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Steve Bonebright, owner of Bonebright Construction, and his crew work to construct the new pavilion.

Village of Lena happenings

The downtown pavilion is starting to take shape and is nearly completed. You will see some other changes over the next couple of months as well. The work on Shippee Road north of Highway 73 has begun. The repairs to Leet Street, School Street and Williams Street are scheduled to start any day and should be completed by the end of October. The widening of Dayton Street is set to be completed by the end of November. Regular maintenance of grinding

and replacing blacktop, and curb and inlet repairs will also be happening throughout town. We hope to see everyone for the Fall Festival on Sept. 8 and 9. The parade begins at 12 p.m. on Saturday Sept. 9. Thank you to the Lena Lions for organizing such a fun event for the Village of Lena. Gill's annual garbage rate increase takes place in September of each year. You will notice on your next Village utility bill that residential

garbage rate has gone from \$13.77 to \$14.17 and the senior garbage rate has gone from \$12.48 to \$12.84. The Village of Lena Sidewalk Replacement Program has \$20,000.00 budgeted each year to assist residents in replacing broken and damaged public sidewalks. So far this year about half of the budgeted amount has been spent. If you have questions about the program, or would like a Sidewalk Reimbursement form, please visit www.villageoflena.com or call 815-369-4016.

The Village Board meets at Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend to see what is happening within the Village of Lena. If you have a topic that you would like to discuss you can call Village Hall at 815-369-4016 to be put on the agenda for Public Participation.

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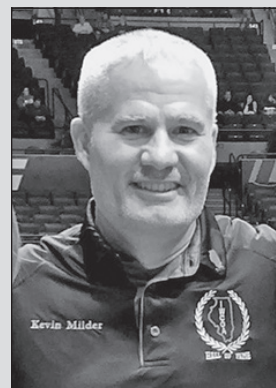
Kevin Milder inducted into the Northwest Illinois Sports Hall of Fame

Lena-Winslow is proud to announce the induction of Kevin Milder to the Northwest Illinois Sports Hall of Fame. Kevin's induction will be at the annual Hall of Fame Banquet held in Savanna, IL on Oct. 14, 2023.

Milder, who is a teacher and coach for Lena-Winslow Elementary and High School, has been very successful in his 29 years at Le-Win. As part of the High School football coaching staff for the past 27 years, he has helped the team with over 230 wins, and six Illinois 1A State Championships (2010, 2013, 2017, 2019, 2021, and 2022). The team has been eight-time semifinalists, 14-time quarter finalists, and had 25 playoff appearances.

Milder has also been the Head Wrestling Coach for all 29 years for the Le-Win/Stockton Co-Op. During his tenure, he has 547 career wins, Team State Championships in 2017, 2019, and 2021, State Runner-up in 2012, and a third-place team finish in State for 2023. He has had 12 individual State Champions and 54 State place winners.

His personal accomplishments are IWCOA Coach of the year in 2012 and 2017, IHSA Coach of the year in 2018, NWCA Region 4 Coach of the year in 2017, NWCA Illinois Coach of the year in 2012, and IWCOA Hall of Fame member class of 2020. Milder came to Lena-Winslow from the University of Northern Iowa in 1994 as an Elementary Physical Education teacher. Kevin and his wife, Kim, reside in Lena and have two children Noah (23) and Ally (21).



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Congratulations to Kevin Milder who will be inducted into the Northwest Illinois Sports Hall of Fame on Oct. 14, 2023. Milder has logged over 29 years of dedication and many successful contributions to the Lena-Winslow sports programs.

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Obituary

CHRISTI ANDERSON

Christi Ann (Coppennoll) Anderson, formerly of Stockton and St. Paul, MN, passed from this life on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at Baptist Medical Center in Arkadelphia, AR. She was born on June 17, 1954, in Freeport, the daughter of Norman and Donna VanDeWeerd Coppennoll. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, at 11 a.m. at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Freeport, where she will be buried by her mother and sister.

Christi grew up in Stockton and graduated from Mason City, Iowa high school after her family moved from Stockton. She moved to Arkadelphia to be with her parents. She started her own business in Arkadelphia, Christi's Gifts and Consignment Shop. She also worked at Caddo Valley Flea Market and was part time at Slim and Shorty's in Arkadelphia. She was a Competitive Trivia participant and enjoyed Junkin'!

She loved her family and was particularly moved when her great niece was named Bonni, after her late sister.

She is survived by her father, Norm, sister Jodi Nestick (Frank), two nieces, Jenna Scholl and Jillian Webster (Andrew), three nephews, Johnny, Michael and Robert Nestick, all of Texas and her aunts Deanna (VanDeWeerd) Fields, Bloomington, IL and Darlene (VanDeWeerd) Wills, Hot Springs, AR. She was predeceased by her mother Donna and sister Bonni. She leaves behind many friends and her cohorts in fun in childhood, her cousins, who spent countless hours at grandma and grandpa Coppennoll's, chasing chickens, playing in the creek, and eating grandma's cookies.

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Highland spotlights students, and industry at Agriculture Research Day

The Highland Community College Agriculture Department would like to invite the public to the 2023 Agriculture Research Day. The event will begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at the Highland Community College Research Plots located at 3579 W. Stephenson Street in Freeport.

The annual event showcases some of the projects Highland Agriculture students have worked on throughout the growing season. Highlights this year include corn and soybean variety trials, fungicide application trials, planting population studies, planter technology trials, and some partnership projects with the University of Illinois.

Throughout the morning, industry professionals will be on hand discussing seed traits, chemical

properties, agronomic insights, and equipment technology. New this year will be a demonstration using the Highland Agriculture planter that was recently upgraded with Precision Planting DeltaForce, FurrowForce, and CleanSweep.

A demonstration using the college's DJI T10 aerial application drone that was used this year to apply cover crops will also be included at the event. To finish off the day, lunch will be provided to all attendees. "The day is sure to be full of useful agronomic information and networking among students, producers, and industry leaders," said Justin Ebert, an Agriculture instructor at Highland.

The Highland Agriculture Department would like to thank the following businesses for supporting

their efforts at the research plots: Highland Community College Foundation, Stephenson Service Company, Pearl City Elevator, Baker Precision Planter Works, Prairie State Tractor, Cornelius Seed, Firehouse Seed & Service, Renk Seed, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Mark Feed & Seed, Channel Seed, Bayer Crop Science, BASF, Wyffels Hybrids, Taranis, Climate Fieldview, Sheffey Farms, Becker Farms, Hinrichs Family Farms, Champion Seed, Brevant Seeds, DyanGro Seed, Dairyland Seed, Croplan, Dekalb Seed, Alloy Seed, and Genesis Seed.

To find more information and register for this free event, please visit the Highland Community College Events page at highland.edu/event-calendar.

Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Church, IL on Sunday, Sept. 3 for Sunday Worship Service. This will be the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Communion will be served. The reading will be from Matthew 16:21-28.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6 Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience is necessary.

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 fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost on Sept. 3.

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 reserve 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.

The Healthy Wolves group will be packing backpacks on Thursday, Aug. 31 at 3 p.m.

If interested in attending the Timberlake Playhouse production of The Million Dollar Quartet on Dec. 3 at 2 p.m., tickets are available for \$25. Contact the church if interested.

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.

Salem United Church of Christ

All are welcome to join for service led by Pastor Christopher Ham at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, Illinois, on Sunday, Sept. 3, 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, Sept. 6 at 8 a.m. at the Beltline Café, 325 West South Street, Freeport, Illinois. Everyone is welcome to join.

If interested in getting more involved in the church community, check out the monthly gatherings. Men's Night is at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. During this time the men playing games and get to know each other better. Bible Study is offered at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Afternoon is held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. During this time there are snacks, a brief devotional thought, and plenty of time to work on crafts individually or together. All of the 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, please contact salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com.

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Illinois heat wave is the latest of several weather extremes in the state

Dangerously high heat follows drought conditions earlier this summer

By Andrew Adams
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois roasted in triple digit temperatures last week, forcing the state and schools to cancel some outdoor activities and modify class schedules. Every county in Illinois was under an excessive heat warning Aug. 24, while some areas were expected to continue to be under advisory until at least into the evening of Aug. 25.

The heat index, a measure that combines air temperature with humidity, reached higher than 128 degrees in Galesburg Aug. 23. Chicago's O'Hare airport recorded an air temperature of 98 degrees, the highest temperature for Aug. 23 since 1947, according to the National Weather Service. The heat index there peaked at 116, just two degrees shy of the record high that came during Chicago's infamous 1995 heat wave. "Exposure to extreme heat can cause serious health complications, including heat exhaustion and

heatstroke," IDPH Director Sameer Vohra said in a news release. "With dangerously high temperatures and humidity in the forecast, I urge everyone to take precautions and protect themselves and their families from overheating and heat related illnesses."

Vohra added that very young children, pregnant people, older adults and those with chronic health conditions should be particularly wary.

IDPH issued several guidelines to protect against heatstroke and heat exhaustion, including seeking air-conditioned areas like shopping malls or libraries during the day, wearing lightweight and light-colored fabrics and reducing strenuous and outdoor activities, particularly between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. People experiencing body temperatures above 103 degrees, difficulty breathing, elevated heart rate, skin that is hot to the touch, dizziness, nausea or disorientation should call 911 immediately, IDPH advised.

The state's emergency management agency also updated its website to point to a list of "cooling centers" around the state compiled by an interagency group, although as of Thursday after-

noon the webpage does not list any cooling centers south of Urbana. The state also canceled several upcoming outdoor events, including the Du Quoin State Fair parade which was scheduled Aug. 25. "With forecasts projecting a high of 100 degrees and heat indexes between 111 and 117 degrees, we feel canceling the parade is in the best interest of our parade participants," Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II said in a news release. "This is not to take away from people enjoying the fair safely, but to avoid a clustering of families along the parade route and parade participants in costumes and uniforms from overheating."

The Department of Agriculture, which manages the fair in Du Quoin, also canceled the Illinois Product Farmers Market in Springfield Aug. 24 due to the heat.

Other state agencies also had to adjust to protect workers from the heat, including the Department of Transportation. A department spokesperson said that, in addition to monitoring for pavement buckling, state crews and some contractors have had to adjust their work schedules to avoid the hottest part of the day.

Communities across Illinois were forced to alter school schedules to accommodate the heat.

Schools in Champaign-Urbana canceled class Aug. 24. Champaign's school district reported "major failures" at two of their largest school campuses. In northern Illinois, Maple Park schools closed, citing "extremely challenging" circumstances for drivers and students on buses.

Beyond academics, schools have also canceled and modified plans for athletic events.

While the Illinois High School Association, which sets rules for high school athletics, does not track changes to athletic events during the regular season, IHSA spokesperson Matt Troha told Capitol News Illinois the heat has had a "significant impact" on IHSA sports.

IHSA requires schools to move practices and games indoors or cancel then if the "wet bulb globe" temperature exceeds 89.9 degrees. Wet bulb globe temperature combines air temperature, sun exposure, humidity and wind.

While the IHSA does not require schools to let them know of changes to athletic schedules, Troha noted that

the association was anecdotally aware of many games being moved to later times of day or to different days.

Natural disasters bring federal aid

Before last week's record heat, much of Illinois experienced severe drought conditions from May through July, with the peak of the drought coming in June. This led to the federal Department of Agriculture to issue a series of disaster designations. The designations, which are centered on McDonough, McHenry and Mercer counties, are a follow-up to a previous set of disaster designations from earlier this season. The classification allows the USDA to provide emergency loans to farmers recovering from the droughts. "While we are seeing improvement in drought conditions across the state, we know that crops and livestock have been impacted," Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II, said in a news release Wednesday announcing the designations.

Jeff Kirwan, a farmer in Mercer County and board member of the Illinois Farm Bureau, said the droughts have negatively impacted crops in Illinois. "Especially in June, that's the most stressful time

for farmers," Kirwan said. "We had a good crop, but then it didn't rain." Kirwan later added that overall, he expects the corn and soybean crop to be around average, although some farmers in areas hit hardest by drought may struggle more. "The emotion that goes with that was extremely unsettling, very stressful," he said of the recent drought.

In addition to the heat wave and drought, Illinois has seen several damaging storms and the most tornadoes of any state so far this year. A series of severe storms and flooding between June 29 and July 2 also drew the attention of the federal government, with President Joe Biden approving federal assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This assistance will go to individuals and businesses in Cook County and can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs and low-interest loans to cover property losses.

"Residents and businesses, especially those on the west side of Chicago who were most brutally hit, are now able to access additional resources necessary to rebuild and revitalize, and I know Cook County will build back stronger than ever," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a news release.

News briefs

Cookout at Sullivan's

Members of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary will run the cookout at Sullivan's in Lena on Friday, Sept. 1 and Saturday, Sept. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lena American Legion Auxiliary

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will be meeting Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 6 a.m. at the Legion Home. Dues will be collected and can be paid at any time. If dues are mailed in and collected early, we are eligible for cash prizes. Tray favors for the veterans will be made. Julia Moore oversees the social hour.

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary recently was presented the Beulah M Unfer Plaque for the best overall participation in the program for Children and Youth in the Department of Illinois. This award was presented at the Department Convention.

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.

New book club

The Lanark Public Library and the Friends of the Lanark Public Library will sponsor a new book club for both men and women. An organizational meeting will be Friday, Sept. 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lanark Library meeting room

at 111-B South Broad Street, Lanark, Illinois. Please call 815-493-2166 during library hours with questions.

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OPINION

Slices of life

For my friend Bobbie (who happens to have a really, really red peony)



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

What's the difference, red or pink?
My friend has a beautiful flower growing in the garden in front of her house. It's a red peony plant.

I've always loved flowers and peonies are some of my favorites. I've had white ones, light pink and even dark pink, but never red.

I admired my friend's red peony. I told her so, year after year.

And then, last spring, I was at a greenhouse and they had peonies.

Red ones!
The little plastic tag in the pot said so. Karl Rosenfield variety. There was a photo and everything. Unmistakably, deeply red.

Twenty dollars later, the Karl Rosenfield bad boy was mine.

I brought him home to my garden and waited.

The first year he didn't bloom. I wasn't expecting that. He needed to plant his roots and have the chance to acclimate to his surroundings. Nonetheless, I fertilized, weeded and tended to Karl with the love and tenacity deserving of a soon-to-be bright-red blooming peony plant.

This year, Karl emerged from the soil after an extra hard winter. I celebrated his tenacity. Spring came

and he grew bigger; his leaves stretched outward. I applauded his development.

Meanwhile my friend's red peony erupted into bloom and I anticipated my own red glory. My young Karl had two buds - promises of flowers in the not-to-distant future.

I waited.

And then, one day the blooms burst forward.

They were pink.

Not redish pink. Not pink with a red under or overtones.

Just pink.

I Googled Karl online; I'd saved his tags from my purchase. He is known as one of the best red peonies on the planet.

Except he wasn't red.

I showed Karl to my friend - the one with the real red peony.

She agreed that Karl was

(unfortunately) not red. He was pink

Not that pink is a bad thing. It's just that I was expecting, I was hoping for - red. I thought I'd bought red. The photo next to his fledgling self at the green house showed a red flower.

The peony in my garden was clearly not Karl. It could be a relative of Karl; perhaps his brother, Kyle.

My friend suggested returning the plant to the greenhouse. It was a possibility. Still is.

But what are they going to do with a two-year-old pink peony claiming to be red? They might give me a replacement, but what would happen to Kyle? Who would give him a place in their garden?

It was like he'd be a foster

plant - without a home to call his own. And how would he feel about that? His mom giving him up and all?

He wasn't red, but was that his fault?

And who says red is better than pink? Certainly not Kyle.

Kyle may not be Karl, but he has a right to grow and flourish and send his blossoms out to the world, like he was meant to do.

Red, pink, green or blue—it doesn't matter. Kyle just wants to prosper, to live his life out until the sun no longer lingers on his leaves.

There are no right or wrong answers here, but I decided I couldn't live with the thought of tossing Kyle out just because of the color of his petals - giving up a plant because it wasn't exactly what I originally wanted.

Giving up on Kyle simply because I was hoping for a different hue.

Giving up on any number of things in life when they don't turn out quite as expected.

I really wanted a red peony in my garden. My neighbor has one and I love the look of hers. I tried to get one of my own, but mine turned out to be pink. And I guess that's okay. I don't sweat the small stuff anymore.

Well, unless it's the color of flowers. Then, I definitely do. At least I did today. Kyle and I can both attest to that.

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Statement from Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias on the recent rash of bomb threats targeting libraries

As the state's librarian, I strongly condemn these threats of violence and intimidation

that are unfortunately becoming all too common at libraries in Illinois and across our nation.

The bomb threats received by Illinois libraries during the past several days represent a troublesome and disturbing trend that has escalated from banning books, to harassing and criminalizing librarians and now to endangering the lives of innocent people.

I wholeheartedly support our libraries, which are committed to serving our communities as safe, welcoming havens to



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Pickleball, pottery and more on September Lifelong Learning schedule

Highland Community College Lifelong Learning September classes include Hand-Built Pottery Tray, Beginner Pickleball, Delightful Decoupage Décor, Microsoft Excel Fundamentals, and New France. To register online and view the complete Lifelong Learning schedule, visit highland.edu/lifelong. For more information about Lifelong Learning and to find out the latest course offerings, call 815 599-3403.

Hand-Built Pottery Tray
 Location: Highland Community College, Ferguson Fine Art Center (Building F), room F-053, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport
 Registration Deadline: Sept. 4
 Class: Sept. 11 and Sept. 18; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Fee: \$59
 Instructor: Dana Russell-Brown

Create a one-of-a-kind ceramic tray of any shape or size to decorate a table, serve appetizers or gift to a friend. In the first session, attendees will learn how to use a slab of clay to design and build a tray as well as add a foot and decoration. In the second session, attendees will learn basic glazing techniques and

choose colors. No tools or experience needed.

Beginner Pickleball
 Location: Krape Park, 1799 S. Park Blvd., Freeport
 Registration Deadline: Sept. 12
 Class: Sept. 19, 21, 26, and 28; 3 - 4 p.m.
 Fee: \$49
 Instructor: Terry Heflin

Pickleball, a cross between badminton and tennis, is the fastest-growing sport among baby boomers in America! Learn to play pickleball, rules, and equipment, and have fun during this introductory course!

Delightful Decoupage Décor
 Location: Highland Community College, Dorothy and RC Clock Technology Center (Building T), room T-122, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport
 Registration Deadline: Sept. 13
 Class: Sept. 20; 6 - 8 p.m.
 Fee: \$29
 Instructor: Cindy Bielefeldt

Learn how to decoupage beautiful designs by making two different projects. The first is a 4" seashell, perfect for holding jewelry or other small objects. The shell can be trimmed with gold or silver paint for a finishing touch. The second project is a 6"x6" wooden picture frame. All supplies are included.

Microsoft Excel Fundamentals
 Location: Highland Community College, Dorothy and RC Clock Technology Center (Building T), room T-159, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport
 Registration Deadline: Sept. 14
 Class: Sept. 21
 Fee: \$29
 Instructor: Jeremy Monigold

Get started with Microsoft Excel. The class includes an overview of the Excel workspace and the creation of a basic inventory spreadsheet where attendees will apply formatting and calculations using formulas and functions.

New France
 Location: Galena Public Library, 601 S. Bench St. Galena
 Registration Deadline: Sept. 20
 Class: Sept. 27
 Fee: \$25
 Instructor: Mark Peterson

Learn about the years (1524-1763) when the French explored and settled in Wisconsin (Wis-kon-sa) and Illinois (Il-len-noh-wa). Native American tribes and relations, British arrival and French sites including Fort De Chartres are covered.

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Prostate Cancer Survivor and Fighter Breakfast planned for Sept. 7

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Midwest Medical Center will host a complimentary breakfast for prostate cancer survivors, fighters, and families to celebrate victories and offer resources and support. Midwest Medical Center Chief Medi-

cal Officer Dr. Ralph Losey, who has also battled prostate cancer, welcomes you. The event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 9 a.m. at Midwest Medical Center, One Medical Center Drive, Galena, Illinois. Registration is not required. If possible,

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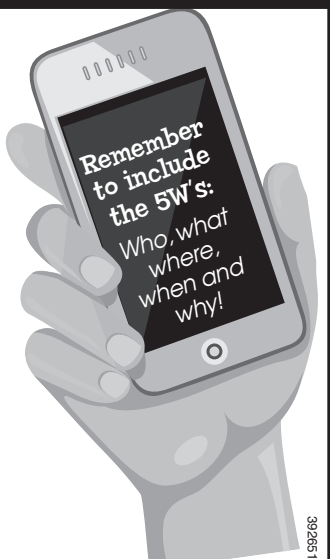


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Jury convicts Madigan's longtime chief of staff on perjury, obstruction of justice charges

Mapes was charged with lying to grand jury investigating Madigan and his inner circle

By Hannah Meisel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A federal jury has convicted the once-top aide to former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, finding Tim Mapes guilty on charges of perjury and attempted obstruction of justice for lying to a grand jury investigating Madigan and his inner circle.

The jury of six men and six women reached its verdict in a little more than five hours. Mapes, who spent more than 25 years as Madigan's chief of staff, sat stone-faced before this attorneys at the defense table while Judge John Kness read the verdict Aug. 24.

As the basis for the perjury charge, prosecutors alleged

Mapes lied in response to seven questions in front of the grand jury and cited his answers to 14 questions for the obstruction of justice charge. Though the feds only had to prove Mapes lied in one of his answers for each charge, the jury concluded he'd lied in all of them. The obstruction of justice charge carries a maximum of 20 years in prison.

Judge Kness set Mapes' sentencing date for Jan. 10, 2024. Quickly afterward, Mapes exited the Dirksen Federal Courthouse flanked by his lawyers and his older son, who had been in the courtroom each day of trial. Members of the jury also declined to speak with reporters as they left the court-

house in small groups Aug. 24.

In a statement late in the day on Aug. 24, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois Morris Pasqual said Mapes' conviction "should stand as a clear message to witnesses" who are called to appear in front of a grand jury.

"Perjury and obstruction of justice are serious offenses that strike at the heart of the truth-seeking mission of the grand jury," Pasqual said.

In the nearly three weeks of trial, the jury heard the entire two-plus hour recording of Mapes' March 2021 grand jury testimony—proceedings normally kept totally secret. They also listened to hours of wiretapped calls that seemed to

contradict what Mapes said in front of the grand jury.

About six weeks before his grand jury testimony, Mapes sat for an FBI interview in February 2021. During the trial, prosecutors hinted at the fact that Mapes ended the interview after agents broached the subject of Madigan and his close confidant Mike McClain. The FBI was interested in whether McClain, a longtime influential lobbyist in Springfield with whom Mapes also shared a friendship, acted as an "agent" of Madigan.

Shortly after Mapes' FBI interview, he was subpoenaed for testimony in front of the grand jury, but roughly 10 days later, asserted his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. In response, prosecutors requested the court put Mapes under an immunity order, meaning that in exchange for his truthful testimony, Mapes couldn't be charged in the investigation.

However, the immunity order also meant that if Mapes lied while under oath, he could be charged. It was under those circumstances that Mapes entered the grand jury room in late March of 2021, where during those two hours of testimony, he was reminded three times of the stakes of lying under oath.

"For whatever reason in his heart and his mind, (Mapes) chose loyalty over the truth," Assistant U.S. Attorney Diane MacArthur said during closing arguments Wednesday.

Prosecutors used evidence and witnesses to establish for the jury an image of Mapes as both extremely meticulous and detail-oriented and extremely loyal to Madigan — both things Mapes was known for during his decades in Springfield.

In addition to serving as Madigan's chief of staff, Mapes also worked for 20 years as executive director of the Democratic Party of Illinois under Madigan's chairmanship, and for the last seven years of his career, he was clerk of the Illinois House, keeping legislative session days moving in the manner the speaker wanted.

But all that came to an end on June 6, 2018, when Mapes was forced to resign from all three of his roles after being publicly accused of sexual harassment and bullying.

Mapes' attorney, Andrew Porter, sought to poke holes in the government's theory of motive during his closing arguments.

"Three years after (his forced resignation), why would Tim Mapes, who's been immu-

nized, why would he fall on the sword for a guy who kicked him to the curb three years before?" Porter asked the jury.

Sherri Garrett, the former Illinois House Clerk's Office employee who accused Mapes of harassment in 2018, issued a post-verdict statement saying she hoped others who experienced the same "toxic work environment" under Mapes "feel some relief today, as I know I do."

"My experience speaking out about the sexual harassment I endured in 2018 was painful—and more painful was knowing that there were countless others like me who were too afraid of Mr. Mapes to come forward and speak their own truths," she said in the statement.

The trial also revealed the ways in which Madigan's inner circle, including Mapes and McClain, strategized around sexual harassment allegations that rocked the speaker's world earlier in 2018, at the height of the #MeToo movement. In February of that year, Alaina Hampton, a campaign operative in Madigan's political organization, publicly accused the speaker of not doing enough in response to her complaints that a married colleague had for months been sending her unwanted text messages and making advances. After a nearly two-year legal battle, Hampton settled with Madigan's political organization in late 2019.

"I have always said that my experience was the symptom of a toxic culture, and that it started at the top," Hampton said in a statement. "Tim Mapes was as close to the top as it gets."

Republicans, who have for years painted Madigan as corrupt and too powerful, used Thursday's verdict to call on Democrats to enact various laws under the umbrella of "ethics reform."

State Senate GOP Leader John Curran, R-Downers Grove, said in a statement he'd like to give local state's attorneys "the same investigative tools that Federal Authorities possess." A spokesperson clarified Curran wants state's attorneys to be able to utilize wiretap authority with judicial oversight for public corruption investigations. Additionally, Curran supports allowing the Illinois Attorney General to convene a statewide grand jury to investigate public corruption. Various states have given those powers to their attorneys general and local prosecutors.

House Minority Leader Tony McCombie, R-Savanna,

called on Madigan's successor, House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, to act on ethics-related bills proposed by GOP members this spring.

"It would be appalling if Speaker Welch did not move forward legislation House Republicans have filed to address ethics and instill public trust in our government," McCombie said.

Welch's office fired back in its own statement, citing the leadership changes made under his speakership in the last two and a half years, and pointing to ethics-related laws passed by the General Assembly in 2021 and this spring.

"Speaker Welch has always said he believes in due process, and a guilty verdict is a signal the law is working," Welch spokesperson Jaclyn Driscoll said. "However, if the minority leader has any ideas on how to strengthen federal perjury laws, we're all ears."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Julia Schwartz said during her closing arguments that Mapes had the opportunity to be a "star witness" in the government's cases against Madigan and McClain. But Mapes' attorneys balked at that assertion, casting the specific questions and answers for which Mapes was indicted as having to do with benign subjects that were "immaterial" to the grand jury's criminal investigation.

At the time of Mapes' grand jury interview, McClain had already been indicted on bribery charges for his role in a purported yearslong scheme involving his biggest and longest-running client, electric utility Commonwealth Edison. In May, McClain—along with two other ex-ComEd lobbyists and the utility's former CEO—were convicted for their roles in a purported bribery scheme, through which Madigan allies were given jobs and contracts with ComEd in exchange for favorable legislation in Springfield.

And even without Mapes' cooperation, the feds managed to hit Madigan and McClain with bribery and racketeering charges last year. The March 2022 indictment—which was followed up by a smaller superseding indictment in October—alleges the two were instrumental in creating and running a criminal "enterprise" with Madigan in the center, benefitting from his positions of power in politics, state government and even his partnership in a real estate law firm. That trial is scheduled for April 2024.

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Fall Garden Series offered

The University of Illinois Extension, in partnership with the Freeport Park District, is offering the *Fall Garden Series*. The series will be held at the Krape Park Community Building.

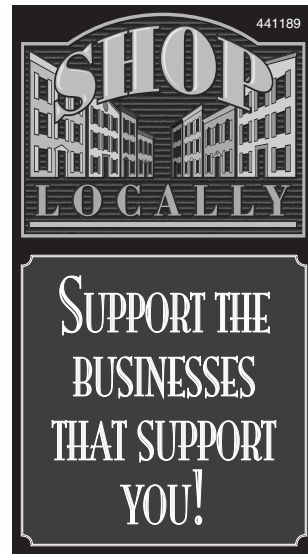
The first class in the series is *Falling into the Autumn Fruit and Vegetable Garden*. This class will look at gardening tasks that can be done within the next few weeks, the next month, and even towards the end of the year. Tasks like seed saving, season extension, soil management, storage, and others will be covered. Extension Educator Grant McCarty will present *Falling into the Autumn Fruit and Vegetable Garden* on Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. There is no fee to attend this class, but pre-registration is required.

The second class in the series will be *Composting*

for the Homeowner, held on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Extension Educator Jay Solomon will discuss the principles of turning yard waste into a usable product. He will cover the basics of composting, different types of composting systems, and selecting which ones may best fit your needs. There is no fee to attend this class, but pre-registration is required.

The last class of the series is *Evergreen Porch Pots* and will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Extension Program Coordinator Nikki Keltner will lead the class and provide participants with design tips on how to make a beautiful porch pot for the winter season. As part of the class, participants will make a porch pot of their own to take home. All supplies are provided, the fee to attend is \$30, and pre-registration is required.

All classes will be held at the Community Building in Krape Park. To register or for more information, call the University of Illinois Extension at 815-235-4125 or visit us on-line at go.illinois.edu/jsw.



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Lady Wolves split games in opening week

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Pearl City volleyball team got a taste of just about everything in the opening week of their 2023 season. Playing at home and on the road, claiming victory and suffering defeat, the Wolves learned a lot about themselves in week one. Pearl City opened the season with a home matchup against the Warren Warriors. On their home court and under new coach Tammy Stephan, the Wolves fought hard to come out on top 2-1.

The Wolves hit the ground running in the opening set. After taking an 11-8 lead, the Wolves went on a run that pushed their lead up to 15-7, forcing Warren to call a timeout. Another late run with Anna Dampman serving allowed the Wolves to get out to a 22-11 lead. That was just enough to hold off the Warriors from one final comeback as a six-point run nearly made it a game again. Eventually, Pearl City went up 1-0 with a 25-18 victory in set one. Warren built off the late momentum in the second set as they evened things out with a 25-22 victory over the Wolves. After being tied at 21-21, the Warriors took control late to pick up the win.

In the third and final set, the Wolves got their first taste of adversity with their 2023 home opener on the line. Early on, the Wolves looked to be running away with it as they jumped out to a 9-4 lead. A five-point run allowed the Warriors to tie things up at nine-all, however. With set three tied at 14-14, team captain Fallyn Endress came up to serve and the Wolves found something. An eight-point run, the biggest of the day, gave Pearl City a massive advantage as they went up 22-14. Warren had no answer for the late momentum swing as the Wolves went on to capture the 25-18 victory, making them 1-0 on the young season.

It was an all-around team effort for the Wolves. Kady Miller, Fallyn Endress, Kendra Kuhlemeier and Sylvia Schnoor each finished with three kills on the night. Endress led the way defensively

with ten digs, while Mattie Schauer finished with nine digs of her own.

Following the season debut, Stephan spoke about how it felt to capture the win in her first game as head coach. "It felt good to finally be on the court for an actual game. Preseason was tough, so to finally be able to see where all that hard work in preseason helped them was amazing," Stephan shared. For it being their first game, the Wolves displayed some qualities that Stephan was happy to see on the court. "They never got down on themselves, even when behind, and they were having fun," Stephan said adding, "We now know what specifics we need to work on, and we can keep growing from here." Stephan wasn't the only one who noticed the chemistry on the floor. "Many fans came up after and said how they noticed the positivity they carried on the court, and it was good to see," the Pearl City head coach added.

Two days later, the Wolves hit the road for their first road trip of the regular season. This time, the Wolves were set to take on the Stockton Blackhawks in what they knew would be a tough matchup. Set one was a race from start to finish. Late in the set, Pearl City was sitting pretty with a 23-19 lead. Something swung the momentum, however, as a late run by Stockton allowed things to get out of control. Even a timeout with the game tied 23-23 couldn't stop the swing as the Wolves dropped the first set 25-23.

In the second set, the Wolves appeared to have lost their energy. It didn't take long for Stockton to jump out to a 21-13 lead, threatening Pearl City with a sweep. The Wolves couldn't muster anything late and, before you knew it, Stockton won 2-0 with a 25-17 victory in the second set.

Perhaps these were some of the things Stephan stressed ahead of the season opener. Ensuring the girls don't get down on themselves when facing adversity will be key to success for Stephan and the Wolves in 2023.

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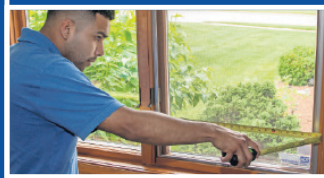


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The Incredible Wisdom of God

Isn't it amazing how clearly God has revealed His wisdom and intelligence in nature? Allow me to share the following examples of how amazing He is.



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs. For example: the eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days; those of the canary in 14 days; those of the barnyard hen in 21 days; the eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days; those of the mallard in 35 days; the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days. (Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!) God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily. The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first. How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of plant's sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains. Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind. Each orange has an even number of segments. Each ear of corn has an even number of rows. Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains. Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number. All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty-fold, sixty-fold, and a hundred-fold all even numbers.

How about flowers? God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

God even shows His incredible design in the waves of the sea as they roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather. Just as the Lord orders the ways of nature, He also desires to order our lives in a beautiful way for His glory. Sometimes we get so caught up in the busyness of life that we fail to see the incredible evidence of God all around us. Even the timing of the birth of Jesus was planned and orchestrated to provide a Savior to the world at just the right moment in history. The great thing is that in His incredible wisdom, He doesn't force us to believe, but gives us the free will to choose or reject Him. Only the One who made the brain, and the heart can successfully guide them to faith and salvation. Examine the evidence of God's creation and His love through the Savior and see if you can't open your heart to Him. His joy and peace will fill your spirit, just as the angels sang, peace on earth, good will to men. Until next week, God bless!

Lena-Winslow rushes their way to blowout victory

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

New faces, same great results for the Lena-Winslow Panthers. Despite losing a majority of last year's championship team, you would have thought the Panthers brought everyone back when they faced off with West Carroll in week one of 2023. It didn't take long for the Le-Win offense to get on the board this season. After a methodical drive down the field, Gage Dunker plunged in from two yards out. A failed conversion left the Panthers with an early 6-0 lead.

Just a few minutes later, the Panthers were back in the endzone. Only this time, it was the special teams getting the job done. After Le-Win forced a West Carroll punt, Cobryn Lynch caught the kick and was off and running. Forty-six yards later, Lynch was in the endzone, helping Le-Win take a 14-0 lead. That was just the start of a special night for Lynch. Before the end of the first, the Panthers jumped out to a three-score lead. Nick Tippett broke free for a 29-yard run, putting Le-Win up 22-0.

Things didn't slow down in the second quarter. Early on, Tippett found space for his second score of the game when he scampered in from 42 yards out. With the offense and special teams both finding the endzone, the Panther defense couldn't wait to get involved themselves. Just after Tippet's score, Jaylen Rakowska snagged a pass out of the air for the first turnover of 2023. After the interception, Rakowska went to work, sprinting to the endzone for a 40-yard score. Anytime all three facets of the game can score, you know you're in a good spot. That was more than true for the Panthers as they took a 38-0 lead.

Before the end of the first half, Eli Kleckler got his own chance as he took a handoff 28 yards to the house. By the break, Le-Win held a massive

46-0 lead. The Panthers continued to pour it on in the second half. Early on, Lynch looks like a special teams weapon for Le-Win. Lynch was back to return for the start of the third quarter, and West Carroll made the mistake of kicking it to him. Lynch took the return 99 yards to paydirt for his second special teams touchdown of the game. This time, the returner put Le-Win over the 50-point mark.

In the closing moments, Alec Schlichting and Blake Duncan both found the endzone for the Panthers. In the end, Le-Win had seven different players score in week one. That's just the type of scheme head coach Ric Arand has employed in recent years. It looks like the Panthers will score by committee again in 2023.

The Panthers shined on offense and defense, but it may be their special teams that prevailed. On top of Lynch's scores, Tanner Kempel managed to get in the backfield to block a punt. Kempel also had a tackle for loss in the game. The Panther defense had no trouble getting into the backfield either. Le-Win had 15 tackles for loss in the

game, led by Mari Pasley, who had three of his own. Gavin Kaiser had a pair of tackles for loss, as did Jacob Kubly.

All in all, the Panthers could not have asked for a better start to the 2023 season. The cherry on top? Lena-Winslow had the opportunity to honor Arand by naming their football field Ric Arand Field. The announcement came just after the 2010 and 2013 State Championship teams were honored at halftime.

On top of all that, with their victory over West Carroll, the Panthers extended their current winning streak to 20 consecutive games. According to Le-Win, that is currently the longest winning streak in all of Illinois.

Week two will be here before we know it. On Friday, Sept. 1, the Panthers hit the road to face off with the Fulton Steamers. Fulton fell 22-18 to Forreton in week one.



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Excess sugar is harming more than just your teeth

If you have been reading this column for any length of time, you are already aware of the harm that excess sugar consumption can do to your oral health. What you may not be aware of is how excess sugar is harming the rest of your body. Up until the mid-twentieth century added sugars and high-fructose corn syrup was not dominant in the American diet. That does not mean that the American diet lacked sugar. Sugar occurs naturally in all foods that contain carbohydrates. This includes legumes (beans, peas, lentils) dairy products, fruits and grains. The key is that not only do these natural foods contain other healthy components such as proteins, fiber, essential



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

minerals and antioxidants, but these help your body to digest these natural sugars slowly to provide a steady supply of energy.

As the sugar industry grew, so did our consumption of added sugar. Studies show that in 2023, depending on age, added sugars make up 13.1% - 17.5% of the diet of American children. Adults in the U.S. consume between 11.2% - 14.5 % of their daily caloric intake as added sugar. Part of

the reason for this is that manufacturers add sugar to so many of the products that we consume. While you know what you're getting into when you overindulge in ice cream, cookies, candy and sweetened soft drinks, you may not be aware of the large quantity of sugar that can be found in items like ketchup, cold cuts, bread and soup.

Overconsumption of added sugars has contributed to the startling fact that in 2023 almost 42% of American adults and 11.3% of our children are obese. While natural sugars are digested slowly, added sugars cause blood sugar levels to spike, triggering a spike in glucose, which in turn triggers a sharp rise in insulin to drop blood

sugar levels. Think of what this does to a child at school. While a sugar laden snack or lunch treat may provide them with a short rise in energy levels, this is followed by fatigue and decreased alertness. Snacks like an apple, accompanied by a dozen almonds can provide them with much more sustained energy levels, with the added benefit of stimulating the jaw and saliva production.

Continuous over consumption of added sugars can also lead to a condition called insulin resistance. Insulin resistance is a precursor to type 2 diabetes. Higher blood sugar levels, especially those caused by excess fructose consumption, can also lead to resistance to leptin

(a hormone that regulates hunger and tells your body to stop eating). In fact, studies have shown that people who drink sugar-sweetened beverages, with high fructose levels, gain more weight and develop an increased amount of visceral fat.

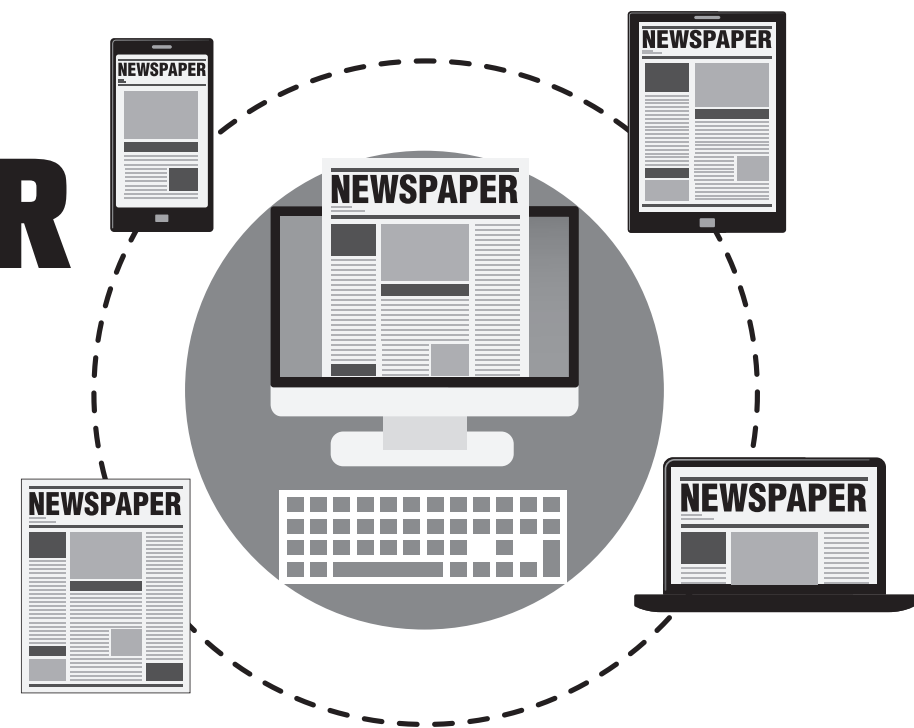
High amounts of sugar in your blood can affect your heart health. Excess sugar overloads your liver (the organ that metabolizes sugar) which can lead to the development of fatty liver disease and diabetes, chronic inflammation, damage to delicate blood vessels, high levels of LDL (bad) cholesterol, stored triglycerides, and high blood pressure. All these conditions increase your risk for heart disease and

stroke.

High blood sugar levels also negatively affect your brain health, leading to irritability, anxiety, accelerated cognitive decline, brain fog, depression and an increased risk of Alzheimer's disease. If all of this is not a deterrent, high blood sugar levels can lead to premature skin aging and wrinkles. Excess sugar in the blood can bond to collagen and elastin proteins in the skin, impairing their function and your body's ability to repair damage to the skin. It triggers excess production of advanced glycation end-products (AGEs). These AGEs not only contribute to aging but are a key factor in cardiovascular disease as well.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We survived the beastly hot weather! I don't know about you, but I stayed in because I was lucky enough not to have to go to work. I also had recipes to cook that didn't involve much heat! This week we have some good veggie recipes, some main entrées and some desserts. There is also a little surprise. Have a good week cooking.

Spicy Crab Dip

This easy appetizer is made in the microwave, so it is a great one for hot weather. It uses imitation crab from the get-go, so there is no substitution involved. I always feel a little bit guilty using the imitation, but still think it tastes pretty good. It is also much cheaper.

- 1/3 C. mayonnaise
 - 2 T. dried minced onion
 - 2 T. lemon juice
 - 2 T. white wine
 - 1 T. minced garlic
 - 1/2 t. cayenne pepper, optional
 - 1/2 t. hot pepper sauce, optional
 - 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, cubed
 - 1 lb. imitation crabmeat, chopped
- Assorted crackers or fresh vegetables
- In a food processor, combine the mayo, onion, lemon juice, wine, garlic, optional pepper and cayenne and cream cheese. Cover and process until smooth. Transfer to a large microwave-safe bowl. Stir in crab; mix well. Cover and microwave on high until bubbly, 2 to 3 minutes. Serve warm with crackers and vegetables.

In a large container, combine the zucchini, onions, peppers, and salt (an ice cream bucket works well). Cover and refrigerate overnight. Drain and rinse; drain and rinse again. In a stockpot, combine the sugar, vinegar, cornstarch, and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Add the zucchini mixture; return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, until slightly thickened, 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from the heat.

Carefully ladle hot mixture into hot pint jars, leaving 1/2 inch headspace. Remove air bubbles; wipe rims and adjust lids. Process for 15 minutes in a boiling water canner. Remove from canner and let cool checking to make sure lids are sealed. Opened relish may be kept in the refrigerator for up to 1 week.

Arugula Pasta Salad

This tasty hot weather salad can be used as a meal or a side. You can substitute rigatoni or bowtie pasta for the cavatappi. You can also use spinach instead of Arugula.

- 8 oz. cavatappi pasta
- 3 T. olive oil
- 2 T. lemon juice
- 2 T. fresh dill
- 1 T. Dijon mustard
- 1 t. grated lemon zest
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 2 C. baby Arugula
- 4 radishes, sliced
- 1/3 C. shredded Pecorino Romano cheese

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook pasta according to package directions for al dente. Drain well. Rinse under cold water for 1 minute until cool.

In a large bowl, whisk together oil, lemon juice, dill, mustard, zest, salt and pepper. Add Arugula, radish slices, and Pecorino. Toss with pasta until evenly coated and combined. Transfer to a salad bowl.

Shredded Beef au Jus

If you need a sandwich for a group and want to stretch your budget, this shredded beef sandwich will help you out. It isn't spicy like Italian beef but has a great flavor.

- 1 boneless beef chuck roast about 3 lbs.
- 2 C. water
- 2 t. beef bouillon granules
- 1 1/2 t. dried oregano
- 1 t. garlic powder
- 1 t. seasoned salt
- 1/4 t. dried rosemary, crushed
- Hamburger buns

Cut roast in half and place in a 5 qt. slow cooker that has been sprayed with cooking spray. In a small bowl, mix water, bouillon granules, and seasonings; pour over meat.

Cook, covered, on low for 6 to 8 hours. Remove from cooker; cool slightly. Skim fat from cooking liquid. Shred meat with two forks; return to slow cooker and heat on Low until ready to serve. Using a slotted spoon, place meat on toasted buns. Serve with cooking liquid on the side.

Winning Taco Casserole

If you are looking for a weeknight casserole that you can make ahead, this taco dish will work and become a favorite.

- 3 C. uncooked bow tie pasta
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/4 C. chopped onion
- 2 C. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 jar (16 oz.) salsa
- 1 can (14 1/2 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained

- 1 packet taco seasoning
- 2 C. nacho tortilla chips, crushed

Preheat oven to 350. Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet cook beef and onion over medium heat, until meat is no longer pink; drain. Add cheese, salsa, tomatoes, and taco seasoning. Drain pasta; stir into beef mixture. Transfer to a greased 11 x 7 baking dish. Cover and bake 20 minutes. Uncover, sprinkle with tortilla chips. Bake until heated through, about 10 minutes longer.

Zucchini Chocolate Chip Cookies

Do you still have zucchini? Guess what, I still have recipes. These cookies are great because they get better the next day. They also have oats, chocolate chips, and nuts!

- 1/2 C. unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 C. sugar
- 1/3 C. packed brown sugar
- 1 egg, room temperature
- 1 1/2 t. vanilla
- 1 C. flour
- 1/2 C. whole wheat flour
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1/2 t. baking soda
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1 1/2 C. shredded zucchini
- 1 C. quick cooking oats
- 1 C. semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 C. chopped pecans, toasted

Preheat oven to 350. In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy, 5 to 7 minutes. Beat in egg and vanilla. In a separate bowl, whisk the flours, cinnamon, soda, and salt together. Gradually beat dry ingredients into butter mixture. Stir in zucchini, oats, chocolate chips, and nuts.

Drop dough by tablespoons 2 inches apart onto a greased baking sheet. Bake until edges are starting to brown, 12 to 14 minutes. Cool on pans for 2 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool. Store between pieces of waxed paper in an airtight container.

Pear Crisp

Some people have a bumper crop of pears this year and wonder what to make. This easy dessert will help you get rid of some of them. The hint of orange helps develop the pear flavor. Enjoy a nice dessert with pears.

- 8 medium ripe pears, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1/4 C. orange juice
- 1/2 C. sugar
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1/4 t. allspice
- 1/4 t. ground ginger

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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
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Michael D. Schnierla, Gloria Gregory, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Stephenson County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

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 an-

swer 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.

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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

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

TY 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

Kitchen (Continued from page 11)

Topping
 1 C. flour
 1 C. old-fashioned oats
 ½ C. packed brown sugar
 ½ t. baking powder
 ½ C. cold butter, cubed
 Preheat oven to 350. Toss pears with orange juice; place in a greased 9 x 13 baking dish that has been sprayed with cooking spray. In a separate bowl, combine the sugar, cinnamon, allspice and ginger, sprinkle over the pears. In a small bowl, combine the flour, oats, brown sugar, and baking powder; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over the pears. Bake until topping is golden brown and fruit is tender, 35 to 40 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream.

Final Thoughts
 Some of the games this past week had to be rescheduled or moved around. If a gym in the area had air conditioning during those beastly days, it made sense to move the games. I know that many schools moved practice to the morning. We have

lots of dedicated kids who get up early for practice and then concentrate on school. I know that several schools installed air, and that makes learning a whole lot better. I can't believe that Labor Day is a week away. That is the unofficial start of fall. I know we will see leaves beginning to come down. So far, I have been able to keep flowers and herbs alive with the help of my faithful water buddy!

We continue to see fruits and vegetables of the season are coming in as bumper crops. 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. 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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Other Courses Include:
 • Assassination of Lincoln – Faith Community Church, Davis
 • Intermediate Pickleball – Krape Park, Freeport
 • Macrame Wall Hanging with Potted Plant – Higher Grounds Coffee, Freeport
 • Card Making A and B – HCC, Freeport
 • Basics of Bridge – HCC, Freeport

• DIY Stuffed Pumpkin Workshop — This is at Eatery, Freeport
 • Microsoft PowerPoint Fundamentals – HCC, Freeport
 • Bison Safari – Nachusa Grasslands, Franklin Grove
 • Introduction to Voice-overs – Zoom™
 • Metal Detecting Basics – Taylor Park, Freeport

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learn and access ideas and especially our librarians who are dedicated public servants devoted to treating people with dignity and respect. Libraries and librarians protect our First Amendment right to free speech and our

constitutional right to read. We must join together to stand up to fringe elements that resort to threats of violence and seek to destroy the fundamental freedoms that our nation was founded upon.



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

LEGAL NOTICES

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
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 DuPage # 15170
 Winnebago # 531
 Our File No. 14-23-03758

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following self-storage Cube contents containing Household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart to satisfy a lien on September 14th, 2023 at www.storage-treasures.com. Online Bids start 14 days prior to the final sale date listed above at the store and approximate times listed below:

Online Bids END Approx: 1:00 P.M. at CubeSmart #4409, 555 W. South St., Freeport, IL 61032, (779) 677-2500.

Cube 1478 Tiffany Vicaro;
 Cube 1020 April Baxa

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NOTICE

Lena-Winslow CUSD #202 Board of Education in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties announces the availability of the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023. The budget will be available for public inspection online at Le-Win.net or at the District Office, 401 Fremont Street, Lena, IL during normal school hours beginning on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

The Board of Education will hold a **public hearing** regarding the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 on Tuesday, September 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Le-Win Junior High School library at 517 Fremont Street, Lena, Illinois.

Pete Conway
 Secretary
 Board of Education
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Estate Notice

Notice is given to creditors of the death of:
 Helen M. Deckler
 3359 W. Stephenson St.
 Rd.
 Freeport, IL 61032

Claims against the Estate must be filed in the office of the clerk of the court at Stephenson County Courthouse, Freeport, IL. before December 22, 2023. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.
 Dated: August 25, 2023
 Mark G. Deckler – Executor

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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 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 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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Lena-Winslow School District has an opening for a Van Driver for the 2023-2024 school year. A CDL is not required, but a bus passenger permit is, for the Van Driver position. AM and PM routes which would be approximately 3 to 4 hours a day. There is the potential for more hours. Route drivers are also needed. If interested, please contact Duane Reed, Transportation Director, at 815-668-0805 or email him at reedd@le-win.net Applications accepted until positions are filled. Lena-Winslow CUSD #202 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

transportation

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2006 CADILLAC DTS LUXURY 1 116,500 Miles. Heated front & back leather seats, universal garage door opener. \$5000 OBO. (262) 763-2077

Boats

1985 ALUMACRAFT LUNKER V16 DLX '96 40hp Evin. Custom Trailer. Must see. \$5,000. Ready to go. 262-594-2469 Eagle.

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real estate

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MEGA MEAL DEAL**
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