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Panthers steamroll their way to 5-0 start

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

On Saturday, Sept. 23 the Lena-Winslow Panthers faced off with St. Teresa in a battle of defending state champions. The St. Teresa Bulldogs were last year's 2A Illinois State Football champs. The Bulldogs, much like the Panthers, went a perfect 14-0 on their way towards a championship. This year the zero is in the wrong side of the win column for St. Teresa, however. After going perfect in 2022, the Bulldogs are yet to capture a single victory in 2023. That remained true when they faced off with Le-Win in week five.

The Panthers were the road team, but it didn't take them long to settle in on the scoreboard. After Jaylen Rakowska snagged an early interception, Cobryn Lynch didn't let the opportunity go to waste. Lynch punched in the first touchdown of the day and Lucas Fye finished the drive off, giving Le-Win an 8-0 lead in the first quarter. Less than a minute later, the Panther defense had their hands on the ball again. This time, it was Lynch who snagged the interception and he took it to the house. After Lynch's 40-yard pick-six, Gage Dunker punched in the two-point conversion. With over four minutes remaining in the opening quarter, the Panthers were al-

ready out to a 16-0 lead.

Early in the second quarter, the Le-Win offense pushed their lead to three scores when Dunker broke free on a 25-yard touchdown run. The St. Teresa defense had zero answers for Le-Win's run game. A combination of that and not protecting the ball was a recipe for disaster for the Bulldogs. The Le-Win defense had three interceptions in the game, two by Rakowska, and one by Lynch. The Panther offense already does a good enough job of controlling the clock, and the Bulldogs only helped them in that sense. The Panthers were able to hold their 24-0 lead into the half-time break.

Just a few minutes into the third quarter, the Panthers went to work on getting the running clock going. Weston Lartz had the first touchdown of the third quarter when he plunged into the endzone from one yard out. Lartz also tallied the two-point conversion, putting the Panthers up 32-0. After another defensive stop, Lynch continued his big day when he tallied his second rushing touchdown of the game. Blake Duncan added the two-point conversion and it was a big one, as that was the start of the running clock with Le-Win going up 40-0.

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Obituaries

LINCOLN ARNOLD

Lincoln L. Arnold, 78, of Freeport, went home to Heaven, on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, surrounded by his beloved wife and daughters. The third child of Leon and Patricia (Imeson) Arnold. Lincoln was raised in Woodbine, IL, attending Woodbine Elementary school south of Woodbine until sixth grade and then transferring to school in Stockton. He enlisted in the US Navy in 1963. He proudly served his country on the USS Hornet CVS 12 as a Navy Airdale, flight deck refueler, and rescue hoist operator with Helicopter Squadron HS2. He was on leave the day John F Kennedy was killed and shore patrol from Great Lakes came to Woodbine and he was advised to return to the nearest active Navy base. Within two days, he found himself on the USS Hornet. Navy travels took him to Asia, Australia, Hawaii, Formosa, Philippines, New Zealand, and the North Pole. Medals of Service awarded to Lincoln, include Vietnam Service Medal, Presidential Service Medal, Unit Commendation Medal, Sea Service Medal, Overseas Service Medal, and National Defense Medal.

After discharge from the Navy, he began his career with RS&D at the Lena Quarry, later moving to Freeport. He drove Redi Mix truck, was a union steward, and completed his career with Rogers Redi Mix.

On Sept. 13, 1969, he married Joanne C Iske of Brookville, IL. They had two daughters, Christian Arnold



of Troutdale, Oregon and Bethany (Chris) Cahoon of Orangeville, IL. He was active in Indian Princess and Little League with his daughters. Lincoln helped with 4-H projects, digging up half the potato crop to get the perfect plate of potatoes to show at the fair. One year on homecoming night, he attended the annual Club Calf sale to purchase the perfect show steer for Bethany. Many summer weekends were spent at Timber-lee Christian Campground (East Troy, Wisconsin).

Surviving Lincoln is his wife, Joanne, daughters Christian Arnold, (April Curtis), Troutdale, Oregon and Bethany (Chris) Cahoon, Orangeville, IL., grandchildren Trey Sullivan (Julie Teuchler) of Baraboo, WI., Braydy Sullivan (ISU-Normal), and Whitney Sullivan, of Orangeville, step granddaughters Florida, Cahoon of Miami, Florida and Alyse Cahoon of Orangeville. Sister, Peggy Bromley of Sandy, Oregon, Brothers Fred Arnold of Woodbine, IL, and Dale (Becky) Arnold of Stockton. The newest joy of his life was great granddaughter, Navy Rose Lincoln Sullivan of Baraboo, WI. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Leon and Patricia Arnold, mother-in-law and father-in-law, Emerson and Helen Iske of Lanark, brother-in-

law, John Bromley of Sandy, Oregon and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ron and Gretchen Iske of Brookville.

Lincoln loved to garden and share his produce and canned products with family, neighbors, and friends. He loved to deer hunt and hunted in Jo -Davie's County with cousins and friends for over 50 years. He was an avid collector of Red Wing Pottery and a member of the Red Wing Collectors Society. He was a devoted Orangeville Bronco fan supporting all of his grandkids at their sporting events, prom, homecoming, and sheep shows. Two of his greatest vacations involved taking grandsons on board the USS Hornet docked at Alameda, Calif. Not only did he love watching his grandchildren play sports he was an avid Cubs and Bears fan!

He was a member of Park Hills Evangelical Free Church. He played church league softball, helped in Children's Ministries with security, went to Kentucky on summer mission trips and served on the Timber-Lee Christian Center Advisory Board. He was also a member of the USS Hornet Association, Eagles Club, and VFW. He was a proud Aircraft Carrier Foundation Plankowner and contributor to the USS Hornet, a Pictorial history book by Chuck Self. If you ever visit the USS Hornet you can find Lincoln's flight jacket he donated to the museum.

Funeral services were held Tuesday Sept. 26, 2023, at Park Hills Free Evangelical Church. Rev. Larry Elliott officiated. Burial took place at Woodbine Cemetery. Visitation was on Monday Sept. 25, 2023, at Park Hills. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in Lincoln's memory.

JEFFREY STAMM

Jeffrey "Leroy" Lee Stamm, age 71 of Freeport, passed away with his family by his side on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, at the Lena Living Center in Lena, IL. He was born on Aug. 24, 1952, to Roscoe and Lois (Kleckler) Stamm in Freeport, IL. He married Kayrl Olson on Oct. 13, 1990, at the Laurel Street Community Church in Freeport, IL. Jeff was a member of the Eagles Club in Freeport for many years, was an avid Chicago Bears fan, and loved



sitting on his sun porch drinking his coffee and watching the birds.

Jeff is survived by his brother Gregory (Lee) Stamm of Mc-

Connell, IL, brothers-in-law; Kenneth (Betsy) Olson, Kerry (Donis) Olson, and Keith (Cindy) Olson and sister-in-law Esther Olson all of Michigan as well as several nieces,

nephews, cousins and his cats Rooney and Minnie. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Kayrl in 2017 and brother-in-law Karl Olson.

A Memorial Service took place on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, at 12 p.m. at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL with a visitation from 10 a.m. until time of service. A luncheon followed. Ernie Stabenow will be officiating the service. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial has been established in his name.

Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, Oct. 1 for Communion Sunday Worship Service. The reading will be from Matthew 21:23-32.

On Wednesday, Oct. 3 Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience is necessary.

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

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City will celebrate the eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost on Oct. 1.

The October Grace Meal will be on Sunday, Oct. 15 and will include pork chops, baked potatoes, green beans, applesauce, and dessert. Reservations are due to the church office by Thursday, Oct. 12 by 3 p.m. This meal is funded through the generosity of a grant received by The Foundation of Northwest Illinois.

The Healthy Wolves group will be packing backpacks on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 3 p.m. Confirmation Class will kick off on Sunday, Oct. 1 with a cookout at 5 p.m. It will continue for the first and third Sunday of each month. There will be dominoes in Luther Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 9 a.m. The next Men's Breakfast will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at Garden View Restaurant at 7:30 a.m.

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

Calvary Church of Stockton Annual Bazaar

Calvary Church of Stockton will hold its annual bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 4. There will be many items suitable for Christmas gifts and all types of crafts (especially for Fall and Thanksgiving), Christmas decor, baked goods, candy, caramel corn, produce and homemade jams and jellies. This is the year for the quilt raffle and tickets will be available for a donation. Breakfast rolls and coffee will be served all day plus a lunch starting at 11 a.m. Calvary Church is just south of the schools, one long block off Rt. 20.

Daily Drawing September winners announced

The Daily Drawing is a drawing for 365 daily cash prizes from Oct. 1, 2022, to Sept. 30, 2023, to those donating for a ticket. Over \$21,000 is paid out to ticket holders during the drawing year.

Sponsoring organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Eastland Music Boosters, Galena After Prom, Galena Key Club, Hanover Alumni Association, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Foundation, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, Philanthropic Educational Organization-Chapter OH, Scales Mound Travelers, Stewards

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Thank you to everyone who attended my going away party with cards, gifts and well wishes on my transition to Arkansas. I am very blessed to have lived in Lena for almost 50 years. I will miss Lena and the area and I pray for God's blessings for each of you.

Barb Daul

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New State Police rules for assault weapons permits take effect Oct. 1

People who owned banned weapons before new law must apply for FOID endorsement

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinoisans who own weapons that can no longer be purchased or sold in the state under its new assault weapons ban will soon be able to register those weapons so they can legally keep them. The law, officially known as the Protect Illinois Communities Act, bans the sale and possession of firearms defined as "assault weapons" as well as assault weapon attachments, .50 caliber rifles, .50 caliber cartridges and high-capacity magazines.

However, the law provides an exception for Illinoisans who already owned such items before it went into effect. Those people are required to submit an endorsement affidavit through their Firearm Owner's Identification Card account before Jan. 1, 2024.

The Illinois State Police filed emergency rules with the secretary of state on Monday to implement that portion of the assault weapons ban beginning next month. State agencies have authority to issue emergency rules in certain circumstances. Those rules can only remain in place for up to 150 days, after which they must be replaced by permanent rules or repealed. Permanent rules are subject to a public comment period and review by the legislative Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

ISP will begin accepting affidavits online starting Oct. 1. Affidavits must be submitted online through a FOID Card account, which can be accessed through ISP's Firearms Services Bureau website or by going directly to www.ispfsb.com/Public/Login.aspx.

ISP has also published a "frequently asked questions" page on its website with additional information about how to submit an endorsement affidavit. Help is also available at any of ISP's FOID kiosks, located in

Lockport, Springfield, Collinsville, and Du Quoin.

According to the statute, those affidavits must include the applicant's name, date of birth and FOID card number. Applicants also need to provide the make, model, caliber, and serial number of each weapon, and a statement testifying that they own a locking mechanism for the weapon. The affidavit form will also include a statement that reads, "Warning: Entering false information on this form is punishable as perjury under Section 32-2 of the Illinois Criminal Code of 2022."

The law passed during the General Assembly's lame duck session in January. It was prompted by a mass shooting at an Independence Day parade last year in Highland Park that left seven people dead and dozens more injured or traumatized.

The assault weapons ban

prompted several lawsuits almost immediately after Gov. JB Pritzker signed it into law on Jan. 10. Numerous challenges in federal court allege the law violates the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. One federal judge in the Southern District of Illinois ruled that it did, but two other judges in the Northern District rejected such claims. Those cases have now been consolidated and an appeal is pending before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago.

In 4-3 decision in August, the Illinois Supreme Court upheld the law, rejecting claims that the exemptions in the act amounted to "special legislation" and a denial of equal protection under the Illinois Constitution. But the court has delayed issuing a final order in that case pending the plaintiffs' appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

FHN offering two drive-through flu shot clinics

FHN is offering two easy, convenient drive-through seasonal flu shot clinics in October. "If your last flu shot was before June 1, 2023, you need a new one for the coming season," said FHN Infection Preventionist Margie Kochsmier, MSN, RN, CMSRN, CIC.

This year's public drive-through flu shot clinics are:

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8-10:30 a.m.
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At this year's public flu shot clinics, adults under 65 years of age will get a quadrivalent vaccine that protects against four strains of influenza for \$32. Persons 65 and over will receive a high-dose version of the four-strain vaccine (\$70). COVID-19 booster vaccines will NOT be available at this event.

Immunizations may be paid for by cash, credit card, or check payable to FHN. Per government regulations, no Medicaid cards can be accepted at these events. Receipts will be available to submit to individuals' healthcare

insurance provider for reimbursement.

There will be no out-of-pocket expense if you are covered by Medicare Part B (please present Medicare card) or a Medicare HMO accepted by FHN (list available at each location – covered persons MUST present the Medicare HMO card instead of the Medicare card for the billing process).

Please note that these prices are only available at these flu shot clinics; other rates may apply in FHN offices. Children cannot receive their flu shot at any of the drive-through clinics, but FHN provider offices will have appropriate dosages for pediatric patients as well as for adults.

Because of federal guidelines to prevent identity theft, everyone must present a photo ID to receive an immunization. Participants are asked to wear a shirt or top that makes their upper arm easily accessible.

Persons with allergy to eggs or the flu vaccine, those with an illness accompanied by a fever or depressed immune system should not receive the flu immunization at these locations. For more information, call FHN Community Services at 815-599-7437. For more information on FHN's flu shot clinics and how you can avoid the flu, visit www.fhn.org/flu2023.

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OPINION

Slices of life

Milestones and the meaning of time

I'm approaching another milestone—as if I needed another one.

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It sounds like a long time. And it is.

But I was married for a much longer time. Thirty-three years, which is by my calculations just over 12,000 days.

We had 12,000 days together. Now 1,000 apart. And the thing that strikes me is that time is so relative. And in many ways, it is meaningless.

The week before your birthday, when you are about to turn five, can seem like eons, while the actual day itself encompasses an instant.

We measure things—our life—in days or weeks or years. In time.

But what is time, really? Better put, perhaps time isn't



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

anything consequential. It is what we make of it.

Oh, sure, it gives us benchmarks, but what does it mean to be seven years old, or 29, or 42 or 83? Does it matter if you go to bed before midnight or wake up by 8:00 am? Eat lunch promptly at noon or dinner right after the Wheel? Is your first day at work more important than the last or any of the ones somewhere in the middle?

What makes an afternoon at the beach better than an afternoon cleaning the garage? How can a week of

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IFB President: Make farm safety a top priority this harvest season

By Richard Guebert Jr.
ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU
PRESIDENT

Climbing into the combine seat and hitting the fields each September always fills me with a sense of excitement and anticipation.

Even after 48 years, there is no better feeling than looking

out over a field of matured corn or soybeans. But, year after year I hear of yet another tragic loss of life due to a preventable work-related injury on the farm during harvest.

The agricultural sector is one of the most dangerous in America with 453 fatalities each year according to the

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' most recent data. Fall harvest, which typically kicks off in mid-September, is one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year for agriculture workers.

For that reason, America has recognized the third week of September as National Farm Safety and Health since 1944. This year I challenge every Illinois farmer to make safety a top priority throughout the months of September and October.

Remember: There is no healthy farm without a healthy farmer heading the operation.

While farming is a highly rewarding occupation, it is a simple fact that there are certain safety measures that must take place to prevent in-

jury or loss of life. A simple checklist can be used when operating heavy machinery to keep yourself and others on the farm safe.

Many farm families work well into the evenings to harvest their crops and transport them to local storage facilities. Working all hours of the day, often in isolation, takes a toll on one's body. It's just as important to be mindful of your mental state as it is to ensure your physical safety.

Take note of how your body reacts to stress and look out for signs of fatigue such as drowsiness, dizziness, headaches, vision impairments and poor concentration. Finding 5-10 minutes to relax and re-

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Illinois: Don't swap money bail for digital jails

Editor's note: The views expressed are those of the authors.

By Alicia Virani and Kate Weisburd

Illinois has made history. With the implementation of The Pretrial Fairness Act last week, it is the first state to fully eliminate cash bond.

This means that no one will be held in jail simply because they cannot afford to pay for their freedom. But this historic win for pretrial freedom is in jeopardy.

State court judges and a newly created agency—the Office of State Pretrial Services (OSPS)—are primed to replace the freedom provided for in the Pretrial Fairness Act with GPS-equipped electronic ankle monitoring (EM), a technology that has no proven track record and causes more harm than good.

At the end of August, OSPS rolled out plans to substantially expand the use

of monitoring in Illinois, setting the state up to have the largest number of people on monitors in the United States. Illinois faces a choice: remain a beacon of hope for pretrial justice reform or provide another example of a failed attempt at change.

To pre-ordain the expanded use of ankle monitors is a mistake. As researchers who study the use of electronic monitoring throughout the United States, we are concerned. No research shows that EM leads to better outcomes as compared to people being released without a monitor.

The evidence from the pretrial EM program in Cook County, one of the largest and most rigorously studied in the United States, is unequivocal: Placing a person on an electronic monitor does not impact their likelihood of committing more crimes or make it more likely they will show up to court.

Instead, research shows that EM, particularly when combined with house arrest, directly undermines a person's stability when it is needed most. In addition to 24/7 location tracking, the rules associated with monitoring and house arrest make it difficult for people to seek or sustain work, keep their housing, visit relatives, attend church, meet with their lawyers, respond to medical emergencies or care for their children, to name just a few examples.

Although not confined to a jail cell, monitoring, like jail, limits privacy, restricts liberty and disrupts family and financial security. The Pretrial Fairness Act provides some guaranteed movement for people on monitors, but it is not enough to ensure people can easily care for themselves and others.

The technology is also faulty. The monitors, which are meant to track and re-

cord people's movement in real-time, have a history of producing false alerts. In Cook County, one report noted that 80 percent of alerts from monitors were "false positives." These alerts erroneously placed a person away from their home when they were not. These technological "glitches" often led to rearrest for alleged violation of the rules, leading to more incarceration, the very thing the new law is supposed to decrease.

In a recent interview, an OSPS representative said they are "not encouraging" judges to order electronic monitoring once the new law goes into effect. But by providing widespread access to flawed and ineffective technology, the agency is creating a self-fulfilling prophecy. California offers a cautionary lesson.

After the state's bail practices were reformed, the number of people on mon-

itors pretrial in Los Angeles increased dramatically and there was no net decrease in the pretrial jail population. San Francisco saw similar trends, raising concerns that monitoring is being used too much.

To be clear, under the new law, judges are required to release people who are deemed not safety risk and not likely to flee. This means that most people released under the new law do not need monitoring because they are neither a safety or flight risk.

Most people released pretrial are successful without any added conditions, and the most effective services a court can provide are simple, non-punitive ones: court reminders, transportation to court, child care assistance, and referrals to voluntary community-based services.

Those on pretrial release need support, not surveillance. The state is poised to spend hundreds of thousands

of taxpayer dollars on monitors. These funds would be better spent on mental health services, jobs, affordable housing, and effective treatment for substance use. Rather than incarcerate people in their own homes, Illinois should work to improve people's quality of life and support their social and economic security.

The Pretrial Fairness Act is a model for other states seeking to eliminate the broken cash bail system. Yet by swapping cash bail for electronic monitoring, Illinois courts and the OSPS risk undermining years of progress and reform.

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AUCTIONEER: Chris Wegener 815-451-2820 - Sandwich, IL

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Compeer Financial awards 60 grants to ag classrooms

\$212K granted to schools to further agricultural education

Compeer Financial's Fund for Rural America, the Farm Credit cooperative's giving program, awarded a total of \$212,000 through the Agriculture Education and Classroom Equipment Grant program this year. Sixty schools in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota located across Compeer Financial's territory will be receiving grants of up to \$4,000 each, funding a variety of hands-on learning tools and new technologies for agriculture education classrooms.

This includes Pearly City, River Ridge, and Freeport school districts, as well.

The lives of 12,290 students will be directly impacted through this grant program, which is intended to support agriculture education and motivate youth to further their knowledge of the agriculture industry. With this ever-changing industry comes the need for program funding, and that's where

Compeer Financial steps in. "The agriculture industry offers a variety of career opportunities, and exposing young adults to this starts in the classroom," said Karen Schieler, senior corporate giving specialist at Compeer Financial. "The goal of this grant program is to help develop and enhance modern, comprehensive agriculture education in schools, teaching students about its importance and limitless potential. These grants help to fuel the inspiration and exposure students receive in high schools."

High school agriculture departments throughout Compeer's 144-county territory were eligible to apply for an Agriculture Education and Classroom Equipment grant. The grant funds will be used across a variety of classes, including: animal and plant sciences, food science/chemistry, veterinary, horticulture, mechanics, forestry/wildlife, aquatics and more. Through new equipment in these classrooms, applicants say, students are provided with real-world hands-on educational experiences, industry standard equipment experience, exposure to STEM concepts and development of life-long skills.

The Illinois organizations receiving grants in 2023 include:

- Camp Point Central High School: purchasing a CNC desktop machine
- Elmwood Community School 322: multi-process welder with TIG kit, cart and extra tips
- Freeport High School: equipment to till the garden, spread mulch and other materials and turn compost piles
- Grant Park School CUSD #6: educational materials for career development events and mechanics tools
- Heyworth High School: cordless drills with back-up batteries, hanging base assemblies for greenhouse water system, water nozzles, calcium filter, and plugs to fix overhead water system
- Lexington School District: mig welders
- Michelle Obama School of Technology and the Arts: a chicken kit, indoor hanging grow lights, commercial crops identification mounts, leaves and seeds of common trees identification mounts, soybean plant model, full size mobile light cart, root systems display, Poultry Judging 101 CDE Manual team set, and Forestry CDE resources
- Olympia High School/Olympia CUSD No. 16:

equipment and supplies to implement three new units in biology and three new units in agricultural science, including: dissecting microscopes, soils test kits, feed testing chemicals, jars, baskets, hydroponic fertilizer, rock wool, grafting knives, dome lids, trays, rootstock and scion wood, clay pebbles, buckets, tubing, air poppers, bowls and DNA testing supplies.

- Pearl City Jr/Sr High School: equipment for labs and hands-on activities
- Rich Township High School District 227: corn stalk model, commercial crops identification mounts, plant mounting sheets, pig dissection mats, 4D science cell models complete set, leaves and seeds of common trees identification mounts, soybean plant model, plant science kit, and indoor hanging grow lights
- River Ridge: small gas engines, set of digital micrometers, set of digital calipers, set of telescoping gauges, set of telescoping gauge balls, and feeler gauge set
- Rolling Meadows High School: storage shed, refrigerator, food storage bins, heat sealer, plastic storage bags, hose, and a food prep table for food production and dis-

tribution at the school's suburban farm

- Sycamore High School: optical dissolved oxygen probes, oxygen gas sensors, and turbidity sensors
- Tri-Point CUSD #6J/Tri-Point High School: a greenhouse
- Tri-Valley High School: supplies for Horticulture curriculum and workshops
- Unity High School: hand tools, small power tools and cleaning tools
- Williamsfield School District: a stainless-steel commercial utility sink with drainboard, backsplash and faucet for the shop

About the Fund for Rural America

The Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America is the corporate giving program of Compeer Financial, structured to support Compeer Financial's mission to enrich agriculture and rural America. Compeer Financial's Board of Directors has dedicated one percent of annual net earnings to support the Fund's focus areas of agricultural advocacy and development, agriculture education, cooperative initiatives, rural development and community enrichment; and youth engagement. The Fund is man-

aged by a Board of Trustees, made up of team members from Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin and members of the Compeer Financial Board of Directors. More information about opportunities available through the Fund can be found at Compeer.com/giving-back.

About Compeer Financial

Compeer Financial is a member-owned Farm Credit cooperative serving and supporting agriculture and rural communities. The \$30.5 billion organization provides loans, leases, risk management and other financial services throughout 144 counties in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Based in the Upper Midwest, Compeer Financial exists to champion the hopes and dreams of rural America, while providing personalized service and expertise to clients and the agriculture industry.

Compeer Financial is the third largest cooperative of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of lending institutions supporting agriculture and rural communities with reliable, consistent credit and financial services. Learn more about Compeer Financial.

Highland Community College posts summer graduates 2023

Highland Community College announces the 2023 summer graduates. Graduates were awarded associate degrees, associate of applied science degrees or certificates.

Byron: Carter Conderman, Associate of Science

Davis: Madelyn Montgomery, Cosmetology Certificate; Isabel Ugalde, Medical Assistant Associate of Applied

Science, Medical Assistant Certificate

Elizabeth: Maria Bender, Associate of Arts

Forreston: Elizabeth Gable, Associate of Arts

Freeport: Natalija Beleska, Associate of Science; Aaliyah Bostic, Associate of Arts; Andrew Bowman, Associate of Arts; Deontae Collier, Associate of Arts; Noah Currier, Associate of Arts; Kayla

Drosihn, Cosmetology Certificate; Zachary Fisher, Associate of Science; Adrienne Garduno, Associate of Arts; Anthony Gennusa, Associate of Arts, Criminal Justice Certificate; Jeaneane Guess, Medical Assistant Certificate; Tiarra Jackson, Medical Assistant Certificate; Milos Kovacevic, Associate of General Studies; Moira Loring, Associate of Arts; Mason

McIntyre, Associate of Science; Delia Pokoj, Associate of Science; Diamond Wilson, Associate of Science; Gregory Yount, Professional Tax Preparer Certificate

Galena: Corrina Noble, Associate of Arts

Lanark: Drew Dickman, Industrial Manufacturing Associate of Applied Science; Leah Graham, Associate of Arts; Madalyn Steidinger, As-

sociate of Arts

Lena: Kylie Zimmerman, Cosmetology Certificate

Orangeville: Cooper Chapman, Associate of Arts; Grace Edler, Early Childhood Development Online; Natalie Smith, Associate of Arts

Orleans, Ind.: Korissa Vens, Associate of Arts

Pearl City: Skyler Dirksen, Automotive Mechanics Associate of Applied Science,

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Rock City: Reece Bartelt, Associate of Science

Rockford: Kadie Cross, Medical Assistant Associate of Applied Science, Medical Assistant Certificate

Shannon: Laci Lessman, Associate of Arts; Keegan Strauch, Associate of Science

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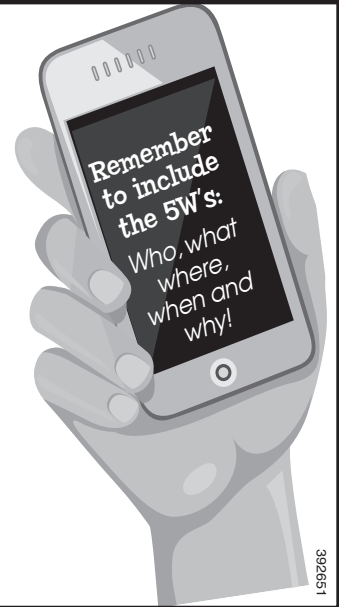
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Build a strong foundation for diabetes care

University of Illinois Extension is offering a free, six-week, web-based series to help individuals learn the importance of lifestyle and how nutrition, meal planning, physical activity, weight, and stress management, and talking with your healthcare provider can help improve your quality of life and make you feel better.

The series Diabetes 101 offers a variety of topics to choose from. You can register for all the sessions or just the ones you want to learn more

about. Classes begin Wednesday, Oct. 4 and run through Nov. 8 from noon until 1 p.m.

"Increasing your awareness and learning as much as you can about how you can prevent and manage any chronic health condition is pivotal in living a healthier life. This is especially true when it comes to diabetes," says Extension Educator Diane Reinhold.

Session dates:
 Building a Strong Foundation | Oct. 4, Noon

Not All Carbohydrates Are Created Equal | Oct. 11, Noon

Meal Planning Made Easy | Oct. 18, Noon

Why Sodium and Fat Matter | Oct. 25, Noon

Get to Know Your Diabetes Care Team | Nov. 1, Noon

Management Beyond Food | Nov. 8, Noon

Participation is free, but registration is required at go.illinois.edu/Diabetes101Registration. For more information or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, contact Samantha McLain at 217-300-2525 or slangley@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet access needs.



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Freeport Police Department's Civilian Police Academy accepting applications

The Freeport Police Department is now accepting applications for its Fall 2023 Civilian Police Academy. The Civilian Police Academy is an 8-week, no cost program designed to create a better understanding and build relationships between citizens and the Freeport Police Department through a series of evening classes. Class sessions will meet every Thursday at 6 p.m. from Oct. 12 to Dec. 7, 2023. Participation is limited. Individuals who apply for the Civilian Police Academy must be at least 18 years of age. Qualified applicants must also live, work, or own property in the City of Freeport, or attend Highland Community College.

The classes will provide an in-depth view into various aspects of law enforcement. It is an educational and informative program that allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that affect law enforcement efforts in the City of Freeport, and how to develop a partnership with the police department. This program also allows the participant a unique "hands-on" opportunity in a variety of law enforcement tasks and responsibilities. Upon completion of the course, graduates receive a shirt, diploma, and class photo.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 30, 2023. Please return the completed application to the Freeport Police Department at 320 W. Exchange St, Freeport, IL. To access the application or for more information, please visit <https://cityoffreeport.org/cpa-application-2023/>

Illinois Office of Tourism releases Annual Fall Colors Trip Planner

With the first day of fall being Saturday, Sept. 23, the Illinois Office of Tourism (IOT) announced the launch of its highly anticipated annual Illinois Fall Colors Trip Planner in partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This valuable, interactive resource provides residents and visitors the opportunity to discover the best times to spot stunning fall foliage in all corners of the state, supporting local communities and small businesses along the way.

"All year round, Illinois has some of the best attractions in the world and our fall scenes are among the most beautiful," said Governor JB Pritzker. "We're thrilled to invite and welcome visitors from all over to come experience this special time in Illinois. From our world-class museums and events to our incomparable lakefront and landscapes, our great state truly is the middle of everything."

"The Illinois Fall Colors Trip Planner is a great interactive tool for those looking to plan getaways and experience the beauty of our state," said Kristin Richards, Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and

Economic Opportunity. "Fall in Illinois is second to none and communities across the state look forward to welcoming visitors from near and far to their local restaurants, shops and attractions during the fall season."

"Anyone who is craving beautiful foliage and thrilling outdoor adventures can find them in an Illinois state park," said Natalie Phelps Finnie, Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. "We hope visitors and residents will use the Illinois Fall Colors Trip Planner as a guide to experience the breathtaking views, fun family activities and outstanding trails in our state parks this autumn."

Along with the interactive Illinois Fall Colors Trip Planner, IOT also offers an extensive collection of seasonal trip ideas - ranging from exciting pumpkin patches to visit, to quirky fall festivals and delicious autumnal menu options to discover around the state.

IOT also unveiled its latest seasonal TV spots for the "Middle of Everything" campaign, starring Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning actress and director, Jane Lynch. The

captivating campaign spots capture the essence of the state's colorful landscapes and lively urban scenes in the fall.

Location highlights include the meandering beauty of the Great River Road along the Mississippi River, the iconic 360 Chicago Observation Deck where visitors can spot the changing colors of the city from new heights, the enchanting Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Lincoln's history throughout Springfield, the undeniable charm of Galena's Main Street and the towering bluffs of Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois.

"We are thrilled with how the ads showcase the remarkable natural and cultural wonders of Illinois while also highlighting the kaleidoscope of fall colors and scenic adventures that await visitors throughout the season," said Daniel Thomas, Deputy Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Office of Tourism. "The new campaign spots, paired with our annual Fall Colors Trip Planner, display the state's wide array of picturesque locations to inspire fall travel around Illinois - the

middle of everything."

IOT also recently released the fall/winter issue of the state's bi-annual magazine, Enjoy Illinois. The new issue - which highlights Camp Aramoni in Tonica, Illinois' first-ever luxury campground - includes the following features:

An exploration of Illinois craft beer trails, like the Lake County Libation Trail in Chicago's north suburbs, spotlighting where to sample seasonal ales and discover local charm from breweries around the state.

A guide to the most fun-filled fall getaways in Illinois, including a nostalgic weekend at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and a sports-lover's dream trip to Chicago.

Family-friendly outdoor adventures like the Alpine Coaster in Grafton where visitors can weave through Pere Marquette State Park's changing colors on a thrilling ride.

Cozy cabin stays for the winter months, including rustic lodging found in Giant City State Park in Makanda.

To view the 2023 Falls Colors Trip Planner and learn more about planning a fall getaway in Illinois, visit EnjoyIllinois.com.

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Corporate partners reach new heights in support of Highland Community

Highland Community College Foundation continues success in its corporate partnership program with more than \$100,000 contributed from local businesses.

"The Corporate Partnership Program shows our local community businesses' belief in the Mission of Highland and our most important asset – our students," said Dan Dick, Executive Director of the Foundation. "Each year these partnerships grow stronger, and we look forward to further building these relationships this next year with our important leaders throughout the region."

Increasingly, businesses are discovering the benefits of building long-term, strategic, symbiotic relationships with colleges and universities. As a corporate partner with Highland, businesses find value in stewardship, campus sponsorship and Foundation event participation.

Thirty-five Corporate Partners at four different levels have contributed resources, supporting the Foundation's mission to provide scholarships to students and extend the reach of Highland's district across Stephenson, Ogle, Jo Daviess and Carroll counties.

The program includes busi-

ness recognition at all HCC Foundation Events, such as the recent Leadership Golf Outing this month and the upcoming spring Legacy Gala, theatre and cultural events, and many other activities held on campus. Exclusive opportunities to network with other business leaders and share visionary ideas with the HCC leadership are integral aspects of the program.

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Cookies for a cause

The Junior members of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary recently made 16 dozen cookies to take to the veterans and active military at the James A Lovell Federal Health Care Center at Great Lakes. Pictured here are Marsha Tessen-dorf and Liesl Jones stirring up the batter for the cookies.

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Lady Panthers place third at Mt Pulaski before defeating Orangeville in conference matchup

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers have been on a tear as they have clawed their way towards the top of the NUIC. Although it's early in the 2023 season, the Panthers got off to a 4-0 start in conference play but not before taking third place at the Mt. Pulaski Tournament.

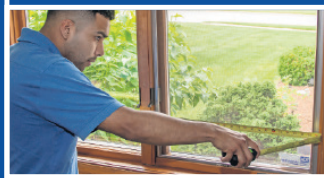
On Saturday, Sept. 16 the Lady Panthers made their annual trip to compete in the Mt. Pulaski Tournament. There, the Panthers faced off with Mt. Pulaski, Mendon Unity, Lincoln, and Williamsville. In pool play, Le-Win got off to a hot start with victories over Mt. Pulaski and Mendon Unity. The Panthers didn't lose a set in either of their pool play games, which propelled them into the semifinals of the tournament. The Panthers fell to an impressive 20-2 team who is currently 20-2 on the year. Le-Win fell 0-2 against the Lincoln squad but bounced back in their final game of the tournament.

They faced off with another tough squad in the Williamsville Bullets. Following the tournament, Williamsville carried an overall record of 10-5, with one of those losses coming against the Lady Panthers. Le-Win had an impressive showing in the first set, winning 25-18. Williamsville responded in the second set, as the Panthers lost 21-25. In the final set, it was the Panthers who prevailed with a 15-12 victory to secure the third-place finish.

Kaidynce Lynch, who went on to be named to the Mt. Pulaski All-Tournament Team, had a magnificent performance. Lynch dropped 11 kills, six digs, three assists, and one block in the final game of the tournament. Molly Amendt was equally impressive on offense, tallying 11 kills of her own. Rachael Setterstrom had four aces in the victory.

After feeling good about their performance at Mt. Pulaski, the Panthers brought

In that final game, Le-Win



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Stephenson County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hanson

My household ushered in the beginning of fall this past weekend by “watching” football, or maybe I was half watching and the other half folding laundry, checking my phone, and snacking. I did not grow up with a football watching family and only started watching when I got in college because I had some friends who were big football fans. Then when I met my husband, it became a regular fall event. Over the years I’ve begun to pick up on what was happening on the field and gain a better understanding of the different terminology for the game: “pick six”, “pass interception” or “placekick”, just to name a few. Thankfully, I have had several people in my football education journey who were happy to explain each term or what happened in a play. This week, I have been thinking about the terminology we use during harvest. With harvest just around the corner, I thought this would be a good time to explain and highlight some of the main terms during this season for agriculture.

Harvest terminology:

Harvest - The season when ripened crops are gathered, a crop or yield of one growing season.

Combine - A machine designed to efficiently harvest a variety of grain crops. The name derives from its combining three separate harvesting operations—reaping, threshing, and winnowing—into a single process.

Bushel - A measurement of capacity or size pertaining to agriculture crops. One bushel of wheat is equal to 60 lbs., one bushel of soybeans is equal to 60 lbs., and one bushel of corn is equal to 56 lbs.

Acre - A unit of land area measuring 43,560 square feet. This unit of measurement is believed to originate from the amount of land one person could work on in a single day with a yoke of oxen and a wooden plow.

Yield - The amount of a crop produced each time or from a given place.

Drying - The phase of the post-harvest system where the harvested grain is rapidly dried until it reaches the optimal moisture level for storage.

If you would like to learn more about what goes into harvest, please follow the Stephenson County Farm Bureau and Illinois Farm Bureau on Facebook.

Bus trip to Scrooge musical

Travel with Stephenson

County Farm Bureau to The Fireside in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin on Nov. 12. The cost of this trip for Farm Bureau members is \$140 per person. Non-member cost is \$160 per person. The trip includes show ticket, meal, transportation, and all gratuities. The bus leaves Freeport Walmart at 8:45 a.m. and will return around 5:30 p.m. To register call 815-232-3186.

Harvest permits for hauling

With fall right around the corner so is the opportunity for farmers to get their Illinois Harvest Permits for hauling their commodities on Illinois’ roadways. Now through Dec. 31 Illinois Harvest Permits are available through the Illinois Department of Transportation. These permits allow farmers hauling ag commodities to run ten percent over the legal registered, gross and axle weights of the truck on state highways. A permit from your local township or county road authority is also required to operate at the higher weights on roads in their jurisdictions. Higher weights are not allowed on interstates. Rodney Knittel with Illinois Farm Bureau has developed informational videos about “Harvest permits” and they can be found on www.myilfb.org.

Agricultural education teachers named to Beginning Teacher Grant Program

Four beginning Illinois agriculture education teachers were recently recognized by the IAA Foundation with Illinois Agricultural Education Teacher Grants for their efforts during their first year in the field. Dodie Cripe, of Bond County Community Unit #2, Greenville; Gwen Heimerdinger, of Streator Township High School, Streator; Rachel Probst, Mattoon High School, Mattoon; and Elaine Rudolphi, Waterloo High School, Waterloo, were

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Lena’s Jake Neuschwander creates impressive cannon replica

Local artist Clarence Neuschwander, better known as “Jake”, picked up the hobby of making things out of wood after retirement. The 91-year-old Neuschwander can sculpt nearly anything out of wood and has created tractors, cars, a bus, a helicopter, various army vehicles, and furniture to name a few. While he has had many jobs throughout the years, making these artistic projects is his favorite. Pictured is Neuschwander as well as the replica he created of the cannon in Lena Burial Park.

Stephenson County Fair announces annual meeting and elections

The 2023 Stephenson County Fair Association Annual Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau – Blackhawk Conference Room located at 210 W. Spring St., Freeport, IL on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023. This is the meeting when new board members are nominated and voted in. If interested in running for a board seat (Vice-President, Treasurer, or At-Large Seat), please send a one-page letter stating the interested, why you would like the position and how you would be an asset to the Stephenson County Fair Association family. All submissions should be:

1. Mailed or dropped off to SCFA, 2250 S Walnut Rd, Freeport, IL 61032

2. Emailed to info@stephensoncountyfair.org

Submissions must be received in the Fair Office no later than Monday, Oct. 23,

important part of helping plan the Stephenson County Fair each year. Come to a monthly board meeting held on the 4th Thursday or each month or call Kate at the Fair Office and learn more about the com-

mittees that are available. Call 815-235-2918 or email info@stephensoncountyfair.org to get started. Any questions may be directed to Kate Boyer, Executive Manager, at the Stephenson County Fair Office.

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You are all familiar with the saying, "There is no I in team." When one team member isn't one hundred percent it affects the whole team. Even small health issues can affect a player's ability to perform at their best. So, today's column will focus on how preventive oral care can protect your overall health by reducing the risk of injury and infections that can hurt not only you but your whole team.

many mistakenly believe that this only pertains to football, blows to your face in many other sports have resulted in injuries to the teeth, gum, lips, cheeks, and tongue.

The American Academy of Pediatrics reports that in seven through 12 year-olds, baseball accounts for the most injuries. In

athletes 13 years and older, basketball has the highest rate of dental injuries. This is no coincidence as studies confirm that requiring mouthguards decreases the percentage of orofacial injuries and, while high school and college football players and college football mouthguards, most baseball and basketball players are not.

A properly fitted mouthguard is a crucial piece of athletic gear that protects a player from injury in a number of ways. First, it provides a barrier to soft tissues that helps prevent

cuts and bruises during impact. It also absorbs the shock vibration that can cause fractures and damage to the neck and jaw joints, as well as injuries to the brain. A mouthguard helps prevent tooth fractures, periodontal ligament trauma, partial tooth displacement, and tooth loss. Since it provides a barrier between opposite teeth, it offers protection from opposing forces. This protection extends to more than just contact sports. Mouthguards can help protect your child in gymnastics, in-line skating, skateboarding, soccer, volleyball, wrestling, and any other athletic activities that pose a risk for orofacial injuries.

Please note that the key phrase in that sentence is "properly fitted." A mouthguard that does not cover all your teeth and some of your gums will leave you at risk of injury. Conversely, a mouthguard that is too big or bulky, uncomfortable, and/or impedes your child's ability to breathe properly will most likely not be worn at

all. Whether your child uses a boil and bite mouthguard from a store or a custom mouthguard from his or her dentist, make sure that they bring their mouthguard to each dental checkup to be evaluated for damage and effectiveness.

While swimming is considered to be one of the safer sports in terms of injury, competitive swimmers may be at an increased risk for tooth decay if their pool water is not maintained at the proper pH level. To help protect their teeth from prolonged contact with acidic chlorinated water, have your child rinse out their mouth with fluoridated tap water and chew sugar-free gum to increase acid-neutralizing saliva.

Sports injuries are not the only threat to the absence of a valued team member. Whenever we eat or drink anything other than tap water, it takes twenty minutes for saliva in the mouth to neutralize the acids created. However, when athletes become dehydrated from working out, this

process can take as long as 40 minutes. Unfortunately, this puts their teeth at risk for damage from these acids. Compounding this is the tendency of athletes to rehydrate with sports drinks. Sports drinks are acidic and generally contain high levels of sugar. Even the sugar-free varieties are highly acidic. Drinking milk is recommended as it is more effective at both rehydrating and promoting your oral health.

Dental infections and/or toothaches often occur at the most inopportune times. If you want to be there for your teammates and be at your best, you need to be healthy. This means taking care of your oral health every day. The best defense is a good offense, so prevention is the name of the game. Brush and floss twice a day, keep hydrated with fluoridated tap water, rehydrate with milk, choose a diet that's going to promote both oral and overall health and wear your mouthguard. It only takes getting hit the wrong way one time to sustain a serious and/or permanent injury.

• **Winners** (Continued from page 2)

of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge, Stockton Girls Sports, Warren Athletic Boosters and West Carroll Sports Boosters.

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- \$50 – Diane Finn
- \$50 – Hannah Wiegel
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- \$50 – Rita Curtis
- \$50 – Jolene Northrup
- \$50 – David Stietz
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- \$50 – Jim & Terry Nielsen
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- \$50 – Rose Homuth
- \$50 – Eloise Trsar
- \$50 – Mary Ann Wiene
- \$50 – Melissa Kenkel
- \$50 – Sarah Wheeler
- \$50 – Amy Schiffman
- \$50 – Mike Schiffman
- \$50 – Jane Yoder
- \$50 – Susan Bookless
- \$50 – Rick Gile

September 2023 winners:

- \$50 – Wayne Wand
- \$50 – Mel & Jan Voss
- \$50 – Jane Bergman
- \$150 – Tammy Lee
- \$50 – Dusty Berning
- \$50 – Diana Brosamer

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As SAFE-T Act goes live, murder suspects previously eligible to post bond are held in jail

Hearings have been longer, more deliberative—resembling federal detention proceedings

By Beth Hundsdorfer and Hannah Meisel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

In courtrooms around the state early last week, judges conducted the first hearings under a new system that determines whether a defendant will be jailed while awaiting trial based on dangerousness and risk of fleeing prosecution, rather than their ability to post bail.

The abolition of cash bail was included in the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform of 2021 and originally slated to take effect Jan. 1, though court challenges delayed its implementation until Sept. 18.

In St. Clair County Circuit Court, where nearly 2,000 felony cases and more than 3,400 misdemeanors are filed annually, at least one person was released from jail to await trial on the second day of the SAFE-T Act's bail reform

provisions were in effect.

A woman accused of aggravated domestic battery for hitting her partner with a piece of wood was released on Sept. 19. A mother of a newborn, she was released after a detention hearing found she was not a flight risk or a threat to the public or a specific person.

St. Clair County held three detention hearings Sept. 18. All three were previously held on cash bail in cases filed before the SAFE-T Act went into effect. The new law entitled defendants held in lieu of bail prior to the Sept. 18 effective date to petition to have their cases moved to the new system.

Two of those defendants stand accused of first-degree murder and another was being held on firearms charges. The hearings resembled detention hearings held in federal court—which has

not used cash bail as a detention method since 1984—with testimony focusing on whether the person is a flight risk or a danger to the public or a specific person.

"We are all going to make some interesting law," St. Clair County Judge John O'Gara said as he began the first hearing in his courtroom Sept. 18.

In a basement courtroom in the Kane County Judicial Center—the county's St. Charles-based criminal courthouse—six defendants were called before Judge Salvatore LoPiccolo for initial appearance hearings Sept. 18.

Of the six, who'd all been arrested since Kane County's last-ever bond call ended around noon on Sept. 17, four were released after their initial conditions hearing. Two remained in custody until the afternoon detention hearings,

at which prosecutors asked the judge to keep them in jail.

Bond hearings have historically been quick affairs, often with no defense attorneys present for indigent defendants who wouldn't get assigned a public defender until later in their case. But detention hearings in Kane County on Sept. 18 took about 15 minutes each. Both the state's attorney and the public defender assigned to handle last week's hearings laid out their cases for whether the defendant should continue to be held in Kane County Jail or released.

All parties and the judge also had access to the defendants' criminal history, a practice that isn't new in either Kane or St. Clair county courts, but is a novel development in many counties that have been working with the Office of Statewide Pretrial Services, which has been

staffing up to compile those reports for the better part of a year.

DETENTION FOR MURDER SUSPECT: O'Gara, in St. Clair County, presided over the detention hearing for Darrayvia Crump, who was charged with first-degree murder in connection with the shooting of Ivan Marshall in the back of an O'Fallon restaurant last year.

Crump did not fire the gun, Assistant State's Attorney Erica Mazzotti said during the detention hearing, but did drive the vehicle to the location even after one of her co-defendants said they were "going to rob the dude." Crump continued to drive her two co-defendants to the scene, making her legally accountable under Illinois law.

Cheryl Whitley, Crump's attorney, said her client provided information that aided

the investigation and would agree to home detention with a monitoring device.

O'Gara found Crump ineligible for release.

After the hearing, Crump was returned to the St. Clair County Jail where she will be held until her trial. She has been there since May 2022. Her bond was previously set at \$1.5 million, of which she would have needed to pay 10 percent, or \$150,000, to be released.

DETENTION FOR MURDER SUSPECT: In the second St. Clair County hearing, Assistant Public Defender Tom Philo, who represented Trevon Raymond, requested his release. Raymond is charged with first-degree murder in connection with the shooting death of Michael Triplett in East St. Louis on Sept. 21, 2021.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS GREENSTATE CREDIT UNIONS
 Plaintiff,
 -v.-
KAREN DICK A/K/A KAREN L. DICK et al
 Defendant

2023 FC 5
 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 10, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on October 10, 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF STEPHENSON - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC;
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
TODD J. HEILMAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
 Defendants,
 22 FC 29
 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. in the office of Security First Title Company, 205 West Stephenson Street, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Bankers' Bank;
 Plaintiff,

vs.
 Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Daniel J. de Waard; David De Waard; Sietze De Waard, III; John De Waard; Kay De Waard; Karen O'Keefe; Gretchen Stastny; William Butcher, as Special Representative for Daniel J. de Waard a/k/a Daniel De Waard; Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants;
 Defendants.

Case No. 23 FC 30
 Judge Presiding
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:

-Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Daniel J. de Waard a/k/a Daniel De Waard
 -David De Waard
 -John De Waard
 -Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants that Plaintiff has commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Stephenson County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain Mortgage lien recorded against the premises described as follows:
 LOT THIRTY-ONE (31) IN WINTER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 25 AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 36, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 16, 1954 IN BOOK "F"

OF PLATS, PAGE 5; SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
 C/K/A: 1450 Winter Drive, Freeport, IL 61032
 PIN: 18-13-36-104-012
 said Mortgage was given by Daniel J. de Waard a/k/a Daniel De Waard, Mortgagor(s), to State Bank of Pearl City, Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stephenson County, Illinois, as Document No. 202200189767.
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UNLESS YOU file your appearance or otherwise file your answer in this case in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Stephenson County, Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport IL 61032 on or before October 27, 2023, A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.
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charge can provide that mental refresher needed before hitting the fields.

Fall harvest ultimately means more farm equipment on the road. If you've never been in the seat of a combine or a tractor, you may not realize how difficult it is for farmers to see other vehicles while driving between fields. It is important for everyone—farmers and motorists—to stay diligent and keep one another safe during this busy season.

When operating large machinery and other equipment, it is good practice to keep slow moving vehicle (SMV) signs and lights clean. Dirt or debris covering critical safety features can lower equipment visibility and potentially deposit illegal and dangerous obstacles on the road.

Consider also traveling in farm vehicles during less busy times of day when fewer motorists are on the road. No matter what, however, make sure you are aware and attentive when driving.

Motorists play a role in harvest safety, too. With so many people traveling on rural roads this season, it is up to all of us to drive responsibly.

When driving behind slow-moving vehicles, drivers can stay safe with a few tips:

- When driving behind large equipment, immediately slow down and remain several car lengths behind.

- Before passing remember to look for a clear signal from the person in the cab of the combine or tractor and pass only when it is safe and legal to do so.

- Be prepared to encounter slow-moving vehicles at all times of the day and night.

Farmers won't be the only ones hitting the roads this fall. Truck drivers also play a critical role in the supply chain, transporting the food, fuel and fiber that each of us depends on.

Harvest is a time for celebration after a lengthy, often challenging growing season. It is my hope that my fellow farmers remain diligent during these long days and nights as we head into another bountiful harvest in Illinois.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PLATINUM HOME MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff,

-v.- JEFFRY S SCHULZ, KRYSTLE L SCHULZ, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendant

2022 FC 40 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 13, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 13, 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:

A PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS.

COMMENCING AT A NAIL IN CONCRETE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 1677.96 FEET SO A PIPE FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS THE 10 ACRES OFF THE SOUTH END OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SAID 10 ACRE TRACT (AS MONUMENTED), A DISTANCE OF 590.62 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AT THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE

TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SAID MONUMENTED NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 10 ACRES, A DISTANCE OF 217.82 FEET TO AN IRON ROD, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 276.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE

SOUTH 24 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 215.13 FEET TO AN IRON ROD, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 75.02 FEET TO AN IRON ROD, THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 119.44 FEET TO AN

IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 356.87 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT HOWEVER TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN THAT PART OF VAN BROCKLYN ROAD ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE THEREOF; SITUATED IN STEPHENSON COUNTY IN THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 2145 S VAN BROCKLYN RD, FREEPORT, IL 61032 Property Index No. 03-18-09-202-011

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$211,696.78.

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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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart Asset Management, LLC as Agent for Owner 555 W. South Street Freeport, IL 61032 to satisfy a lien on October 19, 2023 at approx. 1:00. Cube 1059 Stephen Calvillo; Cube 1311 Patel Mehul; Cube 1478 Tiffany Vicario

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

In Re the Matter of the Estate of : Anthony J. Jason, Deceased.

No. 23 PR 55 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Anthony J. Jason, of Davis, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 14, 2023, to: **Kenneth A. Jason**

316 Brannon Ct. Shorewood, IL 60404 as independent Executor of the Estate of Anthony J. Jason, 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 Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 28, 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: September 18, 2023. Kenneth A. Jason, Executor By: **Anthony V. Coon** Anthony V. Coon, Attorney At Law

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

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

around bread bowls. Bake, uncovered at 350 until the dip is heated through, 45 to 50 minutes. Garnish with green onions if desired. Serve with assorted fresh vegetables, crackers, and toasted bread cubes.

Yellow Squash and Zucchini Casserole

This summer vegetable casserole can use up the excess squash and zucchini. It has a lot of garlic; you can cut the garlic down if you are not a love of that much garlic. It is a great side dish for the fall and winter.

- 2 T. butter
- 2 medium zucchini, cut into 1/4 inch slices
- 2 medium yellow squash, cut into 1/4 inch slices
- 2 green onions, minced
- 1/2 t. sea salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 14 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 C. whipping cream
- 1 C. Panko breadcrumbs, divided
- 1/2 C. grated Parmesan cheese, divided

Preheat oven to 450. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat; add zucchini, squash, and green onions. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are crisp tender, 4 to 6 minutes. Add garlic; cook for 1 minute more. Add cream; cook until thickened, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat;

stir in 1/2 C. crumbs and 1/4 C. cheese. Spoon mixture into a greased 11 x 7-inch pan or a 2-quart casserole dish. Sprinkle with remaining breadcrumbs and cheese. Bake until golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes.

Beef and Bacon Gnocchi Skillet

I first was introduced to gnocchi at the Olive Garden Restaurant. They have the best chicken and gnocchi soup. That was when I discovered how good it was. This recipe uses gnocchi with beef. Heavy whipping cream gives it a great texture and taste. Enjoy this different kind of Italian potato.

- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) potato gnocchi
- 1 1/4 lbs ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 8 cooked bacon strips, crumbled and divided
- 1 C. water
- 1/2 C. whipping cream
- 1 T. ketchup
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 1 1/2 C. shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat the broiler. In a large pot, cook gnocchi according to package directions. In a large oven-proof skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until beef is longer pink, 4 to 6 minutes, breaking meat into

crumbles. Drain. Stir in half the bacon; add the gnocchi, water, cream and ketchup. Bring to a boil. Cook over medium heat until sauce has thickened, 3 to 4 minutes. Add salt and pepper. Sprinkle with cheese. Broil 3 to 4 inches from heat until cheese has melted, 1 to 2 minutes. Top with tomatoes, green onions and remaining bacon.

Chicken and Wild Rice Soup

Going into October, soup is a good meal to make. You can make this ahead and reheat for a warm and hearty supper. I use Uncle Ben's Long Grain Wild rice. Rotisserie chicken works great in this recipe. Serve it with bread and a salad, and you are good to go.

- 2 T. unsalted butter
 - 1 T. canola oil
 - 1 1/2 C. chopped yellow onion
 - 1/2 C. chopped celery
 - 1 1/2 C. wild rice
 - 2 large cloves garlic, minced
 - 7 C. chicken broth, divided
 - 2 1/2 C. chopped carrots
 - 1 pkg (8 oz.) fresh mushrooms, quartered
 - 2 T. chopped fresh thyme
 - 2 T. chopped fresh parsley
 - 2 1/2 t. salt, divided
 - 1/2 t. pepper
 - 5 C. shredded cooked chicken
 - 2/3 C. whipping cream
- In a medium Dutch oven,

melt butter with oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and celery; cook until softened, about 4 minutes. Stir in rice and garlic; cook, stirring frequently for 2 minutes. Stir in 6 C. broth, carrot, mushrooms, thyme, parsley, 2 t. salt, and pepper; bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat and simmer until rice is tender, about 35 minutes. Stir in chicken, cream, remaining 1 C. broth, and remaining salt into rice mixture; cook until rice is tender, about 10 minutes. Garnish with parsley if desired.

Caramel Apple Strudel

Even if you aren't German, this apple dessert will make you hungry for more. The puff pastry is found at Sullivan's and is an easy way to make a crust. I love Mrs. Richardson's Caramel topping.

- 5 medium apples, peeled and chopped (5 C.)
 - 3/4 C. apple cider or juice
 - 1/4 C. sugar
 - 1/2 t. cinnamon
 - 1/4 t. allspice
 - 1/4 t. ground cloves
 - 1 frozen puff pastry sheet, thawed
 - 1/4 C. caramel ice cream topping
 - 1 egg
 - 1 T. water
 - 1 T. coarse sugar
 - Whipped cream
- Preheat the oven to 375. In a large saucepan, combine the apples, cider, sugar, cinnamon, allspice, and cloves. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes or until apples are tender, stirring occasionally. Cool the mixture completely. Unfold puff pastry onto a large sheet of parchment; roll into a 16 x 12 rectangle.

Transfer parchment and pastry to a baking sheet, placing a short side of the rectangle facing you. Using a slotted spoon, arrange apples on bottom half of pastry to within 1 inch of the edges. Drizzle apples with caramel topping. Roll up jelly-roll style, starting with the bottom side. Pinch seams to seal and tuck ends under. In a small bowl, whisk egg with water, brush over pastry. Sprinkle with coarse sugar. Cut slits in top. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Serve with whipped cream and additional caramel topping.

Mom's Apple Cake

One of my friends asked for my mom's apple cake recipe. I have put it in the column several times over the last 19 years. It remains one of my two favorite apple cakes.

- 1/4 C. cooking oil
 - 2 C. sugar
 - 3 eggs
 - 1 t. soda
 - 1 t. salt
 - 3 C. flour
 - 3 C. chopped apples
 - 1 C. chopped pecans
- Sauce:**
- 1 C. brown sugar
 - 1/2 C. butter
 - 1/4 C. canned milk
 - 1 t. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350. Mix oil, sugar, and eggs in standing mixer. In a separate bowl, combine the soda, salt, and flour. Whisk ingredients together. Add to sugar mixture. Remove from mixer and fold in apples and nuts. Place in a 9 x 13 pan sprayed with cooking spray. Bake until crusty on top about 55 minutes. Cook sauce ingredients on low to slow boil until slightly thickened. Pour over cake.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS GREENSTATE CREDIT UNIONS Plaintiff, -v.- KAREN DICK A/K/A KAREN L. DICK et al Defendant

2023 FC 5

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 10, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on October 10, 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 237 N. SIMMONS ST, STOCKTON, IL 61085

Property Index No. 43-17-002-159-03

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.

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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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF STEPHENSON - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC; Plaintiff, vs. TODD J. HEILMAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 22 FC 29

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. in the office of Security First Title Company,

205 West Stephenson Street, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 18-19-06-404-024. Commonly known as 7 West South Street, Freeport, IL 61032. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13228642 (Published in The Shopper's Guide Sept. 13, 20 & 27, 2023) 443483

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PLATINUM HOME MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- JEFFRY S SCHULZ, KRYSTLE L SCHULZ, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendant 2022 FC 40

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Commonly known as 2145 S VAN BROCKLYN RD, FREEPORT, IL 61032 Property Index No. 03-18-09-202-011

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$211,696.78.

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The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will once again put up a window display of area veterans and currently serving military during the month of November. Pictures must be submitted by Oct. 20 and can be sent to PO Box 21, Lena, IL 61048 or dropped off at the Lena American Legion Home on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pictures will not be returned.

Veterans Pantry in need of donations

The Veterans Pantry is in need of laundry soap and dish soap. They have also received requests for larger leggings for women and thermal underwear for men and women as the weather gets colder. Items can be brought to the Lena American Legion Home on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 316 W Main St. Please call 815-369-4684 with any questions.

McConnell area Health Fair

On Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the McConnell Community Church will host a Health Fair. Free health screenings by FHN will be offered for all ages as well as breastfeeding instruction for new and expectant Mothers in private setting. There will be complimentary yoga and Zumba lessons by Laura Youngblut at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and a free Silver Sneakers Fitness Class for Seniors by Kristie Hord at 12:30 p.m. at 1:30 p.m. There will also be a raffle, snacks and refreshments.

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vacation seem spacious on day one, but shorter than a long weekend on day seven?

The moment my children were born, I'd trade each of them for months—years even—of mundane existence.

Those moments in time for me were more valuable than almost all the others.

So it goes with love.

My love left this earth one thousand days ago; that's 24,000 hours and more than a million minutes. Since then, I've contemplated life and death and love more than in the 12,000 days I had as his wife, or in the 20,000 that I've had in this life.

In that, I've thought about lost time, wasted time and all the time I took for granted. I'm pretty sure there were many wasted moments - or hours or even days. It doesn't make me a bad person. It makes me like the rest of us.

A horrific loss, I think, often forces you to contemplate time, and purpose and the absolute truth of things. The same comes, in some regard, with age.

As you see time gradually ticking by it takes on more meaning.

In the last 1,000 days, I've wondered what life is really about. I've thought about my purpose and my distinct need

now to find it and pursue it - for me, but just as much for him. For both of us. I've thought about love and life and how fleeting it all really is.

Fleeting, and in many ways meaningless. How time very well may be a construct invented by us to try to make sense of things. So we can appreciate birthdays and anniversaries and holidays. So it can provide a framework to this story we call life.

For now, it is a construct I live with. That I live within. Like it or not.

And today is a milestone in time's construct. It is day 1,000 a widow.

I've made it this far. I'm still marking time, counting the days we've been apart. Because as they grow in number—as they widen the gap between then and now, so then lessens the gap between now and then - the time we will be together again.

And I fully believe that will happen.

Until it does, I'm going to make every day here count. You can count on that.

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Final Thoughts

Can you believe that September is in its last days? Fall has officially begun, and all the great fall activities can be looked forward to. Craft fairs and orchard visits are on the horizon, and pumpkin carving will soon follow. Fall cooking is great because there are all kinds of pumpkin and ap-

ple recipes, good soups, and October will usher in pork month. Send any recipes for the great fall cooking. If you have some recipes you would like to share, you can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *The Shopper's Guide* at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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Biden administration responds to calls from Pritzker, other leaders, for help in migrant crisis

Homeland Security will expedite work authorizations among other actions

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The Department of Homeland Security will speed up the processing of work authorizations for asylum seekers and extend Temporary Protected Status to Venezuelan migrants, actions that could help thousands of migrants who have arrived in Illinois in recent months.

Those moves were announced by the Biden administration last week in response to pleas from leaders in Illinois, New York and other states for

help in dealing with the ongoing migrant crisis that is taxing the resources cities like Chicago, where many migrants have been sent, sometimes without any notification.

At an Aug. 30 news conference, Gov. JB Pritzker, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson and state business leaders called on the administration to ease work restrictions for asylum seekers and other long-term undocumented workers. At that time, Chicago officials said the city had received more than 13,000 asylum seekers, the vast majority of whom had no official authorization to work in the United States.

Among other things, those officials requested DHS to allow states to sponsor asylum seekers for work authorizations. And while that was

not one of the actions DHS announced last week, Pritzker said he was happy with the actions the agency took to make it easier for those individuals to find employment.

"I'm very pleased that President Biden has listened to my concerns and those of other governors and political leaders and expanded Temporary Protected Status to migrants from Venezuela, thousands of whom have been sent to Illinois over the last year," Pritzker said in a statement Wednesday.

"Despite traveling thousands of treacherous miles and then being used as political chess pieces by those who should have welcomed and helped them, they are eager to contribute to their new communities and get to work," the governor added.

Pritzker was referring to

actions by Republican Govs. Greg Abbott, of Texas, and Ron DeSantis, of Florida, who have been busing migrants from their states to so-called "sanctuary" cities such as Chicago and New York City.

Asylum seekers are people seeking temporary shelter and protection in the U.S. because they have suffered, or fear suffering, persecution in their home country due to factors such as race, religion, nationality, or political opinion.

To be eligible for asylum, people must be physically present in the U.S. and apply for that status, usually by filing an online application form known as an I-589, within one year of their arrival.

Federal law still requires asylum seekers to wait six months after filing their claim before they can apply for a

work permit, officially known as an Employment Authorization Document, or EAD. But starting Oct. 1, DHS says it will dedicate additional staff to reducing the median processing time for those applications from 90 days to 30 days.

In addition, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will increase the maximum validity period for EADs to five years for certain noncitizens, including those admitted as refugees or granted asylum, those who have been granted withholding of removal, and applicants for asylum.

DHS will also extend Temporary Protected Status for 18 months to Venezuelan migrants who were living in the U.S. on or before July 31. That's a temporary immigration status for people from certain countries experiencing

issues that make it difficult or unsafe to return home.

According to the humanitarian aid group World Vision International, as of August 2023, more than 7.7 million people had fled Venezuela since 2014, due largely to political unrest brought on by years of hyperinflation, political corruption and economic problems. Most of those have fled to Caribbean and other Latin American nations.

Under the socialist government of former president Hugo Chavez, the country was almost entirely reliant on oil revenue to fund government operations. But that revenue dried up when oil prices plummeted in 2014, resulting in a collapse of the Venezuelan economy and dire shortages of food, medicine, and other necessities.

• SAFE-T Act

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Months after the murder, Raymond was involved in a high-speed chase on the Stan Musial Bridge after shots were fired at an East St. Louis gas station. Raymond crashed his car, allegedly tossed a gun into the weeds and fled on foot. He was arrested, Assistant State's Attorney Dan Lewis said during the hearing, and ballistics later tied the recovered pistol to the murder.

O'Gara also denied his release, finding there were no conditions that would mitigate the risk to the public or Raymond's potential flight from prosecution. Raymond will now be held until his trial, set for late October. Previously, he could have freed himself by paying 10 percent of his \$1 million bond.

O'Gara told the defendants that they had the right to appeal his decisions and, if they could not afford an attorney, a public defender would be appointed for them.

St. Clair County Public Defender Cathy MacElroy filed motions for detention hearings under the SAFE-T Act for all the clients she represents who were jailed in lieu of bail prior to Monday. She anticipates there will be hundreds of hearings in the coming month.

"It's day one and I can already see that I will need more help," MacElroy said as she moved between courtrooms with her arms full of files on Sept. 18.

In addition to the detention hearings, defendants that are detained must be tried within 90 days—30 days shorter than the previous 120-day speedy trial requirement. Extensions requested by the defense do not count against that timeframe, however.

DETENTION FOR FIREARMS OFFENSE: In the third St. Clair County case,

Bernard Cherry faced possession of a stolen firearm, unlawful possession of a firearm, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, resisting a police officer and two counts of unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon. He was arrested in June. His bail was set at \$250,000.

He, too, will return to the St. Clair County Jail until his trial.

St. Clair County Chief Judge Andrew Gleeson said Sept. 18 that he expected more hearings later last week. Three were held on Sept. 19, two of which resulted in detention for the defendants.

Gleeson said he set aside a courtroom for those hearings and reassigned a judge from traffic and misdemeanor court to preside over detention hearings.

The SAFE-T Act was a response to the cash bail system, which the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights found disproportionately impacts minorities. In St. Clair County, MacElroy said 30 percent of criminal defendants are black.

To the north in Madison County, they had their first detention hearing on Sept. 19. Matthew Kelly was accused of aggravated stalking and criminal damage to property. The judge ordered that he be held in county jail until his trial.

RELEASE FOR VIOLATION OF ORDER OF PROTECTION: In Kane County, the two detention hearings were for violation of an order of protection and domestic violence charges—two areas where the SAFE-T Act sought to give judges greater authority to detain individuals if requested by the state's attorney's office.

Standing in an orange Kane County Jail uniform in the windowless courtroom, Tudor Marcel Stoica was read the charges against him after

having been arrested the night before for allegedly violating an order of protection from his 80-year-old next door neighbor. Assistant State's Attorney Christine Bayer pointed to Stoica's history of breaking that stalking/no-contact order, resulting in a few other pending cases against him.

Stoica was out on bond twice for those previous violations.

"He poses a danger and a threat to our victim in his case," Bayer told the judge. "Based on that, we'd ask that he'd be detained."

In response, the public defender listed mitigating factors, like the fact that Stoica has full custody of his 11-year-old son and that he's studying engineering at Northern Illinois University. In a prior life, Stoica was a physician—a "laparoscopic hernia repair specialist," he reminded the public defender.

After a bit more back-and-forth, Judge LoPiccolo ruled that the state hadn't shown "clear and convincing evidence that he poses a real and present

physical threat to his neighbor," given that their verbal altercation didn't include any physical threats of violence.

Afterward, Bayer asked that the judge order an alcohol-related condition on Stoica's release, as the police report had indicated Stoica had "an odor of alcohol" when he was arrested. LoPiccolo agreed.

"I will order that you're not to consume alcoholic beverages and I'll take it one step further," he said. "I will order that you submit to random alcohol testing through pretrial services as well."

The random alcohol testing order is an example of a condition Kane County Chief Judge Clint Hull said in an interview he expected to see less frequently under the SAFE-T Act, given the law's mandate that defendants be placed under the least-restrictive conditions necessary while still ensuring they show up to court.

While Hull said he's heard concerns from law enforcement predicting fewer opportu-

nities to reach those who may need drug or alcohol treatment, he said he understands one of the SAFE-T Act's many goals is to limit judges giving "conditions just for conditions' sake."

"This is the biggest criminal justice change since the code was written in 1963, so there's a lot of things that we don't know," Hull said. "But I don't look at that as a negative. We're just gonna have to see what happens and I have complete confidence in the court system ... if we have to adapt, we will adapt under the confines of the law."

DETENTION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: The second Kane County detention hearing on Monday ended in continued detention of a man accused of a pair of Class A misdemeanor domestic battery charges—one of the so-called "detainable offenses" laid out under the new law, and the type of case Hull predicted would be the most common to appear in detention hearings.

In the charging documents,

Adrian Jowers denied he put his girlfriend in a headlock during an argument over a Link card. In court on Sept. 18, Jowers stood as his criminal history was read, including a battery charge for allegedly punching a person on the street, and a Kendall County charge for reckless discharge of a firearm.

The public defender responded that Jowers' previous criminal history had no bearing on the domestic violence charge that brought Jowers to court on Monday and asked the judge to release him so he'd be able to continue looking for work and helping provide for his two children, with whom he doesn't live.

However, LoPiccolo said he was relying on Jowers' criminal history to make the determination "that no conditions or combinations of conditions can mitigate" Jowers' threat to public safety, especially to an identifiable victim, and ordered he be held in Kane County Jail. He'll appear in court again this week.



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Timber Lake Playhouse upcoming events

On Oct. 7, Hair Band Night returns to Timber Lake Playhouse and on Oct. 21, The Piano Men will feature the music of Billy Joel and Elton John. TLP will close out October on the 29th with their annual offering of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. November brings BritBeat back to the playhouse on the 4th and *Elvis Through The Years* featuring father and son team, John and Jonathan Lyons on Nov. 18. *Million*

Dollar Quartet - Christmas from Nov. 30 through Dec. 10. TLP will close their season with a showing of *The Grinch* on Dec. 16.

Tickets for all Timber Lake events are available online at www.timberlakeplayhouse.org or by calling the Box Office at (815) 244-2035. The Box Office is open daily from 10:00 – 5:00 and until intermission on show days.

•Ladies (Continued from page 10)

the confidence back home. On Tuesday, Sept. 19 Le-Win played host to the Orangeville Broncos in what was Le-Win's fourth conference game of the season. Orangeville came in riding a six-game winning streak of their own, which had their overall record at 13-7. That streak includes the Broncos capturing the championship at this year's Scales Mound Volleyball Invitational. The

Broncos went 5-0 through the tournament, while Emma Frautschy and Kaylynn O'Haver were named to the All-Tournament Team. With the Broncos and Panthers performing well, this was building up to be a battle amongst two of the top teams in the NUIC. Orangeville didn't have much going for them in the game against Le-Win, however. Ultimately it was a disappointing loss for the

Broncos as they fell by scores of 25-11 and 25-18.

The Panthers got a little bit from just about everyone offensively. Lynch led the team with nine kills, while Mia Diffenderfer had seven kills and Amendt had six. Grace Groezinger added four kills of her own, and Eden Dietz had a pair of kills. Alyssa Daughenbaugh made sure everyone got their opportunities as she racked up 27 assists in the

•Panthers (Continued from front page)

Ultimately, the Panthers put up 351 yards in the ground game. Alec Schlichting wound up leading the way as his big-play ability helped him put up 126 yards and a score on just four carries. Dunker nearly reached triple digits himself, rushing for 94 yards and a score on 14 carries. Lynch was right

there with him, rushing for 78 yards and two touchdowns. It was a hat trick performance for Lynch, who also had a defensive touchdown in the game.

With the victory, Le-Win improved their record to 5-0 on the season which clinched them a spot in the 2023 playoffs. It is the twenty-fourth

consecutive season the Panthers have punched their ticket to the postseason.

Le-Win has perhaps their biggest game of the year scheduled for week six. On Friday, Sept. 29 the Panthers hit the road to face off with the Durand-Pecatonica Rivermen who are also undefeated on the season.

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presented the grant during a surprise announcement at each school.

The Illinois Farm Bureau, through its charitable arm, the IAA Foundation, created the grant program to support new ag teachers who complete their first year of teaching. Grant recipients were selected for their classroom efforts, strong short and long-term personal and agriculture program goals. The program will fund 32 teachers over a 12-year timeframe. Illinois

agricultural education teachers completing their first year in the classroom are eligible to apply for this grant. The amount of the grant payment will increase over the course of the teacher's first five years in the classroom, up to \$10,000 total in personal income, if they remain active as an agricultural education teacher in the state of Illinois. More program information can be found online at www.iaafoundation.org under "Our Mission at Work."



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