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Music in the Park provides music for nearly half a century

By Barb Wire

Music in the Park has a long history in the area. The Freeport Concert Band is over 100 years old, but Music in the Park dates back to almost 50 years ago. Lake Le-Aqua-Na's Music in the park began in 1975.

The Lena Ministerial Association started this wonderful tradition with the building of an amphitheater on the hillside of the Hickory Hill Campground. The original theater was built to seat 175 persons. The theater was built by an organization called the Lena Christian Men's Brotherhood. The project was initiated at a meeting in November of 1974. Some people might remember the members of the ministerial

society who spearheaded this project. Pastor Frank Samuelson, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pastor Dennis Lassanske, St. John's Lutheran Church, and Rev. Virgil Weimer, Lena Church of the Brethren, were mentioned as the pastors spearheading the building of the theater. Previously they had started a park ministry in one of the shelter houses for the benefit of the campers at the lake. The churches in the group were Good Shepherd Lutheran, Lena United Methodist, Lena Church of the Brethren, Salem United Church of Christ, St. John's Lutheran Church, and St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

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Obituaries

STEVEN R. "HERM" BARTELT

"Herm" was born Nov. 6, 1948, in Monroe, WI to Donald and Neva (Krebs) Bartelt. He died on Aug. 13, 2023, at home. He attended Winslow Grade School, graduated from Lena-Winslow High School, and attended Highland Community College. He began farming at his grandparents' farm in 1966, milking cows, raising hogs and planting crops.

On June 29, 1974, he and Christine Meyers were married in Lena. In 1983, Scot Raymer began working at their dairy farm and became an integral part of the farming operation, fishing buddy and grew to be a "part of the family". Due to declining health the dairy herd was dispersed in 2017 and a beef herd was started and continues today. While actively farming he earned awards from DHIA for "Super Cow" and from DeKalb seed corn company for the 200+ Club. He was proud of his farming career and was a good steward of the land.

In his younger life, Herm was a member of the Winslow Volunteer Fire Department, served as Winslow Township Clerk, was chair of



the Winslow River Days Committee and emcee of River Days for many years. He was also a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, having joined the Winslow lodge and most recently belonging to the Orangeville lodge. In recent years he was content to drive around the countryside in the truck with Scot and the dogs (Duke and Annie) checking out the crops and the beef herd and giving the dogs lots of treats! He was a good historian of Winslow and had drafted a book with lots of old sayings and sage advice.

He referred to himself as the "best provider you'll ever have" as he was always bringing fruits, vegetables, wild mushrooms, or berries home to be processed and put in the freezer. There was always plenty of beef, pork, and chicken in the freezer as well. No one ever left this farm hungry.

He is survived by Christine, Scot, dogs - Duke and Annie and Honey. He is also survived by his mother-in-

law, Anna Meyers and sisters-in-law, Pauline (Paul) Cyboriski, Lisa (Bart) Conrad, and brother-in-law, Mark (Lori) Meyers, "honorary sisters" Jennifer (Jason) Kempel and Kim Leamon. Also surviving are many special nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews and many special friends too numerous to mention. Herm was loved and will be missed by all. Preceding him in death are his parents, Don and Neva, father-in-law Harold "Spud" Meyers, sister-in-law Linda Leamon and brother-in-law "Mike" Meyers.

Per his wishes, a public graveside service was at 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at Rock Lily Cemetery in Winslow, IL. Pastor Ernie Stabenow officiated the service.

The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Malcolm DeCamp at UW Health, Dr. Michael McFadden and staff and FHN Hospital staff, SSM Health Monroe hospital staff and Lena Living Center staff for the loving care given to Herm over the past weeks. A memorial has been established in his name. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com

LOIS THRASHER

Lois C. Thrasher, 93, of Freeport, IL, formerly of Lena, IL passed away on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023. She was born on April 8, 1930, to Logan and Hazel (Winchell) Kahly in Stephenson County, IL. She attended Dakota High School. On Jan. 16, 1949, she married Mel Thrasher in Lena, IL. During her career, she worked at numerous businesses in Lena. She was a 70-year member of Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her five children—Charles (Molly) Thrasher of Ladd, IL, Daniel



and Ann Lender of St. Louis, MO; eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Mel, son Melvin, four brothers, and two sisters.

The family would like to

give a special thanks to the staff of Liberty Village in Freeport, IL for their compassionate care.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. A visitation was 1 p.m. until time of services on Tuesday at the Leamon Funeral Home. A private family burial took place at Lena Burial Park. Pamela Pearson officiated the services. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

AUDREY WIRTZ

Audrey F. Wirtz, 94, of Lena, IL (formally of Galeana, IL) departed this world into God's hands on July 28, 2023, surrounded by family. Audrey was a devoted and caring wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was born June 15, 1929, in Milledgeville, IL, the daughter of Alonzo and Esther (Senneff) Shipman.

Audrey graduated from the Moline Public Hospital of Nursing in 1957. She married Marvin Wirtz on Sept. 20, 1958. Together they had three children.

Audrey worked as an RN in Sterling, IL until her first child was born in 1959. After raising her family, she resumed her career in 1977 at the Galeana Hospital where she worked in the Nursing



Home Wing until retiring in 1994. First and foremost, Audrey loved and cared for her family. She was an incredibly friendly and sharp-witted person who never met a stranger. She enjoyed singing, listening to music, vacationing and was always game for a good adventure, as evidenced by insisting on a jet ski ride with her granddaughters at age 93.

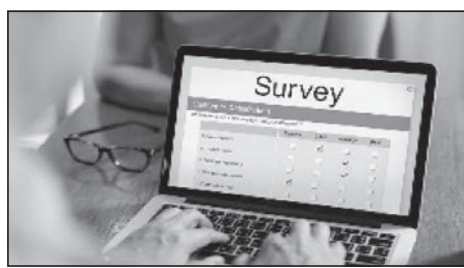
Audrey is survived by three children, Marcia Teel (Steve Ott) of Bettendorf, Iowa, Karen (Evan) Audette of Crystal Lake, Illinois, and Bill (Meghan) Wirtz of Lena, Illinois. Left to cherish her memory are her grandchildren, Jodi (Mike) Arp, Kara

(Jeff) Dorothy, Nate Audette, Brian Audette, Sophie Wirtz, Colette Wirtz, and Teddy Wirtz; and great-grandchildren, Brayden, Mikayla, Gavin and Emma Arp. Also surviving Audrey are in-laws Jack and Lillian Wirtz, Ruth Wirtz and Richard Huggins, several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; sisters, Ruth Flynn and Dorothy Robinson; in-laws Phil and Marian Brown, Arnie Wirtz and Marvin Flynn; and several nieces.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of life and visitation on Saturday, Aug. 26 at the First United Methodist Church in Galeana, IL. The visitation is from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed by a celebration of life service. Condolences may be shared at CremationQC.com.



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for your participation.

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Thank you to everyone who sent cards and well wishes for my 99th birthday. Your kindness is appreciated!
Vivian Kepner
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The family of Rachel Wright (daughter of Russ and Kristin Wright of Lexington, South Carolina and granddaughter of Ruth Wright and the late Dean Wright of Stockton) would like to surprise her with a card shower! Rachel, who is 15 years old, was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia in 2021. She had a bone marrow transplant (donor was from Germany) on June 7th at Shawn Jenkins Hospital in Charleston, SC. She was in the hospital for 6 weeks and will continue to be in confined care until the end of September.

Cards and letters of encouragement may be sent to 600 Coldridge Ct, Lexington, SC 29073!

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News briefs

Opal Weick receives recognition for service

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary presented Opal Weick with a certificate for 70 years of continuous service.

Veteran's Pantry in need of donations

The Veteran's Pantry in Freeport needs donation items which include shaving cream, mouthwash, wash cloths, wash hand towels, bath towels, laundry soap dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, hand can openers, crest toothpaste, men's and women's deodorant, socks, body wash, and body lotion.

Items may be dropped off on Saturday at the Lena American Legion Home from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Legion Home is located at 316 W. Main St. Please call 815-369-4684 with any questions. Thank you for the wonderful response to support the veterans.

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OPINION



Slices of life Universal truths - part one



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

There are certain truths that are universal, but unspoken. They are numerous—all around us.

So numerous they couldn't fit into one column. (Watch for part two coming soon.) Often, these truths aren't even recognized. They are so universal - so clear and obvious to us—that we've stopped seeing them. Or maybe we never were aware of them at all.

Either way, they are there. And when pointed out—when outed—most of us catch our breath, or giggle, or maybe both and think, "Yes, of course, why didn't I see that before?"

They are the little things. The big things. All universal. All true.

Universal truth number 252: When you are vacuuming and an errant dust bunny refuses to become refuse so you bend over to pick it up and then toss it back onto the floor just to give the vacuum one more chance to do its job.

Number 91: When you push the kitchen garbage down one more time (for the third time today) to fit in one more item—OK, maybe two more items, just to avoid emptying the garbage.

Number 134: One morning I woke to find they (whomever they are) had changed the font on my phone. Probably something to do with settings, but what do I know about settings? The new font was much too fat and I was completely discombobulated until I figured out how to change it back to the correct typeface. (I give myself a C+ for semi-mastery of the settings in this case.) Universal truth: don't mess with my phone.

Numbers 57 and 32: When we sleep, temperature is important and imperative. When we are cold, we pull the covers up to our chin. When we wake up hot in the middle of the night, we do not do the obvious and pull the covers back. Instead, we stick one leg (and only one) outside the covers in a gesture that has worked to decrease body temperature for generations.

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Letter to the editor

Letter To The Editor regarding the Marion County newspaper raid

Dear Chief of Police Cody:

On behalf of the Illinois Press Association, I write to join the chorus of journalism associations around the nation that are outraged by your actions to raid the office of the Marion County Record and the home of its co-owners. The correspondence from The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and others very accurately establishes that the actions of your office are violative of very well-established press freedoms. Your actions, and the

unfortunate death of Mrs. Meyer, caused me to recall the story of Elijah Lovejoy, also a victim of an effort to silence an American newspaper. If you have not yet done so, I urge you to learn this bit of American history. Mr. Lovejoy was murdered by a pro-slavery mob, while defending his anti-slavery newspaper in Alton, Illinois. The mob tossed Lovejoy's press (actually three of them) into the Mississippi River. One of those presses sat in the office of the Alton Telegraph as a reminder to all. A monument

to Lovejoy was erected in the city.

While the actions of your office leading up to the raid are of grave concern, your inability or unwillingness to explain your actions compounds the aggravation. Obtaining and executing a warrant, without the need for an underlying affidavit, and conducting a search of a newsroom and the publishers' home should be unthinkable. Overbroad. Chilling. Intrusive into newsgathering. All the descriptors used by the courts over the years are brought to mind.

And to think this was brought about---as best we can tell --- by the newspaper being advised of a public record of a driving conviction of a local resident. Under what theory is possession of a public court record a crime? You and your office should apologize to Mr. Meyer and his staff, the newspaper, and to your community for your egregious actions. You can't fix this, you can't hide from it. You should own it, apologize, and resign.

Sincerely,
Donald M. Craven
Illinois Press Association

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In Christ's Love—Rick & Alice Bader

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Gun industry group challenges new firearms marketing restrictions

By Peter Hancock

CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A gun trade association has filed a federal lawsuit challenging a new Illinois law that restricts how gun dealers and manufacturers market their products.

The Connecticut-based National Shooting Sports Foundation filed the suit in the Southern District of Illinois on Monday, just two days after Gov. JB Pritzker signed it into law.

"The flawed logic of this unconstitutional law is second only to the contempt for

which the authors and Gov. Pritzker hold for the constitutionally protected right of the citizens of his state to keep and bear arms," Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF's senior vice president and general counsel, said in a news release.

NSSF is also a plaintiff in a federal suit challenging the recently enacted ban on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines. That case is now pending before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

The new law, dubbed the

Firearm Industry Responsibility Act, subjects the gun industry to the state's Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, which allows the state or private individuals to file civil lawsuits for violations.

It passed with the backing of Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, who is named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

The law prohibits practices such as marketing to children and encouraging people to engage in illegal paramilitary or private militia activi-

ty. It also allows dealers and manufacturers to be held liable for creating a condition that endangers public health or safety.

In its lawsuit, NSSF claims the law violates the First Amendment right to free speech, the Second Amendment right to bear arms, and the 14th Amendment guarantee of due process.

The suit also claims that the law imposes liability in Illinois for actions committed by other individuals or in other states. And it argues that the state law is preempted by a federal law called the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

Congress passed the PLCAA in 2005, during the George W. Bush admini-

tration, in response to numerous lawsuits around the country against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, and importers of firearms for deaths and injuries caused by third parties who misused the weapons or used them for criminal activity.

Supporters of the Illinois law argued that PLCAA was never intended to shield the gun industry from liability for violations by manufacturers or dealers of state or federal laws that govern the sale or marketing of firearms. In fact, the federal statute contains a specific exception for those cases.

State Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, D-Glenview, the lead House sponsor

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If the leg out trick isn't enough to bring us to comfort city, we flip the pillow in order to get to the cool side. It works every time.

Number 23: The fact that coffee smells better than it tastes.

Number nine: The song that dominated the top 40 during your high school years will forever be your music. Am I right?

Number 10: The last few universal truths have touched on the five human senses, which are sight, hearing touch, smell and taste. Each of the last four are (or seem to be) heightened when we close our eyes and shut out the sight factor. Music rings clearer. A shoulder massage is heightened with one's eyes closed. Foods taste and smell better—or more foul, as the case may be.

Number eight: The stars always look lovely on a clear night—if you take the time to see them.

Number 15: Exercise was invented to replace what people used to do naturally.

Number two: We all look up at the same moon.

Number 59: Most people have a favorite color. Just ask. (Turquoise.)

Number one: A sunrise and sunset are magical, miraculous even—from wherever you witness them. From every state. Every country. Every window. Every day. Every night. Take one in as soon as you can find time. No, make time.

Number 4: Busy is an illusion, so don't say you don't have time. You do.

You know you do, and if you don't know, take it from me, you do. I promise.

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VEHICLES: 2004 F250 ext cab, 4 wh dr; '95 Jeep Wrangler, 4 wh dr; 7'x16' 14,000 lb flatbed trailer with ramps; 6'x10' trailer with rack & title; '99 Dodge Dakota pickup; 1981 24' Road Ranger camper, gd cond., all utilities work; '03 Chevy 4x4 pickup; '98 Chevy Tahoe 4x4; '04 F 550D 4x4, 12' service body, IMT crane; antique horse drawn wooden buggy; runners for wooden sleigh.

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GUNS & OUTDOOR SPORTSMAN ITEMS: Mossberg 160 ATR long gun 270 cal. Scope, stabilizer stand, camo, Knights Muzzle Loader, 50 cal, with scope bolt action, Mossberg 12 ga., 2 3/4" – 3.0" shells, smooth & rifled barrel, New Haven model 285 20 ga., Lefever Nitro Special side by side double barrel 12 ga., Wall Hangers Richards open hammer side by side Nonfunctional, Remington 12c 22 short Hex barrel broken firing pin, Hand guns Ruger Super Red Hawk 44 mag. Ported Barrel, Ruger Model GP 100 38/ 357, Ruger P85 9 mm. Barret Quad 400 crossbow with accessories including hard shell carrier, Rods & reels, fishing tackle some older vintage lures and related items. Large quantity of Ammo.

LAWN & GARDEN & OUTDOOR: Murray 24" 2 stage snow blower, like new, Agri Fab lawn sweeper & 25-gal poly tank yard sprayer, 1000 lb. single axle trailer 5' x 4', Stihl gas blower, Chainsaws: Echo CS 130 14", Stihl 250 C 16", Craftsman 20", Echo HC 150 hedge trimmer, Echo SRM 225 Gas weed eater, Honda GCV 160 power washer 2400 psi, Coleman Power Mate, **ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST:** Juki TL 2200 OVP Quilters sewing machine digital read with foot control; Nustep low impact exerciser digital monitors; items too numerous to mention.

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Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, Aug. 27 for Sunday Worship Service. The reading will be from Matthew 16:13-20. There will be a time of fellowship following the worship.

On Wednesday, Aug. 30 Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience is necessary. On Saturday, Aug. 26 Good Shepherd will be at the Le-Win Food Pantry from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

Salem United Church of Christ

All are welcome to join for the Annual Shrimp Boil service led by Pastor Christopher Ham at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, Illinois on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023. Come participate in this fun day of worship with good food and good company. Worship will be at 10 a.m. with the shrimp boil immediately following. The Adult Sunday School will be hosted prior to service, starting at 9 a.m. on the lower level of the church. Children's Sunday School is held during church service, at 10 a.m.

The Wednesday Breakfast Bunch will be meeting Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, at 8 a.m. at the Landmark Family Restaurant, 1 East Main Street, Freeport, Illinois. All are welcome to join.

The monthly church gatherings include Men's Night at

6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. During this time the men spend time visiting, playing games, and getting to know each other better. Bible Study is held at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Crafternoon is offered from 3:30 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, you can contact salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com.



St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City will celebrate the thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost on Aug. 27. Seminarian Steven KinCannon will be presiding over worship.

On Tuesday, Aug. 15, there will be a Ladies Night Out and annual meeting in Luther Hall at 6 p.m. Contact the office if interested in attending. There will be a program with Pennie Miller for the PC Library and Tricia Vandenburg, author of "Mandy & Leo". Dinner will be served. The cost to attend is \$10.

The September Grace meal will be on Sunday, Sept. 17 and will include meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, and dessert. Reservations for curbside pick-up are due by Sept. 14. Call the church office to re-

serve your meal for curbside pick-up. This meal is funded through the generosity of a grant received by The Foundation of Northwest Illinois.

The VBS event on Sunday, Sept. 10 has been cancelled but there will be a special Children's Sermon and Sunday School on Sept. 17 that will include the Bible story and craft. The 6th-8th grade Confirmation group will meet after worship on Sept. 17 as well.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Pearl City is an ELCA parish and is located at 229 First St. in Pearl City. We are handicapped accessible. To contact the pastor or church please call 815-443-2215.



Wesley UMC Stockton to host "Seekers Group"

A new adult Seekers Group is scheduled to meet on Aug. 27. This will be an adult group focused on learning and creating a new skill and then having families join together for dinner at 5:30 p.m. Children are welcome to come for a craft activity during that time.

The first meeting will be held on Aug. 27 at 3 p.m. The skill will be making Tomato Basil soup concentrated to be canned in jars. All supplies will be provided. Dinner will include tomato soup and grilled burgers and hot dogs with drinks and table service provided. Please bring an additional dish to pass. Please RSVP to Claire 815-978-1562 or to Trist and Matt Timpe 815-987-8634.

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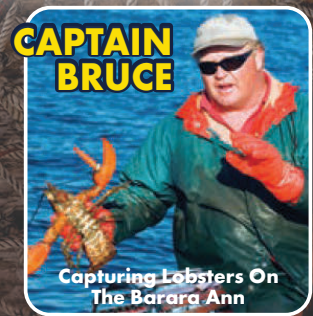
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60th anniversary of the Illinois Nature Preserves System tour celebration



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To schedule a guided tour of Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve, visit www.jdcf.org/events.

Sixty years ago, Illinois led the world with the visionary Natural Areas Preservation Act, creating the Illinois Nature Preserves system. This system of protecting land was a model that was followed by many other states and was championed by many passionate and dedicated individuals. Illinois Nature Preserve status is the most powerful level of protection a natural area can receive from the state of Illinois. Since its creation, 622 preserves have been dedicated by their landowners and legally protected by the state. Scattered throughout Illinois, these natural areas represent the breadth and quality of the

different ecosystems of the state. This is cause for celebration!

Join the newly appointed Illinois Nature Preserve Commissioner, Tom Clay, Special Projects Director of the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation as we mark this anniversary with a guided tour of Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve. Tom will be joined by Andra Olney-Larson, Operations Manager of the Casper Creek Natural Cemetery; and Hillary Holt, JDCF Education and Outreach Manager. The tour is free, but space is limited, and RSVPs required through an Eventbrite link at www.jdcf.org/events.

• Music (Continued from front page)

The pastors met with the park ranger to coordinate the building of the theater. The park had little funding to help, so money was raised by the Men's Group as well as many citizens of the Lena area. The Men's Group donated over 175 manhours to build it. Sterling Taylor was a logger by trade, and he was

responsible for the equipment such as the saw which was used to provide the timbers for the structure. The original structure had cedar shingles. The concerts were held every Saturday evening and sponsored on a rotational basis by the churches in the ministerial society.

The theater was given new life by Boy Scout T.J. Reif in 2008. For his Eagle Scout Project, T.J. undertook a major transformation. All new benches and a new stage which was twice as big as the old stage were constructed. It also had a roof over the new stage as well as more benches with backs. T.J. raised funds and with a group of volunteers, gave over 350 hours of labor to complete the project. The funds came from the area churches, Lena businesses, and a memorial donation from Edna Miller's family for the roof. Edna's family still lives in the Lena Area; her daughter, Mary Lobdell, and children and grandchildren are members of the Lena Community.

Music in the Park at the Lake has been a ministry for the community for almost 50 years. The programs will continue until Labor Day. Barb Wire, a member of the Lena Evangelical Free Church, manages the many performers that are on stage each Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy the beautiful music in a beautiful setting each week.

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State to put \$20 million toward grants for grocers, research into food insecurity

New law aims to alleviate 'food deserts' throughout the state

By Andrew Adams
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Communities across Illinois that lack access to nearby stores that sell high quality food may soon see that change.

Gov. JB Pritzker on Aug. 18 signed a bill that sets up a program to distribute \$20 million for grants and technical assistance for grocery stores as well as funding research into food insecurity.

The grants will go to grocery stores that are independently owned, including for-profit and nonprofit organizations, co-ops and grocery stores owned by units of local government.

The program's proponents

say supporting grocers with state funds will be a boon for residents and struggling local economies.

"When our residents struggle to keep a roof over their head, can't put food on the table, or have to choose between paying for basic medical care and keeping the lights on—that's a failure of the system," Pritzker said in a Friday news release.

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of the bill, said during floor debate that the new provisions were only intended to clarify what is already state law, specifically that the gun industry is not immune from liability for its own violations of state law.

"This clarification is necessary to ensure that courts correctly interpret that the (Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act) falls within the predicate exception and is not preempted by PLCAA," she

said. "The bill ensures that the firearm industry does not get special treatment under Illinois law."

But NSSF argues that the Illinois law explicitly authorizes people to sue gun dealers and manufacturers for

damages caused by a third party's misuse of a firearm, something PLCAA specifically prohibits.

Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, the lead sponsor of the bill in the Senate, disputed that claim.

"As the Senate President said when this legislation passed the Senate, we are confident it does not conflict with federal law," his deputy press secretary Elizabeth Mitchell said in an email statement.

Raoul's office said in a separate statement that it is committed to defending the Firearm Industry Responsibility Act in the interest of public safety."

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8 A.M.Pearl City Points in the Paint 3 on 3 Tournament

8 A.M.Car Show Registration
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10 A.M.Beer Garden Opens (open until 11:30 P.M.)

11 A.M.Parade (Registration at 10 A.M.)
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11 A.M.Hog Roast Lunch/Dinner

11 A.M.Kids Activities

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Trust Bank, successor by merger to SunTrust Bank
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Tom Haiklas; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC7
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR GS MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2020-RPL1.,
Plaintiff,

v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MICHAEL D. SCHNIERLA; GLORIA GREGORY; ULTRALIGHT 2 RESIDENTIAL SOLAR, LLC; DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FFMLT TRUST 2005-FFA MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FFA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MICHAEL SCHNIERLA; JASON SCHNIERLA; STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,

Defendants,

Case No. 2023FC38

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Lot 35 Plat No. 8 Park Crest Subdivision recorded in Book "G" of Plats, page 78 in the Recorder's Office of Stephenson County, Illinois.

2015 Bedford Road, Freeport, IL 61032

18-13-35-251-002

Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Michael D. Schnierla, Gloria Gregory, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named

defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Stephenson County, Illinois, on or before October 8, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinois-courts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinois-courts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court.

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 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
 File Number: 23-011065 I3227162

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
Mortgage Assets Management, LLC
f/k/a Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc.
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Judith Eikstadt; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

No. 2022FC73
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 September 21,

2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOTS 160 AND 161 OF SAXBY HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AUGUST 16, 1910, IN BOOK C OF PLATS ON PAGE 47; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

PIN 18-13-36-310-010
 Improved with Single Family Home
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

1331 W Logan Street Freeport, IL 61032
 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified
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TOWNSHIP OF LORAN ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

The undersigned, Supervisor/Treasurer of the Township of Loran, County of Stephenson, Illinois, hereby submits the following Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023.

REVENUE SUMMARY: Illinois Power Market \$2,467.74, State Bank Pearl City \$1,443.25, State of Illinois Comptroller \$23,722.89, Stephenson County Treasurer \$255,715.68, TOIRMA \$1,326.00, Village of Pearl City TIF \$17,174.62 **Other Income \$1,000.00 and under: \$3,498.78, TOTAL REVENUES: \$305,348.96.**

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Under \$9,999.99: G. Boop, W. Gipe, D. Sargent, K. Baldauf, F. Domberger, M. Edler, D. Foust, B. McWorthy, S. Sheffey. **Between \$10,000.00 and \$50,000.00:** D. Sargent **TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$72,402.00.**

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: Alliance Commodities \$3,027.50, Barry's Collision Center \$9,151.29, Blue Cross Blue Shield \$3,393.56, Bonnell Industries \$9,045.16, Fisher Excavating \$25,730.00, Helm Truck & Equipment \$14,048.29, IMRF \$3,953.39, J&R Supply Inc. \$30,150.00, Saunders Oil Co. \$23,154.88, Stockton Auto Supply \$4,193.41, TOIRMA \$9,252.00, U.S. Treasury \$5,446.21 **All other disbursements \$2,500.00 and under: \$42,000.84 TOTAL VENDORS: \$182,546.53.**

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

	General Town Cemetery & Relief Funds	General Road Permanent Road Joint Bridge Equipment & Building	TOTALS
BEGINNING BALANCES	\$86,892.16	\$193,021.95	\$279,914.11
REVENUES	\$97,455.07	\$207,893.89	\$305,348.96
EXPENDITURES	\$84,835.58	\$170,112.95	\$254,948.53
ENDING BALANCES	\$99,511.65	\$230,802.89	\$330,314.54

Subscribed and Sworn on this 2nd day of Aug. 2023.

Marvin Edler
 Marvin Edler
 Supervisor/Treasurer

I, Deb Foust, Clerk of Loran Township, Stephenson County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

Deb Foust
 Deb Foust
 Clerk

(Published in The Shopper's Guide Aug. 23, 2023)

LEGAL NOTICES

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 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 attorney.

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

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-

OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-08449. I3227254

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. AMBER M VAUGHAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 23 FC 43 201 AND 201 1/2 WEST BROADWAY STREET FREEPORT, IL 61032 JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Amber M Vaughan Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

PART OF LOT ONE (1) IN BLOCK THIRTY (30) OF KNOWLTON'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF FREEPORT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 4, 1850 IN DEED BOOK I, PAGE 122 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT ONE (1); RUNNING THENCE SOUTH ON AND ALONG THE LINE

BETWEEN SAID LOT AND SOUTH OAK AVENUE TO A POINT, SAID POINT BEING 154 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT TO THE WEST LINE THEREOF; THENCE NORTH ON AND ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT TO THE SOUTH LINE OF WEST BROADWAY STREET THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON AND ALONG THE LINE BETWEEN SAID LOT AND WEST BROADWAY STREET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT ONE (1), 154 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT RUNNING THENCE NORTH ON THE SAID LAST LINE 4 FEET THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT ONE (1), 154 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT THENCE EAST A DISTANCE OF 76.4 FEET, MORE OR LESS PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT ONE (1) TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.; SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 201 and 201 1/2 West Broadway Street

Freeport, IL 61032 and which said Mortgage was made by,

Amber M Vaughan Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stephenson County, Illinois, as Document No. 202200193667; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before September 22, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR

THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411- 1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y completar y presentar formularios.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLEC-

TOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 Ph. (312) 346-9088 File No. 23-15624IL-944680 I3227482

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS Illinois Housing Development Authority PLAINTIFF

Vs. Nichole Jones; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC33 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Nichole Jones Unknown Owners and Non-record 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: 1418 South Walnut Avenue Freeport, IL 61032 and which said Mortgage was made by:

Nichole Jones 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. 200700083352 Book 133 Page 1905; 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 September 22, 2023, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-23-03758

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. I3227637

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS Dupaco Community Credit Union PLAINTIFF

Vs. Dana L. France; Diana L. France; Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Association; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC33 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Diana L. France 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:

4A154 E Apple Canyon Rd Apple River, IL 61001 and which said Mortgage was made by: Dana L. France the Mortgagor(s), to Dupaco Community Credit Union, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, as Document No. 389684 modified with 399033; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Deviled Potato Salad

Several people have asked me for a recipe for deviled potato salad. Sullivan's Foods has a deli deviled egg potato salad that is very popular; however, it is easy to make and great for a crowd.

- 3 lbs. baby potatoes, quartered
- 4 hard cooked eggs, peeled, halved and yolks separated
- 1/4 C. mayonnaise
- 1 T. water
- 1 T. white vinegar
- 1 t. Dijon mustard
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. paprika
- 1/2 t. black pepper, divided
- 1/2 C. finely chopped celery
- 3 T. finely chopped red onion

Pickled Tiny Tomatoes

Many of my friends have had bumper crops of cherry or grape tomatoes. These little red flavor bombs can be pickled and served as a garnish for meats and cheeses. If you don't have rice vinegar, you can substitute cider vinegar.

- 3 pt. assorted cherry or grape tomatoes
- 2 C. rice vinegar
- 3 T. sugar
- 3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1 T. pickling spice
- 2 T. kosher salt
- 1 piece of ginger cut into a 1/2 inch piece, peeled and sliced (optional)
- Pierce each tomato 3 times using a skewer and place tomatoes in a large glass bowl. Bring vinegar, sugar, garlic, pickling spice and salt (and ginger if desired) and 1 1/2 C. water to a boil in a large saucepan over high heat. Remove from heat and pour over tomatoes. Cool for 1 hour. Cover and chill 24 hours before serving. Refrigerate in an airtight container up to 2 weeks.

Reuben Casserole

This casserole takes the elements of a Reuben sandwich and makes it into an easy casserole. If you aren't a corned beef fan, you can substitute deli roast beef for the corned beef.

- 2 t. olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper,

chopped

- 2 C. cooked corned beef
- 1 can (14 oz.) sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1/4 C. shredded Swiss cheese, divided
- 1/3 C. 2% milk
- 1/2 C. Thousand Island salad dressing
- 2 slices rye bread, cubed
- 1 T. butter, melted
- 1/2 t. onion powder

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat; add onion and pepper. Cook and stir until tender, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in the corned beef, sauerkraut, soup, and heat through. Transfer to a greased casserole dish. Place on a baking pan.

In a small bowl, toss bread cubes with melted butter and onion powder. Arrange over the top of the casserole. Bake, uncovered, 15 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 C. cheese. Bake until cheese is melted, 5 to 10 minutes longer.

Zucchini Pizza Casserole

Pizza in a casserole? This recipe uses the premise of a pizza and puts it in casserole form. It is easy to make and tasty too. You knew I still had zucchini recipes!

- 4 C. shredded unpeeled zucchini
- 1/2 t. salt
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 C. grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 C. shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1 C. shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 C. chopped onion
- 1 can (18 oz.) Italian tomato sauce

Preheat the oven to 400. Place zucchini in a colander; sprinkle with salt. Let stand 10 minutes; squeeze out moisture. Combine zucchini with eggs in a mixing bowl. Add Parmesan and half the mozzarella and cheddar cheeses. Press into a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Bake 20 minutes. In a large saucepan, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink. Break meat into crumbles; drain. Add tomato sauce; spoon over zucchini mixture. Sprinkle with remaining cheeses. Bake until heated through, about 20 minutes longer.

Zucchini and Sausage Stovetop Casserole

This casserole uses sausage for the meat with zucchini; it is made on top of the stove for those hot days. It has rice in it also, so it is a hearty casserole. I like Uncle Ben's long grain quick cooking rice if you can find it.

- 1 lb. pork sausage
- 1 T. canola oil
- 3 medium zucchini, thinly sliced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 can (14 1/2 oz.) stewed tomatoes, cut up
- 1 pkg. (8.8 oz.) ready to serve long grain rice
- 1 t. yellow mustard
- 1/2 t. garlic salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 1 C. shredded sharp cheddar cheese

In a large skillet, cook sausage over medium heat for 5 to 7 minutes or until no longer pink, breaking it into crumbles. Drain and remove sausage from pan. In the same pan, heat oil over medium heat. Add zucchini and onion; cook and stir 5 to 7 minutes or until tender. Stir in sausage,

tomatoes, rice, mustard, garlic, salt, and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered for 5 minutes to allow flavors to blend. Remove from heat; sprinkle with cheese. Let stand, covered, 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Peach Pound Cake

Peaches are appearing in the store and soon will be arriving from orders taken earlier. My best friend was the daughter of a baker, and she loved her father's pound cake. She introduced me to the tasty cake that uses a pound of butter and lots of eggs. This cake is extra moist because it uses sour cream. This moist peach pound cake is a different way to use peaches rather than a pie or crisp.

- 1 C. butter, softened
- 2 C. sugar
- 6 eggs, room temperature
- 1 t. almond extract
- 1 t. vanilla
- 3 C. flour
- 1/4 t. baking soda
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/2 C. sour cream
- 2 c. diced fresh or frozen peaches
- whipped cream

Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour a 10-inch Bundt pan. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, 5 to 7 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in extracts. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add to batter alternately with sour cream, beating well after each addition. Fold in peaches. Pour into the Bundt pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 60 to 70 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack

to cool completely. Place on a cake plate and serve with whipped cream and additional peaches.

Creamy Pineapple Pie

Since we aren't done with hot weather, you might need a refreshing and easy dessert. This recipe is just the one. You use a graham cracker crust, so right away it starts out easy.

- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, undrained
- 1/4 C. lemon juice
- 1 carton (8 oz.) Cool Whip, thawed
- 1 graham cracker crust
- Combine the milk, pineapple and lemon juice; fold in Cool Whip. Pour into graham cracker crust. Refrigerate until serving. Garnish with toasted macadamia nuts.

See KITCHEN, Page 15

LEGAL NOTICES

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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 September 22, 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.

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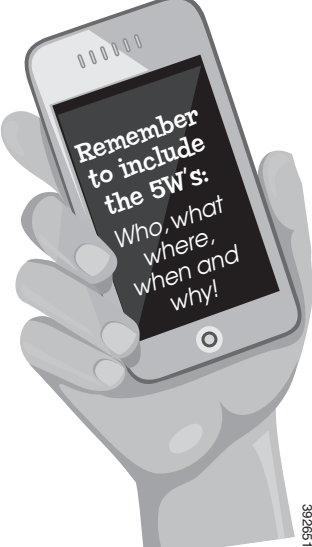


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On Aug. 12, 2023, at approximately 12:45 a.m., Freeport Police officers responded to an apartment in the 1400 block of W. Beach Street for a dispute between two siblings. While en route, officers received additional information stating a firearm had been discharged.

During the course of the investigation, officers were able to determine that a 17-year-old male juvenile discharged a firearm while in a dispute with his 25-year-old brother. Officers located a loaded semiautomatic pistol that had been discarded a short distance from the apartment

where the juvenile resided. Charges were approved for the juvenile, and he is currently in the custody of a juvenile detention center awaiting a detention hearing. There were no reported injuries or property damage as a result of this incident, and it is not believed to be gang related.

•Kitchen (Continued from page 13)

Final Thoughts
School has started and of course the hot weather has come too. The first golf meets, volleyball and football games are starting too. Fall has definitely started even though the weather isn't fall-like. We are gearing up for Labor Day and in Lena, the Fall Festival. Everybody I know has asked, "Where has

the summer gone?" That is the million-dollar question! Fruits and vegetables of the season are coming in as bumper crops. Green beans and sweet corn are running their course. Zucchini and summer squash are still producing by the bushel baskets. Fall squash and apples are beginning to appear. There are good eats out there, and

we better enjoy them while we can. Please send any recipes for the great fruits and vegetables of the season. If you have some recipes you 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

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REAL ESTATE NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
 Trust Bank, successor by merger to SunTrust Bank
 PLAINTIFF
 Vs.
 Tom Haiklas; et. al.
 DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC7
 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 07/11/2023, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on September 21, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
 Mortgage Assets Management, LLC f/k/a Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc.
 PLAINTIFF
 Vs.
 Judith Eikstadt; et. al.
 DEFENDANTS

No. 2022FC73
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PIN 18-13-36-310-010
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Getting the hay made

For years during haymaking my dad would send one of us out to mow each morning. It was that person's job to mow down the right amount of hay that we could get baled up in one afternoon and evening. Since the hay had to dry out for a day or two before it could be raked and baled, we were always working a day or two ahead with the mowing. I remember that when we were very young kids the one who was mowing only cut down a few acres at a time. When we got bigger



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
 Columnist

and started to rent more land and make more hay, we mowed down larger and larger acreage for each day's work. We mowed with the Farmall Super M and raked with our little Ford Jubilee. Both tractors had wide front ends, so they didn't run over the

hay that was already on the ground. It was important to try and keep all the alfalfa leaves on the plant because that's where the protein is. So, we went from mowing down about fifteen or twenty acres for a day's work to seventy or eighty.

Part of the reason we could only mow down fifteen or twenty acres was because the baler never worked very well. I remember my grandpa teaching me how to tie a square knot and I would have to ride on the baler, and when a bale didn't

tie, I would quickly tie a square knot with the two loose ends of twine, so the bale didn't break as it went up and out the back. We didn't have a bale kicker, so someone drove the tractor, someone sat on the baler, and someone stacked the wagons. If we didn't have enough help to unload the wagons fast enough, we had to stop and take the field crew up to the barn to unload the three wagons and then head back to the field for more baling. This is why it took us all summer to get the hay in.

There was a lot of character building going on in those days that kids don't get today.

The other day I was showing my great nephew how to tie a square knot and I had to tell him the story of me riding on the baler and showing him the bales. I don't think he was too impressed. Last week I mowed my own little eight-acre hay field. I went out in the morning and there was so much dew on the hay that my haybine reel stopped turning a few times and I had to get off and unplug the soaking wet alfalfa. In the end it only took me two hours to mow the eight acres. Then it took two days to dry, and only an hour to rake and forty-

five minutes to have my nephew roll me up six and a half round bales. What used to take days was done in a quick couple hours. Since my little beef herd is up to about fifteen cows, I'm going to need the hay come winter.

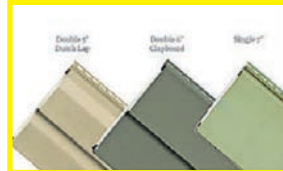
I have lots of memories of farm life and the work involved, but along with all the work was time for God. Every morning after breakfast we had a time of Bible reading and prayer. Before we went to work. We kids could really see that our parents' faith was real and genuine and that made all the difference. Proverbs 16:3 says, commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Until next week, God bless.

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• Research (Continued from page 9)

According to 2021 data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, at least 3 million Illinois residents live in food deserts as defined in the new law, although the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity can designate additional areas as food deserts.

Data collected this spring by the U.S. Census Bureau also revealed that food insecurity affects multiracial, Hispanic and Black households at higher rates than white households.

Officials declined to announce a specific timeline for when the grants will become available but said that updates would be published on the DCEO website when about the grant application process is finalized.

"We're moving as fast as we can because we know there's a need across the state," Pritzker said at a Friday news conference.

One of the bill's chief sponsors, freshman state Rep. Mary Beth Canty, D-Arlington Heights, said in an interview with Capitol News Illinois that she also views the bill as a step toward reducing violence.

"When there's a lack of investment in communities, that's when you start to see incidents of violence rise,"

Canty said.

She also noted that she hopes to revisit food availability through further legislation or other state programs.

"Some of the things we've talked about are looking at this from a public health perspective," Canty said. "On the business side of things, we're looking at our licensing structures."

While the Grocery Initiative originated among Democrats, it passed the Senate unanimously in May, something Pritzker credited to Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg. Fowler noted that areas of his rural district struggle with food access.

"An entire county in the 59th district that I represent does not have one single grocery store," Fowler said.

In the House, however, there was more conservative opposition leading to a 96-17 vote, splitting the Republican party.

Among the dissenters was Rep. Martin McLaughlin, R-Barrington Hills, who took a hardline stance against the bill, saying the proposal was a "horrendous idea" during floor debate on the bill in May and likening government support for grocery stores to socialist countries like Venezuela and Cuba.

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