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## Movie Day fun

The Lena Community District Library had a great turnout for the recent Summer Reading Movie Day. The event had a full house.

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## Bike and Pet Parade

The Lena Lion's Club is sponsoring a Bike and Pet Parade on July 22 at 10 a.m. This fun-filled, free event was created to encourage a healthy, active community and share the health benefits of physical activity on the mind, body, and soul.

Prizes will be given for the best bike decoration and pet costume. Everyone is welcome to participate, and guests can enter the without a pet by dressing up a favorite human instead! The best human pet costume will also receive a prize. All pets (except the human pets) must be leashed or caged.

The parade will start in the Lena Citizen's State Bank parking lot. Family

and pet-friendly games will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 pm. There will also be food and pet-related vendors as well as information on diabetes. Diabetes is one of the top 5 causes of blindness. Since 1925, Lions International has been a champion in helping people with vision impairments. Please bring old eyeglasses to be recycled and given to people in need.

Preregistration for the parade is encouraged. More information is available on the Lena Illinois Lions Club Facebook page or by calling or texting 815-275-7391. Please call if interested in promoting a pet-related business or services.

## Village of Lena happenings

On Friday, July 23 Lena residents may have noticed a very low flying airplane in town. Although it did seem like it was going to brush the tops of the trees, there was a very skilled pilot in the cockpit spraying for Lymantria dispar, also known as Spangly Moths.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the US Forest Service's "Slow the Spread" program, target specific areas for spraying to control the Spangly Moth population. These insects are known to be the primary defoliators of hardwood trees. The substance being sprayed is called Splat GM-O. This is an organic, biodegradable product made from food-grade materials with the consistency of a hand cream. The formulation

disrupts mating of the Spangly Moths without disrupting any other insects, mammals, or surrounding environment. For more information, please visit [www.slowthespread.org](http://www.slowthespread.org). At the most recent Board Meeting on June 10, the board approved bids to complete a Downtown Pavilion. The new pavilion will be located on the corner of Schuyler St and Main St across from Citizens State Bank. The project is set to begin this summer.

The annual Village of Lena utility bill increase will take effect on the bills that come out in July. Please contact Village Hall at 815-369-4016 with any questions regarding bills.

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# Obituaries

## ELMA JEANETTE KOEHLER

Elma Jeanette Koehler, 83, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at Azura Memory Care in Monroe, WI. She was born on Aug. 2, 1939, in Galena, IL to Wilfred and Elma (Schuller) Greene. Jeanette was married to Lyle Koehler in 1959 and she passed away in 1987. She then was with her significant other Dan "Barney" Reynolds for 25 years until he passed on Dec. 26, 2017.

Elma worked for Kolb Lena for several years until she went to Newell Rubbermaid and worked there until she retired. Jeanette loved spending time with her family, loved the holidays, she enjoyed camping, walking, and



watching her family compete in various sports.

Jeanette is survived by her son- Lenny (Nora) Koehler of Lena, IL; stepson- Mack Reynolds of New Glarus, WI; daughter in law- Karen Koehler of Monroe, WI; 4 grandchildren- Janelle, Katie, Kristen and Hailey, great grandchildren- JaKobe, Taylor, Brayden, Lyla, and RaeAna, and 2 brothers- Ray Greene, Loran (Kathy) Greene, sister-in-law- Karen Greene and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded by her husband- Lyle, significant other-

Dan, son - Larry, sister- Gerry (Ron) Greiner and Shirley in infancy, brothers- Wayne Greene and LaVerne (Donna) Greene and sister-in-law- Lois Greene.

A visitation was held on Sunday, July 2, 2023, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, July 3, 2023, at 10 a.m. at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Lena, IL. with a visitation from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial took place at St. Michaels Catholic Cemetery in Galena, IL. Father Andrew Sacayan Hernandez officiated the services. A memorial has been established in her name. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## MAE M. ABRAHAM

Mae M. Abraham, age 94, passed away on Friday, June 23, 2023, in Lena, IL. Mae was born on March 17, 1929, to Elmer and Marie (Higgins) Krupke in South Beloit, IL. She married Gerald "Abe" Abraham on Jan. 1, 1952, in South Beloit, IL. Mae was a Home Economics teacher at Orangeville and Aquin High School. She then served as the secretary for the family plumbing business for many years. She was a proud member of the Safari Club International.

She left her tracks on the long grass, hunting under wild skies on many hunts from the



high plains of New Mexico to the mountains of Montana, the swaps of Louisiana, through the frozen tundra of the Arctic Circle, and seven times to the plains of Africa. Mae found her trophies.

Mae is survived by her son-Scott (Judy) Abraham of Monroe, WI; grand-daughters- Kristi (Dan) Magee of Belbrook, OH and Traci (Rich) Anderegg of Columbus, WI; 5 great grandchildren- Jacob and Mitchel Ma-

gee, Kiley (Michael) Duffy, Leah and Max Wickler; grand dogs- Harley and Charlie; sisters-in-law Jeanette Krupke of Broadhead, WI and Carol Krupke of South Beloit, WI; and caretaker Heather Schweigert. She is preceded in death by her husband Gerald "Abe", 3 brothers- Howard, Ralph, and John Krupke, and 2 grand dogs- Walter and Sherman.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## IRITA SCHINDLER

Rita S. Schindler, 74, of Browntown, formerly of McConnell passed away unexpectedly on June 27, 2023.

She was born on June 11, 1949, in Freeport to Elmer and Bessie (Klontz) Wachlin.

Rita married Roger Schindler on April 7, 1968, at the Orangeville United Methodist Church and were together until his passing in 1985. In the early 2000's she met her partner, Ronald Scheider.

Rita worked as an underwriter at General Casualty for 41 years until her retirement.



Rita was a member of the McConnell United Methodist Church, McConnell Historical Society, secretary for Silent

Hill Cemetery Association, former McConnell Legion Auxiliary member and very involved with helping with the youth group.

Rita is survived by her son- Michael Schindler of Orangeville, IL; Partner- Ronald Scheider, 2 stepsons- Scott

(Patty) Scheider and James (Pam) Scheider; 6 step grandchildren, 3 step great-grandchildren, 3 brother-in-laws- LaVern Schindler, Denny (Loni) Schindler and Gary Herbig; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, in-laws, husband Roger, son Robert in 1993, 2 sister-in-laws June Herbig and Anita Schindler and Special Uncle Rollie.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 1, 2023, at the United Methodist Church of McConnell (McConnell Community Church). Visitation was held Friday, June 30, 2023, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. Pastor Doug Carroll officiated the service. Burial was at the Silent Hill Cemetery in McConnell.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## WILLIAM REILING

William (Bill) Reiling passed away on June 27, 2023, at Winn Prairie, Freeport, IL, two weeks after his 93rd birthday. Bill was born on June 13, 1930, at home in Coe Township in rural Port Byron, IL to Vernon and Thelma (Wells) Reiling.

Bill attended several one room schoolhouses in grade school and graduated from Lanark, IL high school in 1948. He helped on the farm and was a meat cutter in Chadwick, IL before being drafted. Bill met his future spouse, Marian Newendyke, at a roller rink in Sterling, IL. She was impressed by him but also by his new 1953 Bel Air Chevy.

Bill served with a SCAR-WAF unit of the Army Corp of Engineers at the Itazuki Airforce Base in Japan from 1954-1955, right after the Korean War. He was a road grader and helped build an airfield for B-52 bombers and sabre jets. He also served as a jeep driver. After returning to Illinois, Bill and Marian were married at the Reformed Church in Sterling, IL on Aug. 1, 1956. They moved



from Prophetstown, IL to Waddams Grove, IL. Bill raised cattle and grain farmed for over 40 years.

Bill and Marian had two daughters, Laurie (Butch) Broughton of Freeport, IL and Lynne (Dennis "Denny") Lake of Lena, IL. Grandchildren are Andrew "Andy" Lake and his little family, Felicia and Skylar of Lexington, KY, Angela "Angie" Lake of Madison, WI and Asa Lake of Orlando, FL.

Bill was a loving family man and was very involved in his children's and grandchildren's lives. He enjoyed attending their sporting events, speech events and plays. He raised alpacas and sold pumpkins with his family. He also had a wry sense of humor and played many practical jokes on his family.

Bill and Marian enjoyed many trips to Orlando, FL in the winter. They also traveled to Hawaii, Nova Scotia, Canada and the Panama Canal. Bill once took a business trip to British Honduras (now Belize) and flew in a Cessna 150 with National Geographic. Bill owned land near the Jane Addams Trail and was proud to be able to donate 13 acres for the Jane Addams Trail-head.

Bill received his real estate license and built, remodeled and/or restored homes, apartment buildings and barns in Stephenson and Carroll coun-

ties. Bill loved old Ford cars and rebuilt a 1907 Ford Model R and also had a 1908 Ford Model S. He won 2nd place for cars 1908 or earlier during the Old Car Festival in Greenfield Village at the Henry Ford Museum in 2011.

Bill was recently honored as a 70-year member of the Lena Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the Lena Lions and the Lena American Legion for many years. Bill was a current member of Harmony United Methodist Church. Bill and Marian enjoyed 64 years together. He was a loving husband and a wonderful family man and friend. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

Bill is survived by his children, grandchildren, brother Ronald (Janet) Reiling, sister-in-law Mary Newendyke, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ernie and Carol Eads, sister-in-law Barbara Newendyke and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by special friend, Shirley McLeroy. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Marian and his parents.

A service was held at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL on Friday, June 30 with Pastor Eddie Eddy of Harmony UMC. After the service, there was a graveside ceremony at the Lena Burial Park.

Special thanks to FHN Hospice, Winn Prairie staff and Dr. Miller. A memorial has been established for FHN Hospice and Harmony United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at [leamonfh.com](http://leamonfh.com).

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# Drought continues to expand; crop conditions deteriorate

By Daniel Grant  
FARMWEEK

The expanding drought and crop condition ratings continue to trend in opposite directions as many farmers nervously await what should be the pivotal corn pollination period. All 102 counties in Illinois are now fully engulfed in drought and abnormally dry conditions, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor released Thursday.

Nearly one-third of the state is in severe drought, mostly from the Interstate 72 corridor to just north of Interstate 74 and along the

eastern border of the state from northern Edgar to Lake County. And more than half the state (51 percent) is in moderate drought. "This is something we haven't seen in a long time—really intense dryness," Trent Ford, state climatologist with the Illinois State Water Survey, told FarmWeek. "We're about 8 to 10 inches below normal (precipitation) in some parts of Illinois. We're flirting with 1988 as far as precipitation totals."

In fact, average precipitation for the entire state from April 1 to June 10 was the

second lowest on record dating back to 1951, according to the state climatologist. The only year it was drier in the past 72 years was 1988. "The one thing that's been a saving grace is we had moisture in the ground before this drought started," Ford said. "It's been the one thing keeping things alive. The crops are just kind of hanging on in some places."

But many farmers wonder just how much longer crops can hang on with no considerable moisture. The portion of crops rated good to excellent in Illinois as of June 20 plummeted to just 36 percent for corn (down 12 points from the previous week) and 33 percent for soybeans (down 14 points), the National Agricultural Statistics Service Illinois field office reported. Nationwide, just 55 percent of corn was rated good

to excellent as of June 20, which is the lowest rating for the week since 1992. "We're heading to a catastrophe if it doesn't rain soon," said Gary Steward, FarmWeek Crop-Watcher from Stark County. "I'm more worried about corn than beans, because August rain may make a few beans."

Early-planted corn that was able to tap into some of the soil moisture generally looks better than later-planted corn in many areas. But growth of all crops has slowed in recent weeks, regardless of planting date, according to Gabe Glotzbach, crop specialist with Heritage FS in Iroquois County.

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## College news

### Local students named to Dean's List and Honor Roll

#### Rockford University – Distinguished Honors

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Della Crain

#### University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Dean's List

Jessica Louise Brown

#### University of Wisconsin-La Crosse – Dean's List

Benjamin Vandigo

#### University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Madison Cahoon  
Elizabeth Eden

#### Carthage College – graduates

Kendra Setterstrom  
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and enjoy them in the adjoining dining area. Kitchen includes an all new oven, range, and dishwasher. Large kitchen island has a built in sink, dishwasher, and an area for seating. Relax in the 4-season dayroom which includes four new picture windows. The main level also includes a master bedroom with new carpet and a large adjoining full bathroom with a double sink and tub shower. Laundry is also on the main level. The upstairs provides even more space for relaxation. Upper level includes a family room, 3 bedrooms and a versatile 4th room currently used as a bedroom. One bedroom is currently used as an office. Upstairs also includes a full bathroom with a double sink and tub shower. Home sits on a large corner lot. Large driveway and 3 stall garage provides plenty of space for vehicles and work space. Yard includes an underground dog fence that gives your pet plenty of freedom to roam. All home updates have been well documented and dated by the owner. You will be delighted by this home's warm atmosphere, natural light, and large living spaces. This home is move in ready! \$239,900.



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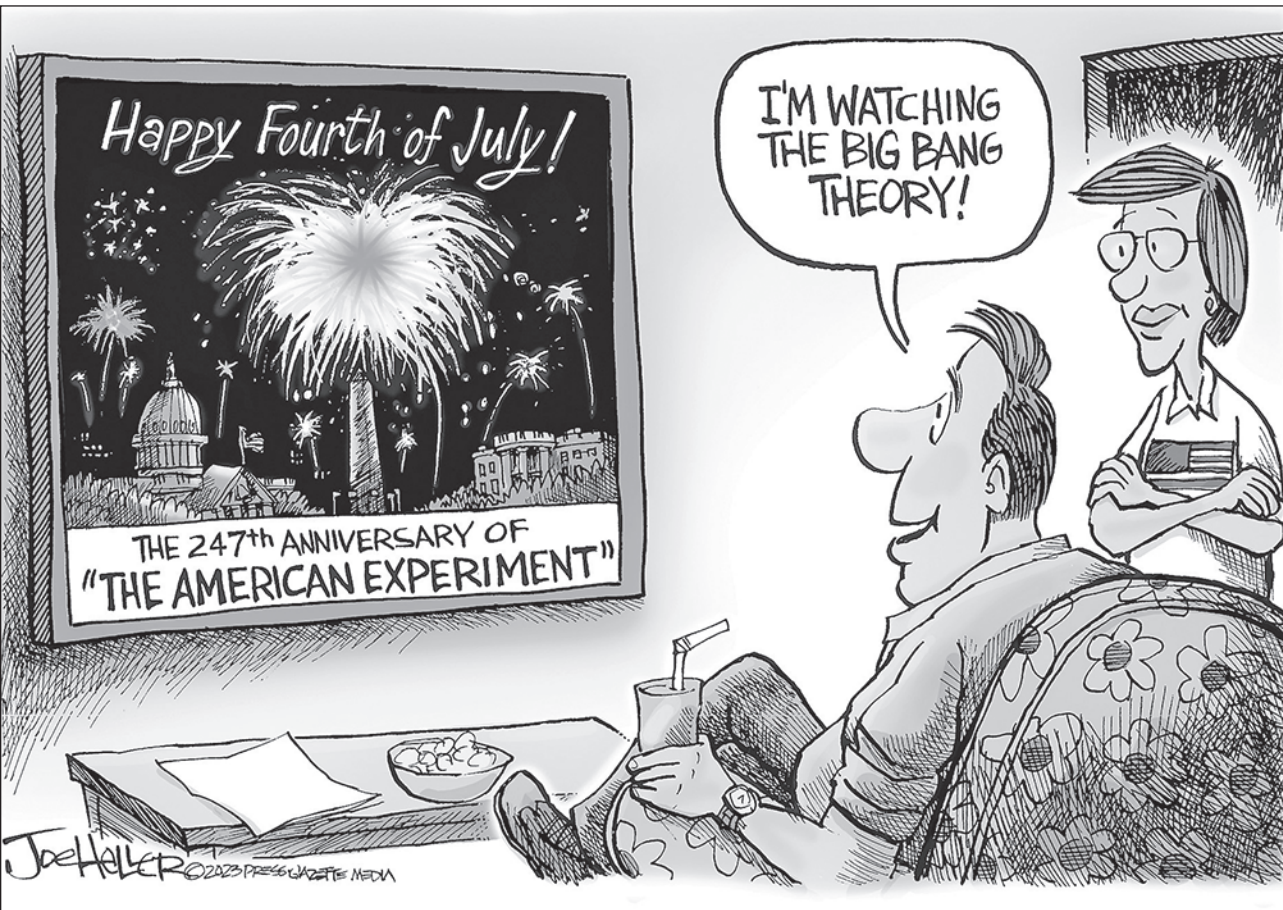
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# OPINION



## Slices of life

# Perspective



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

When confronting a problem. I've always been told to gain perspective by thinking about how important this issue will be in five years. It's a useful exercise.

But going into the future is mere speculation. You don't/can't know where you will be in five years. Maybe your troubles will be small; maybe they will be great.

So, while the approach of looking ahead has worked for me thus far, I'm proposing something completely different. What if we take this idea and turn it on its head?

Instead of looking to the future, how about we go back—to the past?

Put yourself in your own shoes five years ago. Here, there is no guessing. You know exactly where you were five or even 10 years ago. You know far too well the obstacles you've encountered—and overcome—since then.

And these obstacles, I think, can perhaps better help us put our present angst into perspective.

Today I struggle with the need to purchase a car. Or maybe a washing machine that needs repair. Or perhaps one of my kids needs a job.

All angst-worthy situations.

But. How do they compare to other angst-worthy situations I've encountered in the past?

I advised going back five years, but I don't have to go that far. For me, the key year is (and probably always will be) 2020. In 2020, COVID hit, the world shut down, my dad died and then my husband died. All in those 12 precious months. Worst year of my life - so far and I hope ever.

My present angst doesn't come close to that of 2020. It isn't even a sliver.

Still, it threatens to overpower my day - with worry, consternation, with what-ifs and worst-case-scenarios. All a waste of my good time. I read somewhere once that it isn't negative events that cause anxiety, it's the way we think about those events—or how much we allow ourselves to think about those events.

We think we can control the negative events in our lives but that is most often impossible. We can't control negative events any more than we can control lightning or the tide or the path of a tornado. We aren't in control of the bad things that happen in our lives. We are in control of how we respond to them.

It's tempting to get caught up in the maze of turbulence that is life. And sometimes I do, but not for long—at least not often. Much, much less than in the past—prior to 2020. That's for sure.

I only need to think of 2020 and suddenly perspective becomes crystal clear. I survived 2020. Certainly, I can survive an appliance repair.

It's a no-brainer. Maybe that's the hidden gift of hard times. They create perspective. They give a backdrop onto reality. They make everyday problems seem doable because they are.

Life provides hills and hurdles. It isn't a clear path because it wasn't designed to be. We wouldn't learn needed lessons if all we experienced was easy street. Life is meant to be hard. Gulp.

Because hard pushes us. Hard makes us grow. Hard helps us to rise above the problems of today and realize we can tackle tomorrow. Hard—when conquered - makes us the opposite of hard.

It opens us to the beauty in every moment. Hard, when tackled correctly, softens us. It allows us to be more loving and kind. And in doing so, it makes the world a kinder place.

And, really, truly, that's what this is all about, isn't it?

*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.*

## In my opinion

# Life lessons for recent graduates, and everyone else

**Editor's note:** This op-ed was distributed by Capitol News Illinois on behalf of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. The opinions expressed in this article are the author's own.

By John T. Shaw  
Many of us learned long ago of the limited persuasive power of unsolicited advice. Offering unprompted

words of wisdom is the clear triumph of hope over experience! Nonetheless, this spring I bravely offered my students at Southern Illinois University some of the lessons that I have learned over my career. I humbly offer them here as well.

1. Work hard at every job—even the ones you don't like. You can learn a

lot from work that isn't fun, rewarding, or stimulating. In addition to gaining skills, you can also study the qualities of successful colleagues. Learn from stars.

2. Try out as many things professionally as possible early in your career. Take chances; don't be afraid to fail, and then focus by mid-career.

3. Travel as much as you can within your own country and abroad. Traveling expands your horizons and makes you a larger person. And it's fun.

4. Read, especially books, and especially biographies

and memoirs. They are life's instruction manuals.

5. Commit to excellence. My favorite historian, Barbara Tuchman, wrote that you either do things right or half-right, your approach is either careful or sloppy. Always try to do things right and make sure your approach is careful.

6. Keep improving your skills, in particular writing and negotiating. Effective writing requires clear thinking which is both valuable and rare. And much of life is negotiating, even when we are not aware of it.

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# One percent grocery tax resumes, gas tax increases as new fiscal year begins

## Expiring temporary tax relief measures were aimed at curbing inflation

By Jerry Nowicki  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A new state fiscal year began July 1, ushering in the reinstatement of a 1 percent tax on groceries and a second increase to the state's motor fuel tax in 2023. Amid record-high inflation last spring, the General Assembly temporarily waived Illinois' grocery tax for the coming fiscal year and delayed the annual increase in the state's motor fuel tax for six months. Democrats introduced both those measures as part of a larger tax relief package that drew criticisms for its proximity to the November

general election. "What we did last year was a temporary measure because we had very high inflation," Pritzker said when asked at an unrelated news conference June 27 whether the changes were election-related. "Inflation, you may notice, has come down."

Inflation was approaching 9 percent when the tax relief plan passed last year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, but it was 4 percent last month when the fiscal year 2024 was budget passed. The Pritzker administration estimated at the time

the temporary pause on the grocery tax would cost the state \$400 million. Most grocery tax revenues are distributed to local governments, so last year lawmakers directed state general revenue funds to reimburse local governments for any financial hit they would have taken due to the pause. "I would like very much to eliminate entirely the grocery tax, but it is a matter of local governments and what they would do if they didn't have that income as a result of the grocery tax," Pritzker said, faulting Republicans for "complaining"

about the tax being reimposed without offering revenue alternatives.

The motor fuel tax on gasoline, gasohol and compressed natural gas, meanwhile, will increase by 3.1 cents on July 1, to 45.4 cents per gallon. The tax rate for diesel fuel will also increase by 3.1 cents, to 52.9 cents per gallon. The automatic increase in the fuel tax at the beginning of the new fiscal year is an annual process that became law in 2019 with bipartisan support. Lawmakers doubled the motor fuel tax and indexed it to increase at the rate of the fed-

eral government's Consumer Price Index each year.

The motor fuel tax revenue, combined with one-time increases to license and registration fees that took effect in 2020, provided the funding backbone of the state's \$33.2 billion six-year infrastructure plan for road and bridge upkeep, dubbed Rebuild Illinois.

According to the governor's office, Rebuild Illinois has funded \$10.9 billion of upgrades as of March 31, including 4,913 miles of roads, 479 structures, and 709 other safety improvements.

Last year's July 1 motor

fuel tax increase was delayed six months, so the per-gallon tax already increased by 3.1 cents in January. Pritzker last year estimated that the temporary pause on the gas tax hike would have saved consumers about \$70 million.

As part of last year's tax relief plan, lost motor fuel tax revenues were replaced by money from the state's Leaking Underground Storage Tank fund, which is historically paid into by fees and fines related to underground chemical storage tanks, such as those at gas stations.

## Circus hijinks at Discovery Center News briefs

The circus is coming to town! Enjoy a day full of surprises and silliness the Wild Rumpus Circus comes to Discovery Center for three engaging performances on Friday, July 7. Enjoy the combination of hilarious clowning with aerial artistry, rapid fire juggling, and fantastic stilt walkers. Between the two morning shows, children can experience being a circus performer as they balance on a tightwire, take a swing on a low-flying trapeze

and go for a spin on a kid-size German Wheel.

Tickets for shows available at the door on a first-come, first-serve basis, with one show per family, please. All activities are included with museum admission. The cost is \$10/person for the public and free to museum members and all children ages one and younger. Show times are 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

Circus activities are from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

### WPPO community event

Wood Powered Pizza Ovens (WPPO) will host an Open House event on Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This will be an all-day event that will accommodate kids, teens, and adults. Join WPPPO as they showcase their latest innovations. Bring the whole family along and create memories that will last a lifetime. This event will be the perfect way to kick off Warren's county fair tractor pull day in

style.

### Annual Pork Chop BBQ

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Pork Chop BBQ on July 19 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Elizabeth Fairgrounds. Drive through or enjoy limited seating. Only 900 tickets

are available, and the cost is \$15. For more information call or text 815-275-3083. The 4-H Livestock auction will follow at 7 p.m.

## • Lessons

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7. Play the long game. Stay in touch with people. Send notes, make calls, and ask questions of your bosses, colleagues, friends and especially your parents and grandparents. Mark Twain was right: "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."

8. Persistence is an underrated, even essential, quality. Press ahead on projects and refuse to give up. Stay humble, exceed expectations, and control the controllables.

9. Make time to think and plan. George Shultz, as secretary of state, set aside one hour a week to sit quietly in his office to consider what he was trying to accomplish. He brought only a notepad, a pen, and his thoughts. Thinking and planning allows us to avoid one of life's greatest traps: letting the urgent take precedence over the important.

10. Take every opportunity, even small ones, to be

courageous. John F. Kennedy wrote that courage "requires no exceptional qualifications, no magic formula, no special combination of time, place and circumstance. It is an opportunity that sooner or later is presented to us all."

11. Be on the lookout for mentors. Life has a way of providing them at times and in places that are surprising. Watch for them and pay as much attention to what they do as to what they say.

12. Be a good citizen. Learn how your government works, vote, support honorable candidates even if you don't agree with all their views. Make life better in your community and support problem-solvers.

13. Enjoy life; the years pass quickly. Al McGuire, the legendary coach of Marquette University, sent a note to one of his successors, Tom Crean, wishing him luck. McGuire's handwriting was not completely legible, so the note ended with either "Enjoy the sun" or "Enjoy the run." Whichever word McGuire intended, the meaning is the same.

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815-369-5591  
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**Pastor Scott Wilson, Assoc. Pastor of Youth**  
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www.lenafreechurch.org

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309 S. Main Street, Elizabeth, IL 61028  
email: firstumcofelizabeth@gmail.com  
**Pastor Donna Hoffman 608-293-0163**  
email: dchoffman@gmail.com  
• **Sunday Worship - 8:30 a.m.**  
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**Father Mike Morrissey (815) 947-2545**  
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and 5:00 p.m.  
• Reconciliation Saturday – 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.  
• Parish Hall for Rent – Seats 200

## **LENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

118 West Mason Street, Lena, IL 61048  
**Pastor Melwyn Alagodi (815) 369-5291**  
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## **MARTINTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

W8996 Lena St., Martintown, WI 53522  
(1 mile north of Winslow, IL)  
**Pastor Kevin Cernek • 608-558-0974**  
• **Sunday Worship – 8 & 10:30 a.m.**  
*Worship inside or watch from the  
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• **Sunday School for all ages – 9:30 a.m.**  
• **Sunday Youth – 6 p.m.**  
• **Tuesday Bible Study – 10:30 a.m.**  
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211 Hulbert Rd. P.O. Box 97,  
McConnell, IL 61050  
815-868-2324  
Email: mcconnellcmtychurch@yahoo.com  
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411 S. Main Street, PO Box 236,  
Pearl City, IL 61062  
815-443-2177  
email: pearlcityumc@gmail.com  
Website: pearlcityumc.org  
Find us on facebook at  
www.facebook.com/pcumcil  
**Pastor Roger Bronkema (815) 291-6261**  
email: rbronkema18@gmail.com  
• **Sunday Worship – 8:45 a.m.**  
• **Communion Every First Sunday**  
• **Monthly Fellowship Breakfast**  
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## **PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

15010 W. Howardsville Road  
Lena, IL 61048  
217-357-3723  
**Pastors Robert Webb & Rob Webb**  
• **Sunday Worship**  
- each 3rd Sunday - 10:30 a.m.  
Potluck lunch following service

## **SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

8491 West Salem Road, Lena, IL 61048  
(Turn on Salem Road at Eleroy Rest Stop)  
**(815) 369-4511**  
**Pastor Christopher Ham**  
• **Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.**

## **SCHAPVILLE ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

635 East Schapville Road, Elizabeth, IL  
61028  
**Pastor Dottie Morizzo**  
**(815) 845-2272**  
Cell **(815) 238-0670**  
www.schapvillezion.org  
• **Sunday Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.**  
• **Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.**  
• Bible Study Classes Available

## **SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

536 E. Schapville Road,  
Scales Mound, IL 61054  
**Church number (815) 845-2061**  
**Rev. James Mehlretter**  
Website: www.shepherdofhill.com  
• **Sunday Worship – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**  
• **Sunday School (Sept. – May) – 8:45 a.m.**  
• Holy Communion is celebrated weekly.

## **ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

608 East Railroad, Warren, IL 61087  
**Father Skrobutt (815) 745-2312**  
• **Sunday Mass – 8:00 a.m.**  
• Reconciliation Sunday – 7:30 – 7:50 a.m.

## **ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
625 Country Lane Drive, Lena, IL 61048  
**Rev. Rick Bader (815) 369-4035**  
• **Saturday Evening Worship – 5:30 p.m.**  
• **Sunday Worship – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**  
• Blast Program at 9:00 a.m.  
• High School & Adult Sunday School  
at 9:15 a.m.

## **ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America  
229 S. First St., Pearl City, IL 61062  
www.stjohnspearlcity.org  
815-443-2215  
• **Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.**  
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## **ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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• Chair Lift to Sanctuary

## **WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Corner of Hudson & Benton St.,  
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**Pastor Melwyn Alagodi (815) 947-2541**  
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• Adult Bible Studies Available  
• Communion Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
• First Sunday potluck following church  
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Find us on website StocktonWUMC.org  
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## **WILLOW UNITED METHODIST**

6522 S. Willow Road, Stockton, IL 61085  
**Pastor Cheryl Carroll (815) 541-7020**  
• **Weekly Sunday Worship – 9:30 a.m.**  
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• **Sunday School – 11 a.m.**  
*www.willowfolkfestival.com*

## **WINSLOW GRACE BIBLE CHURCH**

197 Carver Street, Winslow, IL 61089  
**Pastor Robert Patin (815) 230-1862**  
**608-669-5770**  
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• **Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.**

## **YELLOW CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

12602 W. Dublin Road, Pearl City, IL  
**Pastor Ellis Boughton • 815-864-2049**  
Email: ellis.boughton@live.com  
• **Sunday Services – 10:00 a.m.**  
• **Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.**  
(when available)

## **ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10100 W. Sabin Church Rd.,  
Pearl City, IL 61062  
**Pastor Wayne Fischer • 815-266-6260**  
**Pastor Chip Sohl • 815-541-1425**  
• **Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.**  
• **Children's Church - during church service**  
• **Prayer Shawl Knitting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.**  
• **Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**



# Church news

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, July 9 for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service. The reading will be from Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

On Wednesday, July 12 Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience necessary. On Thursday, July 13 Friendship Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. for a Potluck Dinner and entertainment featuring Bobby Edler and John W.

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.

## St. John's Lutheran Church

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

Collection of school supplies will begin on Sunday, July 8.

The items most needed are computer mice, earbuds, 2-pocket folders, crayons, markers, pencils and rulers. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Dominos will be played on Tuesday, July 11 at 9 a.m. in Luther Hall. All are invited for a fun morning of dominoes and fellowship.

The July Grace Meal will be on July 16 curbside service only. The menu will be brats, baked beans, applesauce, chips, and dessert.

All reservations are due by Thursday, July 13 at 5 p.m. Call the church at 815-369-2215 and leave a message.

Women's Gathering will have brunch and Bible Study on Tuesday, July 18 at 9 a.m. at Karen Bremmer's Home at 313 W. Walgren Rd.

Sign up on the bulletin board by July 16.

The final night of Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held on Aug. 6. A meal will be served from 5 to 5:30 p.m. for families to enjoy.

The children will rotate through stations of Bible study, crafts, and music. 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.

## Calvary Church

Calvary Church in Stockton will hold a 5-day Bible Club on Monday through Friday, July 10 through July 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. It is for ages 5 to 12.

The children will learn Bible lessons, hear a missionary story, sing songs, play games, and have a snack.

This program is from the Child Evangelism Fellowship out of Rockford, Illinois. Please call Vicki Croffoot at 815-443-2406 or the church office at 815-947-2414 to reserve a spot or with any questions.

Calvary Church is on the corner of Maple and Rush Streets, just south of the Middle School.

## Evangelical Free Church of Lena

Five-Day Bible Club will be held July 10 through 14 at the Lena Lions Park from

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. for children ages 5-12.

Bible lessons, songs, games, memory verses and activities are planned.

Parents are welcome to attend with their children.

Contact Barb Wire at 815-757-4267 for more information.

## Salem United Church of Christ

Join for a service led by Pastor Christopher Ham at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, Illinois, on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at 10 a.m. The Adult Sunday School will be held 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, July 12 at 8 a.m. at The Big Apple, 1427 West Galena Av-

enue, Freeport, Illinois. Everyone is welcome to join.

Men's Night will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. During this meeting the men spend time visiting, playing games, and getting to know each other better.

Bible Study will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Crafternoon is 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 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, contact [salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com](mailto:salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com).

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Stockton WA TAN YE members attend the District III Spring Meeting.

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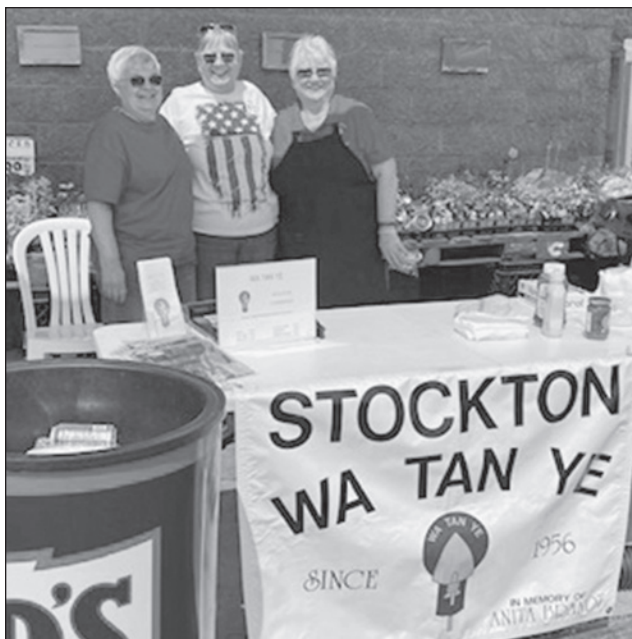
# Stockton WA TAN YE happenings

Stockton WA TAN YE (WTE) has had a busy spring. Nine members attended the District III Spring Meeting at Clinton, IA. Members enjoyed a delicious luncheon, entertainment by the Clintones Women's Choir, and time with fellow Clinton WTE club members.

WTE also held a bake sale and brat stand fundraiser at Sullivan's. Funds raised were donated to the Stockton Township Park playground equipment and to the Stockton High School greenhouse project. Members

keep track of volunteer hours which help the community and allow the organization to maintain a "not for profit" tax status.

WTE will not meet during the month of July. Meetings will resume on Thursday, Aug. 3 at Massbach Ridge Winery at 5:30 pm. All ladies interested in joining WTE or finding out more about the organization are invited to come out to attend. Please contact any WTE member with any questions. Co-Presidents of the organization are Sally Tucker and Eloise Pierce.



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Stockton WA TAN YE hosts a bake sale and brat stand with proceeds supporting both Stockton High School and Stockton Township Park.

## Weekly connection

# Freedom isn't Free

It was sure a great blessing to get some much-needed rain around these parts last week. Thank you, God! The dark green grass sure looks nice under the bright red tractors that are sitting out in my yard with American flags draped on them. The corn shot up a good three or four feet and the beans and alfalfa got some great help as well. I asked the Lord not to look at the radar, but just go ahead and send us some rain and He did. He is such a good God. I love how He is so near to us. A couple weeks ago I was baling some hay and the Power-Take-Off came apart on the baler. I hopped down off the tractor and was able to unjam the locking pin on the PTO by using a cotter key that I borrowed from the baler cylinder. When I went to get back on the tractor, I couldn't find the cotter key. I looked and looked under the drawbar and all around. Finally, as I climbed back on the tractor the Lord spoke to me in that still small voice and asked me why didn't I ask Him to help me find it? I kind of laughed out loud because I just knew after I prayed, I was going to find it for sure and that is exactly what happened. It was even almost completely buried in the dirt, but there it was about twenty seconds after I prayed. Then yesterday it happened again. I was trying to put a new v-belt on my mower deck. Well, there are six pullies on this deck, and it can be tricky figuring out how the belt gets routed around all those pullies. This



By **SCOTT CERNEK**  
Columnist

time I didn't wait quite as long to pray, and sure enough after having no clue for a long time I prayed and a few minutes later, I could see just how it should go. God is sure good.

I would like to wish a happy 4th of July to you all. When it comes to patriotism, I love my country with great zeal and fervor. My father and father-in-law served in the army during the years of the Korean War. I also had five uncles who all went overseas during the Second World War and the Korean War and served our country there. Thankfully, they all returned to their families and churches to live long lives and to serve God faithfully. We are so thankful for the sacrifice of all those who served and especially for those who died that we might remain free. It is mind-boggling to think of the loneliness and the long time away from family that these men must have felt and yet they completed the task asked of them, namely, to stand and fight, if need be, for the freedom and liberty that the Patriots of this great nation also fought for.

Sadly, America as a nation today has turned its back on God and His principles over the past fifty years or so. Too many people in power decided that they were better at declaring truth than God Himself. They tried to teach us that we came from apes and all that crazy stuff and way too many believed it over the years and decided to push God into a storage box in the attic. Our just and righteous God has allowed us to reap what we have sown. Now about all we can do is pray for this nation to turn back to God before it is too late, and it may already be too late. God has made it pretty clear what happens when we reject His clear and plain truth concerning creation and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Believers must proclaim that the wrath of God is coming, but that the goodness of God and His glorious gift of salvation is always available

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# Pritzker signs bills altering Illinois' health insurance market

## Legislation authorizes state-based marketplace, rate review

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker signed legislation last week that will dramatically alter the health insurance market in Illinois.

The measures establish a state-based exchange for policies sold under the Affordable Care Act and give the Illinois Department of Insurance the authority to modify or reject proposed rate increases.

"Since day one of my administration, I've been committed to making health care more equitable and holistic and accessible," Pritzker said at a bill signing ceremony in Chicago. "With these bills, we aren't just increasing access to affordable preventative care, we're improving the quality of life for millions who call Illinois home."

Under the Affordable Care Act, people who are not eligible for Medicaid but who do not have access to affordable health insurance through their

employer can buy subsidized policies through an online exchange operated by either the federal government or their state government.

Illinois, however, was among the states that chose not to set up its own exchange. Instead, it pays an annual fee so Illinois residents can use the federal exchange.

That will change under House Bill 579, which calls on the Department of Insurance to set up a state-based exchange that will be fully operational by 2026.

Dana Popish Severinghaus, director of the Insurance Department, said during an interview after the bill signing that having a state-based exchange ultimately will make it easier for Illinois consumers to shop for insurance.

"I think it's ultimately our goal that Illinois consumers can have a one-stop shop where, whether they need to enroll in an ACA plan or a

Medicaid plan or, you know, their family is split, we can do that in one place for them to make it as easy as possible," she said.

Pritzker said having a state-based exchange will give Illinois the flexibility to offer more enrollment periods during the year than the federal exchange offers and to coordinate with nonprofit organizations that help people navigate the marketplace.

But perhaps more importantly, Pritzker said, it will protect Illinois consumers from any potential changes in federal policy. During the Trump administration, funding for advertising and nonprofit groups to help people sign up for insurance were slashed and the yearly number of enrollment days was cut roughly in half.

"I'm suggesting that if Joe Biden were to lose reelection to a Republican, that people nationally would lose their

health care coverage or lose their access to that federal exchange, but they won't lose access to the Illinois exchange," Pritzker said.

Pritzker also signed House Bill 2296, which, for the first time, gives Illinois insurance regulators authority to review health insurance rate changes and, if necessary, modify or reject those proposed changes—authority that regulators in 41 other states already have.

Under the bill, beginning in 2025, companies that offer individual and small group health insurance policies will have to submit their proposed rates for the following year to the Insurance

Department, which will post those flings on its website. After a 30-day public comment period, the department will either approve, modify or reject the proposed rate changes.

The bill also calls on the department to publish an annual report on health insurance coverage, affordability and cost trends in Illinois, including such things as cost trends by major service category, including prescription drugs; utilization patterns by major service category; the impact of benefit changes; enrollment trends; and demographic shifts.

State Sen. Laura Fine, D-Glenview, said during a

separate interview before the bill signing that those changes will make the pricing of health insurance more transparent to consumers and give regulators the ability to determine whether consumers are being overcharged.

"The insurance industry, they file their plans with the Department of Insurance, and although the department goes through the actuarial process, they can't reject a rate," she said.

Under the new law, she said, regulators will be able to reject rates that are unreasonably high as well as rates that are so low that they could put the insurance company in financial risk.

## Illinois 84 closes in Jo Daviess County July 10

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that, weather permitting, construction on Illinois 84 in Jo Daviess County will begin on July 10. The work zone is located a mile north of Hanover and will require a road closure throughout the project.

Work will replace a culvert. A marked detour will direct traffic to use US 20, Illinois 78 and US 52/Illinois 64. The \$1 million project is expected to be completed by mid-August.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this

area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

### •Freedom

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to all who will believe in His son, the Lord Jesus. This is what true freedom and liberty is all about. Galatians 5:1 says, It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Until next week, God bless!

### •Village

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## Bone loss, bone grafts, and bone regeneration

There are many reasons that an individual may experience loss of bone in the oral cavity. The most common cause is tooth loss. Your jawbone plays a critical role in supporting your teeth. Your teeth play an equally vital role in supporting your jaw by stimulating jawbone growth whenever you bite or chew. When teeth are lost, whether due to decay, periodontal disease, trauma, tumors, or developmental deformities, the jawbone that anchors the teeth in the mouth no longer receives stimulation in that area and begins to break down or resorb. The rate that the



By **DR. STEPHEN PETRAS**  
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bone deteriorates, as well as the amount of bone loss that occurs, will depend on a variety of factors including but not limited to the overall health of the individual, the underlying cause of the tooth loss, and how much time passes before the tooth is replaced. What remains constant is that bone loss starts immediately after any

tooth loss, is greatest in the first year, and will continue until the tooth is replaced and stimulation is restored. In addition, the unopposed tooth may super erupt, causing further bone loss that can affect surrounding teeth.

Bone loss presents a serious threat to your oral health. Replacing teeth lost to decay or trauma as quickly as possible returns bone stimulation that promotes bone growth. Seek oral care for periodontal disease. Keep in mind that periodontal infections not only lead to bone loss but also damage and destroy

other supportive structures of the teeth. This leads to further loss of bone and teeth.

If you have severe bone loss due to periodontal disease or trauma your dentist may recommend a bone graft. This is a surgical procedure to help your body regenerate new bone cells to create suitable jaw strength to support tooth replacement treatments. During this procedure, your dentist will make an incision to expose the area where he will place bone grafting material.

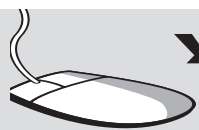
The bone graft material chosen depends upon a variety of factors. Alloplasts

are one of the most common bone graft materials used today. These are synthetic materials that your body can incorporate into your bones. Your dentist may also add a dental membrane, tissue-stimulating proteins, growth factors, or other interventive measures to help the graft integrate and stimulate bone repair and regeneration.

Thanks to advancements in technology, other adjunct procedures such as low-level laser therapy (LLLT) can be employed to further promote bone regeneration. LLLT not only stimulates stem cells to form collagen and bone but also stimulates the

growth of the blood vessels needed to establish or restore the nutritional supply to newly forming bone. Revascularization is key to the regeneration capacity of implanted bone tissue.

While implants and implant-supported dentures can restore the biting forces to the jaw necessary to prevent further bone loss, they require just as much bone support as natural teeth. This is why it is ideal to replace teeth soon after they are lost. Keep in mind that if a bone graft is required, it takes four to six months and sometimes longer to regenerate bone in the jaw.



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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We certainly have had our share of hazy days. The sun has been out, but the overcast skies make for not very nice days. Perhaps the haze has helped us not have such scorching sun to contend with because we continue to have hot weather. This week's recipes have some summer vegetables and fruits. There is a recipe for a crowd that is easy to make for a picnic. Enjoy cooking this week.

## Ranch Zucchini Appetizer

These appetizers are good any time of the year, but they are another way to use the plentiful zucchini that is coming out of our gardens.

**Ranch Seasoning**  
 ¼ C. chopped fresh parsley  
 2 t. dried dill weed  
 1 T. chopped fresh chives  
 2 t. garlic powder  
 2 t. onion powder  
 2 t. salt  
 ¼ t. pepper

**Zucchini:**  
 ½ C. flour  
 2 eggs, beaten  
 ½ C. plain panko bread-crumbs  
 2 to 3 small zucchini cut into ¼ inch thick rounds  
 Ranch dressing made from dried packet for dipping.

Seasoning: Mix together the parsley, dill, chives, garlic powder, onion powder, salt and pepper in a bowl. Set aside.

Zucchini: Preheat oven to

425. Move the baking racks to the center of the oven. Place a wire rack in a baking sheet and coat with cooking spray. Combine the flour with half of the ranch seasoning in a large resealable plastic bag. Put the eggs in a second resealable bag and put the breadcrumbs in a third large plastic bag. Add one half of the zucchini to the flour and use a combination of your hands and shaking the bag to coat the zucchini. Remove the zucchini and shake off any excess flour. Transfer to the egg bag; let the egg wash drip off before putting into the panko bag. Repeat until coated. Tip: It helps if you keep one hand for the dry ingredients and the other hand for the egg wash. You may see some green peeking out of the panko. Place zucchini on the baking rack and generously spray with cooking spray. Bake, rotating the baking sheets from top to bottom about halfway through the cooking time until golden brown and tender, 25 to 30 minutes.

15 oz. Fontina cheese (3 wedges)  
 3 C. watermelon balls  
 3 C. blueberries  
 1 C. blackberries  
**Dressing:** Whisk the honey, lime juice and lime zest in a small bowl. Stir in mint. **Salad:** Cut fontina into ½ inch slices. Cut slices with a 1-inch star cookie cutter. Combine watermelon and berries in a large serving bowl. Top with Fontina. Toss with dressing.

## Zucchini and Cheese Casserole

Zucchini is coming in by the basketfuls. This can be a side dish, or a vegetarian dish served with a salad and bread. Just one of many recipes with zucchini that are going to be coming your way.

4 T. butter, divided  
 6 small zucchini, chopped (about 7 C.)  
 1 large onion, chopped  
 1½ C. crushed Rice Chex cereal

1 C. shredded Colby-Monterey Jack Cheese  
 2 eggs, lightly beaten  
 1 t. salt  
 ¼ t. pepper  
 Preheat oven to 350. In a large skillet, heat 2 T. butter over medium-high heat. Add zucchini and onion; cook and stir 10 to 12 minutes or until crisp-tender. Transfer to a bowl and cool slightly. In a microwave, melt remaining butter. Drizzle over cereal and toss to coat. Stir cheese, eggs, salt, and pepper into zucchini and transfer to a greased 8-inch square baking dish. Sprinkle with cereal mixture. Bake, uncovered, 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

## Taco Salad for a Crowd

This salad or main dish can feed a group. It is perfect for a summer picnic. It is easy to make and easy to take.  
 1½ lbs. ground beef

2 envelopes taco seasoning, divided  
 1 medium head iceberg lettuce  
 1 pkg. Nacho-flavored tortilla chips  
 2 pints grape tomatoes, halved  
 2 cans (16 oz. each) kidney beans, rinsed and drained  
 3 cans (2¼ oz. each) sliced ripe olives, drained  
 1½ C. shredded cheddar cheese  
 1 large sweet onion, chipped  
 2 cans (4 oz. each) chopped green chilies  
 1½ C. Thousand island salad dressing  
 1 1/3 C. salsa  
 1/3 C. sugar  
 In a large skillet over medium heat, cook beef with 1 envelope plus 2 T. taco seasoning until no longer pink. Drain meat. In a very large serving bowl, combine the lettuce, tomatoes, beans, olives, chilies, onion and cheese into the beef mixture. In a small bowl, combine the salad dressing,

salsa, sugar, and remaining taco seasoning. Pour over salad and toss to coat. Arrange tortilla chips point side down on top of the salad. You can also crush them and put them on top of the salad.

## BBQ Beef Nachos

These nachos are a great supper meal or an appetizer. If you aren't into heat, you can leave out the jalapenos or put them on the side.

¼ small red onion, finely chopped  
 2 T. lime juice  
 1 T. olive oil  
 1 large yellow onion finely chopped  
 2 cloves of garlic, pressed  
 1 lb. ground beef  
 1 C. BBQ sauce  
 ½ C. canned tomato sauce  
 3 oz. shredded cheddar cheese, divided  
 4 C. tortilla chips  
 4 oz. cherry tomatoes, quartered

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## Red, White, and Blue Fruit Salad

This fruit salad is a great one for summer. If you don't want to cut out the star shape cheese, you can cube it up. It tastes the same, but it just isn't as pretty. Tip: Spray your measuring utensil with cooking spray before measuring honey.

¼ C. honey  
 2 T. lime juice  
 1 t. lime zest  
 ¼ C. minced fresh mint

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS - GALENA, ILLINOIS Planet Home Lending, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. Brian Donath AKA Brian H. Donath; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants, Defendants,

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY

IN PROBATE In Re the Matter of the Estate of: Adam T. Bradbury, Deceased.

No. 23-PR-36 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Adam T. Bradbury, of Freeport, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued June 27, 2023, to:

**Thomas M. Bradbury 1317 S. Locust Ave. Freeport, IL 61032**

as independent Administrator of the Estate of Adam T. Bradbury, whose attorney is

**Anthony V. Coon Attorney At Law 10 N. Galena Ave., Ste. 210 Freeport, Illinois 61032**

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Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032 or with the representative, or both, on or before January 12, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Date: June 27, 2023.

Thomas M. Bradbury, Administrator

By: **Anthony V. Coon Anthony V. Coon Attorney At Law**

Anthony V. Coon, #6269568 Attorney at Law 10 N. Galena Ave., Ste 210 Freeport, IL 61032 815-235-2212 Fax 815-232-5500 [tonycoonlaw@aol.com](mailto:tonycoonlaw@aol.com)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS Federal National Mortgage Association PLAINTIFF

Vs. Karen Dick a/k/a Karen L. Dick; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC5 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Karen Dick a/k/a Karen L. Dick 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: 237 N. Simmons St Stockton, IL 61085

and which said Mortgage was made by:

Karen Dick a/k/a Karen L. Dick the Mortgagor(s), to Midwest Community Bank, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, as Document No. 307203; 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 July 28, 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 at Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-23-02362

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# Freeport Rotary Scholarship

The Freeport Noon Rotary Club recently awarded its annual scholarships for students at Freeport and Aquin high schools and Highland Community College. The recipients of the 2023 scholarships are Mason McIntyre of Aquin High School and Addison Gill, AJ Evon, Natalie Yeoman, and James "Will" Giuffre of Freeport High School.

Mason McIntyre has volunteered extensively for St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. His volunteering includes delivering and serving food, teaching, tutoring, and contributing to blood and clothing drives. Mason has also participated in the High School Servant Leadership program and was a member of the CollegeNOW program at Highland Community College. He will be attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in the fall with the goal of becoming a physician.

Addison Gill has volunteered at a summer learning camp for children, helped clean up a local nursing home, and participated in the High School Servant Leadership program at Highland Community College where they raised enough money with other local schools for the Hearts and Hands for Hunger program to provide over 35,000 meals to people in Ukraine. Her time at Freeport High School included serving on the Principal's Advisory Committee, serving as Executive Secretary for Student Council, becoming a member of the National Honor's Society, and acting as Captain of the Dance/Poms team. She will be attending Illinois State University in the fall to study Social Work.

AJ Evon has volunteered with FHN and participated extensively at Freeport High School. She has served as Public Relations Officer with the National Honor's Society, been recognized as an Honor Thespian in the International Thespian Society of which she also served as co-President, served as treasurer of the Gay Straight Alliance Club, is a member of the National Art Honor Society, and served as Captain of the Speech Team. She is planning on attending Highland Community College in the fall.

Natalie Yeoman has volunteered for canned food drives, blood drives, clothing drives, campus clean-ups and was President of the High School Servant Leadership Club, where the full group combined at Highland Community College to package over 40,000 meals to send to Ecuador. Her time at Freeport High School also included serving as Editor of the Freeport High School Yearbook, serving on the Student Council, becoming a member of the National Honor's Society, and acting as Captain of the girl's Swim team. Additionally, Natalie was the first Freeport High School student to receive an internship at Highland Community College in the Marketing and Community Relations department. She will be attending Highland Community College in the fall and plans to study Marketing.

James "Will" Giuffre has volunteered in the community and participated in the High School Servant Leadership program at Highland Community College. Additionally, he competed on the Cross Country and Baseball teams at Freeport High School all while maintaining excellent academic achievement. He will be attending Highland Community College in the fall and plans to major in Engineering.

James "Will" Giuffre has volunteered in the community and participated in the High School Servant Leadership program at Highland Community College. Additionally, he competed on the Cross Country and Baseball teams at Freeport High School all while maintaining excellent academic achievement. He will be attending Highland Community College in the fall and plans to major in Engineering.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for LB-Igloo Series IV Trust, PLAINTIFF,

Vs. Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Jerry Moutrey; The Bank of New York Mellon FKA the Bank of New York, as Successor for the CWABS Master Trust, Revolving Home Equity Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 2004-C; Mariah Moutrey; Kipp E. Meyers, as Special Representative of Jerry Moutrey; Michelle Moutrey; Pamela Moutrey; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, DEFENDANT(S).

Case No. 2022FC25 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Jerry Moutrey 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:

LOT 3 OF A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF OUT LOT 8 OF WINNESHEIK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT; SITUATED

IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 818 East Shawnee Street, Freeport, IL 61032 and which said Mortgage was made by:

Jerry Moutrey (deceased), the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of STEPHENSON County, Illinois, as Document No. 200300048408; modified 201900168523; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that 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, Shanelle Bardell Clerk of the Circuit Court 15 North Galena Avenue Freeport, IL 61032-0785

on or before, July 21, 2023, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANYTIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

SOTTILE & BARILE, LLC 1415 West 22nd Street,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS GreenState Credit Union PLAINTIFF

Vs. Timothy J. Davenport; Mitchell E. Davenport; State of Illinois - Department of Revenue; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Adrian M. Davenport; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Adrian M. Davenport (deceased)

DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC34 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Adrian M. Davenport 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:

1018 Langdon Place Freeport, IL 61032 and which said Mortgage was made by:

Adrian M. Davenport Frances A. Davenport the Mortgagor(s), to Midwest Community Bank, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stephenson County, Illinois, as Document No. 200800094425; 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, Shanelle Bardell Clerk of the Circuit Court 15 North Galena Freeport, IL 61032

on or before July 21, 2023, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANYTIME 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. 14-23-03813

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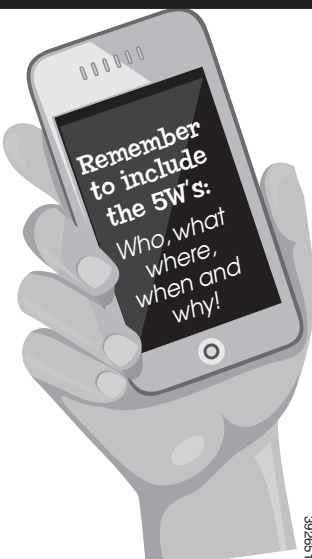
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Street reconstruction will begin after the July 4 holiday and will be under construction for an anticipated 15 months. The total reconstruction will include new water, sewer, and storm water infrastructure as well as new curb, street surface, and

a bike lane. Residents are encouraged to follow road closures and construction signage for crew and traveler safety. During this time, please note that there will be

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For more information on Adams Avenue, please visit

<https://cityoffreeport.org/galleries/adams-avenue-reconstruction/> and follow the City of Freeport's Facebook page for timely construction updates.

## •Kitchen (Continued from page 11)

Toppings: sliced jarred jalapenos, chopped guacamole, sour cream

Heat oven to 450. In a small bowl, combine red onion, lime juice and pinch of salt; let sit. Heat oil in large skillet on medium. Add yellow onion and 1/4 t. salt; cook, covered, stirring occasionally until tender, 6 to 8 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add beef and cook, breaking up the meat into small pieces, 5 minutes.

Transfer beef mixture to an oval casserole dish that has been sprayed lightly with cooking spray and top with 1/2 C. cheese. Arrange chips on top inserting pointed side down. Scatter with remaining cheese, tomatoes, and jalapenos. Bake until cheese is melted, 5 minutes. Sprinkle with cilantro and dollop with guacamole and sour cream.

2 slices Swiss cheese  
1/2 C. flour  
1/4 t. salt  
1/8 t. pepper  
1/4 t. paprika  
1 egg  
2 T. milk  
1/2 C. seasoned breadcrumbs  
1 T. canola oil  
1 T. butter, melted

Flatten chicken to 1/4 inch thickness; top each with a slice of ham and cheese. Roll up and tuck in ends; secure with toothpicks. In a shallow bowl, combine the flour, salt, paprika, and peppe. In another bowl, combine the milk and egg. Place breadcrumbs in a third bowl. Dip chicken in flour mixture first, then egg mixture and roll in crumbs. In a small skillet, brown chicken in oil on all sides. Transfer to an 8-inch square baking dish coated with cooking spray. Bake, uncovered, at 350 until a thermometer reads 170 for 20 to 25 minutes. Discard toothpick and drizzle with butter.

### Golden Chicken Cordon Blue

I have featured several Cordon Blue recipes over the years. This one is a simple dish that looks like you fussed a lot. It is perfect for a summer meal for two. You can double or triple it for company.

2 boneless skinless chicken breast halves  
2 slices deli ham

### Honey Berry Cake

This cake blends two great summer flavors. Some people say that eating local honey helps with allergies. Others say that it is a myth, however, it wouldn't hurt to eat the honey. My motto is that if it works, it works. Enjoy this

tasty honey and berry cake.

1 C. sugar  
1 C. canola oil  
1 C. honey  
3 eggs  
1/2 C. orange juice  
1 t. vanilla  
3 1/2 C. flour  
1 t. baking powder  
1 t. baking soda  
1/2 t. salt

1 C. fresh or frozen raspberries

1 C. fresh or frozen blueberries

### Glaze

1 C. powdered sugar  
2 T. honey  
2 T 2% milk

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 9 x 13 baking pan. In a large bowl, beat sugar,

oil, honey, eggs, orange juice and vanilla until well blended. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; gradually beat the dry ingredients into the sugar mixture. Transfer to prepared pan. Bake for 15 minutes. Sprinkle top of cake with raspberries and blueberries. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 30 to 35 minutes longer. Cool completely on a wire rack.

Glaze: combine the powdered sugar, honey and milk. Drizzle over the cake. Decorate with raspberries and blueberries.

### Final thoughts

For those of us who suffer

from asthma and breathing issues, the last weeks have been tough. I can't imagine what it must be like in Canada. Hopefully they can get some rain and the fires can get under control.

Hopefully you all had a safe and wonderful holiday. As I write this column, I am wondering if it will be too dry to have fireworks. A lot of people go to a lot of work for their hometown celebrations, so I am hoping everything goes off without a hitch.

We continue to wait for garden produce. I did have some zucchini, and it was tasty. The blueberries should be coming in soon. I know that people have had some

garden lettuce, but the radishes are pretty hot. Hopefully we will continue to get some showers to help everything grow. If you have some great summer recipes and would like to share, 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](mailto:scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS - GALENA, ILLINOIS  
Planet Home Lending, LLC, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Brian Donath AKA Brian H. Donath; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants, Defendants,

22 FC 76  
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., James J. Nack, 106 North Main Street, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 05-301-990-000.  
Commonly known as 199 Peace Pipe Lane East Dubuque, IL 61025.

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## A family affair

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