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Hometown hero honored for going above and beyond

Chief Wayne Gift presents Officer Cameron Reuter with a plaque for "Going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" at the July 24 board meeting. The Village recognized and thanked Officer Cameron Reuter for his work with the Lena Police Department. On July 4, 2023, Officer Reuter responded to a call at Lake Le-Aqua-Na for a subject who had gone under water and never resurfaced. Officer Reuter spoke with witnesses to determine where the subject was last seen in the water. Selflessly, Officer Reuter stripped his gear off and went into the water in attempt to locate the victim. After diving down several times Officer Reuter brushed the victim with his foot. He was aware enough to hold onto the victim with his toes, took one more deep breath and was able to retrieve the victim from the bottom of the lake. With assistance from Deputy Linden, Abby Bland of Leamons and bystanders, the victim was brought to shore where paramedics were waiting.

Broncos hopeful to build off last season's postseason experience

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

Last year, the Orangeville Broncos struggled through their 2022 volleyball season. Orangeville got hot heading into the postseason, however, and managed to reach the Regional Championship against Durand. Although the Broncos were unable to pull off the upset, their head coach Stephanie Riedel is hoping the experience pays off in the long run.

Riedel enters her fourth year coaching at Orangeville and her third at the varsity level. This year, she comes in with perhaps her most experienced team. The Broncos will have some big shoes to fill, however. Leah Baker, along with Maddie Collier and Kara Kinney, each graduated after last season.

Filling in for Baker could be a challenge, but the Broncos believe they have the players to do so. A majority of their players had solid experience at the varsity level last season. Whitney Sullivan, a middle blocker, provides some height around the net. Kaylynn O'Haver returns as the team's libero as she holds things down in the back row. Emma Frautschy returns as a defensive specialist and right-side hitter. Anicka Kraft also returns as a middle blocker and right-side hitter. Headlining the team is Laney Cahoon, who returns as the team's setter. Cahoon played

well enough to earn a Second Team All-Conference selection in the NUIC last year. Now as a junior Cahoon looks to take her game to the next level.

Riedel acknowledged the team's experience at the varsity level will be one of their strengths. "Blocking, defense, and we have a lot of girls returning with varsity experience," Riedel shared when discussing the team's attributes.

Those are all things the Broncos will need in order to compete in a very tough NUIC. With teams like Lena-Winslow, Durand, and Aquin on the schedule, the Broncos will have their fair share of tough competition in 2023. However, the Broncos' head coach is excited for what lies ahead. "The conference is going to be an interesting experience. There is a lot of player and coaching changes, and a lot of competition," Riedel shared.

With that being said, the Broncos hold high expectations for themselves within the program. Last year's postseason showed the team what they are capable of, and they are hoping to build off that in 2023. "Our goals for the year are to win the conference championship and win regionals. We have a lot of talent and I believe we can go far in the postseason," Riedel added.

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Obituaries

JOHN RIFE

John "Jack" L. Rife, 69 of Lena passed away peacefully after a brief battle with cancer on Saturday, July 29, 2023, surrounded by his family at his home in Lena. He was born on Jan. 14, 1954, in Freeport, IL to Ralph and Dorothy (Ertmer) Rife. He married Cheryl (Potter) He married Cheryl (Potter) in 1975 and together they raised two children. Jack and Deb Knoll were united in marriage on Oct. 22, 2010, in Apple River, IL.

Jack spent over 30 years in Law Enforcement with most of his time as a Conservation Police Officer for the State of Illinois. He was an avid



outdoorsman enjoying hunting, fishing, and gardening as well as many other activities. He also loved aviation and music and was a proud member of the NRA.

He is survived by his wife- Deb Rife; four children- Jessica (Brian) Engle, Jerod (Kristen) Rife, Rob Knoll and Jake Knoll; grandchildren- Bryton, Avery, and Lily Engle and Isaac, Samuel and Elizabeth Rife. four siblings- Connie (Eugene) Ert-

mer, Tom (Nancy) Rife, Marg (Tom) Gulovich, Julie (Randy) Jobgen and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and two siblings, Carol (Tippett) Fischer and Don Rife.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL. A visitation will take place from 9 a.m. until time of service. Father Michael Morrissey will be officiating the service. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.letonmfh.com.

STEVEN LINN

Steven Robert Linn, age 40, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on July 9, 2023, while vacationing with his family in Minnesota. Steven was born Aug. 13, 1982, in Lombard, IL to Timothy and Paula (Predny) Linn. In 1992, Steven moved with his family to rural Elizabeth. At the age of 16, he started working at Linn's Outboard Service where he was a gifted mechanic, able to repair not only boat motors but also any small motor from chainsaws to ATVs. Steven had a reputation for being able to fix anything and everything and he frequently dropped whatever he was tinkering with to offer his skills to anyone in need.



Being a husband and father brought Steven great joy. He was very active in his children's lives as a teacher, mentor, and Christian role model. Steven enjoyed snowmobile races, working on motors, and eating pie at Thanksgiving. (he once ate eight pieces).

He is deeply missed by his wife Margaret of Lena, their six young children, Gwendolyn, Henry, Ruby, Violet, Hazel and Edgar, his parents Timothy and Paula Linn, sister Marisa (Nick) Neyens, brothers Eric (fiance Viktori-

ya), Stuart and Winston. He is also survived by his father-in-law and mother-in-law Darwin and Mindy Morhardt, brothers in law, Benjamin (Paige) Morhardt, Lucas (Katie) Morhardt, Samuel Morhardt, Eli (Erin) Morhardt, Isaac Morhardt, sister in law Ellen (Weston) Pins and numerous nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Paul and Eleanora (Wiltse) Predny and paternal grandparents Medard and Ann (Lehan) Linn

A visitation was held Aug. 9 from 4 to 8 p.m. at The Orangeville Methodist Church in Orangeville, IL. A celebration of Steven's life was held Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. also at Orangeville United Methodist Church. Pastors Scott Cernek of Peace Church and Jordan Cernek of Nora Community Church officiated the service.

Soon after Steven gave his life

League of Women Voters hosts Recycle, Repurpose, Reuse event; commemorates Women's Equality Day

The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County (LWV-JDC) invites fellow citizens to a Recycle, Repurpose, Reuse Event on Thursday, Aug. 24 and Friday, Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to 8p.m., and on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 9a.m. to 12p.m. at the home of Bonnie and John Cox, 906 Third Street, Galena.

This marks the third year the LWV-JDC is sponsoring its RRR Event rather than its usual "Garage Sale" fundraiser. Event participants are invited to choose items they can use and make a small donation to the LWV-JDC, but only if able. LWV-JDC and community members have donated hundreds of items. This event is a way for the league to say thank you for the support and participation of fellow citizens in what they do.

In addition, the event will acknowledge Women's Equality Day which is celebrated every Aug. 26 to commemorate the passage of women's suffrage in the United States.

This celebration reminds us of the hurdles overcome by those heroic women who faced violence and discrimination to propel the women's movement forward. Materials about the LWV and its programs, voter guide information, and voter registration will be available at the event in addition to the RRR shopping opportunities.

In 2020, the national League of Women Voters celebrated its 100th Birthday. The LWV began as a mighty political experiment designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters when the 19th amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote was ratified after a 72-year struggle. It encouraged them to use their new power to participate in shaping public policy. From the beginning, the LWV has been an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believed that citizens should play a

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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. 13 for Sunday Worship Service. The reading will be from Matthew 14:22-33.

On Wednesday, Aug. 16 Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience is necessary.

On Aug. 14, 15, and 16, Good Shepherd will be offering Adult Vacation Bible

School. We will meet three evenings a week, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Each evening we will explore those old familiar Bible Stories, sing a few songs, work on some projects, and spend time together in community.

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 service led by Pastor Chris-

topher Ham at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, Illinois, ton Sunday, Aug. 13, 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 be meeting Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, at 8 a.m. at Riverside Family Restaurant 7, 1669 Willard Drive, Freeport, IL. All are welcome to join.

The Annual Shrimp Boil will be held on Sunday, Aug. 27. All are welcome to join for 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 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. Craftsmen 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.



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Happy Birthday!

State watchdog investigating employees accused of bilking federal pandemic aid program

By Molly Parker
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Dozens of state employees across multiple agencies are under investigation by a state watchdog for claims they fraudulently obtained payments from a federal pandemic-era loan program, Capitol News Illinois has learned.

Neil Olson, general counsel at the Illinois Office of the Executive Inspector General, confirmed that "OEIG has been investigating allegations of Paycheck Protection Program fraud by state employees under our jurisdiction." The review, he said, is "systematic," involving multiple state agencies and the other governing bodies under OEIG's jurisdiction, which include state universities, boards and commissions, and regional transit boards.

Congress intended for the loans issued by the U.S. Small Business Administration, most of which were later forgiven,

to keep small businesses afloat and their employees on the payroll as COVID-19 resulted in lockdowns and interrupted commerce.

Fraud in the PPP program has been widespread across the United States. In a June report, the inspector general for the SBA estimated that the agency paid out more than \$200 billion in "potentially fraudulent" aid during the pandemic—about 17 percent of the \$1.2 trillion that was dispersed through the PPP and other similar programs.

In the rush to swiftly disburse funds, the federal agency "weakened or removed the controls necessary to prevent fraudsters from easily gaining access to these programs," the report stated. "The allure of 'easy money' in this pay and chase environment attracted an overwhelming number of fraudsters to the programs."

The OEIG typically does

not comment on ongoing investigations, and Olson declined to say how many employees could face disciplinary action—up to and including termination—as a result of the widespread probe or provide any additional details.

The scandal has ensnared numerous employees who work at the Illinois Department of Human Services, including at state-run facilities for people with disabilities that are facing staffing shortages. In late June, a spokesperson for the agency confirmed that at least 30 IDHS employees were in various stages of the disciplinary process for inappropriately taking PPP loans. At the time, eight IDHS employees had been fired, six had resigned and 16 were pending disciplinary action.

In a statement, the agency said that it is "committed to safeguarding the public" and takes the outcomes of the

OEIG's investigations seriously. "Falsifying a federal loan document, for significant and improper personal gain, calls into question one's character, honesty, and ability to act ethically," the statement read. "While the vast majority of IDHS' roughly 14,000 state employees are hard-working people of strong character who work tirelessly to help the most vulnerable, it is deeply concerning any time an employee takes advantage of public programs."

The agency said it will continue to work to detect and punish fraud committed by its workers, in cooperation with the OEIG, law enforcement and federal authorities. The fraud was not limited to IDHS. Collectively, state employees may have obtained millions of dollars in fraudulent payments. A spokesperson for Gov. JB Pritzker declined to provide specifics about how many

employees have faced disciplinary action for PPP fraud, saying that the governor's office does not comment on ongoing investigations. While some employees have already received notices of their termination, they have a right to appeal that decision.

Not every state employee who claimed a PPP loan committed fraud. Some may have had legitimate outside employment that made them eligible for the federal loan program. Those individuals would not be disciplined.

State policies require employees to disclose secondary income, and certain state employees, such as agency managers and people who are responsible for procurement and other financial dealings, must also file statements of economic interest with the secretary of state's office that would detail outside income. The investigations may center around

whether they filed fraudulent paperwork to obtain the loan, thereby acting in a way unbecoming of a state employee, or failed to follow ethical guidelines disclosing such income—or both.

The OEIG is not a criminal law enforcement authority. In general, it investigates state employees for breaches of ethics and other misconduct and makes recommendations that could range from retraining to termination, depending on the seriousness of the offense. If conduct is criminal in nature, OEIG has the authority to share its findings with law enforcement.

Other public sector employees in Illinois have also come under scrutiny for PPP fraud. Numerous Cook County government workers have been terminated or resigned for bilking the program of hundreds of thousands of dollars over the past year.

Stockton Chamber of Commerce to host Fall into Stockton

Savvy Scavengers has started to transition window displays to fall apparel, and you know what means! The annual Fall into Stockton event is right around the corner and will be held on Saturday, Aug. 19. This event is one of the top events of the year!

People of all ages enjoy the fun-filled community events, vendor booths with crafts and goodies, food trucks and snacks,

bounce houses, car show, bags tournament and more. Let the rhythm of the music pull you downtown with our amazing lineup which includes The Registers, Free Fall, and Ten Gallon Hat. If you're thirsty after all that fun, grab a beverage at the beer tent. There is truly something for everyone. You are officially invited to "Fall into Stockton"!

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role in shaping public policy through informed and active participation in government.

The LWV was then, and is now, a nonpartisan political organization. League founders believed that maintaining a nonpartisan stance would protect the fledgling organization from becoming mired in the party politics of the day. This holds true today. The League, whose members are women and men, is proud

to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern in their communities.

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Stephenson County felony arrest warrant served

On Aug. 2, 2023, Stephenson County Sheriff's Office Investigators, assisted by personnel from the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, arrested Daniel Sheets, age 37 of Dakota, without incident at a residence in the 100 block of S. Elm Street in Davis Junction Illinois. The apprehension of Daniel Sheets was for a Stephenson County felony arrest warrant that was issued on Aug. 2, 2023, for three counts of Child Pornography and two counts of Unauthorized Videotaping; all of

which are alleged to have occurred in Oct. of 2021. Daniel Sheets is currently being held at the Ogle County Jail until he is transferred to Stephenson County.

The investigation which resulted in the arrest of Daniel Sheets was initiated on July 11, 2023, when a report was filed by an official with the Dakota School District (#201) regarding a teacher/athletic coach who was believed to have engaged in inappropriate communications with multiple female

students. After the police report was filed, Daniel Sheets, a teacher/athletic coach with the Dakota School District, was placed on administrative leave.

At this time, we believe that there may be additional current or former Dakota School District students who have yet to be interviewed who may have information pertinent to this investigation. We would ask that any current or former Dakota School District students who would like to speak with someone from

our Investigations Division to please call 815-235-8252. This investigation is still fluid and additional criminal charges are likely to be filed.

The Stephenson County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Ogle County Sheriff's Office for their assistance with today's apprehension.

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial, at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.



STEPHENSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FACEBOOK *Rock Valley Publishing*
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Clarence Mitchell Library holds One Book One Highland program

Highland Community College's Clarence Mitchell Library will hold a One Book

One Highland campus reading program this fall. Copies of the book, "What the Fact: Finding the Truth in All the Noise" by Dr. Seema Yasmin, will be available at the library for all students, and employees beginning on Aug. 16. The community is welcome to check out a book, ebook or audio version.

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ly challenged with sorting out what's fact and fiction. Reading and discussing 'What the Fact' provides opportunities for campus conversations around this critical topic," said Laura Watson, Reference Librarian.

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A Tribute to the Dentists Who Serve Our Nation



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

On Friday, March 24, 2023, the Association of Army Dentistry held the official dedication of the Army Dentistry Monument located at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum in San Antonio, Texas. To understand the significance of this monument, I would like to share a brief history of the establishment of a Dental Corp for the different branches of our armed services.

Throughout the history of our country, poor dental health has affected our armed services. During the Revolutionary War, many soldiers just cleaned their teeth with a damp cloth and salt. Mass-produced toothbrushes were not introduced to the United States until 1885 and the first U.S. Patent for a toothbrush was not issued until 1857. During the Civil War, many soldiers were still using rudimentary toothbrushes made by breaking off branches from a tree and chewing on the ends until the fibers were soft enough to scrape off food from their teeth. Poor oral care combined with the rapidly growing sugar consumption by Americans meant that dental disease was rampant among troops. Despite this, the Federal army deemed it too expensive to provide soldiers with a toothbrush and declared that army medical staff (who lacked both dental

education and instruments) could manage dental care. Despite concerted efforts by the American Dental Association to address these issues, which included meeting directly with President Lincoln, Federal military dentistry was never achieved during the Civil War. The Confederate Army was slightly more proactive in that it provided toothbrushes for convalescing soldiers, appointed a dentist to seek out dentists among the ranks to provide dental care, and tried to contract with local dentists to provide care. However, these efforts fell far short of the need and led to the conscription of dentists in 1864.

During the Spanish-American war, when soldiers were being assigned to foreign posts and lacked any access to dental care, the government could no longer justify the impact on military readiness and suffering that soldiers and sailors were enduring from dental disease, dental injuries, and inappropriate care. When the U.S. Army Dental Corps was finally established in 1911, it became the world's

first federally recognized military organization to provide dental care. This was followed by the establishment of the US Navy Dental Corps in 1912 and the Air Force Dental Corps in 1949.

At the beginning of WWI, preventative dental care was still not widely practiced in the U.S. and many soldiers had never been seen by a dentist. During America's involvement in that war (April 6, 1917-November 11, 1918), dental officers provided more than 1.5 million restorations, more than 384,000 extractions, more than 60,000 crowns, and more than 13,000 dentures. During the more than three years our country fought in WWII, dental officers performed more than 16 million extractions and placed nearly 70 million restorations, about half a million full dentures, and two million partial dentures.

Actions necessary to provide dental care during the adverse conditions of war led to advances in oral and overall healthcare throughout the world. During World War II, members of the Dental Corp began using a number of new medications, such as penicillin. Because of the sheer volume of cases in which the army and navy were using these drugs, it shortened the experimental stage of these new medications substantially. One of the main advances

in oral surgical techniques was the development of the external fixation screw for fractures of the jaw, which allowed the soldier to execute normal functions, such as eating or talking. Fixation screws went on to be used for a variety of other fractures. The Army and Navy Dental Corp's mass production of dentures added a great deal of new knowledge and improvements to their design and structure. Emphasis on the benefits of dental health, its impact on overall health, and enforcement of mandatory daily preventative care by the armed forces carried over to the soldier's civilian life. Toothbrushing and flossing boomed after WWI. The value of the role of the Dental Hygienist was solidified during WWI and dental hygiene schools became established following the war's end.

While we gained much knowledge in oral and overall health during these wars, the Army Dentistry Monument serves to honor those that served, and those we lost, and to show our gratitude for all they endured to safeguard our freedom. Among the numerous dental officers and assistants who were wounded and killed in action, Captain Ben Salomon is one of three dentists featured on the monument. Here is his story: In the predawn hours of July 7, 1944, dentist Ben Salomon was treating combat casualties in an aid station tent about 50 yards behind the front lines when eight Japanese soldiers entered the tent and attacked his patients. After managing to kill all eight, he bolted out of the tent to find his unit facing an overwhelming or "banzai" attack. As he ordered the wounded evacuated, he

took control of a machine gun, whose crew had been killed, to provide cover fire to defend the retreat. When his unit's position was retaken the following day, the group that inspected the battlefield discovered the body of Salomon slumped over his machine gun. In addition to several bayonet wounds, they counted 76 bullet holes in his body, 24 of which Salomon sustained before he was killed. Around him were the bodies of 98 Japanese soldiers. For these actions, Captain Salomon received our Nation's highest award for valor, the Medal of Honor. The other two figures on the monument honor the contributions of both Dr. William Birch, the first African American to serve in the Army Dental Corps, and Dr. Leonie von Zasch, the first female to serve in the Army Dental Corps.

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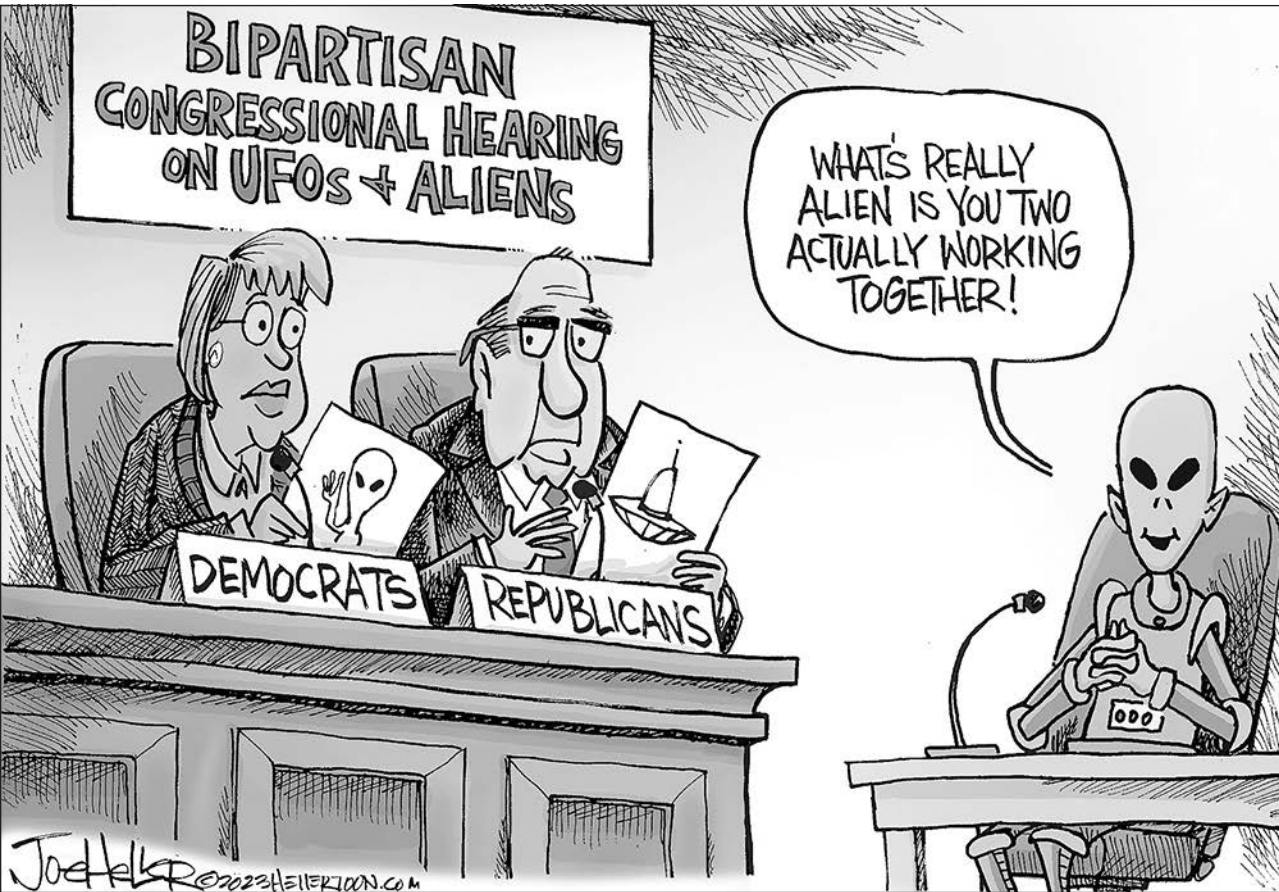
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OPINION



Slices of life

Do we know anyone



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

I was married to my husband for 33 years; best friends with him for 41. Oftentimes we knew what the other was thinking—or going to say—before they said it. We experienced *deja vu* together quite often.

He knew I could get lost inside a box. I knew that if I asked him what he wanted for dinner he'd invariably (as in 100 percent) reply, "Spaghetti," and then he'd add, "With meat sauce," because he thought meatballs were too labor-intensive and too much to ask for.

He had a habit of holding onto the toothpaste while he brushed his teeth. He didn't dry his back after showering. He just let the air evaporate

the moisture. I think he just didn't realize his back was wet, probably because he couldn't see it in the mirror, but that's just speculation based on 33 years of living with the guy.

He used to cross his legs and intertwine his toes while watching TV. He didn't trust Siri or any navigational system other than Rand

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In my opinion

Finding candor, compassion, and fun in politics

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By John T. Shaw

It's a curious sign of our times that one of the best places that I've found to witness candor, compassion, and fun in American politics is the Illinois State Archives' website. I suspect it is not the first place that most people would go to feel good about politics.

The Archives celebrated Illinois' bicentennial in 2018 with an online exhibit called, "The 100 Most Valuable Documents at the Illinois State Archives." It was created to inform, stimulate, and even provoke discussion about Illinois history and is



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still available on its website.

The documents are a wonderful blend of the profound and the prosaic, the uplifting

and the disappointing. For example you can view Illinois' 1818 Constitution, the first Black Law which in 1819 severely limited the rights of African Americans in Illinois, one of the first maps for what became the Illinois & Michigan Canal, an 1840 House resolution announcing that William Ewing of Vandalia defeated Abraham Lincoln of Springfield to be Illinois House speaker, the Illinois Central Railroad's 1851

charter, the Suffrage Act of 1913 which made Illinois the first state east of the Mississippi River to give women the right to vote for president, and a December 1941 resolution convening a special session of the General Assembly following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

This exhibit could—and I think should—be the basis of a terrific college or high school class on our state's history. Two documents in particular caught my attention. Not because of their gravity and consequence, but because they remind us that politics can be human and fun.

The first is a March 1858 letter from Abraham Lincoln to Illinois Governor William Bissell requesting that he

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pardon a man and his son who had been convicted of stealing six small hogs. The convicted man, Samuel Jones, was a widower with seven children.

It's worth recalling that 1858 was a busy year in Lincoln's life. He was building the Republican Party, delivered his "House Divided" speech, and later crisscrossed Illinois by train and coach for seven historic debates with his opponent for the U.S. Senate, Stephen Douglas.

Though he had a lot on his mind, Lincoln took the time to write a brief letter that is a master class in candor, concision, and compassion. He acknowledged that he did not know the man convicted nor had he reviewed the evidence from the trial. However, he observed that Samuel Jones' neighbors "appear more anxious that he and his son should be pardoned, than I have known in any other case. This is really all I can say."

The note is a modest and gentle request for mercy and commonsense. Governor Bissell pardoned the man and his son.

The second uplifting

document is a 1949 veto statement by Governor Adlai Stevenson. The Illinois General Assembly had passed a bill, presumably playfully, requiring Illinoisans to keep their outdoor cats on leashes to prevent them from killing birds. Stevenson decided to veto the bill but not without having some fun. "I cannot agree that it should be the declared public policy of Illinois that a cat visiting a neighbor's yard or crossing the highway is a public nuisance. It is in the nature of cats to do a certain amount of unescorted roaming," he wrote, no doubt with a smile on his face.

"The problem of cat versus bird is as old as time. If we attempt to resolve it by legislation who knows but what we may be called upon to take sides as well in the age-old problems of dog versus cat, bird versus bird, or even bird versus worm. In my opinion, the State of Illinois and its local governing bodies already have enough to do without trying to control feline delinquency. For these reasons, and not because I

love birds the less or cats the more, I veto and withhold my approval from Senate Bill No. 93."

I cannot imagine there exists a more delightful veto message in Illinois history.

Lincoln's letter and Stevenson's veto message provide small examples of candor, compassion, and delight in public life. We need more of these qualities in person and now, not just online and from history.

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Slices (Continued from page 6)

McNally. He let the cat sleep on his chest. I never could get comfortable with that.

He knew similar details about me, although I'm not sure what they were. I just know he knew. I know he knows.

Still, in so many ways, he was a mystery. I knew so much about him, but not even half of what really went on inside his head. How he perceived the world.

Now, thinking back, I wonder how he felt, what he thought when he got sick. When it got pretty serious and we outwardly hoped and talked about the best outcomes, but never the bad ones.

When he was alone with his thoughts, in the deep of night when he couldn't sleep—what did he think about then?

He didn't try to keep secrets from me, nor I from him, but there was so much I didn't know. Likewise from his perspective. We didn't mean to keep secrets, but you can't really ever tell anyone everything. That would be impossible.

He and I were married, and best friends. But what about

other people I think I knew well? How much do I really know about them?

Do we ever really know anyone? Can we ever really know anyone?

Or do we just know the pieces—the slivers—they allow us to see? (That we allow others to see.)

I think we all harbor personal thoughts, insights and beliefs (secrets, if you will) from the world. Even from those closest to us. Maybe even from ourselves.

Oftentimes, I don't think we even realize this. We are just living life. Doing what we do. Thinking what we think and we aren't always cognizant of the process of concealment. Sometimes it seems like my mind has a mind of its own. I try to concentrate on one thing and my thoughts keep drifting back to topic number two - which isn't even always relevant.

Maddening.

This brings me back to my premise. Maybe we don't really know anyone—not even ourselves. How's that for a mind blow?

We make interpretations and analyze based on our own

perspectives, which often have little to do with anything in reality. People's actions and behaviors are based on their circumstances, not ours. But we base our interpretations on the one thing we think we know - ourselves. And that often leads to inaccuracies.

I knew my husband well—better than anyone in the world. But I couldn't know everything, because I wasn't living in his skin.

Interestingly enough, now that he is no longer walking with me on this earth, I think I can put myself in his shoes better than ever before. As silly as it sounds, I talk to him and know (or believe I know) how he'd answer.

Because I knew him that well. But in other regards I didn't know him completely, because none of us ever can. This whole concept contributes to the great mysteries of life.

And mystery isn't always a bad thing.

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The not so skinny cook

What a wild week to end July. The storms were terrible in Lena and around our area. I am grateful for minimal damage to my house and yard. People are still cleaning up. The beastly hot weather came just in time for the Stephenson County Fair. We knew we could be in for some July heat, and it arrived just in time for people and animals to suffer. Now that the July weather is behind us, we can have a little relief. The plants love it as long as we continue to have timely rains. This week's recipes feature some garden delights. Thank you to our loyal reader, Doris, for her great zucchini recipes. Have a good week cooking.

Spinach and Vidalia Dip

There are still a few Vidalia onions around to make this

easy and tasty appetizer. If you can't find Vidalia onions, use a sweet onion.

- 3 T. salted butter
- 4 C. chopped Vidalia onions
- 1 C. (3 oz.) baby spinach, coarsely chopped
- 1 t. kosher salt, divided
- ½ t. pepper divided
- 1 (16 oz.) container sour cream

- 2 T. chopped fresh chives
- Potato chips, cucumbers, radishes, bell peppers

Melt butter in a large non-stick skillet over medium; add onions and cook, stirring often, until golden and very tender, 20 to 30 minutes. Gradually add spinach, stirring just until wilted, about 1 minute. Sprinkle with ½ t. salt and ¼ t. pepper. Remove from heat and let stand 30 minutes. Stir together onion and spinach mixture with sour cream and chives in a medium bowl. Stir in remaining salt and pepper. Cover and chill for 60 minutes or up to 2 days. Serve with chips or veggies.

Sweet Corn Tomato Salad

Sweet corn and cherry tomatoes are ripening fast. These two make a wonderful

salad. Try it for a different way to use the corn and tomatoes.

- 8 med. ears of corn, husked
- 1 large sweet red pepper, chopped
- 2 C. cherry tomatoes, halved

- 1 small red onion, chopped
- ¼ C. chopped fresh basil
- Dressing
- ½ C. canola oil
- ¼ C. rice vinegar
- 2 T. lime juice
- 1 ¼ t. salt
- ½ to 1 t. hot sauce
- ½ t. garlic powder
- ½ t. grated lime zest
- ¼ t. pepper

Place corn in a large stockpot; add water to cover. Bring to a boil. Cook, covered, until crisp tender, 6 to 8 minutes; drain. Cool slightly. Cut corn from cobs and place in a large bowl. Stir in red pepper, tomatoes, onion and basil. In a small bowl, whisk dressing ingredients until blended. Pour over corn mixture; toss to coat. Refrigerate, covered, at least 1 hour.

Doris' Garden Vegetable Egg Bake

- 1 T. olive oil
- 1 each zucchini and yellow squash, cut lengthwise in half, sliced crosswise
- 1 red pepper chopped
- 1 onion sliced
- 1 C. sliced fresh mushrooms

- ½ C. cup shredded carrots
- ½ t. garlic powder
- ½ t. black pepper
- 30 whole grain saltines, coarsely broken
- 6 eggs
- 1 C. milk
- 1/3 C. grated parmesan cheese, divided

Heat oil in large skillet on medium high. Add vegetables; cook and stir 5 minutes. Stir in seasonings. Remove from heat. Layer crackers and

vegetables in 2-quart greased casserole. Whisk eggs and milk until blended. Stir in ¼ C. cheese; pour over vegetables. Refrigerate at least two hours.

Preheat oven to 325. Bake uncovered 45 to 50 minutes until knife in center comes out clean. Top with remaining cheese. This recipe makes 6 servings. Note from Doris: If you need the brand of crackers this came from, it's Nabisco Premium Saltines.

Bacon Cheeseburger Casserole

This casserole has all the great ingredients that make up a cheeseburger, but it isn't in a bun; it is in a 9 x 13 pan. You can top it with all the fixings you would use on a burger. I think it is great for any season.

- 2 lbs. ground beef
 - 1 large onion, chopped
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 12 bacon strips, cooked and crumbed
 - 3 C. shredded cheddar cheese, divided
 - 8 eggs, room temperature
 - 1 can (6 oz.) tomato paste
 - 1 C. heavy whipping cream
 - 1 T. Worcestershire sauce
 - ½ t. salt
 - ¼ t. pepper
- Toppings: dill pickle slices, sliced green onions, red onion, diced, and cherry tomatoes, halved.

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large skillet, cook beef, onion and garlic over medium heat, crumbling beef until meat is no longer pink and onion is tender, 10 to 12 minutes; drain. Transfer to a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Sprinkle with bacon and 1 cup cheddar cheese. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, tomato paste, heavy cream, Worcestershire sauce, salt, and pepper until combined. Pour over beef mixture. Sprinkle with the remaining cheddar cheese. Bake, uncovered, until set and golden brown, 30 to 35 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Garnish with burger toppings.

Cabbage Sausage Supper

There is a lot of cabbage coming in, and cooks are wondering what to do with it besides making coleslaw. This is a delicious hot day supper. It doesn't have many ingredients and doesn't take long to make.

- 2 lbs. sausage, halved and cut into ¾ inch slices
- 1 large onion, cut into eighths
- 1 medium head of cabbage, chopped
- ½ C. water
- 1 lb. carrots, cut into ½ inch

slices

5 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into ¾ inch cubes.

In a Dutch oven or soup kettle, cook sausage and onion over medium heat until sausage is lightly browned, and onion is tender. Drain. Add the cabbage and water. Cover and cook on low for 10 minutes. Stir in the carrots and potatoes. Cover and cook for 25 to 30 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Serve in a large serving bowl.

Zucchini Faux Apple Pie

Doris wrote again about zucchini stating, "I saw faux apple pie with zucchini mentioned in a Facebook post, and I got curious. I searched and found this recipe. I like it because it uses 6 to 8 cups of zucchini. Lots of recipes only need a cup or two, and you never have just a little zucchini."

- 6-8 cups peeled, cut lengthwise, remove seeds, slice into ¼ inch thick pieces
- ¾ C. sugar
- ½ C. packed brown sugar
- 2 t. cinnamon
- ¼ t. nutmeg
- ¼ t. cardamom
- ½ t. cream of tartar
- 2 T. cornstarch or flour
- ½ t. salt
- 1 t. any vinegar
- 1 T. butter
- 2 pie crusts
- ½ T. sugar for topping
- 2 prepared pie crusts

Preheat oven to 425. Cook zucchini in water until barely tender (2 minutes). Drain and cool. Blot with paper towels. Personally, Doris says she would steam the zucchini. In a bowl, toss zucchini with sugars, salt, spices, cream of tartar, and cornstarch.

Place lightly floured pastry in 9" pie pan. Fill with zucchini mixture, dot with butter. Drizzle with vinegar. Top with another crust. Brush lightly with water and sprinkle with sugar. Bake 15 minutes at 425. Reduce to 350 for 45 minutes. Cool before cutting.

Blackberry Crisp

Blackberries are beginning to appear in gardens and extra special spots that people guard with an oath to secrecy. This recipe is for a small dessert, but you can double it for a larger crowd. If you are lucky enough to find some blackberries, and you don't have to buy them in the grocery store, this recipe is a treat!

- 2 C. fresh or frozen blackberries
- 2 T. sugar
- 1 t. cornstarch
- 1½ t. water
- ½ t. lemon juice
- ½ C. quick cooking oats

- ¼ C. flour
- ¼ C. brown sugar
- ½ t. cinnamon
- ¼ C. cold butter
- Vanilla Ice cream

Preheat oven to 375. Place blackberries in a greased 1-qt. baking dish. In a small bowl, combine the sugar, cornstarch, water, and lemon juice until smooth. Pour over berries. Combine the sugar, flour, brown sugar, and cinnamon; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over berries. Bake, uncovered, at 375 until filling is bubbly, 20 to 25 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream.

Final Thoughts

The Pet and Bicycle Parade that the Lion's Club sponsored was great. There was quite a turnout, and everybody looked as if they were having a great time. The games also looked well attended. Several merchants had sales on the sidewalk and street. It was a great day for doing things in Lena.

Many people were on vacation this past week if they had kids who participate in sports. This week was the "dead" week because there were no camps, games, scrimmages, or weight room meetings. It was a great time for families to do things together. I do remember those family vacations where we were always glad to get back home still talking to and loving each other!

Several of the schools have put air conditioning in, so it won't be like it was when I started school. Thank goodness that they won't suffer the heat!

Hats off to the Village of Lena, Com Ed., and the Lena Fire Department for helping us get everything back on track after the storm. On my street, people helped neighbors and friends with storm damage. It is amazing how much we rely on one another in our small towns. We lost a lot of big trees around town, and it makes me sad to think of the history they saw.

On a positive note, the Last Music in the Park was held with the Madmen in concert. It took a lot of extra work to get them on stage because of all the storm problems, but the concert was great. A lot of people were looking for some good times after the weekend, and there were people everywhere in the park. They will play on Friday night at the Fall Festival.

On another positive note, take a look at the area around the Christmas tree across from Citizens' Bank. Big changes are coming to the triangle!

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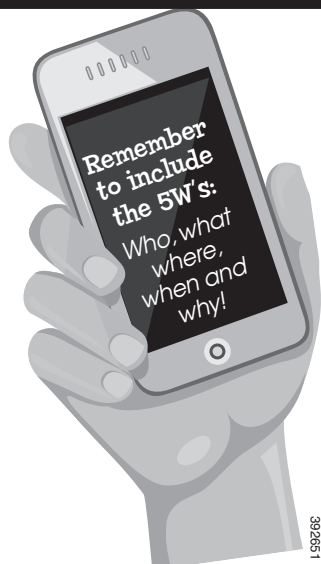
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2023 Panthers ready to rise to the occasion on the volleyball court

•Broncos

(Continued from front page)

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers are prepping for their 2023 volleyball season. After a strong summer, the Panthers have their sights set atop the NUIC. Lena-Winslow head coach, Sue Amendt, has all the confidence in this year's squad, and with good reason. After going 27-10 and 8-4 in conference play last year, the Panthers return a good chunk of that squad. Maddie Young was the only key player lost to graduation, as the Panthers return as one of the more experienced squads in the conference.

the 2022 Regional Championship, Le-Win returns with a chip on their shoulders this year. Molly Amendt, Grace Groezinger, Kaidynce Lynch, Rachael Setterstrom, Alyssa Daughenbaugh, Belle Paulsen, and Eden Dietz all return from last season.

Molly was last year's scoring leader with 261 kills and a 29-percent hit-rate. Groezinger returns as the top defender after leading the team with 77 total blocks. Lynch also returns as an impressive defender after leading the team with 363 digs. The team's leading distributor, Alyssa Daughenbaugh, returns after having 658 assists last year. Dietz, who

was just a sophomore, was second in blocks last year with 59. Setterstrom, who was also a sophomore, was the team's leading server with 37 aces.

Up and down the lineup, the Panthers return all their statistical leaders in nearly every aspect of the game. On top of all that, they are led by coach Amendt who holds a career record of 611-248. Le-Win will have to rely on some newcomers as well with Mia Diffenderfer and Maddy Chiles expected to make an impact.

Understandably, if the Panthers can stay healthy, their expectations are through the roof. Amendt

holds the team to a high standard herself saying, "I expect us to finish at the top of the conference." The 24-year coach also acknowledged the importance of availability, saying the team is working on "getting and staying healthy."

The Panthers know they have been putting in the necessary work to not only stay healthy, but to come out victorious. Amendt confirmed that by reiterating, "My goal for this team is for them to finish at the top. They have been working towards their goals as a group for many years, and this is their time to shine."

Le-Win is aware that they

will be getting their opponent's best each and every night. With the program's success, along with their confidence, opponents are going to have their games against the Panthers circled on the calendar. "We know there will be a target on our backs, and we are prepared to rise to the occasion," Amendt added.

Le-Win opens their 2023 season at home as they play host to the River Ridge Wildcats on Thursday, Aug. 24. On Aug. 31, the Panthers hit the road to face off with the Winnebago Indians. Those two early matches should be a good test for the 2023 Panthers.

It will be interesting to see if the Broncos can reach their full potential in 2023. On paper alone, this is their year to do it. We will get an early glimpse of what this team has on Aug. 22 when they travel to Stockton to open their season against the Blackhawks. The next day, Orangeville plays their home opener as they host Warren on Aug. 23. Two days later, the Broncos are back at home as they play host to Scales Mound on Aug. 25.

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Extension welcomes Agriculture Educator in Northwest Illinois

Illinois Extension has recently welcomed Kathryn Seebrock to the staff in Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties. As a Crop Sciences and Agronomy Educator, she will work with producers and agribusinesses in the area to support the production of row crops and forages. A native of Byron, IL, she is very familiar with the needs of farmers in Northern Illinois and looks forward to connecting with them and providing information and resources as needed.



Kathryn Seebrock

days and other events to connect with local stakeholders. Her background in weed science and the research she has conducted related to that and other issues farmers face will allow her to be a resource to the local agriculture community.

Seebrock joined the 25-person local Extension staff in mid-July as one of seven Educators helping to connect university research with community needs. Program areas in Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties include 4-H and Youth Development, Agriculture, Energy & Environment, Local Foods & Small Farms, Nutrition & Wellness, and Illinois Nutrition Education Programming. For more information about Extension, visit www.go.illinois.edu/jsw or call 815-235-4125 to learn more.

•Kitchen

(Continued from page 8)

Remember that if you have zucchini, you can freeze it for later to make all kinds of breads and cakes. Thank you to Doris for sending us the great zucchini recipes. I know people are still using rhubarb too. Blackberries are plentiful if you can find them, and people are picking blueberries. I recently got some good peaches. If you have some great summer recipes and would like to share, you can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *The Shopper's Guide* at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com



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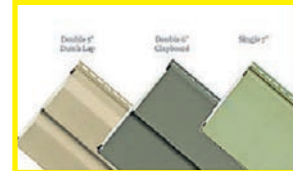
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2022 FC 67

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 13, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on August 22, 2023, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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DAVIESS COUNTY RECORDED, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES 43' 06" EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AND NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 253.65 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 39' 08" WEST, ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 743.30 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 06' 32" WEST, ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 133.41 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 81 DEGREES 17' 43" WEST, ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 108.39 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 19' 44" WEST, ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 393.30 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 78 DEGREES 48' 40" WEST, 1240.95 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DE-

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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 this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), 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

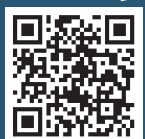
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Invasive and Nuisance Plants workshop offered in Freeport

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give an update on invasive species management in the parks. There is no fee to attend the program, but pre-registration is required by Sept. 10. To register or for more information, please visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw or call us at 815-235-4125.

Why right now? "Most woody and many perennial plants tend to be putting nutrient reserves back into the roots to help jump-start next year's growth," Solomon continues. "Disrupting this process by removing the above-ground portion and selectively using herbicides can dramatically reduce the population next year. Also, woody inva-

sive plants tend to be the last to go dormant in the winter. Leaving the green plants in an otherwise dormant landscape, easy to locate." Mechanical (cutting or pulling), chemical control, and combinations of methods will be discussed.

The workshop will cover how to identify the differences and management methods. Fall is an excellent time to identify and work on controlling many of these plants in our landscapes, timber, and prairie areas. Woody invasive plants such as autumn olive, buckthorn, bush honeysuckle, and multiflora rose are easier to identify and manage this time of year.

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FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONT-AGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT JO DAVIESS
COUNTY-IN PROBATE
In Re the Matter of the
Estate of:
Michael J. Thoren,
Deceased.

No. 23-PR-42
**NOTICE FOR
PUBLICATION-
CLAIMS**

Notice is given of the death of Michael J. Thoren, of Stockton, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 20, 2023, to:

Brenda G. Thoren
7398 E. Townsend Rd.
Stockton, IL 61085

as independent Administrator of the Estate of Michael J. Thoren,

whose attorney is
Anthony V. Coon
Attorney At Law
10 N. Galena Ave.,
Ste. 210

Freeport, Illinois 61032

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 28.4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition To Terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the JoDavieSS County Courthouse, 330 N. Bench St., Galena, Illinois 61036, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 23, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Date: July 24, 2023

Brenda G. Thoren
Administrator
By: **Anthony V. Coon**
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IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
M&T BANK,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
JESSICA L HARRIS
A/K/A JESSICA HARRIS
A/K/A JESSICA
LEEANN HARRIS
A/K/A JESSE L HARRIS;
JOSHUA T LOVE
A/K/A JOSHUA LOVE;
UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.

NO. 22 FC 49
540 WEST CHESTNUT
STREET FREEPORT, IL
61032

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO
JUDGMENT OF
FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on June 6, 2023, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on 09/05/2023, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 09:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

THE WEST 45 FEET OF LOT 10 IN BLOCK 16 IN KNOWLTON'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF FREEPORT, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 18-14-31-345-007
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 540 West Chestnut Street

Freeport, IL 61032
Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a one car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. I am unable to verify that the gas is on or off. I am unable to verify

that the water is on or off. The property has a fence. The property is vacant. The fence in the backyard looked like it was falling over.

The Judgment amount was \$32,043.99.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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

VS.
LINN PERKINS,
SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF
JESSIE LEE EVANS,
DECEASED; ANN
EVANS A/K/A ANN M
EVANS; UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-
RECORD CLAIMANTS;
BARBRETTE EVANS;
KARLOS M EVANS;
GREGORY A EVANS;
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
LEGATEES OF JESSIE
LEE EVANS,
DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2022FC46
701 SOUTH BENTON
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JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE BY
PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Karlos M Evans Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Jessie Lee Evans 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:

LOT NUMBER SEVEN (7) IN BLOCK NUMBER THREE (3) IN PURINGTON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREE-

PORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as:
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and which said Mortgage was made by,

Jessie Lee Evans a/k/a
Jesse L Evans and Ann
Evans a/k/a Ann M
Evans
Mortgagor(s), to
Mercantile Bank of
Northern Illinois

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stephenson County, Illinois, as Document No. 9879926; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before August 25, 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

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IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

-v.-
MICHAEL LOVE,
MELISSA WENDLING,
MICHELE RAETZ,
UNKNOWN HEIRS
AND LEGATEES OF
CHARLES H. LOVE,
DECEASED, DAMON
RITENHOUSE, SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE
FOR THE ESTATE
OF CHARLES LOVE,
DECEASED
Defendant

2022 FC 24
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS
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LEGAL NOTICES

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Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 24, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 25, 2023, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave. (West Door), FREEPORT, IL, 61032, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, STATE OF ILLINOIS LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 IN WRIGHT AND PURINTON'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF FREEPORT. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200500070477 OF THE STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS RECORDS. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESERVATIONS, LEASES AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS, ALL RIGHTS OF WAY, ALL ZONING, BUILDING AND OTHER LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS, ALL RIGHTS OF TENANTS IN POSSESSION, AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS NOT YET DUE AND PAYABLE

Commonly known as 511 SOUTH STATE AVENUE, FREEPORT, IL 61032

Property Index No. 18-14-31-427-003

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$32,131.35.

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ther subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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 this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), 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.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-012141.

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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:

LOT 6 IN BAUCH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON OCTOBER 20, 1914 IN BOOK D OF PLATS, PAGE 15. PIN 18-13-36-404-005

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COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

1149 West Pleasant Street Freeport, IL 61032

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

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

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

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

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

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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 14-23-00891. I3226474

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

M&T BANK, PLAINTIFF, VS. JESSICA L HARRIS A/K/A JESSICA HARRIS A/K/A JESSICA LEEANN HARRIS A/K/A JESSE L HARRIS; JOSHUA T LOVE A/K/A JOSHUA LOVE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 22 FC 49 540 WEST CHESTNUT STREET FREEPORT, IL 61032

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on June 6, 2023, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on 09/05/2023, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 09:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 18-14-31-345-007 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 540 West Chestnut Street Freeport, IL 61032

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a one car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. I am unable to verify that the gas is on or off. I am unable to verify that the water is on or off. The property has a fence. The property is vacant. The fence in the backyard looked like it was falling over.

The Judgment amount was \$32,043.99.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of

the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g) (4).

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

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-10334IL

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

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,

-v.-

MICHAEL LOVE, MELISSA WENDLING, MICHELE RAETZ, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CHARLES H. LOVE, DECEASED, DAMON RITENHOUSE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF CHARLES LOVE, DECEASED

Defendant

2022 FC 24

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 24, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 25, 2023, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave. (West Door), FREEPORT, IL, 61032, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 511 SOUTH STATE AVENUE, FREEPORT, IL 61032

Property Index No. 18-14-31-427-003

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$32,131.35.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Truist 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:

PIN 18-13-36-404-005 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1149 West Pleasant Street Freeport, IL 61032

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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 14-23-00891. I3226474

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST F

Plaintiff, -v.- ANNETTE L. ROWAN et al Defendant

2022 FC 67

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 13, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on August 22, 2023, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2895 W CORDING RD, GALENA, IL 61036 Property Index No. 08-000-147-20

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, 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.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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 this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g) (4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), 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.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-06097 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2022 FC 67

TJSC#: 43-1595

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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It's a Hog Roast

Saturday, Aug. 12

**Stockton Fire Department
and Stockton Ambulance do
hereby invite you to our
2023 summer fundraiser!!!**



**Come savor the aroma of the pulled pork from Carroll County
Locker and let the Firefighters and EMT's do the rest!**

Serving from 5 pm until gone

*Enjoy an old fashioned gathering with your neighbors and enjoy salads, sweet treat,
chips and drinks provided by local businesses.*

\$8 Adults • \$5 Children under 12

**Bounce
Houses**



*A special thank you to Mud Run, TJC farms, and Stockton Auto Supply Napa
for donating the Hog and Kevin at Mud Run for donating his time to cook it!*



**Support your local
emergency
service volunteers**



**Firetrucks, ambulances and
rescue equipment on display!**

We would like to thank the following sponsors:

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Stephenson Service Company
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Flooring
Woodbine Bend Golf Course
& Restaurant
Wurster's Sales & Service

It's Great Fun - and a great cause - so plan on attending!!!