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2023 MISS JO DAVIESS COUNTY FAIR QUEEN FACEBOOK PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

Jo Daviess County Fair royalty winners

The 2023 Miss Jo Daviess County Fair Queen participants help crown and celebrate pageant winner Brianna Anderson. Royalty winners also include Young Miss: Alivia McFadden, 1st Runner Up: LilyAnn Alongi, 2nd Runner Up: Finley Barker, Miss Personality: Kennedy Steinmann, Jr. Miss: Amber Davis, 1st Runner

Up: Daphne Havens, 2nd Runner Up: Winter Carter, Miss Photogenic: Ezri Moore, Queen: Brianna Anderson, 1st Runner Up: Jaylyn Carter, 2nd Runner Up: Brynna Fry, Miss Congeniality: Jaylyn Carter, People's Choice: Brynna Fry.

River Ridge prepped for the gridiron in 2023

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

Health will be the name of the game for the 2023 River

Ridge Wildcats. This year's football season is going to be a learning experience for the Wildcats. After reaching the

2019 Semi-Finals, the River Ridge Wildcats have been hoping to replicate that success ever since. Last year, the

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Wildcats finished with a record of 4-5, while going 2-4 in the Eight Man North Conference.

Despite missing the playoffs, the Wildcats ended the season with something to hang their hats on. In the final six games of the season, the Wildcats managed to go 4-2. That stretch included big wins over Orangeville and Aquin, both teams they will face again in 2023.

River Ridge head coach Doug Nicholas is entering his

ninth season at the helm of the program. Throughout his previous eight seasons, Nicholas carries a career record of 28-44. This season, Nicholas is hoping the Wildcats can get back above five hundred and, hopefully, into the postseason. "The goal will be to compete each week and get back into the playoffs," Nicholas shared early in the preseason.

That could be a bit of a challenge for the 2023 Wildcats. After last season, River

Ridge lost a solid group of seniors, including Sam Ries, Jack Ketelsen, Ethan Gonzalez, Lebron Ransom, and Traighton McGovern. Despite that, the Wildcats return an exciting group of players.

Seth Nicholas, George Winter, Brian Appleby, Ben Richmond, Lucas Holland, and Damon Dittmar are all back after getting varsity experience last year. Seth is a

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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/GSLCLenaLL> 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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Saturday, Aug. 26, from 2 - 5 p.m. at Rafter's Restaurant in Lena, IL.

Please join us to celebrate! Tom Mau and Carol Nolan were married August 25, 1963 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, IL. They have 2 children—Michelle (Mike) Rothschild and Mark (Anita) Mau, 5 Grandchildren—Jesse (Rebecca), Tommy (Paige) and Chris (Sara) Rothschild and Matt (Rebecca) and Zach (Halley) Mau, 9 Great-Grandchildren—Lauren, Jaxson and Bexley Rothschild and Levi, Simeon, Anna, Esther, Mya and Mayci Mau. The couple requests no gifts, only your presence.

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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.

"What the Fact" addresses how our brains process information, the challenges of mis and disinformation, understanding bias (our own and bias in information sources), algorithmic manipulation of news and social media feeds, and more.

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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

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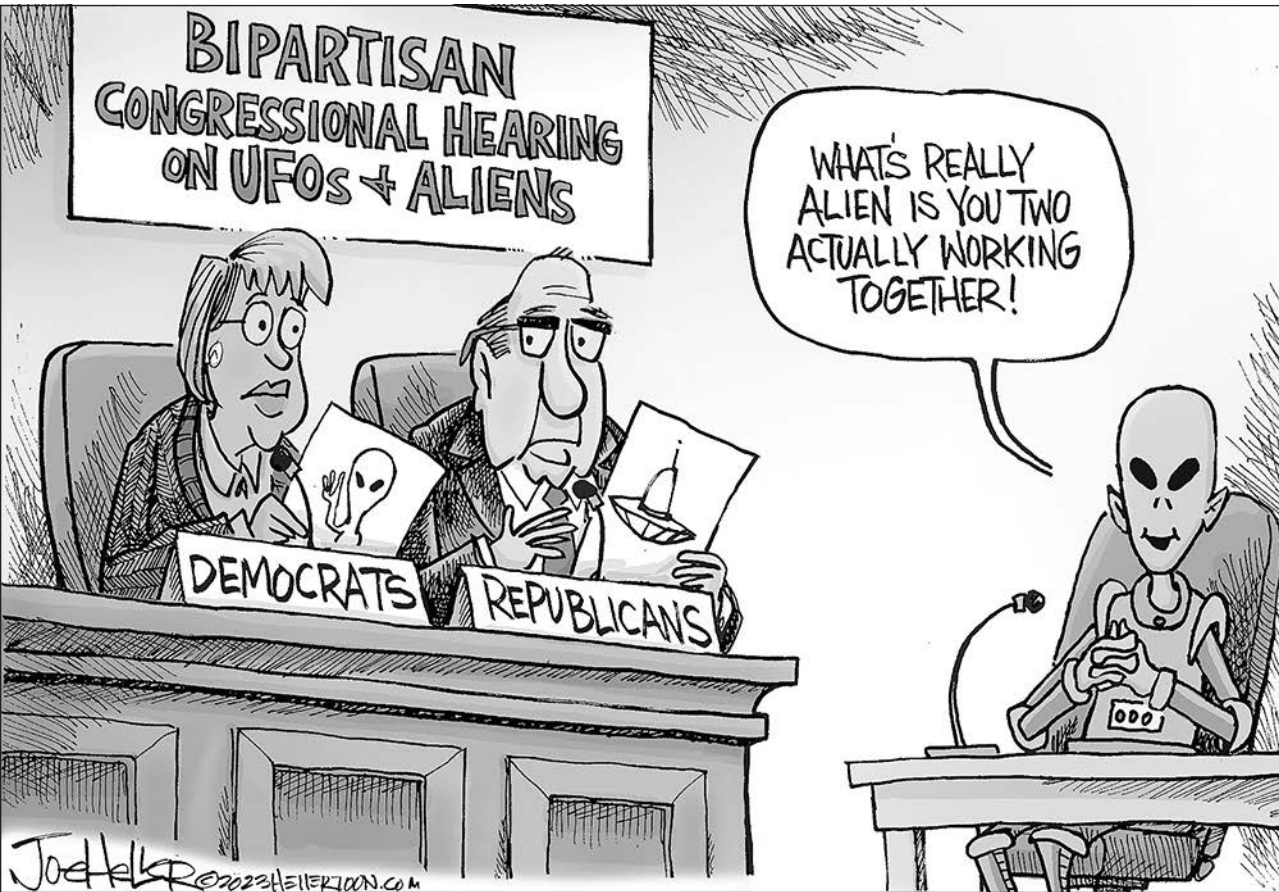
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Slices of life

Do we know anyone



By **JILL PERTLER**
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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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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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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 re-

turns 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.

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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bruising running back and outside linebacker, standing over six-feet, three-inches tall as a senior. Winter, who also stands six-feet, three-inches tall as a senior, returns as a running back-linebacker. Appleby, a senior offensive lineman and linebacker, provides some strength in the trenches. Holland joins him along the line of scrimmage as a fellow senior. Finally, Dittmar returns after playing quarterback and defensive back as a sophomore last season.

Nicholas also expects several newcomers to make their mark

this season. Andrew Schock, David Buck, Ian Wachter, Joe Winter, and Harrison Kloss are looking to find their way onto the field in 2023.

The Wildcats have some standout players in specialty positions. Nicholas acknowledged, "Our team strength would be our overall athleticism." However, River Ridge is lacking along the line of scrimmage and in depth. Nicholas listed team depth, experience, and size on the offensive and defensive lines as team weaknesses.

A big part of the Wildcats' success in 2023 will come down to their availability. With depth lacking, the Wildcats will have to stay healthy in order to play their best football this season. "We want to stay healthy and improve each week as the season moves along," Nicholas shared.

With such a young team, it is entirely possible the Wildcats should be playing their best ball as the season grows. If they can find their identity on the field and continue to grow in the trenches, the Wildcats might be able to surprise some teams in 2023.

The campaign begins in just a few weeks. On Friday, Aug. 25 the Wildcats are on the road to face off with a tough Milledgeville squad. In week two, the Wildcats get to host their home opener as they play host to Amboy/LaMoille/Ohio. Week three is another home game, and it's an important one, as the Wildcats host the Orangeville Broncos in a rematch of last year's season finale. If the Wildcats can come out of those first three games above five hundred, they very well may be on the road back to the postseason.

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Wildcats hopeful experience through the ups and downs takes them to the top in 2023

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The River Ridge Wildcats are prepping for the 2023 volleyball season, and they come in with high hopes. After going 20-15 and capturing a regional title last year, the Wildcats got a taste of what they are capable of. This year, they are hoping to put it all together on the volleyball court.

Brittany Sinagra, a three-year coach with a career record of 30-34, is hoping to see that record get above five hundred. Sinagra will have to find a way to replace a solid group of seniors if the Wildcats want to make another run, however. After last season, the Wildcats lost Sadie Fry, Sophie Buck, Lauren Kloss, and Emily Wurster to graduation. Despite that, the Wildcats are excited about what they are bringing

back.

River Ridge returns an athletic group of players from last year's team, including Addison Albrecht, Amie Richmond, Gwen Miller, and Laiken Haas. They will rely on a handful of newcomers to step up at the varsity level. Sinagra has high expectations for Evie Walters, Kaylen Bond, Ava Ketelsen, and Macey Fulton this season. With that, Sinagra is hoping they can find something special within this combination of new and old players. "We have a really good ratio of returning starters to newcomers this year, which I believe will work as an advantage for us," Sinagra shared.

The three-year head coach is looking for her returning starters to put their leadership on display. "I'm really excited for our returning starters to work

with our newcomers," Sinagra said. The hope is that the returning starters' experience can combine with the newcomers' fresh energy to build a winning team. "This group has seen the floor during the good, the bad, and the ugly, which will hopefully work in our favor. Having those experiences under your belt will make it easier for us to adapt and overcome those situations this season," the River Ridge head coach explained.

The Wildcats will have to step up their game on the defensive side if they want to find success in 2023. Sinagra stated, "A big key to our success this year is going to be executing our defensive abilities. We are not a team full of height,

which can often result in a mismatch. So, whatever we can't pick up at the net defensively will have to be a heavy focus for our back row."

Still, Sinagra is incredibly excited for what this year's squad brings to the table. "I expect us to have an aggressive front row with some of our returning big swingers mixed in with a solid defense behind them. We are loaded with a lot of strong, talented athleticism, with such a versatile group of athletes. This is going to be a year of learning the healthy balance of playing aggressive and smart consistently, while showing passion, confidence, and grit at all times on the floor. This group is already putting in

the work for success, so I can't wait to see what the 2023 season has in store for us," Sinagra exclaimed.

After last year's success, the goals for the 2023 Wildcats are pretty straight forward. "This group got a taste of a successful postseason run last year with the win of a Regional Title," Sinagra shared, adding, "More than anything, I know they want to get back to that Sectional Semifinal and bring home the plaque this time. They are such a humble, supportive, and hardworking group of athletes and just an incredible group of kids all the way around."

As a coach, Sinagra is hoping to help the young Wildcats be their best version of them-

selves. "My goal this season is to get them to see their true talents, alleviate the self-inflicted pressure, and play with confidence," Sinagra closed with.

The 2023 season is right around the corner for River Ridge. They will open the campaign with a tough road matchup as they travel to faceoff with Lena-Winslow on Thursday, Aug. 24. The following Saturday, Aug. 26, the Wildcats are set to compete in the Belmont Tournament, while the freshman-sophomore squad will play in the Scales Mound Tournament. River Ridge's home opener comes on Tuesday, Aug. 29, when they play host to the Pearl City Wolves.

Around the Northern Hills

Did you know that one of the best benefits of membership of the Illinois Farm Bureau for our members in agriculture is our involvement in keeping up to date in our ever-changing laws and regulations? You can have a direct impact by signing up to be a part of the FB ACT team. For more information, or to sign up for FB Act, go to www.ilfb.org and click on FB Act.

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Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau offering \$250 towards ROPS purchase

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau would like to offer funds to reimburse farmers for purchasing Roll-over Protection Structure (ROPS). Fifty-five percent of farm tractors in Illinois do not have a cab or ROPS. Only one in five victims will survive a tractor rollover accident. The leading cause of farm related deaths in Illinois is tractor rollover accidents. They account for more than 30% of farm related deaths. ROPS help protect farmers and family members from being crushed in the event of a tractor turnover or rollover.

Safety Chairman, Dan

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By ANNETTE EGGERS
Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau

Robbe, states, "Safety is a priority of the farm bureau, and we would like to encourage our members to install ROPS on their tractors".

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau members who purchase a ROPS could receive a reimbursement of \$250 towards the purchase of a ROPS (there are six rebates are available). To receive the \$250, members need to bring in their paid invoice to the Farm Bureau office in Elizabeth. Customers are responsible for the cost, freight, and installation which are available through the dealer. If you have been thinking about putting a ROPS on one of your tractors, now is the time! For more information about this program, or to become a member of our organization, contact the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau office at 815-858-2235 or email jdcfbmgr@gmail.com.

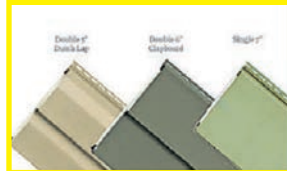
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 Plaintiff,
 -v.-
 ANNETTE L. ROWAN et al
 Defendant

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:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SEC-

TION 15, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, GUILFORD TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THE BOUNDARY OF SAID TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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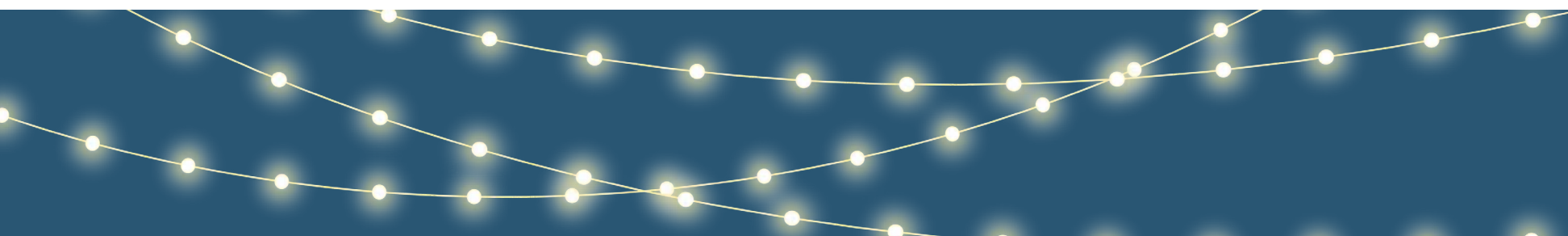
DAVIESS COUNTY RECORDED, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES 43' 06" EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AND NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 253.65 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 39' 08" WEST, ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 743.30 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; 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-

GREES 24' 28" WEST, 677.67 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 32' 50" EAST, 1237.64 FEET; THENCE NORTH 57 DEGREES 30' 10" EAST, 119.13 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AT A CORNER OF SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY; THENCE NORTH 09 DEGREES 34' 38" EAST ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 684.29 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 02' 24" WEST; ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 214.65 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 47 DEGREES 05' 04" EAST, ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 42.11 FEET; THENCE NORTH 71 DEGREES 36' 35" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 12.34 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN GUILFORD TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY PAUL G. BRASHAW,

DATED AUGUST 8, 2015. 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/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

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Invasive and Nuisance Plants workshop offered in Freeport

Join Illinois Extension and Freeport Park District for Fall Invasive and Nuisance Plants in the Landscape Workshop. Extension Educator Jay Solomon will lead the discussion on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Mogel Building in Oakdale Nature Preserve, 4433 S Cranes Grove Rd, Freeport. We will delve into what makes some plants invasive or a nuisance and why fall is the better time to manage them. The workshop will help those with a home landscape or small acreage get started. Bruce Cubberley, Superintendent of Parks & Natural Resources, Freeport Park District, will

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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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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Attorney File No. 14-22-06097
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00468002
Case Number: 2022 FC 67
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
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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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Attorney At Law

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IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
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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.

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).

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.

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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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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FREEPORT, IL 61032
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:
701 South Benton
Avenue

Freeport, IL 61032

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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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

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).

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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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Attorney ARDC No. 6306439

Case Number: 2022 FC 24 TJSC#: 43-2301

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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

Improved with Residential 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.

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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.

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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

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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

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

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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

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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

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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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Monument Sales
K&W Electric
Kruse Earth Moving

FHN Jo Daviess Family Health
Care Center
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Pro Source Electric
Rader's Insurance
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Stephenson Service Company
Stockton Auto Body
Stockton Auto Supply NAPA
Stockton Dental Center

Stockton Travel Center
Vanderheyden Furniture &
Flooring
Woodbine Bend Golf Course
& Restaurant
Wurster's Sales & Service

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