 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. I3215826 (Published in The Shopper's Guide tate, water bills, etc., and May 24, 31 & June 7, 2023)

IN THE CIRCUIT

COURT OF THE 15TH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

JO DAVIESS COUNTY GALENA, ILLINOIS U.S. Bank National Association **PLAINTIFF** 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

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

East Dubuque, IL 61025

604 Delores St

Unknown Owners and

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 Coun-

ty, 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. THEREFORE, NOW, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Kathy Phillips

Courthouse 330 N. Bench Street Galena, IL 61036 on or before June 23, 2023, A DEFAULT MAY BE **ENTERED AGAINST** YOU AT ANY TIME AF-TER THAT DAY AND JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN AC-CORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COM-PLAINT. **CODILIS &** ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531

Jo Daviess County

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 IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT FOR THE 15TH** JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust **PLAINTIFF** Vs. Peter J. Marren; et. al. **DEFENDANTS** No. 2018CH60 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 03/21/2023, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on July 20, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below,

the following described A TRACT OF LAND dential Property Munici-

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RANGE 6 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 **MINUTES 58 SECONDS** EAST. ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE **NORTHWEST** QUAR-TER OF SAID SECTION 7, A DISTANCE OF 224.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RECORDED EASE-MENTS AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS; ALL BEING SITUATED IN HARLEM TOWNSHIP, STEPHEN-SON COUNTY IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. PIN 89-08-13-07-100-002 (89-08-13-07-100-001 U/P)

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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 PLAINTIFF'S AT-The property is occupied.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court CIPAL MERIDIAN, HAR-

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including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Resistudents toward completing a degree that qualifies them for these specialized fields. In science, teachers typically tend to pursue an area of specialization — for example, Biology Education, Chemistry Education, Earth Science Education, or Physics Educa-

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• Bill

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prioritize medical patients. It also would have amended licensing procedures by allowing conditional adult-use dispensary license holders an extra year to find a physical

Two smaller cannabis-related measures were able to pass this session, including a measure in the budget implementation bill that allows the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to extend the deadline conditional adult-use dispensary license holders to secure a physical location and become operational. The current deadline is July 1, but once Gov. JB Pritzker signs the budget package, the new deadline will be July 2024.

Additionally, beginning Jan. 1, 2024, calendar year, cannabis businesses will be allowed to deduct ordinary and necessary business expenses from their income for

state tax purposes.



could make it in a large pie lemon juice. Refrigerate 30 plate, but the springform pan lets you place all the ingredients one on top of the other. Enjoy this summer treat more than once.

4 C. miniature pretzels

6 T. melted butter

1/4 C. sugar

3/4 C. boiling water

1 pkg. (6 oz.) strawberry

¹/₄ C. lemon juice

1 lb. fresh strawberries, hulled, divided

2 C. heavy whipping cream, divided

1 jar (7 oz.) marshmallow crème

2/3 C. whipped cream cheese 2/3 C. sweetened condensed

Place pretzels in a food processor; pulse until chopped. Add butter and sugar, pulse until combined. Reserve 1/3 C. pretzel mixture for topping. Press remaining mixture onto the bottom of a greased 9-inch springform pan. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Meanwhile in a bowl, add boiling water to Jell-O; stir for 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Stir in

Rhubarb Cheesecake

Squares Many people are still getting rhubarb from their gardens. It is a good fruit to put in the freezer for later, but if you have

fresh rhubarb, these squares are great to make and eat

oftened

3/4 C. sugar

1/4 t. cinnamon

1/8 t. nutmeg

½ t. salt

lightly beaten

½ t. vanilla

rhubarb, thawed

11/4 C. flour

½ C. old-fashioned oats

½ C. cold butter, cubed

½ C. packed brown sugar

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese,

1 egg, room temperature,

11/2 C. diced fresh or frozen

minutes, stirring occasionally. Chop half the strawberries; slice remaining berries and reserve for topping. In a large bowl, beat 1 C. heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Place in refrigerator. In a bowl, beat marshmallow crème, cream cheese and sweetened condensed milk into cooled Jell-O mixture until blended. Gently fold in chopped strawberries and whipped cream. Pour on Refrigerate, covered until firm, 4 to 6 hours. Beat remaining cup of heavy cream until stiff peaks form; spread over pie. Top with reserved strawberries and pretzel mix-Remove from pan to

Preheat the oven to 350. In a small bowl, mix flour, oats and brown sugar; cut in butter until crumbly. Reserve 1 C. of the

mixture for topping. Press remaining mixture into bottom of a greased 9-inch square baking

Filling: beat cream cheese, sugar, salt, and spices until smooth. Add egg and vanilla; beat on low speed just until combined. Fold in rhubarb. Spread over crust. Sprinkle on, so I hope that everything is with remaining topping. Bake until golden brown and filling is set, about 40 minutes. Cool on a wire rack 1 hour. Refrigerate, covered, until cold, about 2 hours; cut into squares and

Final Thoughts

I hope you all had a great Memorial Day weekend. There were lots of parades and programs to honor our fallen heroes. There were cookouts and lots of socializing. I made my first Root Beer Float. Boy was

Congratulations to the Boys Track Team on their first ever Sectional win and their good showing at the State Tournament. That tournament for Le-Win was the last school event. Summer baseball and softball have started full speed ahead. The pool has opened also. My swim exercise class has started, and the pool was beautiful. They had some problems early squared away for the rest of the summer.

Music in the Park continues on Saturday evenings at the lake. Soon we will have the Music in the Park on Sunday evenings. My friend rescued my planters from the cemetery, and they have bounced back from wind and scorching sun. Now I just have to keep them going each week. I love how pretty things look in my neighborhood. I am sure they will begin to recognize the yards of the month. I always am in awe of how many people have the beautiful lawns and gardens around our town.

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.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-18-10658.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC **MEETING**

The Lena Community Park Board will hold a Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Park Office, 609 N. Schuyler St., Lena IL 61048. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the Proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. The Proposed Budget is available for public inspection at the Park Office during regular office hours (Monday & Wednesday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Thursday, 4-6 p.m.).

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• Kayaking (Continued from page 4)

I wondered just when that would happen.

And then I saw a diving bird. It disappeared under the crystal-clear water and swam underneath the boat. Pretty

A bit further downstream. turtles sunned themselves on a river rock. All along the route, trees grew from within the river itself. Their bark looked like driftwood and their leaves hung heavy with gray moss.

But the highlight came about three-quarters in when we saw critters we weren't expecting (hoping, but not

And it wasn't alligators. It was a family of otters. They were swimming and playing like only a family of otters can. They popped their heads up from the water and stared. We watched them and they watched us.

My son described them best when he said they looked like a batch of river puppies.

It was, in a word, very, very cool. Worth the trip, actually.

We could have watched the otters all day, but there was the rest of the river to conquer. So we paddled on and (I'm proud to say)

finished the 4.7 (probably 5) mile route without calling it quits. We didn't even think of calling it quits.

The tour guides said we'd do the trip in three or four hours. It took us less than two. Along the way we saw otters (exclamation point.) And my boys saw me (effortlessly) pull off the 4.75

It was a good day.

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

We believe helping youth

• Blueprint (Continued from page 5)

care a challenge nearly everywhere. We propose a true team approach to the problem. We offer here a blueprint of policy ideas we believe will help address the challenge comprehensively and effectively.

Our first pillar calls for increasing equitable access. Many people in rural, minority, and low-income communities have some of the greatest needs, yet they have the greatest challenges to see those needs met.

Illinois policymakers should promote more collaborative care programs, where mental health professionals consult directly with primary care physicians to address patients' physical and mental needs. We should increase and improve laws promoting telehealth which, since the COVID-19 pandemic, has become an increasingly popular option for patients who live many miles from the nearest provider. We can also add more psychiatrists through funding of more residency training slots right here in Illinois, rather than watching promising students go elsewhere to practice.

Incentives will encourage more providers to work in underserved areas. Smart changes to the administrative side of our practices—full parity for psychiatric treatment, streamlined medication prior authorizations, and improved mental health court equity and access—will provide the support psychiatrists and other mental health professionals

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Our second pillar focuses on systems of care, where all mental health providers work together to meet patients' varied needs. When one piece of the system is weak, or when providers work outside their area of expertise, the entire system struggles - and ultimately patient care suffers.

Here, we believe stronger communication and coordination is key. Patients often see different providers along their mental health journey. Those providers—state agencies, public entities, private providers-should work better together to share medical records and insight into patient analysis and recognize the strengths each bring to helping meet patients' needs. We need to ensure all levels of care are properly staffed to handle all issues ranging from one-on-one counseling to preventing acts of violence.

Our third pillar might be the most consequential to address our crisis: prevention. We go to the dentist and the doctor regularly for checkups and screenings, or if something just doesn't quite feel right. Yet too often in our mental health, we wait too long to seek professional help. The problems get worse as we put off the visit—out of

understand the importance of mental health care early in life is critical for widespread adoption of prevention. Increased public education programs on mental health, increased and regular screenings in pediatric and school settings, stronger parent and family engagement in preventative care—all these steps will help students see their mental health as they do their physical health, and develop the good habits that will undoubtedly spare pain and struggle later. We need to recognize the need to promote caring for one's complete health, as nutrition and physical illness highly affect one's mental health.

We thank Gov. Pritzker's team and state legislators for recognizing mental and behavioral health as critical needs that must be addressed now. Together, we will work to establish the progress we need to help all Illinoisans live healthier lives and move past the stigmas and fear that drive people from the care they need to get better.

Abdi Tinwalla, MD, is immediate past president and Andrew Lancia, MD, is the president of the Illinois Psychiatric Society.

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REAL ESTATE NOTICES IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY.

ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF.

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:

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

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 assess-

ments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)

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

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# 22-08936IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTIC-ES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S AT-TORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DERT COLLECTOR ATTEMPT-ING 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. 13215826

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR

THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY -FREEPORT, ILLINOIS U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust

PLAINTIFF Vs.

Peter J. Marren; et. al. **DEFENDANTS**

No. 2018CH60 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 03/21/2023, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on July 20, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real

PIN 89-08-13-07-100-002 (89-08-13-07-100-001 U/P) Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3897 N Rink Road Lena, IL 61048

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four

(24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

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

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, 15W030 North Frontage P.C., Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-18-10658. 13221712

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