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# the Scoop Today

## NWILED helps launch new C-PACE financing programs for City of Galena and Jo Daviess County

Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED) is excited to announce the creation of a new financing incentive for investors and entrepreneurs doing business within the City of Galena and Jo Daviess County. Renovating or constructing buildings for a clean energy economy is expensive, and now these clean energy projects will become more affordable for local businesses after the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program was established by the Jo Daviess County Board on Aug. 8, 2023, and by the City of Galena on August 14, 2023.

Commercial property assessed clean energy (C-PACE) programs allow businesses to pay off clean energy projects on a long-term basis through voluntarily requested special assessments tied to the property. The new C-PACE programs come at no cost to the county or city, and they may terminate or suspend their programs at any time, for any reason, or for no reason. Jo Daviess County's C-PACE program is essentially the

same as the City of Galena C-PACE program. The difference is a Galena business or project can choose between them, and may decide, for example, to go with the City's C-PACE program if they have prior relationships at city hall which would help expedite their project.

"We view the C-PACE program as an ideal financing tool for the City of Galena and our businesses," said Mark Moran, Galena City Administrator. "The program is aligned with our environmental sustainability efforts while offering very attractive financing options for businesses and lenders. We believe the adoption of C-PACE positions Galena to advance our environmental initiatives while growing existing businesses and attracting new businesses."

C-PACE programs aim to spur investment in renewable energy systems and resilient building design. Any privately-owned commercial, industrial, non-residential agricultural, or multi-family (of 5 or more units) property or any

property owned by a not-for-profit can take advantage of these new C-PACE programs in connection with the renovations of an existing buildings and new construction, in each case up to 25% of the value of the property. Instead of asking a bank for a traditional loan secured by a mortgage, the C-PACE programs enable owners and developers of commercial real estate to secure their long-term financing needs with a better form of collateral, thus making it less

risky for lenders and allowing businesses to push off initial costs and pay off projects up to 40 years with fixed interest rates.

"The new Jo Daviess County C-PACE program will benefit our existing businesses who need financing options for their expansions or renovations, and it will better position the County to attract new businesses," said LaDon Trost, Jo Daviess County Board Chair. Eligible improvements generally include fixtures, systems,

and equipment. Basically, anything that improves energy efficiency, promotes renewable energy, energy resiliency, or lowers water use is eligible, including electric vehicle charging stations. Examples of projects include renovating an existing structure into commercial kitchen space, upgrading older hotels, and new construction of for lease commercial workforce housing.

NWILED is eager to see new projects come forward. "This is a great tool that can

provide long term low-cost financing for investment in northwest Illinois for projects that are greater than \$1.5M," said Joe Mattingley, NWILED Vice Chair, and "It has been a great pleasure working with the IFA to get this program in place!"

For more information on the IFA and the IFA PACE Program, including the program's one page application, visit [www.il-fa.com](http://www.il-fa.com). Program contact is Brad Fletcher (bfletcher@il-fa.com).

## Wildcats golf continues to impress

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

On Monday, Sept. 11 the River Ridge-Scales Mound Wildcats continued to find success on the golf course. This time, RR-SM was set to face off with the golfers from East Dubuque. Thomas Hereau was nearly perfect on the day, shooting a 34 and finishing as the Medalist. Isaac Rife was the runner-up with a 36. Cam-

den Flack shot a 37, while Sam Rife hit a 40, and Joe Winter hit a 41. Derrick Distler finished with a 46 for RR-SM.

East Dubuque's top golfer was Jackson Schultz, who shot a 40 on the day. Ethan Schulting hit a 42, but the duo couldn't do enough to keep East Dubuque within reach. RR-SM wound up picking up another victory with a score of 147-183.



STOCKTON BLACKHAWKS VOLLEYBALL. FACEBOOK PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

## Stockton Blackhawks Volleyball

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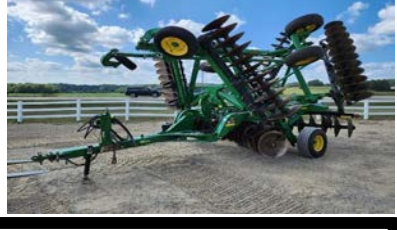
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# Obituaries

## KRISTIE FLYNN

Kristie Kay Kendall-Flynn passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, with family by her side. Kristie was born to Charles and Zoella Kendall on May 15, 1943. She was raised in Marshalltown, Iowa where she spent time roller-skating, babysitting her sister Connie's kids, and growing up with the "much shorter" Kathie and C.D. Kendall (i.e., Tom Selleck clone). Upon graduating from Marshalltown High School, she got the job of her dreams as a flight attendant for American Airlines based out of Los Angeles.

One day in June she opened the door of her apartment and instantly fell in love with a blonde haired midwestern boy named Mick Flynn. They dated only 3 months and were married in 1965, eventually settling in Marshalltown where they raised their family. Their home at 109 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street was filled with love, laughter, their kids, friends and various



animals. She then became a Dental Assistant and worked there for several years. She loved watching Lawrence

Welk, The Love Boat and Fantasy Island. When the soap opera, All My Children was tragically canceled, she found comfort in the daily drama of General Hospital which she watched faithfully until her passing. For the last seven years she has enjoyed line dancing in Monroe. She and Mick have spent endless hours working with the church doing various ministries. They also loved playing cards together in the Four Seasons Room and drafting their teams for Fantasy Football.

Her love for God, her husband, and others is unrivaled. Kristie lived for her family and traveled wherever was needed to see them. She is sur-

vived by her loving husband Mick Flynn of Lena, her son Shawn (Wendy L.) Flynn of Colorado, her daughter Holly (Brent) Chrisman of Lena and her daughter Wendy S. (Michael) Arnold of Massachusetts. She is also survived by her younger sister Kathie (Delwin) Perry and their three children, Shannon, Traci and Jody, and her younger brother C.D. (Dot) Kendall and their two children, Chad and Jamie. Her love and strength will be missed by her eight grandkids, Layton, Dylan, and Kendall Flynn; Ty and Kade Chrisman; and Aiden, Bradie and Sammie Arnold. Additionally, she will be missed by her three great grandkids, Josie, Brighton, and Brody Flynn. Kristie is preceded by her parents Charles (Zoella) Kendall and her older sister Connie (Don) Lyman.

It must be noted that Kristie was a faithful friend and all of us who knew her were blessed. We will desperately miss her love, servant's heart, sense of humor, dancing at

get-togethers, yodeling, caramel brownies and peanut butter balls.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Kristie's name. Visitation will be held Friday, Sept. 22, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Evangelical Free Church of Lena. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Evangelical Free Church of Lena. A private family burial and luncheon will be held following the service.

The family would like to give a special thanks to their extended families, friends, church family, Lena-Winslow Schools and community for their many prayers and tremendous support. In addition, the family would like to thank the doctors, staff, and hospice team at the FHN Memorial Hospital for the excellent care given to Kristie and her family during her last days with us.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## MAE GREBNER

Mae (McPeck) Grebner, age 91, of Stockton, IL passed away Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, at home. She was born Feb. 4, 1932, in Stockton to the late Robert and Elsie (Wixson) McPeck. She married Clyde Grebner on July 26, 1953, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Stockton. Clyde passed away April 3, 1992.

Mae graduated from Stockton High School in 1950 and from Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Freeport in 1953. She was employed as a Registered Nurse for 41 years, working at Freeport Memorial Hospital, Sojourn House, Good Samaritan Nursing Home and the N.I.A.A. Home Health Care of JoDaviess County.

Mae was a member of Freeport Memorial Hospital Alumni Association, Registered Nurses of Northwestern Illinois, the Stockton Women's Club, and Wesley and Cedarville United Methodist Churches. Mae will be remembered for her zest for life, her sense of humor, and her strong faith in God. Mae enjoyed traveling, craft shows, movies, shopping and reading, but her passion was the Christmas season and all the activities it encompassed.

Her memory will be cherished



by her daughter, Jerilyn (Craig) Gaffney of Elizabethton, TN; her grandchildren, Stephen Miller, Erin (Chad)

Miller Stafford, Lindsey (Zack) Harris Baker and Zachary (Nicolette, Gabe and Tay) Harris; her great grandchildren, Rowan Mae Baker, Steele Harris Murri, Cole Leon Stafford, Teagan Leigh Stafford, Emma Oliva Miller-Barrios, Quinn Teri Baker and Jade Jeanne Baker; her sister, Betty Hook of Stockton; her nephew, Donn Hook of Burbank, CA; her son-in-law, Scott (Marcia Bouray) Harris of Cedarville, IL; and special family friend, Gretchen Oestreich. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clyde; her daughter, Teri (Grebner) Harris; and her sister, Beth.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. A private burial took place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

# News briefs

## Youth Mental Health First Aid

SSM Health Monroe in partnership with Barbershop Transformation and Wellness Center is hosting a Youth Mental Health First Aid certification at the Freeport Public Library on Oct. 11, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This course required 2.5 hours of prework. SSM Health will be covering the cost for participants. If interested in the training, please email [pam-werntz@gmail.com](mailto:pam-werntz@gmail.com) or call 815-821-4653.

## The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary's regular meeting will be held on Sept. 20, 2023, at the legion. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. with social time beginning at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary is welcome to attend.

## Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension

The September meeting of the Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension will be held Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, at 1 p.m. at the Pearl City Library. The lesson on "Check it Out-Libraries" will be given by Pennie Miller-the librarian at the Pearl City Library. Jo Wenzel will bring a raffle item. Anyone interested in learning what is available at the library is invited to join us.

celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an open house on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Farm Bureau Office from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All current and former members are invited to attend. Please enter through the west door near Walnut Street.

## 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.

## Stockton Police K9 Golf Outing

A golf outing fundraiser

will be held on Sept. 24 at Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa. The cost is \$125 per person or \$500 per foursome. Lunch is provided, prizes will be awarded, and it will include a 50/50 raffle in addition to course games. Registration is at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Register with Kay Offenheiser at [koffenheiser@eagleridge.com](mailto:koffenheiser@eagleridge.com) or call 815-776-5228.



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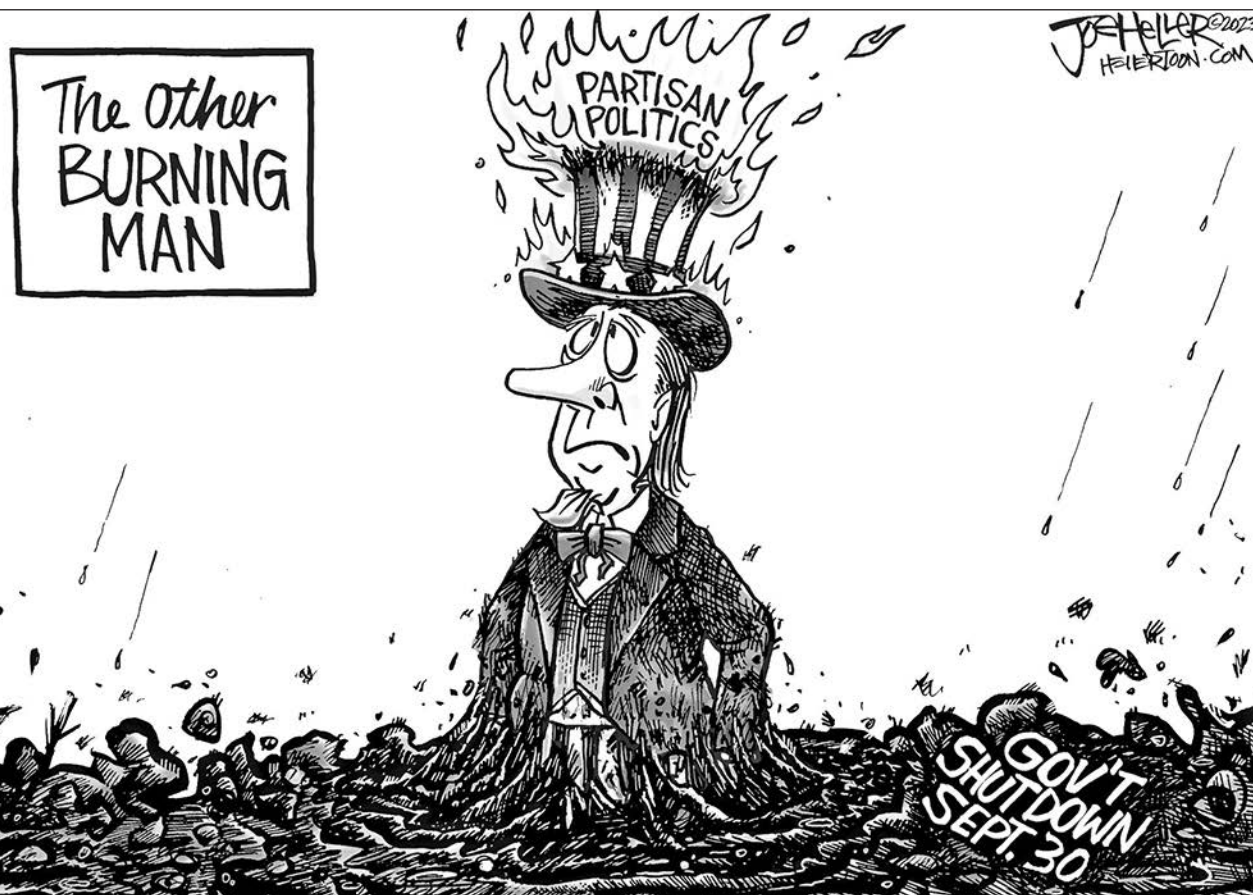
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# OPINION



## In my opinion

# Implementing the Pretrial Fairness Act

**Editor's note:** The opinions expressed here are those of the author.

By Amanda Pyron  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE  
NETWORK

In mid-September, Illinois will move one step further in the pursuit of justice by exchanging risk for wealth as a

determinant of safety when making pretrial release decisions.

As someone with 25 years of experience as an advocate for survivors, most spent working in our federal criminal legal system that has long operated without money bail, I know risk-based decision

making can keep survivors of gender-based violence and the public safe.

Since the Pretrial Fairness Act was passed in 2021, opponents have used fearmongering and misinformation to derail its success. Over recent months, it has become clear that some public officials are still not ready for this new system, nor are they doing enough to prepare for these changes.

We routinely saw survivors used as pawns during the political debate over this bill, and sadly that continues. Misinformation continues to come

from state's attorneys themselves or their allies in law enforcement who oppose the law. In a recent story published by WGLT, McLean County State's Attorney Erika Reynolds falsely claimed that some people charged with domestic violence couldn't be jailed under the new law.

In fact, all people charged with domestic violence, both as a misdemeanor or felony, can be held in jail pretrial when there are public safety concerns. No one charged

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## Slices of life

# Life is tenuous

The more years I accumulate on this earth, the more I realize life is tenuous.

It is short. It is fleeting. It is fragile. It is ethereal. It is delicate. It is beyond beautiful.

It can be abrupt and unexpected. Unanticipated, not to mention amazing.

Unpredictable at its best. You never know what will come next.

And that is part of the magic, as well as the reality - or perhaps the fear.

Life is a miracle—for each of us. Every moment of every day.

Imagine this. Fathom. Understand. Consider. Contemplate it. Seriously contemplate it - for more than just a second or two.

Our eyes peer out into the world, refracting light rays and transforming them into images which become electrical

impulses that are carried to the brain. Our ears convert sound waves into a format the brain interprets and understands as meaningful sounds. Our tongues differentiate between sweet, sour, salty, bitter and savory tastes. Our noses can detect one trillion (with a T) different distinct scents. Our fingers are packed with thousands of nerve endings, allowing us to interpret the size, shape and texture of objects.

We don't often think about (or appreciate) our five senses. They just are.

Our hearts beat without us ever giving any conscious thought to the process. Our lungs take in air and separate oxygen from carbon dioxide, using the former and expelling



By  
**JILL  
PERTLER**  
Columnist

the latter.

Our blood circulates said oxygen throughout our limbs, organs and skin. Our liver and kidneys remove toxins. Our skin regenerates without a thought. Every cell in our body does the same. Our body temperature regulates itself. Fingernails, toenails and hair all grow without any effort on our part.

We breathe. We blink. We heal. We digest food. We poop. All without having to consciously will any of it into being.

We are alive because this amazing system works to keep us afloat without any conscious effort on our part. It's like that pink bunny: it just keeps going.

One wrong turn—one system out of whack—and the whole body is off kilter. One domino down and they all could fall.

Tenuous.

But beautiful. And predictable.

Yet not.

Life is anything but predictable. You think you know what lies ahead. You plan it all out because it seems so simple and obvious—clear as a bell. Clear as hell. How else could it be?

But life is seldom obvious. That would be too easy.

It is obscure. Uncertain. Often unknown and unsure. Vague at best.

But wonderful and wonder-filled. The obscurity keeps us guessing. The uncertainty makes it more beautiful. The unknown and unsure make it exciting. Even vagueness creates wonder and wonderment.

If life were predictable, if it were promised and secure it wouldn't be as valuable. It wouldn't be as precious.

And the more you notice - really notice and become aware of the miracles right within you - the more you appreciate it all. Your sight, hearing, sense of taste, touch and smell.

Your beating heart. Your breath. The beautiful, tenuous truth of life.

All of it.

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# Church news

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, Sept. 24 for Sunday Worship Service. The reading will be from Matthew 20:1-16.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27 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 seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost on Sept. 24.

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. 21 at 3 p.m.

The Stewardship/Outreach committee will provide laundry money and supplies at the Pearl City Laundromat on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring bedding and laundry to wash.

Come join us for "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, Sept. 24 when we have an indoor activity of card making in Luther Hall and an outdoor activity at Pearl City School. Both activities will take place from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.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.

## Salem United Church of Christ

All are welcome to join for service led by Pastor Christopher Ham at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, Illinois, on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, at 10 a.m. The Adult Sunday School will be held prior to service starting at 9 a.m. on the lower level of the church. Children's Sunday School is held during church service at 10 a.m.

The Wednesday Breakfast Bunch will meet Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 8 a.m. at the Riverside Family Restaurant 7, 1669 Willard Drive, Freeport. Everyone is welcome to join.

If interested in getting more involved in the church community, check out the monthly gatherings. Men's Night is at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. During this time the men playing games and get to know each other better. Bible Study is offered at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Craftersnoon is held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. During this time there are snacks, a brief devotional thought, and plenty of time to work on crafts individually or together. All the events are hosted on the lower level of Salem United Church of Christ, and all are welcome to join. For more information on any of these gatherings, please contact salemwing-sofjoy@yahoo.com.



# FHN Flu Shot Clinics scheduled throughout Northwest Illinois

FHN has announced a schedule of walk-up flu shot clinics at locations throughout northwest Illinois. All events are open to the public. Adults under 65 years of age will get a quadrivalent vaccine that protects against four strains of influenza for \$32. Adults 65 and over will receive a high-dose version of the vaccine (\$70). There is no out-of-pocket expense for those 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). COVID-19 booster vaccines will not be available at this event.

Immunizations may be paid for by cash or check payable to FHN (no credit or debit cards will be accepted). Please note that these prices are only available at these flu shot clinics; other rates may apply in FHN offices. No other insurance coverage can be accepted at these flu shot clinics, and per government regulations, no Medicaid cards can be accepted at these locations. Because of federal guidelines to prevent identity theft, everyone must present a photo ID to receive an immunization.

For their own safety, children should be immunized at their regular healthcare provider's office. Persons with allergy to eggs or the flu vaccine, those with an ill-

ness 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.

## This year's clinics include:

**Oct. 8 • 10 a.m. - noon** at First Lutheran Church, 301 S. Clay Street, Mount Carroll

**Oct. 12 • 1 - 3 p.m.** at Mest Manor, 525 Third Street, Savanna

**Oct. 13 • 9 a.m. - noon** at Carroll County Senior Center, 17612 Benton Street, Mount Carroll (free blood pressure screening also available to the public)

**Oct. 15 • 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** at Faith United Methodist Church, 1440 S. Walnut Avenue, Freeport

**Oct. 19 • 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.** at Liberty Estates, 2140 Nava-jo Drive, Freeport (free blood pressure screening also available to the public)

**Oct. 20 • 2 - 4 p.m.** at Freeport State Bank, 1718 S. Dirck Drive, Freeport

**Oct. 24 • 10 a.m. - noon** at Bethel United Methodist Church, 217 S. Hickory Street, Shannon

**Oct. 27 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** at Golden Meals, 524 W. Ste-

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**Oct. 27 • 3 - 5:30 p.m.** at State Bank of Pearl City, 215 S. Main Street, Pearl City

**Oct. 30 • 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.** at Family YMCA of Northwest Illinois, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport

**Nov. 3 • 1 - 3 p.m.** at Sullivan's Foods, 201 Dodds Drive, Lena

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**Nov. 4 • 9 a.m. - noon** at Sullivan's Foods, 217 Chicago Avenue, Savanna

**Nov. 5 • 10 a.m. - noon** at St. John's Lutheran Church, 229 S. First Street, Pearl City

**Nov. 7 • 9 a.m. - noon** at St. John's Lutheran Church, 625 Country Lane, Lena (free blood pressure screening also available to the public)

**Nov. 8 • 9 - 11:30 a.m.** at Lake Summerset Lodge, 1202 Lake Summerset Road, Davis

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**Nov. 9 • 3 - 6 p.m.** at Sullivan's Foods, 2002 W. Galena Avenue, Freeport

**Nov. 10 • 9 a.m. - noon** at Carroll County Senior Center, 17612 Benton Street, Mount Carroll (free blood pressure screening also available to the public)

**Nov. 13 • 1 - 3 p.m.** at Sullivan's Foods, 101 E. IL Route 64, Mount Morris

**Nov. 21 • 9 a.m. - noon** at Fitness Lifestyles, 641 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport

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# Local Master Gardener volunteers recognized at state conference

Three Master Gardener volunteers from Stephenson County were recognized for their volunteer efforts at the State Master Gardener Conference held in Peoria, IL, on Sept. 7 and 8. Mary Blair, Bernard Lischwe, and Deb Schwartz received the Outstanding State Master Gardener Award, recognizing their dedication to the volunteer program.

The Outstanding State Master Gardener Award was established to honor the best Master Gardener volunteers in Illinois. This award is presented to 2% of the membership annually. Award winners must have completed 160 hours of volunteer service, participated in multiple volunteer projects, collaborated with other volunteers and community organizations on projects, and exhibited leadership qualities.

Mary Blair trained as a Master Gardener in 2017. Mary contributes to the com-



Mary Blair

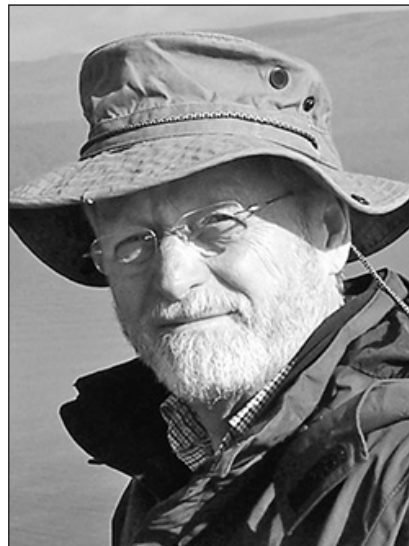
munity in many ways beyond the Master Gardener program, and she brings this sense of community pride, involvement, and connectedness to the Master Gardener program. She contributes to the program in countless ways and is always one of the



Deb Schwartz

first to step up to help.

Bernard Lischwe has been a mainstay of the Master Gardener program since 2007. Always willing to help with a project or activity. He has been essential to the Master Gardener Helpline for several years, helping answer client



Bernard Lischwe

calls. He is very involved in the community, and his connections help the Master Gardener program to develop new partnerships and projects.

Debbie Schwartz is very active in the community and serves on the board of the Freeport Park District. In her

years of volunteering with the Master Gardener program, she has always enjoyed projects that connect her with people, like information tables where she can get out and talk with others about gardens. Her service with the park board has connected the Master Gar-

dener program with the park district, positively impacting both.

"Mary, Bernard, and Deb combine their love of gardening and their heart for volunteering to impact their community positively," stated Nikki Keltner, Program Coordinator. "They are all dedicated volunteers that embody the Master Gardener mission of helping others learn to grow."

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners are volunteers who complete training on horticulture topics led by University of Illinois Extension Educators. After completing training Master Gardeners volunteer in the community by offering educational programs, demonstration gardens, a horticulture helpline, newspaper articles, and more, completing their mission of "Helping Others Learn to Grow." If you want to become a Master Gardener, call the University of Illinois Extension at 815- 235-4125.

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# Freeport City Council to vote on proposed 1% sales tax increase

On Monday, September 18, 2023, the Freeport City Council will take a vote on the increase of the home-rule sales tax to fund city road projects. If passed, the 1 percent sales tax increase will help secure a sustainable local funding source to improve the 139 miles of road within the City of Freeport.

A combination of factors, including long-standing underinvestment in transportation, natural wear, changing weather patterns, and a gradual decline in the revenue generated in the Motor Fuel Tax has led City leaders to discuss alternative funding sources for a sustainable

road program.

Revenue from the proposed 1 percent sales tax increase is estimated to yield \$3.5 million on an annual basis. Tax revenue will be dedicated by ordinance to the following key areas for a successful road program:

- Roadway repairs and reconstruction
- Paving materials
- Curb
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- ADA sidewalk ramps
- Public Works staff wages
- Contracted work related to road improvements
- Utility improvements related to roadway repairs and reconstruction

· Debt service for financing roadway repairs and reconstruction

If passed, the permanent, dedicated street funding will address many local streets with reconstruction contracted bid work and the City paving crew's in-house operations. Three-fourths of the sales tax revenue will be allocated towards paving materials, contracted paving work, and public work supplemental wage increases. One-fourth of the funding will be allocated towards utility improvements related to roadway repairs and reconstruction.

Currently, it is estimated

60 percent of local streets in Freeport are in need of major roadway renovations and reconstruction efforts. The project anticipates road construction work in all wards of Freeport. Transparency, efficiency, and advance planning is key to communicating the annual street program for design and construction efforts each season. This funding outline below will increase or decrease depending on the amount of actual sales tax revenue received annually.

The sales tax increase will not impact the following sales:

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- Prescription and non-prescription medications
- Insulin and diabetic related testing materials such as urine testing materials, syringes, and needles
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with an offense of domestic violence will be released without a hearing. Notice to survivors, along with an offer to petition for a domestic violence order of protection, is required before an initial hearing. These are all powers given to states' attorneys to keep survivors safe and informed of all their options at each stage of their case.

The Pretrial Fairness Act is being implemented this week after years of advocacy by organizations combatting gender-based violence. Our community specifically drafted provisions in the law to require notice from states' attorneys to victims ahead of the initial hearings, when that hearing was previously exempted from the list of hearings requiring victim notification by states attorneys.

We also drafted language to ensure offenses like sex crimes, trafficking and domestic violence are on the list of offenses that require police, prosecutors

and judges to take extra time with these cases. With more time, survivor safety will be at the forefront of every decision, rather than having cases moved as quickly as possible.

We also worked to ensure that all states' attorneys must file a petition to detain a defendant for any violation of protective order, knowing the potential lethality and safety issues at play when a protective order is violated. These are the critical provisions that, coupled with the end of wealth-based incarceration, will create a more survivor-centered pretrial system.

The time has come to ensure our court actors understand the law and will fully implement this law to protect survivors. Any failure to implement—including notice to survivors of initial hearings, provision of a protective order when requested, or completion of a risk assessment when needed—will put individual survivors and communities at greater risk

for repeated harm. By reducing pretrial jailing for most offenses, court actors can finally turn their attention to where it should be: on higher level offenses like domestic violence and sexual assault that affect public safety and survivors.

When our elected officials and law enforcement perpetuate misinformation about the law, they put survivors at risk by misstating their rights under this new system. Survivors deserve to know how exactly their county state's attorney and local law enforcement will enforce the new law, and ensure it upholds public safety for all people. It is imperative we set aside political differences and

implement the law correctly so all survivors across Illinois can get the rights and opportunities afforded to them under the SAFE-T Act.

Illinois should be proud to be the first state in the country to abolish money bail, and center survivor-centered practices into its pretrial system. We call on states' attorneys and law enforcement to join us to prepare our communities and survivors for this new and improved system.

*Amanda Pyron is executive director of The Network, an anti-gender-based-violence organization in Chicago that helped draft and pass the Pretrial Fairness Act.*

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**Below is the schedule of events:**

**Saturday, Sept. 23**

**Bubble Festival**

Shows at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m.

Enjoy some sudsy fun as bubble celebrity Ben Jimenez blends magic, storytelling and bubble art! In his 30-minute bubble shows, Jimenez transforms something as simple as soapy water into amazing bubble stunts, shares bubble science facts and gets the audience involved. After his show, pop over to the Bubble-Palooza Playground to practice your own soapy tricks! Advance tickets available online or over the phone. Tickets will be available at the door but sell out quickly.

\$3 Members; \$5 Public (Museum admission extra); free to children ages 1 and

younger.

**Saturday, Sept. 30**

**Day of Play**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Get up, get out and go play! We're joining forces with Nickelodeon and the Association of Children's Museums to promote active play. Join in giant lawn games and take the Play Challenge!

Included with museum admission: \$10 Public; free to Members and children ages 1 and younger.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

**Spooky Science**

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Attention all witches, pirates, princesses, and superheroes! Dress in your favorite Halloween costume and join us for an evening of spook-tacular escapades. Trick-or-treat throughout the museum, brew goopy slime, help build Frankenstein's monster, and enjoy tons of spooky science activities, crafts and games. It will be skele-tons of fun! Admission: \$12 Public; \$3 Members; free to children ages 1 and younger. Sponsored in part by Sjostrom & Sons and Comcast.

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By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The state has paused a new policy requiring certain non-citizens enrolled in a Medicaid-like health insurance plan to pay copayments for certain services, instructing health care providers to refund any such payments they have already collected.

Omar Shaker, the interim chief of administrative rules at the Department of Healthcare and Family Services,

told a legislative oversight committee last week that the department ultimately plans to reinstate the copay policy, but it doesn't yet have the systems in place to properly administer it.

"I was informed recently that there were some programming issues with regards to that," he told the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, or JCAR, at its monthly meeting in Chicago.

IDHFS originally published notice in June that customers enrolled in the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults program and the Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors program would be required to pay co-pays for certain services, effective July 1.

Those programs are for noncitizens over age 42 who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid if not for their immigration status.

Those programs offer coverage similar to Medicaid. But unlike regular Medicaid, which is jointly funded with state and federal money, the immigrant health care programs are funded almost entirely with state dollars due to federal reimbursement limitations for that population.

The state first began covering immigrant seniors aged 65 and over in 2021. The program was later expanded to include adults aged 42-64.

The programs were originally estimated to cost about \$220 million for the current fiscal year but because of rapid growth in enrollment, cost estimates soared to more than \$1.1 billion. That prompted lawmakers to pass legislation giving the administration rulemaking authority

to control those costs, and the Pritzker administration responded by requiring copays and capping enrollment.

The rules that went into effect July 1 required enrollees to make a \$250 copay for inpatient hospital stays, \$100 for emergency room visits and 10 percent of the Medicaid reimbursement rate for outpatient ambulatory surgery.

But on Sept. 5, IDHFS published another notice advising providers to stop charging copays and to refund any money collected so far.

Shaker told JCAR last week that there was a problem with charging copays for emergency room services because that is one service for which the federal government does offer reimburse-

ments, even for immigrants not lawfully present in the country.

"Until we had the ability to completely have the system work and function appropriately as it should, and to draw in as much federal matching as possible in these situations, we decided to suspend it and instruct the providers that if there were any copays that were taken, that they needed to repay them," he said.

IDHFS spokesperson Jamie Munks told Capitol News Illinois in a separate email that the agency also needs to reprogram its computer systems that manage reimbursements to account for the new copay requirements and it needs to publish official guidance telling providers when and when not to charge them.

Shaker said he could not estimate a timeline for reestablishing copays.

"We don't have the reimplementation process completely fleshed out yet," he told the committee. "We are anticipating a provider notice with sufficient time notifying them that on a specific date the copays would reinstate as well as we would be notifying the actual recipients and advising them what their responsibilities would be as well."



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# Wildcats win second thriller in a row

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The River Ridge Wildcats have had a wild couple of weeks on the football field. After getting off to an 0-2 start, the Wildcats are now 2-2 after beating Orangeville and Blue Ridge-DeLand-Weldon the last two weeks.

The schedule didn't do the Wildcats any favors in the first two weeks. River Ridge Head Coach Doug Nicholas spoke about the team's tough start. "We didn't execute well in week one and two, due in large part to playing the number one and number two teams in the I8FA in those games," Douglas shared.

After the slow start, Nich-

olas had big expectations for week three. "Week three became a must win," Douglas said. The team responded in a big way when they stepped up in their game against Orangeville. It wasn't easy, however. At the end of the first, the Wildcats found themselves tied with the Broncos at 14-14. A big second quarter allowed River Ridge to take a 28-20 lead into the halftime break.

Despite that, it was Orangeville who came out with the momentum in the third. A 20-point third quarter swung the game back in their favor as the Broncos took a 40-34 lead into the fourth quarter. The River Ridge defense stepped

it up when it mattered most, though. In the final quarter, River Ridge shut out the Broncos, after allowing three scores just the quarter before. That was just enough for the Wildcat offense to comeback in the final moments as they picked up their first win of 2023 with a 43-30 victory.

"We played better. We still have much to improve on as we turned the ball over four times and still came out on top," Nicholas shared ahead of the team's week four match-up. "This week will be another tough game versus a playoff team from last year, who is off to a 2-1 start," Nicholas added on their matchup against Blue Ridge-DeLand-Weldon.

The Wildcats continued to find a way to win. "We have been focused all week on cleaning things up and being more aggressive on defense and fighting our way back to 2-2," Nicholas said ahead of the matchup. It looks like the Wildcats' hard work paid off as they pulled off a 21-20 victory in another thriller.

After two consecutive wins and restoring their win-loss record to 500, the Wildcats are a peculiar team. They have been outscored 188-72. Despite that, the Wildcats have to feel good about where they sit. An upset over a playoff team from last year, a victory over a high-powered Orangeville offense, and a lot of ball left to be played.

The week five schedule won't be any easier for River Ridge. The Wildcats play host to the Polo Marcos on Friday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. The Marcos are off to a 3-1 start in 2023.

## Stockton falls to Galena in NUIC matchup

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

On Tuesday, Sept. 12 the Stockton Blackhawks were prepping for perhaps their toughest challenge of the 2023 volleyball season. After splitting their first two Northwest Upstate Illini Conference games of the year against West Carroll and Scales Mound, the Blackhawks opened the new week by hosting the Galena Pirates. Galena came into the matchup with an overall record of 12-2. Meanwhile, the Blackhawks held a record of 5-4-2.

Stockton couldn't put up much of a fight against Galena's high-powered offense. The Pirates' leading attacker, Gracie Furlong, posted 13 kills in just two sets. Furlong was simply too much for the Blackhawks, as they fell by scores of 25-11 and 25-13.

Some positives for Stockton were Madelyn Mammoser and Dyllann Broshous. The pair of juniors each put up five kills in their attempt to fight back against the Pirates. Kacy Wright and Eve Moore each picked up aces from the serve line. Defensively, Emily Broshous led the team with seven digs, while Dyllann had five digs of her own. Wright finished the day with three digs.

The loss dropped Stockton's record to 5-5-2 on the year. On Thursday, Sept. 21 the Blackhawks have another tough matchup as they travel to face off with the River Ridge Wildcats at 7 p.m.

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Helping to sight these birds were Drew and Gilbert Walter. They looked for the birds for just over 5 hours. Their help has been gratefully appreciated. Of the 21 different species seen, nine of those had only one bird sighted. They are Kestrel, Turkey Vulture, Hairy Woodpecker, Tree Swallow, Crow,

Catbird, Robin, Starling, and House Finch. There were only two birds of six other species seen. They are Hummingbirds, Downy Woodpecker, Chickadee, W. B. Nuthatch, Cardinal and Goldfinch.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We have had beautiful weather and a little rain this past week. I have had several leaves in the yard, so I think fall is inching its way into our lives. This week we continue to feature some great recipes for the season and some for all seasons. Have a great week cooking!

## Easy Baked Mozzarella Bites

These easy appetizers use the Pillsbury dough sheets. If you can't find the sheets, you can use the crescents and pull the perforations together to form a sheet.

1 can refrigerated (8 oz.) Crescent Dough Sheet

8 mozzarella sticks, unwrapped and cut crosswise into thirds

3 T. butter melted  
2/3 C. Italian style Panko breadcrumbs

Heat oven to 375. Unroll dough sheets; press into rectangle 12 x 8 inches. Using a pizza cutter, cut rectangle into 6 rows by 4 rows to make 24 (2 inch) squares. Place mozzarella stick in center of each rectangle; bring dough up and around cheese sticks; press edges to seal. Place melted butter in a small bowl. Place breadcrumbs in another small bowl. Dip each stick into butter; shake off excess. Roll in breadcrumbs to coat. Place about 1 inch apart on ungreased large cookie sheet. Bake 11 to 13 minutes or until

golden brown. Serve warm. Serve with warm marinara sauce or ranch dressing. You can also use other cheese other than mozzarella.

## Candy Bar Apple Salad

Apples are for sale all over the place. A good eating apple is a tasty treat but add it to Snickers Candy Bars and it is even better!

1 1/2 C. cold 2% milk  
1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix  
1 carton (8 oz.) Cool Whip, thawed  
4 large apples, chopped (about 6 C.)  
4 Snickers candy bars (1.86 oz. each), cut into 1/2 inch pieces

In a large bowl, whisk milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand until soft set, about 2 minutes. Fold in Cool Whip. Fold in apples and candy bars. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before serving.

## Cheesy Summer Squash Casserole

Another way to use up the summer squash is this cheesy and crunchy casserole. It makes a great fall side dish for a cool night.

2 small yellow summer squash, sliced  
1/4 C. chopped onion  
1/2 t. salt, divided  
1 egg  
1/4 C. mayonnaise  
2 t. sugar  
Pepper to taste  
1/4 C. shredded cheddar cheese  
2 T. crushed cornflakes  
1 1/2 t. butter, melted

In a small saucepan, combine squash, onion and 1/4 t. salt. Cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; sim-

mer, uncovered, until squash is crisp-tender, about 2 minutes. Drain. In a small bowl, whisk the egg, mayo, sugar, pepper and 1/4 t. salt, until blended. Stir in cheese and squash mixture. Transfer to a greased 2 cup baking dish. Toss the cornflakes and butter; sprinkle over the top. Bake, uncovered at 350 until golden brown and bubbly, 25 to 30 minutes.

## Chicken with Mushroom Sauce

This main course comes together quickly for a week-night meal. Enjoy it with noodles or rice.

2 t. cornstarch  
1/2 C. milk  
4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (4 oz.) each  
1 T. olive oil  
1 T. butter  
1/2 lb. sliced fresh mushrooms  
1/2 medium onion, thinly sliced  
1/4 C. chicken broth  
1/2 t. salt  
1/8 t. pepper

Mix cornstarch and milk until smooth. Pound chicken with a meat mallet to 1/4 inch thickness. In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat; cook chicken until no longer pink, 5 to 6 minutes per side. Remove from pan. In the same pan, heat butter over medium-high heat; sauté mushrooms and onion until tender. Stir in chicken broth, salt, and pepper; bring to a boil. Stir cornstarch mixture and add to pan. Return to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Return chicken to pan; heat through.

## Slow Cooker Pizza Casserole

Put this together in the

morning, and you will have dinner when you get home. It will feed kids and adults alike. It is also a great dish to take to a potluck.

3 lbs. ground beef  
1/2 C. chopped onion  
1 jar (24 oz.) pasta sauce  
2 jars (4 1/2 oz. each) sliced mushrooms, drained  
1 t. salt  
1/2 t. garlic powder  
1/2 t. dried oregano  
Dash of pepper  
1 pkg. (16 oz.) wide egg noodles, cooked and drained  
2 pkg. (3 1/2 oz.) sliced pepperoni  
2 C. shredded cheddar cheese  
2 C. shredded mozzarella cheese

In a Dutch oven, brown beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; crumble beef and drain. Add the spaghetti sauce, mushrooms, salt, garlic powder, oregano, and pepper. Heat through.

Spoon half the mixture into a 5-quart slow cooker. Top with half the noodles, pepperoni, and cheese. Repeat layers. Cover and cook on low for 4 to 5 hours or until cheese is melted.

## Slow Cooker Peach Crumble

Since I seem to be into slow cookers this week, this dessert is a great one to have at the end of the meal. Serve it with ice cream.

1 T. butter, softened  
6 large ripe peaches, peeled and sliced (about 6 C.)  
2 T. brown sugar  
1 T. lemon juice  
1 T. vanilla  
2 T. coconut rum, optional  
Topping:  
1 C. flour  
3/4 C. brown sugar  
1 1/2 t. baking powder

1 t. cinnamon  
1/2 t. baking soda  
1/8 t. salt  
1 C. old fashioned oats  
6 T. cold butter, cubed  
Grease a 6-quart oval slow cooker with 1 T. softened butter. Toss peaches with brown sugar, lemon juice, vanilla and if desired, rum. Spread evenly in slow cooker. Whisk together the 6 topping ingredients in a mixing bowl; stir in oats. Cut in butter until crumbly; sprinkle over peaches. Cook, covered, on low until peaches are tender, 3 to 4 hours. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream.

## Final Thoughts

All the reports I received from the Lena Fall Festival were of record crowds and record fund raising. Thank you to all who worked so hard and for all of you who came and supported our town. Warren is gearing up for Pumpkin Festival and Elizabeth for their craft fair. The fall brings lots of opportunities to socialize, have fun, and buy once a year treats. Homecomings are also being celebrated. I can't believe that we have had three football games already, and volleyball seems to be charging ahead.

We are seeing beautiful apples in the store and in the orchards. I also had some wonderful peaches. One of my church friends has had a bumper crop of pears, and he shares them on Sundays. Don't you love it when there is great produce at a reasonable price? Send any recipes for the great fruits and vegetables of the season. If you have some recipes you would like to share, you can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, The Shopper's Guide at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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# Illinois House Speaker's staff could test limits of Workers' Rights Amendment

## Labor expert says it could be a hard legal argument to make

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Efforts to form a union by staff in House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch's office could provide an early and unexpected test of the new Workers' Rights Amendment to the Illinois Constitution. Brady Burden, a staffer in the speaker's office who is part of the organizing committee of the Illinois Legislative Staff Association, said efforts to unionize have thus far been stymied by a provision in state law that specifically exempts the General Assembly from the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

But there is no such exemption in the Workers' Rights Amendment, approved by voters less than a year ago. That addition to the state's constitution provides, in part, that all employees have a "fundamental right" to organize and engage in collective bargaining over wages, hours and working conditions.

But at least one expert in Illinois labor law says relying on that amendment may be more difficult legally for the workers than it might first appear.

"Anytime this (constitutional amendment) is going to be litigated, if ever, it's going to require some degree of interpretation. It just will because it's just not clear," said Michael LeRoy, a professor at the University of Illinois College of Law and the School of Labor and Employment Relations. "It's not exactly clear what this means."

According to Burden, efforts to form a union began last year but they did not go public with their campaign until May. He said well over half of the 38 employees who would be part of the bargaining unit—analysts, researchers and people who work with legislators—have signed a petition calling to form a union, which would be enough for automatic recognition by most other public employers.

Among the issues they'd like to negotiate, Burden said, are wages and hours. He said the starting salary for Democratic House staffers is around \$43,000 annually, which he said is significantly lower than comparable jobs in the Senate or even for House Republican

staff. He also said they would like better compensation for overtime.

Legislative staff jobs are exempt from wage and hour laws, so those workers do not receive the standard time-and-a-half when they work more than 40 hours in a week—which they do routinely during legislative sessions. Instead, Burden said, they receive roughly one hour of comp time for every three hours of overtime they work.

But because current law specifically exempts the General Assembly from the definition of a "public employer," Burden said they are asking Welch to recognize their union voluntarily.

Welch's office, however, has said he prefers they hold an election because recognizing the union voluntarily would deny staff the chance to weigh in on which organization they'd like to represent them. Burden said that can't be done because of the exemption in current state law, leaving them with the options of voluntary recognition or a lawsuit. "It's in the Constitution. We have a right to organize," Burden

said. "The only issue that we need, is that the speaker recognize the union."

LeRoy, however, said the Worker's Rights Amendment is actually vague on that issue because it's written in prospective terms, referring to future enactments by the state or local governments.

He said that although the first sentence of the amendment says employees have a fundamental right to organize, the next sentence says, "No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates, or diminishes" collective bargaining rights. "They use the term 'shall be.' That's future tense,"

he said. "It doesn't reach back. It doesn't say any law that has been enacted that interferes with collective bargaining is hereby nullified. It doesn't say that."

LeRoy said the purpose of the amendment was to prevent the enactment of so-called "right-to-work" laws at either the state or local level. Those are laws that say employers cannot require someone to be a member of a union as a condition of employment. "This constitutional amendment really grew out of the experience with (former Republican) Gov. Bruce Rauner, who really wanted to make Illinois a right-

to-work state," he said. "That was a Democratic reaction to, or response to, (Rauner)."

LeRoy said that from a legal standpoint, he believes the Workers' Rights Amendment is not a convincing argument for those trying to form a union. But he added, "Politically, it is very convincing." "I mean, in effect, this is really calling out the Democratic-controlled General Assembly as a group of hypocrites," he said. "You're legislating for thee, not me. And I think in the court of public opinion, that's where this battle can be waged with a better chance of success."

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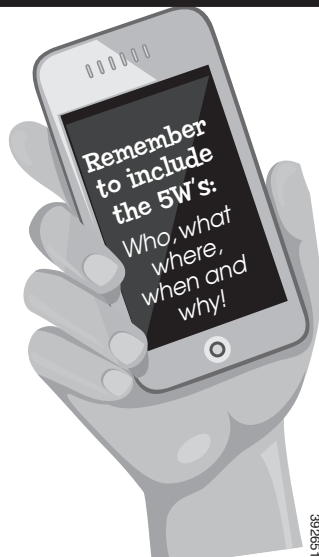
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Plaintiff, -v.- KAREN DICK A/K/A KAREN L. DICK et al Defendant

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: PART OF THE NORTH-

WEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWELVE (12) IN TOWNSHIP TWENTY-SEVEN (27) NORTH, RANGE FOUR (4) EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF SIMMONS STREET WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF EAST HIGH STREET, IN THE VILLAGE OF STOCKTON, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, IL, AS EXTENDED EASTERLY; THENCE SOUTHERLY ON THE SAID EAST LINE OF SIMMONS STREET, 130.67 FEET; THENCE EAST PERPENDICULAR TO THE SAID EAST LINE OF SIMMONS STREET, 159.85 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY PARALLEL WITH THE SAID EAST LINE OF SIMMONS STREET, 124.33

FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF EAST HIGH STREET AS EXTENDED EASTERLY; THENCE WESTERLY ON THE SAID EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF EAST HIGH STREET, 160 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF STOCKTON, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, IL. 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 with-

in twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a

government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILLIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236- SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

Continued on next page

Annual Treasurer's Report Village of Stockton Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2022 and Ending April, 30, 2023			
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Corporate Replacement Taxes	\$ 47,487	Enhanced Automation	17,321
Sales Taxes	644,993	Ferrellgas	2,534
Use Taxes	70,628	Fischer Excavating, Inc	9,847
Business Development		Frink's Sewer and Drain Inc.	4,400
District Taxes	280,161	Frontier	6,381
State Income Tax	265,924	Gills Freeport Disposal	181,560
Motor Fuel Taxes	92,801	Globe Life Liberty National	
Property Taxes	541,568	Division	6,022
Licenses and Permits	22,970	Hammer Law Firm, PLC	10,942
Fines and Forfeitures	18,089	Heidenreich, Thomas	43,668
Reimbursements from		Helm Materials	18,167
State of Illinois	5,799	Herrell Electric Service,	
Cable Franchise Fees	15,530	Anthony E Herrell-	3,455
Telecommunications Fee	32,479	IEPA	93,910
Video gaming	95,940	Illinois Department of Revenue	37,721
Water, Sewer and Garbage		Illinois Bank & Trust	10,442
Receipts	1,391,271	Illinois Countries Risk	
Interest Earnings	55,700	Management Trust	53,412
Rent	13,655	Illinois Municipal Retirement	
Miscellaneous	117,660	Fund	174,285
Total Revenues:	<u>\$3,712,655</u>	Illinois Public Risk Fund	31,292
<b>Vendors over \$2,500:</b>		Illinois State Disbursement Unit	36,505
Access Systems	4,500	J.P. Dragline Services LLC	33,429
B & J Construction, Bruce		Johnston IT Consulting	2,963
Marcure	34,479	Kathleen Field Orr & Associates	3,372
Bard Materials	3,852	Kevin R Pierce Electric Inc.	3,351
Barkau Automotive	118,987	Kleckner Excavating	8,800
Blue Cross & Blue Shield		Larson & Larson Builders Inc.	2,382,721
of Illinois	83,343	Lexipol LLC	4,804
Bower Group	7,000	Louies Trenching	10,080
Brewster Cheese Company	26,188	Lyons Lab	3,805
Broshous Brewhous	13,000	Mapes, Ron	4,760
Brown, Marquita	6,009	Martelle Water Treatment	9,135
Buckeye Power Sales Co., Inc.	5,104	Martin Equipment	3,825
Caseys General Stores, Inc	6,484	MediaCom	3,009
Certified Balance & Scale Corp	4,286	Mensendike, James & Molly	5,105
CFPS	25,500	Midwest Archaeological	
Citizens State Bank	10,442	Research Services	3,837
ComEd	21,715	Molitor Plumbing	11,139
Core & Main LP	17,880	MSA Professional Services	320,694
Crystal Image Cleaning Inc	5,381	Mud Run Beer Co.	14,194
Direct Energy Business	45,848	Mullen Tree Care	3,800
		Quill Corporation	3,669

ServiceMaster DSI	16,704	Viking Chemical Company	13,570
Share Corporation	2,744	Village of Stockton, Surplus/Petty	3,081
SJ Electro Systems LLC	9,506	VISA	19,092
Skyline Salt Solutions	35,080	Wards Grove Township	
Southwestern Illinois College	5,677	Road District	2,594
Spahn & Rose Lumbar Co.	5,110	Westaby Concrete, Brandon	
Stephenson Service Company	2,850	Westaby	15,225
Stockton Ace Hardware	14,810	Wex Bank	34,983
Stockton Auto Body	9,008	William Brothers	
Stockton Auto Supply	7,806	Construction, Inc.	841,126
Stockton Chamber of Commerce	3,150	Wipfli LLP	18,550
Stockton Fireworks Committee	3,000	All other under \$2,500	113,837
Stockton School District #206	13,000	Grand Total	<u>\$5,525,107</u>
Stockton Service Center	2,745	<b>Salaries:</b>	
Stockton Township	6,025	Salaries under \$25,000: Bourland;	
Stockton Travel Center	4,601	Brandt; Deneen; Eisfeller; Gonnerman;	
The Bauer Group LTD	13,180	Hawley; Heidenreich; Kappes; Kunz; Lin-	
Townsend Concrete	7,791	gle; Logemann; Mensendike; McGovern;	
Tri-State Computers, LLC	9,236	Olson; Rowe; Timpe; Venderheyden, J;	
United Healthcare Insurance Co.	7,414	Wachter; Young.	
United States Treasury	212,005	Salaries from \$25,000 to \$49,999:	
USA Blue Book	7,902	Doubler; Eden; Haas; Hatley; Perry, J;	
Utility Service Co., Inc.	33,816	Schubert, K.	
Utilly LLC	2,999	Salaries above \$50,000: Altfillisch; Rice;	
Verizon	8,536	Schock; Schubert, B; Sigafus; Stewart; Sul-	
		livan; Vanderheyden, C.	

Village of Stockton Summary Statement of Condition Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2022 and Ending April 30, 2023			
	General	Special Revenue	Enterprise
<b>Beginning:</b>			
Fund Balance	\$ 922,161	\$438,927	\$10,094,991
Revenues Received	1,393,336	883,911	1,435,408
Expenditures Disbursed	(1,178,575)	(524,473)	(786,648)
Depreciation	--	--	(505,751)
Other Financing:			
Sources	73,357	75,662	1,867,073
Uses	(139,700)	(19,667)	(741,080)
Ending	<u>\$ 1,070,579</u>	<u>\$854,360</u>	<u>\$11,363,993</u>
Subscribed and sworn to this 12th day of September, 2023.			

/s/Rena Eden  
Rena Eden, Treasurer  
I, Stefanie Hatley, Village Clerk of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023.

/s/Stefanie Hatley  
Stefanie Hatley, Village Clerk  
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**CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**  
 15W030 NORTH FRONT-  
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 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527  
 630-794-5300  
 E-Mail:  
 pleadings@il.cslegal.com  
 Attorney File No.  
 14-23-02362  
 Attorney ARDC No.  
 00468002

Case Number: 2023 FC 5  
 TJSC#: 43-3494  
 NOTE: Pursuant to the  
 Fair Debt Collection Prac-  
 tices Act, you are advised  
 that Plaintiff's attorney is  
 deemed to be a debt collec-  
 tor attempting to collect a  
 debt and any information  
 obtained will be used for  
 that purpose.  
 Case # 2023 FC 5  
 I3228921

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 Sept. 13, 20 & 27, 2023)  
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**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 en-  
 tered in the above cause on  
 July 13, 2023, an agent for  
 The Judicial Sales Corpo-  
 ration, will at 1:00 PM on  
 October 13, 2023, at the  
 Stephenson County Court-  
 house, 15 N. Galena Ave.  
 (West Door), FREEPORT,  
 IL, 61032, sell at a public  
 sale to the highest bidder,  
 as set forth below, the fol-  
 lowing described real es-  
 tate:

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 COUN-  
 TY, ILLINOIS, MORE  
 PARTICULARLY DE-  
 SCRIBED AS FOLLOWS.  
 COMMENCING AT A

NAIL IN CONCRETE  
 AT THE SOUTHWEST  
 CORNER OF THE SAID  
 NORTHEAST QUAR-  
 TER THENCE NORTH 01  
 DEGREES 09 MINUTES  
 34 SECONDS WEST,  
 ALONG THE WEST LINE  
 OF THE SAID NORTH-  
 EAST QUARTER, A DIS-  
 TANCE OF 1677.96 FEET  
 SO A PIPE FOUND AT  
 THE NORTHWEST COR-  
 NER OF A TRACT OF  
 LAND DESCRIBED AS  
 THE 10 ACRES OFF THE  
 SOUTH END OF THE  
 NORTHWEST QUAR-  
 TER 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 DE-  
 SCRIBED 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 NORTH-  
 ERLY SIDE THEREOF;  
 SITUATED IN STE-  
 PHENSON 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 im-  
 proved with a single family  
 residence.

The judgment amount  
 was \$211,696.78.

Sale terms: 25% down  
 of the highest bid by cer-  
 tified funds at the close  
 of the sale payable to The  
 Judicial Sales Corpora-  
 tion. No third party checks  
 will be accepted. The bal-  
 ance, in certified funds/or  
 wire transfer, is due with-  
 in twenty-four (24) hours.  
 The subject property is  
 subject to general real es-  
 tate taxes, special assess-  
 ments, or special taxes  
 levied against said real es-  
 tate and is offered for sale  
 without any representation  
 as to quality or quantity of  
 title and without recourse  
 to Plaintiff and in "AS IS"  
 condition. The sale is fur-  
 ther subject to confirma-  
 tion by the court.

Upon payment in full of  
 the amount bid, the pur-  
 chaser will receive a Cer-  
 tificate 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 infor-  
 mation.

If this property is a con-  
 dominium unit, the pur-  
 chaser of the unit at the  
 foreclosure sale, other than  
 a mortgagee, shall pay the  
 assessments and the legal  
 fees required by The Con-  
 dominium 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 purchas-  
 er of the unit at the fore-  
 closure sale other than a  
 mortgagee shall pay the as-  
 sessments required by The  
 Condominium Property  
 Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-  
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IF YOU ARE THE  
 MORTGAGOR (HOME-  
 OWNER), YOU HAVE  
 THE RIGHT TO REMAIN  
 IN POSSESSION FOR 30  
 DAYS AFTER ENTRY  
 OF AN ORDER OF POS-  
 SESSION, IN ACCOR-  
 DANCE WITH SECTION  
 15-1701(C) OF THE IL-  
 LINOIS MORTGAGE  
 FORECLOSURE LAW.

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

For information, contact  
**CHAD LEWIS, ROB-  
 ERTSON ANSCHUTZ  
 SCHNEID CRANE &  
 PARTNERS, PLLC** Plain-  
 tiff's Attorneys, 205 N.  
 MICHIGAN SUITE 810,  
 CHICAGO, IL, 60601  
 (561) 241-6901. Please  
 refer to file number 22-  
 044754.

**THE JUDICIAL SALES  
 CORPORATION**

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

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

**CHAD LEWIS  
 ROBERTSON  
 ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID  
 CRANE & PARTNERS,  
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 205 N. MICHIGAN  
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 CHICAGO IL, 60601  
 561-241-6901  
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 RASLG.COM  
 Attorney File No.  
 22-044754

Attorney ARDC No.  
 6306439  
 Case Number: 2022 FC 40  
 TJSC#: 43-2846

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

Case # 2022 FC 40  
 I3229000

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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 Foreclo-  
 sure entered in the above  
 entitled cause Intercounty  
 Judicial Sales Corporation  
 will on Wednesday, Octo-  
 ber 18, 2023, at the hour  
 of 2:00 p.m. in the office of  
 Security First Title Com-  
 pany, 205 West Stephenson  
 Street, Freeport, IL 61032,  
 sell to the highest bidder  
 for cash, the following de-  
 scribed mortgaged real es-  
 tate:

PART OF THE NORTH-  
 WEST QUARTER OF  
 THE SOUTHEAST  
 QUARTER OF SEC-  
 TION 6, TOWNSHIP 26  
 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST  
 OF THE FOURTH PRIN-  
 CIPAL MERIDIAN, SIT-  
 UATED IN THE CITY  
 OF FREEPORT, STE-  
 PHENSON COUNTY,  
 ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED  
 AS FOLLOWS: COM-  
 MENCING AT A POINT  
 80 FEET WEST OF THE  
 NORTHEAST CORNER  
 OF THE WEST HALF  
 OF THE SOUTHEAST  
 QUARTER OF SEC-  
 TION 6, TOWNSHIP 26  
 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST  
 OF THE FOURTH PRIN-  
 CIPAL MERIDIAN, AND  
 RUNNING THENCE  
 SOUTH 183 FEET,  
 THENCE WEST 50 FEET,  
 THENCE SOUTH 180  
 FEET, THENCE WEST 50  
 FEET, THENCE NORTH  
 363 FEET, THENCE  
 EAST 100 FEET TO THE  
 PLACE OF BEGINNING.  
 EXCEPT THE SOUTH 60  
 FEET OF THE WEST 50  
 FEET OF THE ABOVE  
 DESCRIBED TRACT.

P.I.N. 18-19-06-404-024.

Commonly known as 7  
 West South Street, Free-  
 port, IL 61032.

The improvement on the  
 property consists of a sin-  
 gle family residence. If the  
 subject mortgaged real es-  
 tate 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 Sec-  
 tion 18.5 of the Condo-  
 minium Property Act.

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

for inspection.

For information call Law  
 Clerk at Plaintiff's Attor-  
 ney, The Wirbicki Law  
 Group, 33 West Monroe  
 Street, Chicago, Illinois  
 60603. (312) 360-9455.  
**INTERCOUNTY  
 JUDICIAL SALES  
 CORPORATION**  
 intercountyjudicialsales.  
 com  
 I3228642

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL  
 MEETINGS OF  
 POLICYHOLDERS TO  
 VOTE ON PROPOSED  
 MERGER**

**TO THE POLICY-  
 HOLDERS OF WEST  
 POINT MUTUAL IN-  
 SURANCE COMPANY  
 AND FRONTIER-MT  
 CARROLL MUTUAL  
 INSURANCE COMPA-  
 NY**

Notice is hereby given  
 that at a special meeting  
 of the Board of Directors  
 of **West Point Mutu-  
 al Insurance Company**  
 ("West Point Mutual")  
 held on August 16, 2023,  
 and at a regular meeting  
 of the Board of Directors  
 of **Frontier-Mt Carroll  
 Mutual Insurance Com-  
 pany** ("Frontier-Mt Carroll  
 Mutual") held on August  
 2, 2023, it was determined  
 by each said Board that  
 a merger of West Point  
 Mutual, an Illinois farm  
 mutual insurance compa-  
 ny of Lena, Illinois, and  
 Frontier-Mt Carroll Mu-  
 tual, an Illinois domestic  
 mutual insurance compa-  
 ny of Mt Carroll, Illinois,  
 is desirable, and the said  
 Boards further determined  
 to submit to a vote of poli-  
 cyholders of each company  
 the question of such mer-  
 ger in accordance with the  
 terms approved and recom-  
 mended by the Boards, the  
 Board of West Point Mutu-  
 al by resolution authoriz-  
 ing the President to call a  
 special meeting of the poli-  
 cyholders of the company  
 which will be held on the  
 23rd day of October, 2023  
 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at  
 West Point Mutual's office,  
 240 W. Main Street, Lena,  
 Illinois, and the Board of  
 Frontier-Mt Carroll Mutual  
 authorizing the President  
 to call a special meeting of

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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the policyholders of the company which will be held on the 23rd day of October, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. at 312 N. Main Street, Mt Carroll, Illinois, to consider and vote on the proposed terms of merger approved and recommended by the Boards as aforesaid and further to consider and act on any and all matters that may be brought before said meetings.

THEREFORE, pursuant to such actions and orders, notice is hereby given of such special meetings of policyholders to be held at the times and places aforesaid to consider and vote on the question of merger of said companies and the terms thereof. A Summary of the Proposed Agreement and Plan of Merger is as follows:

Under the terms of the proposed Agreement and Plan of Merger between West Point Mutual Insurance Company and Frontier-Mt Carroll Mutual Insurance Company, the former company will merge with and into the latter company, which shall be the surviving company, the Agreement and Plan of Merger further providing for transfer by the former company to the latter company and acceptance by the latter company of all policies and contracts of insurance issued by the former and all assets and books and records and contracts of the former, for the assumption by the latter of all liabilities of the former, for the protection of rights of creditors and policyholders by the inclusion of a provision that such rights shall not be impaired by such merger, for the retention by any policyholder of the former company of rights under Section 168 of the Illinois Insurance Code, for the effectiveness of the Agreement only after approval thereof by the Board of Directors of each company, said approval having been given by the Board of Directors of West Point County Mutual Insurance Company at a special meeting of the Board of Directors held August 16, 2023, and by the Board of Directors of Frontier-Mt Carroll Illinois Mutual

Insurance Company at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 2, 2023, and only after the approval of the policyholders of the former company and the policyholders of the latter company and the Director of Insurance of the State of Illinois, and for such other provisions as are appropriate to the effectuation of said merger.

Said vote on the merger of said companies and the terms thereof may, at the election of any policyholder not represented in person at the aforesaid special meetings of policyholders,

be effected by proxy, in due form submitted by said policyholder and subject to proof of authenticity by the company.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2023.

**West Point Mutual Insurance Company**  
By: /s/ Alan Wenzel,  
President

**Frontier-Mt Carroll Mutual Insurance Company**  
By: /s/ Brian Woessner,  
President

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There isn't a better time of day than the mornings, if you ask me. My mornings start by making the rounds to serve up an early breakfast for all my animals around the farm. I'm quite sure that all farm animals are early risers, and they are always enthusiastic for breakfast, but the chickens are the earliest risers of all. My rooster is the guardian of my twenty or so hens and he starts crowing about four o'clock each day. I can hear him from our bedroom window the mornings that I am awake. When I go outside at about six the entire flock is up and ready to eat. I have four small feeders set up in the chicken yard and I fill each of them with a mixture of layer feed, shelled corn and a small scoop of oyster crumbles to



By  
**SCOTT  
CERNEK**  
Columnist

keep their eggshells hard. They dive right into the feed and while they are eating, I clean and refill their water containers. Then I head down to the shed to load up hay in a small wagon that I pull behind my ATV for my sheep, ponies and beef cows and calves. I have three different pastures that these animals stay on and now that we are at the end of the growing season these pastures have slowed down their production significantly. So, I have started to feed

a little a little hay to supplement their diet.

I start with the sheep and throw a chunk or two of hay on the grass for them to eat. They always come running over with a happy bleeet and baaaaa. This past year my five ewes gave me ten new lambs. Five were rams and five were ewe lambs. I butchered the rams and kept the ewe lambs giving me ten ewes all together. I think that's going to have to be my limit so next year I may have a few lambs to sell. They are sure fun to watch in the summer as they grow from little babies to big strong animals. I didn't know if I would like lamb chops and lamb steaks, but we grilled some up the other night and they were delicious.

After I finish feeding and talking to the sheep, I drive over and throw a couple chunks of hay to the ponies who dance and bob their heads up and down in anticipation as I get close. It seems that all the animals are always hungry, but then again so am I so that stands to reason. Now that I have taken care of the small animals it's time to head down the lane to the beef pasture and give them some feed and hay as well. We've learned over the years that feeding your cattle out on the pasture each day is a great way to keep them tamed down. I scratch their heads and pat them on the neck as they eat. The calves are always a little curious and like to sniff around me as I sit on the ATV and watch them eat at the bunk. This is my favorite time of the day for sure. When I get back to the house I sit down with a cup of coffee and read my Bible and morning devotions. God is sure good. In Psalm 31:19 we read, Oh how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you have prepared for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the sons of men! Until next week, God bless!



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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 120 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  
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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

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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:

P.I.N. 18-19-06-404-024.  
Commonly known as 7 West South Street, Freeport, IL 61032.

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

PLATINUM HOME MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-

JEFFREY 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:

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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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# Jo Daviess County 4-H to host Information Night

Illinois 4-H is the flagship youth program for the University of Illinois Extension and the largest out-of-school youth organization in Illinois. 4-H youth development programs in Jo Daviess County challenge youth to "learn by doing" with fun, hands-on activities. Kids can learn, practice, and demonstrate new skills while exploring the interests that are important to them. That could be anything from learning how to cook, build a robot, show livestock, or care for the environment. Members can explore these topics through 4-H experiences such as community clubs, special interest clubs, workshops, and more.

"You don't have to be a farmer or even come from an agriculture background to be in 4-H," says Angela Miller, 4-H Program Coordinator. "Illinois 4-H has over 100 projects for kids to choose from in the areas of animal science, career and leadership, civic engagement, creative arts, environment, food systems and healthy living, and STEM."

Families interested in

learning more about 4-H are invited to attend a 4-H Information Night on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 4 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at 204 Vine Street, Elizabeth, IL. This event will be geared toward families that have heard about 4-H but want to learn more or know they want to join but still have many questions. "4-H has a lot to offer, so there is a lot to talk about," says Miller. "This will be an opportunity for families to ask me any questions they may have about the 4-H program in general and Jo Daviess County 4-H. I always love having an opportunity to talk about 4-H and what a great program it is!"

Families interested in attending the Information Night must RSVP by calling the Jo Daviess County Extension office at 815-858-2273 or by registering online at <https://go.illinois.edu/4-HInformationNight>. Illinois 4-H members range in age from 5 to 18, and we welcome everyone from all backgrounds and interests wherever you live.



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# Periodontal disease

Many parents are overscheduled, overburdened, overwhelmed and sleep deprived on a regular basis. This is compounded in those who are also taking care of elderly parents. While I understand the temptation to skip oral care for a few more minutes of sleep, there are several reasons why this may have a negative impact on your oral and overall health.

First and foremost, in order to be able to take care of others, you must maintain your own health. Think of it like when you are flying in a plane and the flight attendant tells you to put on your oxygen mask before you put it on your child. If you pass out from lack of oxygen, your child will not get the assistance they need. Having poor oral health makes it exceedingly difficult for you to retain the overall health and stamina needed to take care of your loved ones. Your daily oral hygiene routine keeps you healthy by removing bacteria and acids that can lead to inflammation and disease.

Plaque that is allowed



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to remain in the mouth will begin to absorb the minerals found in saliva, transforming it from a soft, easily removable form into a hard substance called calculus. Once calculus is allowed to form, it cannot be removed by brushing and flossing. Unfortunately, it also forms a base for further plaque accumulation. This can cause your gums to become inflamed and pull away from your teeth, creating pockets where food and bacteria can become trapped, and your toothbrush and floss cannot reach. This inflammation of the gums, or gingivitis, is the first stage of periodontal disease. Left untreated, gingivitis can quickly lead to periodontitis, destruction of the tissues and bone that hold your teeth in place, and tooth loss. It also can lead to some very serious systemic

conditions. Multiple research studies have implicated the oral bacteria in periodontal disease with autoimmune diseases, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, premature birth, low birth weight babies and hypertension. This is why one of the things that your dentist does during a routine dental exam is to screen you for periodontal disease. He or she will measure and record the space between each tooth and the gum line to map out your pocket depths. This record will be used in conjunction with your dental x-rays to both diagnose and plan treatment as needed. It will also be used to compare your progress at later exams.

The bacteria that cause periodontitis have been shown to enter the bloodstream and trigger inflammation in the blood vessels throughout your

body including the heart and brain. Inflammation of the delicate lining of the blood vessels has been shown to trigger the formation of atherosclerosis and the narrowing of blood vessels which can lead to strokes. In turn, strokes and cardiac disease can suppress the immune system, which increases your chance of infection. Repeated exposure to bacteria in the blood has a cumulative effect that increases the progression of atherosclerosis, further inflammation, and clot formation. The American Stroke Association reports that large artery strokes involving intracranial atherosclerosis were twice as common in people with periodontal disease. In addition, people with periodontal disease were three times as likely to have a stroke involving blood vessels in the back of the

brain.

It is always better to avoid disease rather than treat it. If your dentist diagnoses mild gum disease, called gingivitis, early and no structural damage exists below the gumline, a professional cleaning and a commitment to an effective daily removal of plaque through brushing and flossing should return your oral health.

If your dental exam shows large, deep pockets between your teeth and damage to the supporting structures, scaling and root cleaning may be prescribed. Scaling involves the removal of all the plaque and calculus down to the bottom of the pocket. Planing refers to smoothing off the root surfaces after they have been cleaned, so that the gingival tissues can heal and reattach to the tooth. Depending on the severity

of each individual case, the procedure may need to be broken down into four sessions. Your dentist may also decide to use a laser to remove the inflamed tissue, apply a slow releasing antibiotic, use an ultrasonic scaler, prescribe antibiotics and/or a short-term antibiotic rinse. In severe cases, scaling and root planing may need to be followed up by periodontal surgery.

Pocket formation happens over time and the healing process will also require time. The amount will depend on the extent of damage that occurred before dental intervention. The most critical factor in healing is patient compliance. Maintaining the benefits of scaling and root planing depends on an excellent daily oral hygiene routine and ongoing periodontal maintenance visits.



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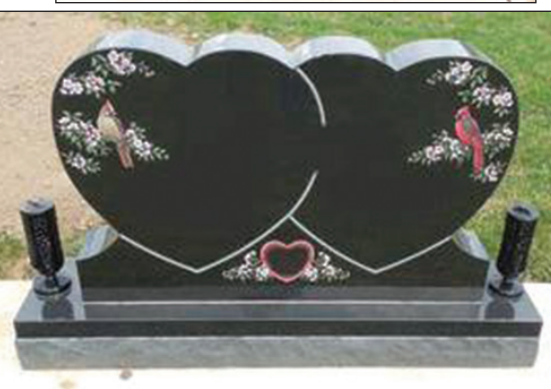
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