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Good Deed Award

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary nominates Jaxon Cruse, a nine-year old from Princeton, for a Good Deed Award. These awards are given to children under 18 who have helped others. Cruse rode his motocross bike for 31 laps, earning money to donate to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Cruse currently has over \$3,000 to donate. Pictured is Jaxon Cruse with his mom and dad, David and Shanna Cruse. Jaxon's grandmother, Ramona Peterson Cruse, grew up in the Pearl City area.

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Obituaries

CLYDE POHL

Clyde LaVerne Pohl, age 87, of Stockton, IL passed away Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at home surrounded by family. He was born in Stockton on July 3, 1936, to the late Herman and Ruby (Wilcox) Pohl. Clyde married Janice Lingle on June 17, 1956, at Trinity Lutheran Church of Derinda.

Clyde was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton and the Plum River Masonic Lodge. He farmed most of his life. He was also a construction worker for the Galena Territories and a Custodian for the Stockton School District. In his spare time, he stained log cabins with the help of his children and grandchildren. Clyde spent a lot of time volunteering for the Lena Living Center and eventually became an employee. He enjoyed woodworking, camping, dancing, and playing cards. Most of all, Clyde loved spending time with his family, especially with his grandchildren and great grandchildren, seldom missing a sporting event.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Pohl; his daughters,



Penny (Bob) Williams, Judy (Dennis) VenHuizen and Lynette (Kevin) Martin; his grandchildren, Chad (Rucel) VenHuizen, Candy (Anthony) Velardi, Bobbi Rowe, Trista (Matt) Timpe, Kyle (Abby) VenHuizen, Amber (Jason) VenHuizen, Kailynn Martin and Elaina Martin; his 19 great grandchildren; his 1 great great grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his 2 sisters, Jean and Melva; his 3 brothers, Melvin, Joe and John; and his great grandson, Calvin.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton at 11 a.m. with a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

JAMES ENGLAND

James "Jim" England, age 76, of Lena, IL passed away peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, at SSM Monroe Hospital surrounded by his family. Jim was born on May 8, 1947, in Belle Plaine, IA to DeWitt and Dorene (Meyocks) England. He was a 1965 graduate of Princeton High School. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin LaCrosse with a degree in Economics and also graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Engineering. During Jim's career, he worked for A.C Nielsen Company out of Los Angeles, CA, Oracle out of Dallas, TX, Merck out of New Jersey, and Brown and Root out of Houston, TX. Jim enjoyed fishing and hunting, gambling, and watching sports.

Jim is survived by his two daughters- Erica England of



Chicago, IL and Jackie (Kyle) Runde of Cuba City, WI; two grandchildren- Nora and Theo James; siblings- Janis (Rich) Jones of Mission Viejo, CA, Douglas (Janet) England of Lena, IL, Deann (Randy) Saeli of Jurupa Valley, CA, Bradley England of Houston, TX, Brian (Heather) England of Wheaton, IL, Kathleen England of Hawaii, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A private family service will be held. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

ANNELIESE I. UPITIS

Anneliese I. Upitis, age 87, of Stockton, IL passed away Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at her home. She was born on Aug. 30, 1936, in Berlin Germany. She married Edwin Upitis on Feb. 26, 1966.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin; her sons, Erik and Peter; her sister, Ilse of Berlin; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in

death by her parents and her sister, Gila.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton at 2 p.m. with a visitation at 1:00 p.m. Interment took place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.



News briefs

American Legion Post #577

American Legion Post #577 holds their monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at the Lena Legion Hall at 7 p.m. The American Legion Post #577 is currently seeking more members and veterans are encouraged to attend meetings. Please call Tim Schoeny (Commander of Post #577) at 815-369-5245 with any questions or interest.

McConnell American Legion Auxiliary

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary is looking for addresses for active military personnel. Troop Care Packages will be sent out on Nov. 1, 2023. Please call 815-266-1165 to give the address over the phone or email addresses to mcconnellauxiliary@gmail.com. The Auxiliary will mail packages

to troops who are stateside or deployed. All addresses are kept confidential.

Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education

The Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education will be at the Cub Foods Brat Stand on Friday, Oct. 20 and Saturday, Oct. 21. The stand is located outside of Cub Foods, 1512 S. West Avenue, Freeport, IL. Sandwiches will be served from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with rib-eye steaks, brats, pork chops, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and hot dogs. Potato chips and beverages are also available. Come out for a great lunch and help this organization raise funds for scholarships and educational programs.

Economic slowdown to weigh on ag through 2023

By Daniel Grant
FARMWEEK

The economic outlook for agriculture in the second half of 2023 appears quite similar to what farmers experienced the first six months of the year. Inflationary pressure and slower economic growth will likely maintain pressure on farm margins, according to Nathan Kauffman, senior vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and Omaha branch executive.

"I'd describe the economy as having slowed recently after some sharp gains in 2021 and 2022," Kauffman said during a webinar hosted by the National Pork Board. "It happened alongside a sharp increase in interest rates and ongoing inflationary pressure that's proven to be challenging."

After the U.S. gross domestic product increased 6 percent in 2021, it slowed to 2 percent in 2022 and is projected to grow by just 1 percent this year and 0.5 percent in 2024. "It has pretty far-reaching impacts felt across a lot of segments of the economy, including ag," Kauffman said of the slowdown. "It's not to suggest a recession is imminent. But there's a certain amount of trepidation among businesses (moving forward)."

Farmers are feeling the effects from tightening margins due to a double whammy of lower commodity prices and higher production costs amid the economic slowdown. Commodity prices have fallen from 2022 highs by 30 percent to 40 percent for hogs, milk and wheat; and by roughly 20 percent for corn and soybeans. USDA earlier this year projected U.S. net farm income could drop nearly 16 percent in 2023 compared to 2022.

Meanwhile, USDA estimates farm production expenses could climb 4.1 percent this year to \$459.5 billion. Interest expenses and livestock/poultry purchases are expected to post the largest gains this year. "The scale of increases for interest rates has a significant impact on producers that have a large amount of borrowing or leverage relative to their operations," Kauffman said. "It's been a significant adjustment for businesses."

The Federal Reserve raised the federal funds rate 10 consecutive times from the spring of 2022 until a pause in June to a range of 5 percent to 5.25 percent. And with inflation still well above the Fed target rate of 2 percent, rates could remain high. "The primary goal with interest rates is to reduce inflationary pressure," Kauffman said.

On the bright side, many farmers entered the economic slowdown in a fairly strong financial position. But some are quickly burning through equity. "Even though (USDA) is expecting a slight pullback in farm income for 2023, it's still quite high in an historical context," Kauffman said.

"And, from 2021 to 2022, we saw some pretty dramatic increases in farm real estate values," he said. "This would suggest there's a lot of producers in strong positions because they have high levels of equity to draw on."

Farm loan delinquency rates recently remained at historical lows, with a dip near 1 percent, after steadily rising in the years heading into the COVID pandemic, he said.

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Thank you for all the cards, memorial gifts, flowers, phone calls, visits, and text messages at the time of Steve's (Herm's) passing. We are truly blessed with many caring family members, friends and good neighbors. Also thank you to Leamon's Funeral Home and Ernie Stabenow for a graveside service that was perfect in every way; and thank you to everyone who came to the service. Finally, thanks be to God for providing us a beautiful, sunny day for "celebrating" Herm.

With sincere gratitude,
Christine Bartelt and Scot Raymer

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Fishers and Farmers Priority Watershed selected as 2023 National Waters to Watch

Fishers and Farmers Partnership is proud to announce that one of their priority watersheds, the Galena River Watershed in Illinois, was selected as a 2023 Waters to Watch by the National Fish Habitat Partnership.

The Waters to Watch list, assembled by the nation's leading authorities on aquatic conservation, includes 10 strategic conservation efforts

to protect, restore, or enhance fish habitat on rivers, streams, estuaries, and lakes. These voluntary, locally driven projects represent some of the top conservation activities completed or in progress by 20 Fish Habitat Partnerships throughout the country.

The Jo Daviess County Soil & Water Health Coalition, a farmer-led group, formed in the Galena River Water-

shed after members attended Watershed Leaders Network Workshops led by Fishers & Farmers staff and partners. "The Fishers & Farmers Partnership has been instrumental to the formation and development of our farmer-led group. The annual workshops gave us the idea for forming our farmer-led group in the first place, and then helped us each year to evaluate our progress

and set new goals," says Beth Baranski, Organizing Secretary for the Jo Daviess County Soil & Water Health Coalition.

To date, this coalition has actively participated in a county-wide water resource management plan, organized workshops, and developed digital field tours. Members of the group and local partners are also sampling tributaries

to the Galena River to determine contaminant sources. Samples will be used for educational purposes and to inform the strategic placement of best management practices such as no-till, cover crops, prairie strips, riparian buffers, stream bank stabilization, and managed grazing. Currently, this farmer-led group is participating in studies, presenting their experience at conferences and events, and is assisting in the development of a farmer-led learning center at Sinsinawa Mound in southwest Wisconsin.

"We're pleased to be included on the 2023 Waters to Watch list," says Baranski. "The listing is both a welcome acknowledgement of the work done to date and an inspirational boost for the work that lies ahead. Hopefully this recognition will lead to more opportunities for shared learning in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and beyond."

More information about the Galena River Watershed and the full Waters to Watch list for 2023, can be found here. Supporting photos of the Galena River Watershed can be found here.

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. 22 for Communion Sunday Worship Service. This will be the 21st Sunday after Pentecost. The reading will be from Matthew 22:15-22.

On Wednesday, Oct. 24 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 21st Sunday after Pentecost on Oct. 22. Chancel Choir practice will sing during worship and we will have our Commitment Sunday collection as well.

The Healthy Wolves group will be packing backpacks on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m. There will be cards and dominoes in Luther Hall on Oct. 26

at 1 p.m.

The Social Ministry Committee will be starting the Harvest Home Collection on Sunday, Oct. 22. This is a collection of food items for the Pearl City Food Pantry. This collection will continue through Nov. 12. Monetary donations are accepted as well.

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.

St. John's Lutheran Church Annual Bazaar and dinner

The Annual Bazaar and dinner will be held on Nov. 7. The Bazaar opens at 8:30 a.m. and features a variety of homemade products including baked goods, noodles, candy, and crafts. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dine-in meals will include beef and noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, Jell-O salads, relishes, dinner rolls, brownies, cake or angel food cake, coffee, or milk. The price is \$12. Drive-thru carry-outs will also be available. The carry-out meals will vary slightly and include applesauce instead of jello.

There will be a \$1 per ticket raffle for a quilt and wall

hanging. FHN will be offering flu shots blood pressure screenings from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

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, Oct. 22, 2023, at 10 a.m. Immediately following service will be the Annual Meeting and potluck lunch. 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, Oct. 18 at 8 a.m. at the Beltline Café, 325 West South Street, Freeport, Illinois. Everyone is welcome to join.

On Saturday, Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. the church will host hayride followed by a bonfire, and roasting hotdogs and s'mores. If you would like to join, meet us at the church that evening.

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. Cafternoon is held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. During this time there are snacks, a brief devotional thought, and plenty of time to work on crafts individually or together. All of the events are hosted on the lower level of Salem United Church of Christ, and all are welcome to join. For more information on any of these gatherings, please contact salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com.

Elizabeth United Methodist Church

The Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a community gathering with entertainment and a complimentary lunch on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Elizabeth Community Building 402 West Street, Elizabeth, IL. Entertainment will be provided by "The Good Stewards". Come and enjoy gathering with friends and neighbors.

All are welcome to attend. Please reserve a spot by calling 815-858-2224 and leaving a message with your name and number of guests attending. If in need of a ride to the event, leave your phone number with your reservation and arrangements will be made.

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State Police urges vigilance against hate crime activity

As the Israeli-Hamas conflict continues, the Illinois State Police (ISP) continues coordinating statewide law enforcement communications and activity in response to the elevated level of threats of violence and hate crimes related to the current conflict.

ISP reminds the public of the importance of remaining vigilant against hate crime activity and potential terrorism.

"Everyone in Illinois- both law enforcement and community members alike- must remain on guard against both

terrorism and hate crimes during this period of volatility," said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. "If you see something, say something, before it's too late."

ISP continues its outreach to Muslim and Jewish communities in Illinois to communicate with and support religious leaders being impacted by the current threat environment.

Intelligence sharing and communication with our local

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OPINION



Weekly connection

No Greater Joy



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

Last week I wrote about the movie called “The Blind”. “The Blind” is the true-life story of Phil Robertson of the reality TV show, Duck Dynasty. At one point Phil was the starting quarterback at Louisiana Tech where he played ahead of Terry Bradshaw until he quit school to get back to life in the woods and hunting. I wrote that Bradshaw became the starting quarterback at LA Tech after Phil quit the team. Eventually Bradshaw went on to become a four-time Super Bowl champion with the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 70’s and ultimately made his way into the Hall of

Fame. I inadvertently wrote that the National Football League Hall of Fame is in Dayton, Ohio instead of Canton, Ohio which is where it actually is. You see, I have a built in fact checker who has been married to me for some thirty-seven years and she caught my mistake. She’s caught a few of them over the years. I’m pretty blessed

that she is always looking out for me.

Speaking of blessings, this past Sunday afternoon we had the great joy of having our grandkids and some great nieces and nephews over to our farm for a birthday celebration for our two oldest granddaughters. One is nine and the other eight. They are sisters and are just about exactly a year apart in age. The girls requested to have their birthday celebration at the farm, and it was a perfect fall day. Our backyard playground became the place of joyous laughter and fun for hours. There were little ones in the sandbox, others on the swings and slide, and still more jumping on the trampoline. Last year I found one of those old metal playground slides for sale and

I put it up next to our swings which are also heavy duty from an old city park. I can’t begin to tell you how much fun all these cousins have when they get together.

My wife made twenty-six boy scout suppers for me to cook on the open fire. Now these boy scout suppers consist of a hamburger patty, sliced potatoes, carrots, onions with a big slab of butter on top all wrapped up in a tin foil pack. Earlier, I had started a fire in the fire pit, and we threw the foil wraps on top of the coals to cook. I flipped them over a few times and in about twelve to fifteen minutes everything was ready to eat. After I led the family in a big prayer of thanks to the

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Slices of life

When life hands you dung



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

Life may give you crap, but it’s what you make of it that matters.

People, animals, fish, birds, snails, reptiles—we all deal with crap. We all create crap, even though most of us would rather not think too much about it—or perhaps not at all.

There are a number of different ways to say it: crap, poo, poop, excrement, doo doo, deuce, BM and dung. But no matter which synonym you choose, crap happens—to all of us.

Let’s get that right out there in the open. Crap exists. We all deal with crap.

But, it’s what you make of your crap that really defines you, our bugs you; take your pick.

Speaking of bugs, they also create crap.

Most bugs see crap and label it as such: a waste product, garbage, stinky, gross, poopy and grimy.

Certainly not something to gather, harvest, collect and, dare I say, eat.

Most bugs don’t eat crap. But most bugs aren’t the dung beetle—aptly named, I might add.

The dung beetle sees a pile of crap and makes it something more, something useable, something bigger, something sustaining.

Food. As much as I try to avoid eating crap, I think we can all learn a few things from the dung beetle—without having to actually ingest anything unappetizing.

First, adaptability. The dung beetle is extremely adaptable. They can be found living (happily) on every continent except Antarctica in farmland, forest, grassland, prairie and even desert habitats. In short, they live wherever crap happens, and that’s pretty much everywhere, isn’t it?

Second, versatility. There are three types of dung beetles and each group manipulates poop in different ways. Rollers roll and bury. Tunnelers tunnel and dwellers literally take a pile of poo and make it their home.

Third, strength. But not necessarily emotional strength. Dung beetles are strong as in muscle mass. In relation to its size, the dung beetle is not only the

world’s strongest insect, it’s the world’s strongest animal, with the ability to move poop balls more than 1,100 times its own body weight. Take that, Popeye!

Fourth, eco-friendly. Our dung friends revitalize a waste product, by ridding the landscape of crap. This protects livestock, like cattle, from stepping in their own poo as well as reducing pests like flies.

The American Institute of Biological Sciences reports that dung beetles save the U.S. cattle industry more than 300 million annually simply by burying above-ground livestock feces. It’s composting at its best, returning nutrients to the soil. Go team dung!

Fifth, amazing and star-gazing. Dung beetles look to the stars. Literally. One nocturnal African dung beetle navigates and orients itself using the Milky Way. This makes one realize that there are things bigger than us, and sometimes they are smaller than us.

Finally, sacred. Yes, it’s true. Ancient Egyptians saw the dung beetle as a symbol of the heavenly cycle of the sun god—rolling across the sky each day igniting the idea of rebirth and regeneration.

Like all of us, dung beetles are on earth to fulfill a mission, to do their job. Some of us aren’t quite sure (yet) what that is. The dung beetle is undoubting.

They take poop and use it not only to nourish themselves and their offspring, but they literally make their homes in it. They nourish themselves and help the world in the process.

One can only hope to be as big and important and impactful as a dung beetle.

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Around the Northern Hills

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By **ANNETTE EGGERS**
Jo Daviess
County Farm
Bureau

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

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

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

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

Combine care packages

The Young Leaders committee want to give all some of you a treat during harvest this year. At their last meeting they put together "combine care packages" filled with some goodies that you can keep with you in the combine or your truck during harvest. We know that everyone will be putting in some long days

during the coming weeks and wanted to make sure you had a few snacks to keep you going. The best part is it all comes in a five-gallon bucket! Who doesn't need another one of those? Thank you to Ace Hardware in Stockton for donating the buckets! There are a limited number of these so if you are interested, stop in at the office and pick yours up before they are gone.

Harvest safety tips

With harvest going full speed ahead, I thought I would share a few tips for motorists when they come across slow-moving farm machinery on the roads.

Above all, slow down and be patient. Reduce speed when encountering farm equipment on public roads. Flashing amber lights mean "caution." Slow down when you see the Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem - the orange and red reflective triangle warns you that the tractor or combine travels at a slow rate of speed. Keep a safe distance from the farm equipment so the farmers can see you. If you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you. Pass wide, large farm equipment only if you know conditions are safe and you are sure the farmer will not be making a left-hand turn. Be cautious when pulling back in. It is illegal to pass in a no passing lane or within 100 feet of an intersection, railroad crossing or bridge. Be prepared to yield to wide equipment. Always wear a safety belt and heed the road's speed limit. Watch for the farmer's indication of a turn. Newer equipment has one or more amber lights flashing rapidly to indicate a turn. Older equipment is typically not equipped with turn signals to watch for the farmer's hand signals.

Let's do everything that we can to make it a safe and bountiful harvest for everyone!

Farm fun fact:

October is National Apple Month. There is still time to visit one of our local, Jo Daviess County orchards and pick up some fresh, local apples.



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The new drive-up Apple River State Bank ATM has been installed at 130 West North Avenue in Stockton.

Apple River State Bank places ATM in Stockton

Apple River State Bank announced that it has opened a new drive-up ATM at 130 West North Avenue in Stockton. The bank has over 40 ATMs serving Jo Daviess County and southwest Wisconsin.

The bank also added a sec-

ond mobile ATM available for large community events. The ATM will be located at the bank's Darlington office but will be available wherever needed. Anyone interested in having a mobile ATM at an upcoming event should contact Nathan Vondra at (815)

777-6300 to check availability. "In addition to our eight brick-and-mortar offices, Apple River State Bank is committed to making banking as convenient as possible," said Joel Holland, the bank's Chief Executive Officer. "When customers bank with us, they

can manage their accounts and bank from anywhere, anytime. Besides our extensive ATM network, customers have access to Online Banking, Mobile Banking, Mobile Deposit, Telephone Banking, and apply online for consumer and mortgage loans."

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Lord for all our blessings, we dove in. The meals were absolutely delicious! When we finished eating, out came the marshmallows, chocolate bars and graham crackers and we made a bunch of smores for everyone to enjoy. We jammed a couple of candles shaped in the form of the numbers eight and nine into a couple marshmallows and sang happy birthday to these beautiful little angels and then watched them open their

presents. When everything was done, we walked down to the shed and climbed on top of the haystack looking for places to hide. As they were playing one of the birthday girls came over to me and said, "this is the best birthday ever, Grandpa!" Man, God is good!

I've been preaching a lot lately about pouring our faith and love for God and the Lord Jesus into the hearts and minds of our kids and grandkids. You see, if they

love the Lord, He is the one who will bring them strength to live in a world full of evil and darkness no matter how difficult things get. In Third John 1:4 we read; I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. I concur with

the Apostle John, who was talking about his children in the faith. In this case I can say that about our church family and our own children and grandchildren. There is no greater joy than to know they are walking in the truth! Until next week, God bless.

Village of Stockton

Fall 2023 Open Burn Dates

The Fall open burn dates for landscape waste will run from Nov. 3 through Nov. 12, from dawn to dusk.

All burning of landscape waste shall be carried out in compliance with Ordinance No. 674 which is posted on the Village's website at www.villageofstockton.com

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Stockton High School Class of 1973 celebrates 50-year reunion

A good time was had by all on Sept. 30 as the Stockton High School Class of 1973 celebrated their 50-year reunion at Beach's Supper Club in Lena. Delicious food and a lot of laughs brought these 32 classmates together. Pictured are class members (back row left to right) Dave McWorthy, Monica (Madigan) Kehl, Barb Kepner, Don Hill, Pete Engelen, Terry Brashaw, Bob Williams, Kelvin Krise, Tom Davis, Dan Kunz, Merle Bronkema, Nancy (Broshous) McIntyre, (middle row left

to right) Peggy (Magee) Halzel, Ellen (McPeek) Glisan, Jim Raab, Sally (Wenziker) Foley, Glenda (Streicher) Adams, Deb (Breuning) Wunsch, Ann (McCauley) Coan, Gloria (Gage) Bone, Jan (Willig) Shields, Cathy (Williams) Jones, (seated left to right) Connie (Brunner) Hill, Kathy (Starr) Snyder, Deb (Noll) Lyons, Kathy (Castle) Gray, Ingrid (Gordon) Wolbers, Kathy (Heller) Knauer, Becky (Blair) Arnold, Sue (Broshous) McKee, Lynne (Gallagher) Wild, not pictured Brian Raab.

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Safety first

The Stockton Fire Department was at the Elementary School on Oct. 13 for fire safety presentations. Students learned how to safely check for fire on the other side of the door before opening, how to climb through a window and have a safe location to meet with their family. They were also able to go through the smoke house today and learn how to crawl out safely low to the ground. Volunteer firefighters joined Jake Perry, Charles Feltmeyer, Shaun Bennett, Connor Krippendorf, Mark Kruse and Andy Powell.

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Trick Or Treat Hours for the Village of Stockton are Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Remember children should only go to houses with porch lights on.

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Trick or Treat Hours for The Village of Warren



Tuesday, Oct. 31st 5 - 7 p.m.

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Little Blackhawks

Pictured are this week's Little Blackhawks. These students have been recognized by their teachers for their great behavior and excellent work. Congratulations for continuing to do great things at school!

Stockton's second half comeback keeps season alive

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

With the 2023 football regular season nearing its end, the Stockton Blackhawks found themselves in a must win situation. After seven weeks of play, the Blackhawks were holding a 3-4 overall record.

Entering week eight, Stockton knew they were in for a battle as they played host to the Dakota Indians. Dakota entered the matchup in a similar situation to the Blackhawks. With a 3-4 record of their own, both teams felt the pressure in last Friday's matchup.

Everyone knew what to expect in this matchup. The

Indians and the Blackhawks are both physical teams that rely on their defense. Although both teams are capable of putting up big points on offense, it's the defensive play that stands out. Following their week eight matchup, Stockton's defense allowed just over 11 points-per-game. Ultimately, it was the Stockton defense that kept them in the game long enough for the offense to come alive against Dakota.

After a scoreless first quarter, it was the Indians who took the first lead of the day. On the first play of quarter two, a 28-yard touchdown pass on fourth and long gave Dakota the lead.

A failed extra point left them with a six-point advantage.

Stockton held the Indians out of the endzone for the rest of the half as the Blackhawks went into the break trailing 6-0. That gave the Blackhawks and their head coach Sean Downey just enough time to make the adjustments needed.

Stockton came out looking confident in the second half. The defense continued to impress, but the offense finally took advantage of their opportunities. There was no shortage of those. In the rainy weather, Stockton's defense recovered four fumbles. Michael Haas recovered two of his own, while

Brady Haas and Wesley Logemann each recovered a fumble.

The Blackhawks finally got a breakthrough on offense midway through the third quarter. It came when mark Detweiler broke free for a 21-yard scamper for a house call. A missed extra point left Dakota and Stockton tied at 6-6.

The game remained tied until the start of the fourth. Stockton was driving once again as the Blackhawks found some rhythm. Early in the fourth quarter, Karl Hubb made it all worth it when he trucked his way into the endzone from four yards out. Not only that, but Hubb

topped the drive off with a two-point conversion, giving the Blackhawks an eight-point advantage as they went up 14-6.

Albeit a one-score game, those eight points felt like a lot more than that for Dakota. The Stockton defense was stout the rest of the way as they held on for a 14-6 victory over the Indians. Dakota totaled just 150 total yards on the night as they never really had any consistency against the Blackhawks.

Stockton rushed for 245 yards alone as Hubb, Tanner Gile, and Detweiler led the way. Hubb finished the day with 113 yards and a score

on 20 carries. Gile rushed for 68 yards on 22 attempts as he provided a physical attack up the middle. Detweiler rushed for 45 yards and a score of his own.

Defensively, Michael Haas led the way with 11 total tackles and two fumble recoveries. Detweiler was next up with 10 total tackles, and Brady Haas added eight total tackles of his own.

After Stockton improved their overall record to 4-4, they gave themselves a chance to finish above five hundred. This Friday, Oct. 20 the Blackhawks hit the road to face off with the Galena Pirates at 7 p.m. Galena is just 2-6 on the year.

Highland Community College celebrates robust enrollment gains for fall semester

Highland Community College, home of the Cougars, welcomed a dramatic double-digit percentage increase in students attending classes this fall, with holistic growth across populations.

HCC's new and continuing student body of 1,369 is 15.6% larger than it was last year. Cougars are enrolled in 12,417 credit hours, also a significant increase of 9.4% over 2022. These totals reflect the institution's official 10-day count report figures,

captured as of early September.

"With close to 200 more students enrolled in a thousand-plus additional credit hours over last fall, HCC's campus has been abuzz with life," said President Chris Kuberski. "It is truly thrilling to see our Cougars participating at unprecedented levels in student activities, and our classrooms full of engaged learners."

The majority of this fall's enrollment growth is among

female and part-time students. However, more Cougars across a variety of backgrounds and pathways chose to start or continue at Highland this fall, with increases in all age groups. Sixty-one percent of Cougars are first in their families to attend college.

Student increases were also consistent across white, black and all additional race/ethnicity categories. Beyond serving as an open-door institution to the largely rural

communities spread across a 1,640-square-mile swath of northwest Illinois, HCC is home to international students from 13 countries.

Enrollment growth of 1,070 credit hours in new and high-demand programs reflects the interests of HCC's traditional and nontraditional Cougars alike – including nearly 400 high school students earning dual credit, participating in College Now programs or otherwise pursuing courses at the college

level.

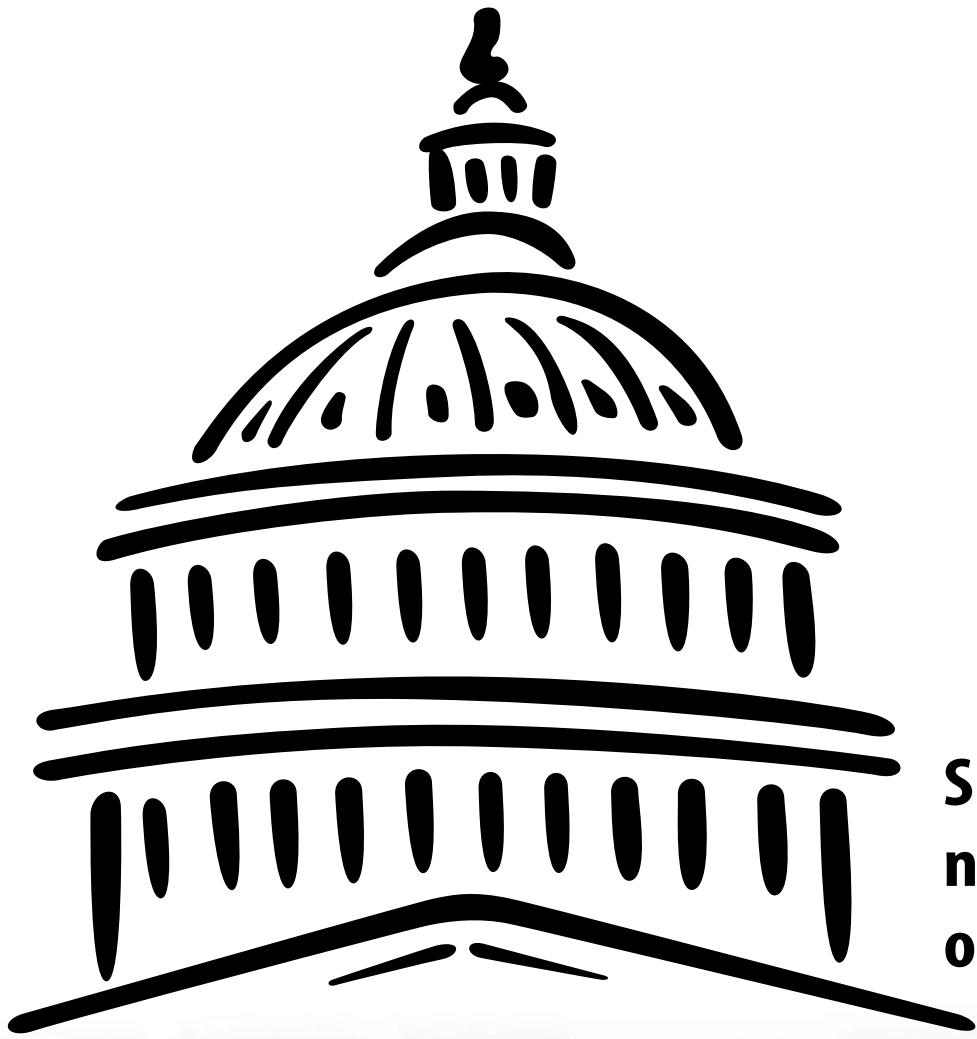
The most drastic shift in enrollment was a triple-digit leap of 115% in Early Childhood Education, followed by a 50% jump in Business courses. Additional academic areas seeing roughly 20-30% credit hour increases include Criminal Justice, Economics, Humanities, Sociology and Physical Education.

Highland kicked off this academic year with a handful of new programs – a Cannabis Studies certificate

in Agriculture, Marketing and Small Business Management/Entrepreneurship certificates and associate's degrees in Business, and emphasis areas toward Mathematics Education or Science Education degrees.

For more information on Highland's new programs, visit highland.edu/academics. Spring enrollment opens on Oct. 23. Students can schedule an appointment with HCC advising by calling 815-599-3573.

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Pi Chapter of DKG happenings

Pi Chapter of DKG enjoyed a beautiful evening at Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary for the September program. It is a 409-acre property near Stockton, Illinois.

The sanctuary property was a gift from Nancy Hamill Winter to sustain Illinois native birds giving people who enjoy this preserve a better understanding about bird conservation. It is also a tribute to the Eden families that have farmed it for four generations. They continue the agricultural activity of grazing their black angus cattle in one of the pastures. It is one of eight public preserves owned by the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF). JDCF is a non-profit land conservatory that works in and around the county to preserve this unique and beautiful part of the Midwest.

Among the many species found on the property are Henslow's sparrow,

dickeissel, sedge wren, and bobolink. The grassland habitat provides the right cover and food mix to allow these species to breed and successfully rear a family. The bird sanctuary has been recognized by National Audubon for providing a critical breeding habitat for grassland bird species in Greatest Need of Conservation. Ben Steffes, Hillary Holt, and Mary Stayner gave a wonderful summary of the property and touched upon the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation Properties that are available to the public and the importance of keeping nature preserved for generations to come. Some of the activities provided for the public include over six miles of trails to explore, school field trips, and educational camps. Everyone was given a JDCF tote bag that contained Mary's book, "Chasing the Bluebird" and other treasures.

Wildcats win fifth in a row

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The River Ridge Wildcats picked up their fourth consecutive victory with a pair of wins over East Dubuque and Scales Mound last week. With the 2023 volleyball regular season nearing its end, the Wildcats are ramping things up.

On Wednesday, Oct. 11 River Ridge played host to the East Dubuque Warriors. It was the third time this year these teams have faced off. River Ridge took the first meeting 2-1, then split their second matchup 1-1 in tournament play. In the third and final meeting of the regular season, River Ridge secured the season series.

The Wildcats handled the Warriors fairly easily. After winning the first set by a score of 25-19, River Ridge picked up a 2-0 sweep with a 25-16 victory in the second set. Addison Albrecht was nearly unstoppable along the net. Albrecht finished the day with 12 kills and a pair of blocks. Evie Walters added three kills of her own,

while Gwen Miller and Laiken Haas added a pair of kills. Laiken Haas made sure to spread the wealth as she finished the day with eleven assists. Defensively Miller also had a pair of blocks. Ava Ketelsen and Walters each led the team in digs with three.

The very next day, the Wildcats were back at home as they played host to the Scales Mound Hornets. Scales Mound came into the matchup with an overall record of 17-9-1 and would once again prove to be a tough matchup for the Wildcats.

After a close first set, the Wildcats took advantage of being comfortable on their home court. River Ridge took the opening set by a score of 25-21, giving them a 1-0 advantage. Scales Mound responded with a 27-25 victory in the second set, however. With the series tied at 1-1, it all came down to the third and final set.



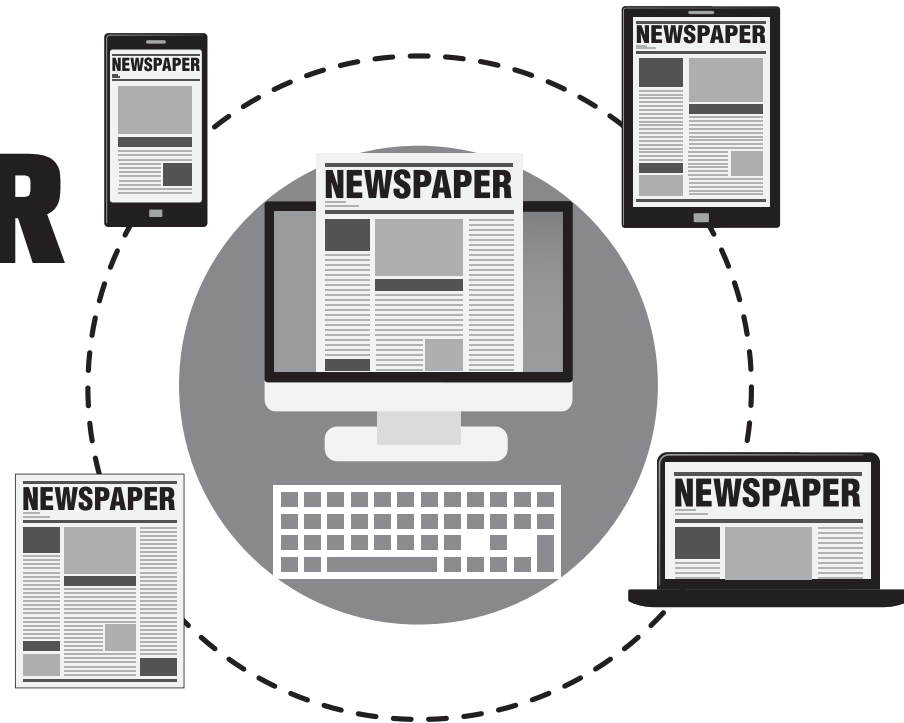
It appears the epic battle in the second set took everything from the Hornets. After putting on an impressive show, Scales Mound lost all their energy in the third set. River Ridge walked away with a dominant 25-9 victory, securing the 2-1 win over the Hornets.

Once again it was Albrecht who stood out. The senior posted 11 kills and a pair of digs in the victory. Haas had an impressive day with seven kills, two aces, a block, and twelve assists. Miller was right there with her, posting ten assists, six kills, and four blocks on the day.

On Saturday, Oct. 14 the Wildcats picked up their nineteenth victory of the year with a 2-0 win over Amboy. River Ridge improved to 19-7-3 on the season. This Thursday, Oct. 19 River Ridge wraps up the regular season with an away matchup against the Stockton Blackhawks.

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Amid BarkBox sellout, now is last chance to support Girl Scout entrepreneurs this fall

Monday, Oct. 23, is the deadline for people to support their local Girl Scout entrepreneurs through the 2023 Fall Product Program. Girl Scouts are currently offering online and in-person sales of gourmet nuts, candies, magazines, and more to Girl Scout supporters. The delicious 2023 lineup includes fan favorites such as Deluxe Pecan Clusters, Peanut Butter Bears, and English Toffee and introduces new ones like Cheddar Caramel Crunch and Thai Chili Mix. Also new this year, Girl Scouts are offering Tervis Tumblers.

Earlier in the season, Girl Scouts had offered Girl Scout-themed BarkBoxes which featured a Pose & Play Beret dog toy and a canister

of Berry Trios dog treats. As expected, the initial run of these BarkBoxes sold out. BarkBox is conducting a second production run for orders to be shipped in February 2024. Customers may still place orders through Oct. 23, and Girl Scouts will receive credit for the orders. Cost is \$19.99 per box with boxes shipped directly to customers for a flat shipping fee of \$5 per address.

The theme of the 2023 Fall Product Program is "Own Your Magic" and teaches Girl Scouts to skillfully navigate the virtual and in-person marketplace. These budding business owners have a great time setting up their own websites and begin to cultivate entrepreneurial

mindsets. People can order items in-person from a Girl Scout or through Girl Scouts' individual websites. Each customer can order, pay, and receive direct shipments of items with the Girl Scout receiving full credit for the purchase. These young entrepreneurs will offer Fall Products through Oct. 23.

Interested individuals can reach out to their favorite Girl Scout to be connected to these delicious Fall Products or learn how to donate their purchase to a worthy cause. To support a local Girl Scout's small business, call GSNI's Product Program Hotline at 847-214-9295, e-mail cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org, or visit www.girlscoutsni.org.

About Fall Product Program

How is the Girl Scout Fall Product Program different than traditional school or club fundraisers? Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, entrepreneurs see a direct benefit to any proceeds they earn. They decide how to use their profits to fund their own adventures. They'll work together in-person or virtually with their friends – creating their first official boardroom – to share sales ideas, have fun, and collaborate on how to spend proceeds on what they want to do. Girl Scouts offers the online tools they need to succeed, along with in-person skills and training to raise up the next generation of thriving entrepreneurs and community leaders.

Funds earned through the Fall Product Program help troops get started in the fall, long before the winter Girl Scout Cookie Program. Both programs teach important skills and help troops fund activities and service projects.

Girl Scouts learn five valuable life skills through participation in Fall Product Program. They set personal goals for themselves and a troop goal to achieve what they want to do as a group. They use decision-making skills to provide input on how to maximize sales and spend troop proceeds. They hone people skills by learning how to talk to, listen to, and interact with different types of people while gaining an understanding of the importance of customer service. By managing money,

Girl Scouts get a better sense of counting change properly and ensuring a check is completed correctly. Lastly, they learn about business ethics. They gain an understanding of how important it is to be honest, meet deadlines, and properly market a product.

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14 consecutive wins for Lena-Winslow Volleyball

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

As the 2023 volleyball regular season nears its end, the Lena-Winslow Panthers are just getting started. Every team wants to be playing their best ball as the season goes on, and Le-Win has been doing just that. After their recent victories over Eastland and Orangeville, the Panthers extended their winning streak to 14 consecutive games.

On Tuesday, Oct. 10 the Panthers entered the new week with an overall record of 24-2. That day they were set to play host to the 13-14 Eastland Cougars. This was their second meeting of the season as the Panthers took the first matchup 2-1. Le-Win went for the season sweep in meeting two.

The Panthers managed to coast their way to victory in each set. The first set was all Le-Win from start to finish as the Panthers captured a 25-16 victory, giving them a 1-0 advantage. The second set was much of the same with Le-Win winning 25-18 to capture the 2-0 sweep. Molly Amendt posted eight kills, three blocks,

and a dig in the victory. Kaidynce Lynch, Mia Diffenderfer, and Grace Groezinger each finished with five kills as well.

Once again, the Panthers multitude of attackers proved to be too much for their opponents. Alyssa Daughenbaugh continued to take advantage of that by leading the way with 18 assists. Daughenbaugh also had eight digs in the victory, which also led the team.

Two days later, the Panthers hit the road again as they traveled to face off with the Orangeville Broncos on Thursday, Oct. 12. Orangeville came into the matchup with a record of 18-13, but they knew they were in for a tough one against the Panthers. Earlier this year, the Broncos faced off with Le-Win on two separate occasions. Le-Win took the first meeting 2-1 after beating the Broncos 15-8 in the third and final set. The Panthers dominated the second meeting with a 2-0 victory over the Broncos. In their third matchup of the season, Le-Win went for the clean sweep.

The Panthers made that clear in the opening set when they made a statement with a

25-14 victory over the Broncos. The second set wasn't far off, as Le-Win captured a 25-18 victory, securing the 2-0 sweep over Orangeville. Amendt had one of her best offensive performances of the year, tying her season high with 12 kills. Amendt has accomplished that feat on four other occasions with five 20-kill nights in 2023. Lynch had another five-kill night to go with one block and a team-leading 15 digs. Groezinger and Daughenbaugh each finished with four total blocks and Rachael Setterstrom had six digs in the win.

After improving to 26-2 on the year, the Panthers are nearing the end of their 2023 regular season. After facing off with Aquin on Tuesday, the Panthers are set to play host to the Durand Bulldogs on Thursday, Oct. 19.

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and federal partners continue around the clock with all of ISP's assets remaining at a heightened state of readiness appropriate for this evolving and volatile situation.

At this time, there is no actionable intelligence regarding any credible mass threats in Illinois.

However, the public should report suspicious behavior to their local law enforcement agency or call 911 depending on the level of the threat. ISP reminds everyone that if you see something, say something.



Stephenson County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hansen

As we move into the final few months of 2023, I want to make sure you are getting the most out of your membership. To do that I would like to share some current programs, upcoming programs, and ways for you to save more. On Nov. 12 we will travel by bus to the Fireside in Fort Atkinson to enjoy Scrooge the musical. This trip includes transportation, meal, show ticket and all gratuities. Farm Bureau members receive a discount and Carroll County members are eligible for an additional discount through the Carroll County Farm Bureau. To learn more or to register for this trip call 815-232-3186.

In addition to trips, each county is preparing for their County Annual Meeting. Save the Date for the Stephenson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on Monday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. and for the Carroll County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 11 a.m. Be sure to visit www.ilfb.com to learn about over 302,000 additional benefits.

Stephenson County Farm Bureau accepting orders for nuts and candy

Back by popular demand the Stephenson County Farm Bureau will be accepting Terri Lynn Nuts and Candies orders on or before Oct. 13. Popular items available to order include Giant Cashews, Fancy Mammoth Pecans halves, Black Walnut pieces, Deluxe mixed nuts, fancy colossal pistachios and much more. To view our entire order list visit www.stephensoncfb.org or

the Stephenson County Farm Bureau Facebook book page. If you don't see something on our order form that you were looking for let us know. We can place some special orders. To learn more call 815-232-3186.

Carroll County Farm Bureau nuts and candies

This year Carroll County Farm Bureau is trying something new. Instead of doing preorders, we will instead order our most popular items and then have them in the office for sale until they are gone. Terri Lynn Nuts & Candies that will be available for purchase will include:

- Giant Cashews 1lb bag: \$13 member price
- Black Walnut Pieces 1lb bag: \$17 member price
- Fancy Mammoth Pecan halves 1lb bag: \$15 member price
- Milk Chocolate Pecan Clusters 9 oz box: \$12 member price
- Milk Chocolate Malted Milk Balls 1lb bag: \$11 member price
- Sweet and Salty Trail Mix 1lb bag: \$11 member price

If you have a special request, please reach out to our office on or before Oct. 13 at 815-244-3001.

Harvest photos

With harvest underway we want to see your harvest photos. Send us your photos to our county Farm Bureau Facebook page or via email to carrollcfb@gmail.com or manager@stephensoncfb.org. Each photo you submit will award you one raffle entry to win a gift card for a Casey's pizza.



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Mary Berryhill, Mary Jean Hammer and Terry O'Malley of No Worries will play on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 1:30 p.m. at the "Young at Heart" community gathering.

Scales Mound UMC 'Young at Heart' to feature 'No Worries' band

Scales Mound United Methodist Church (319 Mason St.) is offering another "Young at Heart" community gathering on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 1:30 p.m. This month's

meeting features "No Worries", an upbeat Bluegrass Gospel band with Mary Berryhill, Mary Jean Hammer and Terry O'Malley. They will treat the audience to some

energetic oldies but goodies, and maybe even a few musical surprises! Refreshments will follow their performance.

Anyone who is "young at heart" is welcome to

join. There is no charge for this event. Please contact Pastor Libby Rutherford at rutherford.libby@gmail.com or 815-990-1428 with any questions.

Seasonal employment opportunities available in District 2

The Illinois Department of Transportation District 2 continues to take applications for seasonal positions to help with snow and ice removal in Winnebago, Boone, Ogle, Rock Island, Henry, Whiteside, Lee, Carroll, Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties. Applications for Winter Salaried Highway Maintainers must be completed online at <https://illinois.jobs2web.com> by Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Both Snow Removal Operators and Winter Salaried Highway Maintainers are being hired to help maintain more than 45,000 lane miles statewide during winter. They are required to promptly respond to emerging weather situations for snow and ice removal and be ready to work in emergency conditions at any time, including nights, weekends and holidays. The starting salary is \$4,850 monthly.

Applicants must have a valid commercial driver's li-

cense and email address and undergo a criminal background check. A pre-employment physical and vision test as well as drug and alcohol screening are required. A new law provides for veterans' preference for these seasonal positions and veterans are encouraged to apply.

Applicants will be selected based on availability, job-related experience and qualifications. For additional information, including positions

available and the application process in specific districts, details on pay and potential for benefits, please click here.

For questions or more information about these job opportunities, call 815-284-5404. A short, animated video on the snowbird program is available on IDOT's YouTube channel.

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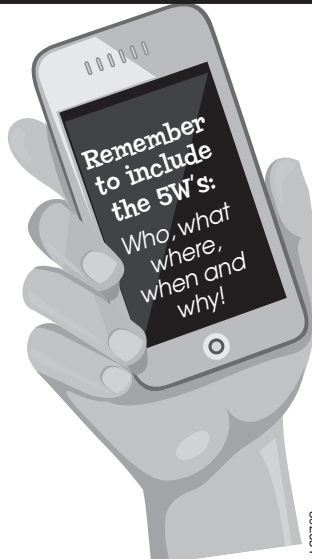
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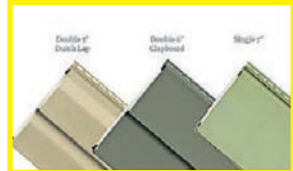
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Freeport Police Department awarded Illinois Department of Transportation Traffic Enforcement Grant

The Freeport Police Department announced it has been awarded a Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant to conduct additional traffic safety enforcement efforts. The STEP program focuses on high-visibility enforcement and strategies aimed at saving lives and preventing injuries by reducing traffic crashes. During the STEP grant year, which runs from Oct. 1, 2023, through Sept. 30, 2024, the Freeport Police Department will conduct additional enforcement efforts to supplement mandatory and optional campaign enforcement dates scheduled during some of the deadliest times of the year. The additional efforts will focus on the leading contributory causes of crashes: speeding, impaired driving, electronic device use, failure to yield and disobeying traffic control signals, as well as occupant restraint violations. The STEP grant is funded by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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Pierre Fauchard: Proving the existence of root pulp to save teeth

Inside your tooth, beneath the enamel and a hard layer called the dentin, is soft tissue called the pulp. The pulp contains blood vessels, nerves, and connective tissues. When the pulp of the tooth becomes inflamed and is left untreated, it can become infected, or abscessed, and die. While this is common knowledge today, when surgical dentist Dr. Pierre Fauchard proved the existence of the root pulp within each tooth in 1723 it was a scientific breakthrough.

For much of history dentistry was barbaric. Lack of basic knowledge about oral anatomy, living tissues and what causes oral diseases meant most people believed in the superstition that tiny worms invaded the mouth and caused teeth to rot. Practicing dentistry required no specific education and treatment mainly consisted of extracting teeth rather than trying to preserve them. As anesthesia was not yet invented, treatment



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Illinois Licensed General Dentist

standards were not set, the need for sterilization was not understood and dental extraction instruments were not yet invented, this was often a crude and painful experience that could lead to infection and death. Pierre Fauchard was instrumental in changing dentistry into the

science-based profession it is today.

Fauchard was only 15 years old when he joined the French Navy. During the three years that he served as a ship doctor he witnessed the incredible amount of damage that Scurvy, a condition caused by a severe lack of vitamin C, caused to his fellow sailor's oral health. Upon leaving the Navy, he set up a dental practice at the University of Angers Hospital, two-hundred miles southwest of Paris. Fauchard considered teeth important for health, speech, and

appearance. He believed in saving teeth, not extracting them. He studied diligently and sought out colleagues who were like minded in wanting to improve dental health. He began to refine current dental techniques and develop new ones. His work with microscopes helped him demonstrate that acids derived from sugar, not tiny worms, were the cause of tooth decay. He developed his own instruments to remove decay and created filling materials. While it was common practice for a dentist to sit on the

patient's chest with their head between his legs during dental procedures, Fauchard provided his patients with a comfortable horsehair chair. Rather than facing the patient and blocking the light necessary to clearly visualize the oral cavity, Fauchard taught the value of working from behind to his colleagues.

In 1718 Fauchard moved to Paris. There he discovered that the world's

leading medical libraries had very few textbooks on dentistry and the ones that did exist were of poor quality. Fauchard believed that education was the only way to fight superstition, misinformation, and the dangerous and deceptive "treatments" being touted by barbers and others who called themselves dentists. So, he set about to write a

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We have been hoping for rain, and we got it. It really came at a difficult time for harvest. Weather is like that—some people are happy and others not so happy. It also brought some slightly warmer temperatures. This week we continue to feature fall recipes. Enjoy cooking.

Green Salad with Apples and Cranberries

Looking for some different lettuce salads? This one uses green leafy lettuce with some crisp apples and cranberries. Add in some nuts and cheese and you have a fall salad. It

will go great with soup and casseroles.

- 5 C. spring green salad blend
- 1 large Granny Smith apple
- 1/3 C. dried cranberries
- 1/4 C. pecans or pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 C. feta cheese
- Dressing
- 1/4 C. virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 T. apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 t. honey
- 3 t. Dijon mustard
- 1/4 t. fine sea salt
- Pepper to taste

Toast pecans or pumpkin seeds over medium heat in a skillet, stirring frequently, until they are warm throughout. Transfer to a bowl to cool. Make the dressing in a cup or jar; whisk the olive oil, vinegar, honey, mustard and salt with pepper. Place the greens in a large salad bowl, chop up the apples into bite size pieces and add to greens. Add the cranberries and toasted nuts. Mix all together. Crumble the cheese and spread over salad.

Drizzle the dressing to lightly coat leaves. Toss to mix. Serve immediately.

Bacon-Potato Corn Chowder

It is getting colder, so soups are sounding really good. This soup is easy and hearty. Serve it with salad and bread for a great weeknight meal.

- 1/2 lb. bacon strips, chopped
- 1/4 C. onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 lbs Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and cubed (about 5 medium)

1 can (14 3/4 oz.) creamed corn

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper

In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, stirring occasionally. Remove with slotted spoon and drain on paper towels. Discard all but 1 1/2 t. of the drippings. Add onions and cook and stir over medium – high heat until tender. Place

potatoes in a large sauce pan and cover them with water; bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium and cook, uncovered 10 to 15 minutes or until tender. Drain water from potatoes, reserving 1 C. potato water.

Add corn, milk, salt, pepper, potatoes and reserved potato water to saucepan; heat through. Stir in bacon and onion and simmer for 15 minutes.

Oktoberfest Casserole

This is a classic fall casserole. It has some potatoes, brats, cheese, and some crunch. Enjoy this potpourri of fall flavors.

2 cans (10 1/2 oz. each) cheddar cheese soup, undiluted

- 1 C. chicken broth
- 1 C. sour cream

1 pkg (32 oz.) frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed

1 can (14 oz.) sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained

2 C. shredded cheddar cheese

1 pkg. (14 oz.) brats, chopped

2 C. pretzel pieces

Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl, whisk soup, broth and sour cream until combined. Stir in potatoes, sauerkraut, cheese, and chopped brats. Transfer to a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Cover with foil and bake for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake for 30 minutes. Top with pretzel pieces. Bake until bubbly and heated through, 12 to 15 minutes longer. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Chicken and Swiss Casserole

Generally, a casserole with Swiss Cheese will be paired with ham. This casserole gives the cheese a different taste with ham. Using a rotisserie chicken makes it easy for a simple weeknight meal. You can make it in the morning and pop it in the oven for a meal for dinner.

5 1/2 C. uncooked egg noodles (1/2 lb.)

- 3 T. olive oil
- 3 shallots, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/3 C. flour
- 2 C. chicken broth
- 3/4 C. milk

- 2 2/3 t. dried thyme
- 3/4 t. grated lemon zest
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 t. nutmeg
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 5 C. rotisserie chicken
- 1 1/2 C. frozen peas
- 3 C. shredded Swiss cheese
- 3/4 C. breadcrumbs
- 2 T. melted butter

Preheat the oven to 350. Cook noodles according to package directions; drain. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add shallots and garlic; cook and stir 45 seconds. Stir in flour; cook and stir 1 minute. Add broth, milk, thyme, lemon zest, salt, nutmeg, and pepper. Stir in chicken and peas, heat through. Stir in noodles and cheese. Transfer to a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. In a small bowl, mix breadcrumbs and butter; sprinkle over top. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until top is browned.

Pumpkin Bread

It is October and pumpkins are everywhere. Try this delicious pumpkin bread fit for the season. The next two recipes use canned pumpkin. Be sure to use the canned pumpkin and not the pumpkin pie pumpkin in the can. It makes a big difference.

- 1 2/3 C. flour
- 1 1/2 C. sugar
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 3/4 t. salt
- 1/2 t. baking powder
- 1/2 t. nutmeg
- 1/4 t. cloves
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- 1 C. canned pumpkin
- 1/2 C. canola oil
- 1/2 C. water
- 1/2 C. chopped nuts
- 1/2 C. raisins, optional

Preheat the oven to 350. Combine the flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon, salt, baking powder, nutmeg, and cloves in a large bowl. Whisk together the eggs, pumpkin, oil, and water in another bowl. Stir the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in nuts and if desired, raisins. Pour into a greased 9 x 5 loaf pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean., 65 to 70 minutes. Cool in pan for 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack.

Magic Pumpkin Buckle

Continuing with the pumpkin theme, this dessert has made the rounds before under different names. Enjoy a great fall dessert.

- 1/2 C. butter, melted
- 1 C. flour
- 1 C. sugar
- 4 t. baking powder
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1 C. milk
- 1 t. vanilla

Filling

- 3 C. canned pumpkin
- 1 C. evaporated milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 C. sugar
- 1/2 C. packed brown sugar
- 1 T. flour
- 1 t. cinnamon 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 t. ground ginger
- 1/4 t. cloves
- 1/4 t. nutmeg

Topping

- 1 T. butter
- 1 T. sugar

Preheat oven to 350. Pour butter into a 9 x 13 baking dish; set aside. In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Stir in milk and vanilla until smooth. Pour into prepared pan. In a large bowl, beat the pumpkin, evaporated milk, and eggs. Combine the remaining filling ingredients; add to pumpkin mixture. Pour over the crust mixture and DO NOT STIR. Dot with butter and sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 350 for 55 to 60 minutes or until knife inserted in the center comes out clean and the top is golden brown.

Final Thoughts

Our Homecoming was a very damp one; the next week wasn't much better. Le-Win had its first band concert of the season. The sixth graders haven't been playing very long, but I heard they did very well. I can't wait to see how they progress by next spring.

Volleyball is in its last week and playoffs start. Football is also winding down. Boy this fall has gone fast. I can't believe that October is half over. It is time to think about Thanksgiving. If you have some fall 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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- ANALGESIA
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- BREATH
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- CLEANING
- CROWN
- FLUORIDE
- HYGIENIST
- PARTIAL
- PLAQUE
- ROOT
- SEDATION
- STAINS
- TARTAR
- TOOTH

CLUES ACROSS

1. A device to disengage without a key
5. Subdivision
8. Network of nerves
12. Lounge chair
14. Ocean
15. C. European river
16. Bowl-shaped cavity
18. ___ Caesar, comedian
19. Lyric poems
20. Tia's sister
21. A way to develop
22. Cows collectively
23. Areas close by
26. Slightly disreputable
30. Made a mistake
31. One who cites
32. Food stall: ___ pai dong
33. Narrow valley between hills
34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo
39. More (Spanish)
42. Classroom implements
44. Cognizant of
46. One who tells on others
47. Free from slavery
49. Thick piece of something
50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
51. Removed entirely
56. Late rocker Turner
57. Appreciated
58. Observation expedition
59. Opposite of subtracts
60. Unit of work
61. Wreckage on the sea bed
62. Affirmative! (slang)
63. Witness
64. River in England

CLUES DOWN

1. A dissenting clique
2. Japanese city
3. Spiritual leader
4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
5. Musical term
6. Ruled over

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7. Fortified wine
8. First year player
9. Moved in a circular way
10. Adolescents
11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
17. Bring up
24. Factual written account (abbr.)
25. Having three sides
26. Annoy
27. Hustle
28. American WW2 leader
29. Stale atmosphere
35. US Treasury
36. Sound unit
37. They ___
38. Soviet Socialist Republic
40. Places to play video games
41. Medical event
42. When you hope to arrive
43. Fixed prices
44. Popular Boston song
45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
47. Omit when speaking
48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
49. Stick around
52. From a distance
53. Heroic tale
54. Amounts of time
55. Eat



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THE OFFICE OF THE JO DAVIESS COUNTY RECORDED, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES 43' 06" EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AND NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 253.65 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 39' 08" WEST, ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 743.30 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 06' 32" WEST, ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 133.41 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 81 DEGREES 17' 43" WEST, ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 108.39 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 19' 44" WEST, ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 393.30 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 78 DEGREES 48' 40" WEST, 1240.95 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 24' 28" WEST, 677.67 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 32' 50" EAST, 1237.64 FEET; THENCE NORTH 57 DEGREES 30' 10" EAST, 119.13 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AT A CORNER OF SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY; THENCE NORTH 09 DEGREES 34' 38" EAST ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 684.29 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 02' 24" WEST; ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 214.65 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 47 DEGREES 05' 04" EAST, ALONG SAID NIBOT LIBNOR PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 42.11 FEET; THENCE NORTH 71 DEGREES 36' 35" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 12.34 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN GUILFORD TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED

BY PAUL G. BRASHAW, DATED AUGUST 8, 2015 Commonly known as 2895 W CORDING RD, GALENA, IL 61036 Property Index No. 08-000-147-20 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE IL-

INOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-06097 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2022 FC 67 TJSC#: 43-3654 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 FC 67 I3230235 (Published in The Scoop Today Oct. 4, 11 & 18, 2023) 444774 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS GreenState Credit Union PLAINTIFF Vs. Sonia A. Quintero f/k/a Sonia A. Bushey f/k/a Sonia A. Keleher; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC49 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 09/26/2023, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on November 16, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK 2 IN DAWSON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. PIN 18-14-32-355-013 Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 734 E Illinois St Freeport, IL 61032 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located

than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-04957. I3230573 (Published in The Shopper's Guide Oct. 11, 18 & 25, 2023) 445086

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF

Vs. Angela D. Eads; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC22

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause

on 06/13/2023, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on November 16,

2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor,

West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated

at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder

for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

A TRACT OF LAND COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE NORTH WITH THE VARIATIONS OF, AND ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 195.7 FEET; THENCE EAST WITH THE VARIATIONS OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 219.46 FEET THENCE SOUTH WITH THE VARIATIONS OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 195.7 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4), THENCE WEST WITH THE VARIATIONS OF AND ON THE SOUTH LINE, 219.46 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ONECO, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 16-03-32-100-003

Improved with Residential

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

11511 N Hulbert Rd

Winslow, IL 61089 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-02051. I3230054

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF

Vs. John Patrick Reimers a/k/a John P. Reimers; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC16

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/06/2023, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on November 16,

2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor,

West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder

for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PART OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 5 OF ROGER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 150 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT, 180 FEET; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID

LOT 50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF LOTS 1 AND 5, 180 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF A TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED BY WARRANTY DEED DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1924, EXECUTED BY JOHN HAMM, JR. AND MARY HAMM, HIS WIFE TO HENRY MEIER AND ANNA MEIER, SAID DEED FILED FOR RECORD MARCH 7, 1924, AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK "138" OF DEEDS, AT PAGE 567; THENCE WESTERLY ON AND ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF AFORESAID TRACT OF LAND, TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT OF LAND, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF AFORESAID LOT 2; THENCE WEST ON AND ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 2; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2, 163 FEET; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOTS 1 AND 2 TO A POINT 60 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 200 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE EAST ON AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 89-18-19-06-203-026

Improved with Residential

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

21 W. Empire Street Freeport, IL 61032

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which

is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION

15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-00044. I3230053

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS GreenState Credit Union PLAINTIFF

Vs. Timothy J. Davenport; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC34

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 09/26/2023, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on November 16,

2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor,

West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder

for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT FIFTEEN (15) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF GRANT'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF FREEPORT; SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 18-13-36-202-020

Improved with Single Family Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

1018 Langdon Place Freeport, IL 61032

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which

is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS GreenState Credit Union PLAINTIFF

Vs. Timothy J. Davenport; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC34

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2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor,

West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder

for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT FIFTEEN (15) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF GRANT'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF FREEPORT; SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 18-13-36-202-020

Improved with Single Family Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

1018 Langdon Place Freeport, IL 61032

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which

is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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SESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-03813. I3230591

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IN THE CIRCUIT
 COURT OF THE
 FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
 CIRCUIT
 STEPHENSON
 COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL
 ASSOCIATION
 Plaintiff,
 -v.-
 JOSHUA MCCLELLAN,
 UNKNOWN OWNERS
 AND NON-RECORD
 CLAIMANTS
 Defendant

2023 FC 11
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 8, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on November 17, 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:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT OF LAND IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, LYING EAST OF FOLEY STREET AND NORTH OF LOT TWENTY-SIX (26) OF POWELL AND WADDELL' SUBDIVISION IN THE EAST HALF (1/2) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CONVEYED BY CONRAD EDLER AND MINNIE, HIS WIFE, TO FRED EDLER, BY WARRANTY DEED, DATED MAY 4, 1895, AND RECORDED MAY 4, 1895, IN THE RECORDER'S OF-

FICE OF STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK "93" OF DEEDS, PAGE 387, REFERENCE TO WHICH DEED IS HEREBY MADE; RUNNING THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID FOLEY STREET, 42 FEET, THENCE EASTERLY ALONG A LINE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID FOLEY STREET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT THIRTY-ONE (31) IN SAID POWELL AND WADDELL'S SUBDIVISION; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT THIRTY-ONE (31) TO A POINT 50 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTHEAST-ERLY CORNER OF SAID TRACT OF LAND SO CONVEYED TO SAID FRED EDLER; THENCE SOUTH 50 FEET TO SAID NORTHEAST CORNER, THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID TRACT SO CONVEYED TO SAID FRED EDLER, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 249 N FOLEY AVE, FREEPORT, IL 61032

Property Index No. 18-13-36-229-001

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$61,853.00.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 23-095397.

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IN THE CIRCUIT
 COURT FOR THE
 FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
 CIRCUIT
 STEPHENSON COUNTY
 - FREEPORT ILLINOIS
 The Money Source Inc.
 Plaintiff,

vs.
 Anthony V. Comitz
 Defendants.

Case No. 2022FC58
 1026 South Saxby Avenue,
 Freeport, IL 61032

Judge David M. Olson
 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 13, 2022, Steven M. Stovall will on November 16, 2023, at the hour of 9:30AM at the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Part of the South East Quarter of the South West Quarter of Section 36, Township 27 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 37 of Homestead Second Subdivision of a part of the South Half of the South

West Quarter of Section 36, Township and Range aforesaid, thence East parallel with the South line of West American Street, 162.35 feet more or less, to the West line of South Saxby Avenue, thence South on and along the West line of said South Saxby Avenue, 60 feet to a point, thence West parallel with the South line of said West American Sheet, 162.35 feet, more or less, to the Southeast corner of said Lot 37, thence North on and along the East line of said Lot 37, 60 feet to the place of beginning.

Commonly known as 1026 South Saxby Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032

Parcel Number(s): 18-13-36-376-015

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property 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. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 22-027074.

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Registration is open for the biggest and best holiday 5k in Midwest: Dasher Dash! Join us on Nov. 25 at 12 p.m. to run (or walk) through the streets of downtown Rockford. The course includes scenic views of the Rock River, a sneak peek of the decorated streets throughout the Stroll on State

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this code will automatically be entered into a drawing for a Stroll on State gift basket that includes VIP access for the event. Register by Nov. 10 to guarantee your shirt size. VIPDASH registration closes on Friday, Nov. 24, 2023 at 5 p.m. Race day registration is not available.

Answers

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to dental hygiene.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 17 = T)

A. 10 12 13 18 6 19 3
Clue: Dental technique

B. 17 13 8 17 13 8
Clue: Hard, calcified deposits

C. 17 9 19 3 11 1
Clue: Part of the mouth

D. 17 9 9 17 7 23 8 11 10 7
Clue: Cleaning device

Answers: A. scaling B. tartar C. tongue D. toothbrush

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - 15 NORTH GALENA AVENUE, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF Anna M. Cheeseman, DECEASED.
23 PR 59

Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Mary Miller, 11236 Lakefield Drive, Orland Park, Illinois 60467, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Aaron Basch, Ladewig and Basch, PC, 5600 West 127th Street, Crestwood, Illinois 60418.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act III. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 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 with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before April 18, 2024, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinois-courts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinois-courts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. Aaron Basch Ladewig and Basch, PC (6299052) 5600 West 127th Street Crestwood, Illinois 60418 (708)388-0540 I3230972

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Bootiful Freeport offers Halloween fun on Oct. 28

What is scarier than zombie movies? Missing Bootiful Saturday in downtown Freeport on Saturday, Oct. 28!

The fun begins at 10 a.m. with a free movie special feature of *Hotel Transylvania: Transformia* at the Lindo Theatre, 115 S. Chicago Ave. This animated comedy is rated PG and features voices by Adam Sandler and all your favorite characters from the series are back for another great adventure.

Following the movie, children who are accompanied by

their guardians are invited to visit participating storefronts to trick-or-treat until 1:30 p.m. Dozens of stores will be decorated to welcome children of all ages to enjoy the occasion – and don't forget to vote for your favorite!

New this year, a family-fun area will be located on Stephenson Street near Jet Beauty with games activities and entertainment. Also, grab a scavenger hunt card to find all of the hidden pumpkins in store windows and return your completed card for a

chance to win prizes!

This safe, family-friendly event is a great opportunity to try out the Halloween costumes and show them off around town. In addition to trick-or-treaters, all are welcome to come and watch the parade of excited, costumed kids make their way between shops.

For more information, search Bootiful Saturday on Facebook or call the Greater Freeport Partnership at 815-233-1350.

(Right) Downtown Freeport is holding Bootiful Saturday on Oct. 28, featuring a movie, trick-or-treating at local businesses, and a family fun area. Make sure to come in costume for this one a year event!



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Do your investments match your goals?

As you go through life, you'll have various financial goals — and to achieve them, you'll need to invest. But just recognizing the need to invest is not as useful as matching specific types of accounts or investments with specific goals. How can you make these connections?

Let's look at some common goals and how they could possibly be met with appropriate accounts and investments:

- Saving for a down payment on a house — When you're saving for a down payment, you want a certain amount of money available at a certain time — so, for this goal, you won't want to take too much risk. Consequently, you might consider investing in certificates of deposit (CDs), which will pay you regular interest payments and return your principal when the CDs mature. CDs are issued in a range of maturities, from one month to 10 years. Other vehicles you might consider are money market accounts or other cash equivalents.
- Saving for a child's education — If you have children, and you'd like to help them pay for some form of higher education, you may want to consider a 529 education savings plan. Any earnings growth in a 529 plan is federally tax free, provided the withdrawals are used for qualified education expenses, and you may also receive state tax benefits. A 529 plan can be used for college, approved trade school programs, student loan repayments and some K-12 costs. And if the child you've named as a beneficiary chooses not to continue their education, and doesn't need the money in a 529 plan, you can generally switch beneficiaries to another immediate

family member.

- Saving for retirement — This is the one goal that will remain consistent throughout your working years — after all, you could spend two or even three decades in retirement, so you'll need to accumulate as many financial resources as you can to pay for those years. Fortunately, you likely have access to several good retirement-savings vehicles. If you work for a business, you might have a 401(k) plan, which offers you the chance to put away money on a tax-deferred basis. (If you have a Roth option in your 401(k), your withdrawals can be tax free, although, unlike a traditional 401(k), your contributions won't lower your taxable income.) If you work for a public school or a non-profit organization, you may be able to participate in a 403(b) plan, which is quite similar to a 401(k), and the same is true if you work for a state or local government, where you might have a 457(b) plan. And even if you invest in any of these plans, you can probably also contribute to an IRA, which gives you another chance to invest on a tax-deferred basis (or tax-free basis, if you're eligible for a Roth IRA). Try to take full advantage of whatever retirement plans are available to you.

Here's one final point to keep in mind: While some investments and accounts are appropriate for certain goals, they may not necessarily be suitable for your individual situation — so keep all your options in mind and take the steps that are right for you.

This article was written by Edward Jones.

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

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 WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST F
 Plaintiff,
 -v.-
 ANNETTE L. ROWAN et al
 Defendant

2022 FC 67
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 18, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on October 31, 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 2895 W CORDING RD, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 08-000-147-20

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.

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

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
 U.S. Bank National Association
 PLAINTIFF

Vs.
 John Patrick Reimers a/k/a John P. Reimers; et. al.
 DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC16
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/06/2023, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on November 16, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 89-18-19-06-203-026 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

21 W. Empire Street Freeport, IL 61032

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser

not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-00044. I3230053

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
 U.S. Bank National Association
 PLAINTIFF

Vs.
 Angela D. Eads; et. al.
 DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC22
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale

entered in the above cause on 06/13/2023, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on November 16, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 16-03-32-100-003 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 11511 N Hulbert Rd Winslow, IL 61089

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE LAW.
 For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-02051. I3230054

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
 GreenState Credit Union
 PLAINTIFF

Vs.
 Sonia A. Quintero f/k/a Sonia A. Bushey f/k/a Sonia A. Keleher; et. al.

DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC49

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 09/26/2023, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on November 16, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 18-14-32-355-013 Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 734 E Illinois St Freeport, IL 61032

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale

shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-04957. I3230573

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
 GreenState Credit Union
 PLAINTIFF

Vs.
 Timothy J. Davenport; et. al.
 DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC34

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 09/26/2023, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on November 16, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 18-13-36-202-020 Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1018 Manlyton Place Freeport, IL 61032

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction

Report: Illinois' educator workforce weathered pandemic, but persistent issues remain

By Peter Hancock and Andrew Adams
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The supply of education professionals continues to improve in Illinois despite strains brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, but persistent issues remain in certain regions of the state and within some teaching fields. That's the conclusion of a new report by the education advocacy group Advance Illinois, which was instrumental in the 2017 passage of the state's Evidence-Based Funding formula that overhauled the way state funds public education. "This is really critical for children," Advance Illinois president Robin Steans said in

an interview for the Capitol Cast podcast. "There's literally nothing more important that we do as a state than to make sure that we've got effective teachers in every classroom, in front of every child. And if we get that wrong, if there are gaps, if there is turn, if there is attrition, all of those things, negatively affect kids."

Even before the pandemic, Illinois was experiencing shortages of teachers, administrators and paraprofessionals, although the shortages weren't distributed evenly across the state or across all teaching areas. Then, as schools closed

during the pandemic and later went to hybrid systems of remote and classroom teaching, there were concerns that even more educators would opt to leave the profession altogether.

However, the Advance Illinois report suggests the post-pandemic workforce remains largely intact. It shows the number of teachers, assistant principals and paraprofessionals working in Illinois schools has been growing steadily since well before the pandemic and is now at its highest level in the past decade. And that growth has been seen in all regions of the

state and across districts of different funding levels.

That finding is also reflected in the most recent state report card from the Illinois State Board of Education, which shows the statewide average student-teacher ratio was 17:1 at the elementary level, a 10.6 percent improvement from five years ago. At the high school level, the student-teacher ratio was 18:1, an 8.4 percent improvement from 5 years ago.

Teachers also increasingly don't look like the students they teach. Fifteen years ago, there was a 31 percentage point gap between the percentage of

white teachers compared to the percentage of white students. Last year, that number had risen to a 35-point gap, meaning that the state's student population is diversifying at a faster rate than the teacher workforce.

This, according to Advance Illinois, can have detrimental effects—academic and otherwise—on students of color.

But those are statewide averages and they may not reflect conditions in all classrooms and in all subject areas.

According to the Advance Illinois report, nearly half of all school districts in Illinois

reported having at least one teacher vacancy during the 2022-2023 school year, with the most acute shortages occurring in urban and remote rural districts. Urban and remote rural districts also had the highest concentrations of vacant special education teacher positions and paraprofessional positions.

The report also suggests that since the pandemic, districts have had particular trouble finding enough substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

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• Root pulp

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comprehensive "teaching" book on the practice of dentistry.

Fauchard was a humble man who understood the power of collaboration. He secured no less than nineteen physicians and surgeons for their contributions, opinions, review, and approval throughout his entire process of researching, writing, and editing his landmark book entitled *Le chirurgien dentiste (The Surgeon Dentist)*, published in 1728.

The Surgeon Dentist was the first scientific text that defined a systematic, scientific, and comprehensive system for caring and treating teeth. The book included full descriptions of the anatomy of teeth, diagnosis and treating oral disease, details about dental instruments and how to best utilize them, classification of over 100 dental diseases, case studies and illustrations, a description of a root canal detailing removal of diseased pulp, cleaning and obturation, revolutionary techniques to create and place dentures

and other prosthetics, and surgical removal of tumors and lesions of the oral cavity. Instruments and techniques to remove tartar from teeth and other ways to help prevent dental disease were also introduced. News of the book spread quickly and soon became the foundation for dental education.

While the techniques to perform a root canal have improved with modern technology, we can thank Pierre Fauchard for saving millions of teeth from needless extraction by root canal treatment that can remove the infected pulp, disinfect, fill, seal, and save the natural tooth.

Continued from previous page thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE

WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-03813. 13230591

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT ILLINOIS
The Money Source Inc.
Plaintiff,

vs.
Anthony V. Comitz
Defendants.
Case No. 2022FC58

1026 South Saxby Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032
Judge David M. Olson

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 13, 2022, Steven M. Stovall will on November 16, 2023, at the hour of 9:30AM at the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 1026 South Saxby Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032
Parcel Number(s): 18-13-36-376-015

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property 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. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 22-027074.

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

ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

-v.-
JOSHUA MCCLELLAN,
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant

2023 FC 11
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on

August 8, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on November 17, 2023, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave. (West Door), FREEPORT, IL, 61032, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 249 N FOLEY AVE, FREEPORT, IL 61032
Property Index No. 18-13-36-229-001

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$61,853.00.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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

For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 23-095397. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

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Attorney ARDC No. 6306439
Case Number: 2023 FC 11
TJSC#: 43-3285

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

For anyone looking for a fun, safe and not-too-scary Halloween celebration for youngsters, look no further. Discovery Center is hosting Spooky Science - the best party in Rockford for children - on Friday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Spooky Science invites families to come in costume and bring their Trick-or-Treat bag for this not-so-scary evening of spooktacular high-jinks. Brew gooey glowing slime, build Frankenstein's monster, test a spider web's strength, enjoy a live science demonstration, and delight in more Halloween activities, crafts and

games. Take home stickers, tattoos, bouncy balls, and other treats. It will be skele-tons of fun!

Admission is \$12 per person for the general public; \$3 per person for members; free for all children ages one and younger. Admission includes all activities. Advance reservations can be made online at <https://bit.ly/SpookyScience2023> or by phone at 815-963-6769. Admission can also be purchased the night of the event. Spooky Science is sponsored by Sjostrom & Sons, Illinois Bank & Trust, Rockford FiberCity and LaLoggia Investment Group.

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"I think that tracks with some of what we're seeing in other sectors of the economy," Steans said. "I think the people who are more on the minimum wage end of the spectrum, that's just been more of a crunch. And I think part of the response to that is going to need to be to increase compensation and other kinds of work-related benefits."

The report notes that during the pandemic, schools in Illinois benefited greatly from federal disaster relief money, known as Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds, or ESSER. According to ISBE, Illinois schools have received nearly \$8 billion in ESSER funds since the pandemic began, and more than a third of that money—\$1.7 billion—was used to fund salaries. But those funds are scheduled to expire next year, which means school districts will face some difficult budget decisions if they want to maintain all of the positions they currently fund.

Steans said she believes schools should be able to ab-

sorb the loss of that federal funding as long as the state continues to fully fund the Evidence-Based Funding formula, the 2017 law that calls for \$350 million in additional school funding each year, with the bulk of that money going to the least-funded districts. "It's really hard for me to believe that all of those dollars are going to go away, and we're not going to see some contraction," Steans said. But it's possible that will be minimal. I think we're really just going to have to wait and see."

Rep. Carol Ammons, D-Urbana, said Advance Illinois' research is a tool for lawmakers and the organization often acts as a go-to think tank on education issues for policymakers. "It really does provide us with the fodder of data so that we can see a real picture of what's going on post-policy," she said. "We pass a law, they look at it. We me as a lawmaker, that's critical."

Ammons was in Chicago on Thursday to speak at the

launch event for the nonprofit's new report at a banquet sponsored by the City Club of Chicago, which regularly attracts prominent policy advocates and business leaders. Thursday's event drew an influential mix of government officials, including several members of the Pritzker administration, four state lawmakers and former Senate President John Cullerton, who now sits on Advance Illinois' board of directors.

In a panel discussion between Ammons, ISBE Chief of Staff Kimako Patterson and 2023 Teacher of the Year Briana Morales, the three focused on inequities as a driving force for reform. "When we talk about a teacher shortage, we're talking about an equity issue...," Patterson said. "It is imperative that we continue to focus the support where it's needed."

Ammons later echoed that sentiment, saying that paraprofessional and principal workforce development are important topics when considering how to address educational inequity.



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