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5K for Karli set for Sunday, Oct. 29

Halloween is the theme for the upcoming benefit for Karli Weltzin and family! Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 29 and enjoy both a silent and live auction and a Halloween Fun Run/Walk at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton.

Stockton native Karli (Dower) Weltzin was diagnosed in January with Invasive Ductal Carcinoma, triple negative grade three - the most aggressive and resistant form of breast cancer. Karli, age 38, and her husband Josh have two young children: Mia (four) and Lane (two). Because of ongoing therapies and lost time at work, the Weltzin family could use a little financial assistance.

Organized by the Stockton H.S. Servant Leaders and Holy Cross, the Fun Run/Walk

will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the church parking lot with registration and payment starting at 12 p.m. The cost for the run will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids under 12. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Doors will open at 1 p.m. for silent auction bidding and viewing of the live auction items. Live auction begins at 2 p.m. with bids being taken by professional auctioneer, Terry Dieken. There will be no fee to bid, and refreshments - *desserts by Holy Cross's finest bakers* - will be served for free. A Halloween coloring table and candy will be available for kids.

The Servant Leaders group has set a goal of raising \$5000 for Karli, so please bring plenty of cash and your checkbook (no credit cards or Venmo payments will be taken). Stockton

and its surrounding communities have been very generous with donations coming from the following individuals, families, and businesses: Andy and Katie McPeck Family, Ann Harnish Daycare, Antiques Etc, Apple River State Bank, Artful Exchange, Barkau Automotive, Bauer & McCoy, Becky Cahill, The Bottle Shed, Canyon Camp, Citgo, Citizens State Bank, Coxy's Liquor, Dave & Kerri Castellanos, DeSoto House, Diane Bradley, Doug Drane, Edward Brog, The Finn Family, The Flash Newspaper, Fritz's Nursery, Glad Rags, Guenzler Family Beef Farm, Hartzell's IGA, Honeybee Boutiques, Jay Bauer, Jim Sullivan Realty, JJ&Freddies, Joyce Guenzler, Keller Williams Realty, Laurie Gothard-Zueger, Lisa Guenzler-Sisti, Mick Schubert

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on the Stockton Servant Leadership Facebook page. To give a last-minute donation or to ask any questions, please contact one of the following Servant Leaders: Kyla Arnold, Masyn Cahill, Jared Dvorak, Braden Freese, Bennett Graves, Kyle Haas, Lincoln Legel, Gracie Raab, Ashlyn Schubert, Ethan Steien or mentor, Maggie Guenzler at 815-858-5040.

Annual Christmas Walk announced

The Stockton Chamber of Commerce is excited to present the 35th Annual Christmas Walk that will take place in Downtown Stockton, and the surrounding businesses on Dec. 2.

During this holiday celebration Santa and Mrs. Claus will have story hour from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Stockton Public Library sponsored by the Stockton Public Library and Allure Stockton Health. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. guests visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Stockton Public Library. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. participating businesses and vendors at Scouts Hall- 165 S. Main St, Stockton, will be open. Silkbug Stables will be at Harvest Baptist Church with Horse Drawn Wagon rides from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

When arriving downtown or at any participating business, receive a stamp card.

Fill out the stamp card throughout the day and return them to the decorated mailbox (location to be announced). All returned stamp cards will be entered in a drawing for prizes. The winner will be announced on the Stockton Chamber of Commerce Facebook page and will be contacted by phone.

On Friday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. Jack Frost and Miss Merry Christmas will be crowned alongside the lighting of the new Christmas tree at the grass area between Stockton ACE Hardware and the Corner Tap.

Visit the Stockton Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for more details at www.facebook.com/stocktonchamber.

For more information about this and other Chamber events, contact the Stockton Chamber of Commerce at info@stocktonil.com.



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Join the Stockton Servant Leadership team and Stockton community as they come together to support Karli (Dower) Weltzin and family on Sunday, Oct. 29. A Fun Run/Walk at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton and silent auction will be held to raise money for Weltzin who was diagnosed with breast cancer in January.

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Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, Oct. 29 for Reformation Sunday Worship Service. Communion will be served at this service. This will be the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost. The reading will be from Matthew 22:34-46.

On Wednesday, Nov. 1 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

RUTH KLECKNER

Ruth Kleckner passed away peacefully with her family on Oct. 16, 2023, after a short illness. Ruth was born at home on a farm in Lafayette County, Wisconsin on Jan. 15, 1936. She was the daughter of Lester Broge and Margaret Tieman Broge. She graduated from South Wayne High School in 1954. Ruth married Richard Kleckner at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena on June 15, 1957, and they were married for 55 years. They raised five children in Lena before moving to Freeport in 2003.

Ruth worked at Kolb Lena Cheese and at Le-Win High School before settling into a long career at Economy Fire & Casualty in Freeport, retiring from there in 1998. Ruth possessed a cheerful disposition and sharp sense of humor. She was a favorite of her many nieces and nephews. She was a faithful fan of any team that involved her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed reading, keeping up with news and was

website. Please visit good-shepherdlena.org or and Facebook 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 Reformation Sunday and Confirmation on Oct. 29. Five youths will affirm their baptisms at this service.

We would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who helped with the October Grace Meal: Pennie Miller, Paige McPeck, Rachel



especially fond of cardinals.

Surviving are her five children, Kevin (Dina) Kleckner of Freeport, Randy Kleckner of Lena, Wanda (Ed) Gast of Lena, Julie (Rick) Rinderman of Pearl City and Jim (Karen) Kleckner of Freeport. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Surviving also are sisters-in-law Vivian Otte of Lena and Nancy Broge of Cedarville. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Richard, and siblings Glenn Broge, Donald Broge and Glenda Yeager and granddaughter Kirsten Kleckner.

The funeral service was held on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, IL. Burial followed the ceremony at Lena Burial Park with a reception at St. John's.

McPeck, Kamden McPeck, Lucy Voss, DeAnne Voss, Nicole Sheffey, Welden Snetcher, Mike Schmidt, Chloe Jean Schmidt, Eli Pickard, Brenda Forth, Jamie Freier, Sarah McPeck, Griffin McPeck, Marcia Haugh, Lincoln Voss, Hudson Voss, Wade Sheffey, George Snetcher, Theresa

Snetcher, Ethan Bremmer, Eli Bremmer, Max Freier, Deb Bremmer, Ashlee Foley, Elmer Heid, Amy Duncan, Brooklyn Schreck, Abbie Heid, Jen Pickard, Nora Heid, Reid Daves, Hanna Pecoraro, Ian Lott. Also thank you to Marion Eden, Kris Eden, Lois Hunsaker, DJ Scott, Marge

Roiland, Angie Niehaus and Kyle Niehaus. We served 254 meals with 31 deliveries and 223 curbside pick-ups. The November Grace Meal is Nov. 19 and will include turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry, and dessert. Reservations are due to the church office by 5

p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16. A major source of funds for the meal comes from a generous grant from the Foundation of Northwest Illinois.

The Healthy Wolves group will be packing backpacks on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m.

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Obituaries

PAULINE FELTMEYER

Pauline June Feltmeyer, age 100, of Stockton, IL passed away Monday, Oct. 16, 2023, at her home. She was born at home in Warren, IL on Feb. 2, 1923, to the late Joseph and Lottie (Sigafus) McKee. Pauline married Nolan Feltmeyer on Oct. 9, 1943, in Galena, IL. Nolan passed away Dec. 2, 1996.

Pauline was a graduate of Warren High School and attended Calvary Church of Stockton. In her early years, she had worked at the Army Depot in Savanna and Dekalb Corn Plant in Warren. She then raised a family and helped her husband on the farm and often



milked the cows. After retirement, Pauline and Nolan enjoyed vacationing once a year in TX. She loved puzzles, road

trips, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Penny (Steve) Oppold of Pearl City; her sons, Jerry (Mary) Feltmeyer of Stockton and Dale (Linda) Feltmeyer of Harrison, AR; her grandchildren, Tim (Diane) Feltmeyer of Erie, PA, Tina (Tim) Buske of Stock-

KATHRYNE KEEFFER-WARTHEN

Kathryne "Katie" Keffer-Warthen, 97, of Lena, IL passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, Oct. 16, 2023, surrounded by her family. Katie was born on March 31, 1926, to John and Gladys Mantzke in Lena, IL. She was a 1944 graduate of Lena High School. Katie married Gale Keffer in 1944. Katie worked alongside her father, John, at the Lena Tavern. In 1956, Gale and Katie bought the tavern from John. Many from the area knew the tavern as Red and Katie's. Gale preceded her in death in 1983. Katie married LaVerne "Coop" Harnish, and then



married Harry Warthen, they both preceded her in death. Katie was an avid golfer, she even scored a Hole-in-One on April 25, 1995, on Hole 6 at the Lena Golf Course. She loved playing cards and traveling to places like Hawaii and Europe, and she especially enjoyed wintering in Harlingen, TX, Pembroke Pines, FL, and Green Valley, AZ.

Katie is survived by her son John (Jeanette) Keffer of Lena, grandchildren; Brian (Elaine) Keffer, Carla (Bar-

ry) Homan, Dana (Christin) Keffer, all of Lena, Allison (Brandon) James and Christine Keffer, both of Madison, WI, great-grandchildren; John (Bobbi) Keffer, Katie (Colton) Russell, Madi (Blake) Becke, Jake (Kati Eden) Homan, Peyton (Abby Roxby) Keffer, Bryant (Autumn Reeves) Keffer, Gavin (Marianna Brenner) Keffer, and Olivia (Hunter Vick) Keffer, great-great grandchildren; Everly, Ruby, and Sawyer Keffer, Briggs and Briar Becke, and Axl Russell, daughter-in-law; Lou Keffer of Madison, WI, sister-in-law Judy Mantzke of Freeport, IL, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded

8 sisters, Jean Vanoski, Retta Eicholtz, Mae Harris, Alberta Maddrell, Gladys Hale, Viola Pax, Edna Geilenfelt and Eileen McKee (infancy); and her grandchildren, Jessica McPeck and Cory McPeck.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Laura Noll, Debbie Jordan and Daely Tippet for their loving care.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at Calvary Church of Stockton. Interment took place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

in death by her parents, husbands Gale, Coop, and Harry, her son Tim Keffer, grandson Brad Keffer, sister Jean Dittmar and her brother Donald Mantzke.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at St. John's Lutheran Church. A visitation was held on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at St. John's Lutheran Church. Pastor Jason Shaw and Pastor Rick Badger co-officiated the services. Burial was at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leanonfh.com.

RANDY KOEHN

Randy "Roy" Koehn, 63, of Apple River, IL passed away on Oct. 11, 2023, at his home. He was born on July 12, 1960, in Hazel Green, WI to Harlan and Edith (Bourquin) Koehn. Roy was a 1978 graduate of Warren High School. He was a truck driver for various companies throughout the area.

Roy was a huge sports fa-



natic. He was an avid Raiders fan, enjoyed watching NASCAR and college football. Roy could shoot the bull with anyone, he was a friend to everyone, and was a

regular at Farmer's Exchange in Warren, and the bars downtown.

Roy is survived by his brother Steve Koehn of Scales Mound, IL and his sister Mary Koehn of Freeport, IL, numerous nieces and nephews, and many close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Terry Koehn, Tim Koehn and Jamie

Koehn, and his nephew Kirk Koehn.

Per Roy's request no formal services will be held. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pecatonica Tap House in Warren, IL. Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial will take place at West Ella Cemetery in Gratiot, WI.

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The family of Curt Baumgartner would like to express our heartfelt thanks to family and friends for the overwhelming love and support since Curt's passing. Thank you for the cards, flowers, food and memorial contributions. Thank you Pastor Roger Bronkema for the fabulous service and comforting words. To the luncheon ladies and gents who made sure things ran smoothly, Thank You!

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Assault weapon registration period remains open as Illinois State Police seeks further input

Agency agreed to further hearings at request of state rulemaking committee

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Those who own certain guns and other items now prohibited under the state's assault weapons ban still need to register them with the Illinois State Police. But ISP says it plans to hold additional public hearings about that process and may refine the rules before they become permanent next year.

"We are happy to address all questions and comments submitted to ISP and will be doing so in the weeks to come," ISP said in a statement last week.

Illinois lawmakers passed an assault weapons ban during a special lame duck session in January. It came in response to a mass shooting at an Independence Day parade last summer in Highland Park.

The law prohibits the purchase, sale, possession or manufacture of a long list of firearms defined as "assault weapons" as well as large-capacity magazines and certain kinds of ammunition.

But the law also says that people who already owned those items before it took effect are allowed to keep them, as long as they register them with the state police



CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS FILE PHOTO BY JERRY NOWICKI Rock Valley Publishing
An Illinois State Police squad car is pictured in a file photo. This week the agency agreed to hold more public hearings on its assault weapon registration process, although the existing emergency rules governing the process will remain in effect.

before Jan. 1, 2024.

Last month, ISP published temporary rules spelling out how people were to register those items and it began taking online registrations starting Oct. 1.

As of Oct. 18, according to ISP, 1,050 individuals had completed disclosures through that system. Those

included disclosures of 2,060 firearms, 1,125 accessories and 17 ammunition supplies.

But many more people have filed questions and comments, saying the rules are vague and hard to understand and that it's not clear which items are covered by the rules, and which are not.

Another source of confusion is the fact that the entire law is under challenge in federal court. Although one judge in the Southern District of Illinois ruled the law is unconstitutional, two other judges in the Northern District ruled that it is not. All of those cases are now pending before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, which has not yet issued a ruling.

Those temporary rules came up for review Oct. 17 at the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, or JCAR, a bipartisan panel that exercises oversight of the administrative rulemaking process.

"As a committee, we've received many, many questions on this topic as members of JCAR, and we could really literally be here all day and night going through each one of these questions, seeking answers from the Illinois State Police," JCAR co-chair Rep. Ryan Spain, R-Peoria, said during the meeting.

Republicans on the panel made a motion to file a formal objection to the temporary rules, a move that would not have prevented them from remaining in effect but would have required ISP to file a formal response.

But that motion failed on a tied 5-5 vote.

But members of JCAR did unanimously agree to another motion calling on ISP to provide answers to all the questions that the committee has received from the public and to hold additional public hearings on the proposed rules—suggestions that ISP accepted.

In a statement, ISP said it has already scheduled one additional hearing, set for 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, in the Stratton state office building in Springfield.

"ISP is committed to transparency with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and the public,"

the agency said. "We appreciate JCAR working with us to allow the emergency rule to remain in effect as ISP works to address the concerns raised within our statutory authority."

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In brief

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.

Harvest Happenings Craft Show

Harvest Happenings Craft Show at Dakota UMC, 120 S. Church St., Dakota will be held Friday, Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A lunch stand will be offered on both days.

Lena American Legion Auxiliary Craft Fair

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will hold a Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lena American Legion Home, 316 W. Main St., Lena, IL. The proceeds from this event will be used to purchase new flags. A lunch stand will also be available. There is no WIFI available at the Legion Home.

Elizabeth Township Public Library to host art class for kids

The Elizabeth Township Public Library will be hosting art classes for children ages 5-12. These classes

will use seasonal materials with instruction from Ms. Janina of Elizabeth. The classes will be held on Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Elizabeth Township Public Library located at 210

E Myrtle St, Elizabeth, IL 61028. There is no cost for the classes. Registration is encouraged by calling 815-858-2212 but all are welcome. More classes will be scheduled throughout the school year.

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OPINION

Slices of life

An adventure with super glue

Note to readers (and self): super glue does not mix well with granite countertops.

Recently, I had the opportunity to experience this noxious combination in the comfort of my own kitchen.

This was not of my doing. But you already knew that.

Late one night (when all the excitement happens at my house) my teenage son had an unfortunate encounter with ceramic bowl, which resulted in the right half of the bowl separating from the left.

Normally a broken bowl is no big deal at our house, but this happened to be a bowl that was hand-painted—by me. Since my son understood the gravity of his predicament, he decided to mend the break. Or at least try.

I was in bed. Sleeping. It's something I tend to do at night. I do not even attempt to keep up with their late/wee hours anymore. I need sleep more than I need to be the perfect mom. Besides, perfect is as over-rated an unbroken, hand-painted bowl. Sleep is not.

Since I wasn't around to help with the repairs, he was left to his own accord. He grabbed the super glue and went to work right there on the granite. I'm not sure exactly what transpired, but I picture super bonding solution squirting everywhere. The result was a bigger mess than a broken bowl.

I expected this sort of stuff when they were little. When they were too young to know any better or be held accountable for their actions, like the time they spray-painted their toys green—in



By
**JILL
PERTLER**
Columnist

the bathroom sink.

But the years unfold, they grow up and you expect them to know things they do not yet know. Like you might not want to spill super glue on the countertop because they call it super glue for a reason.

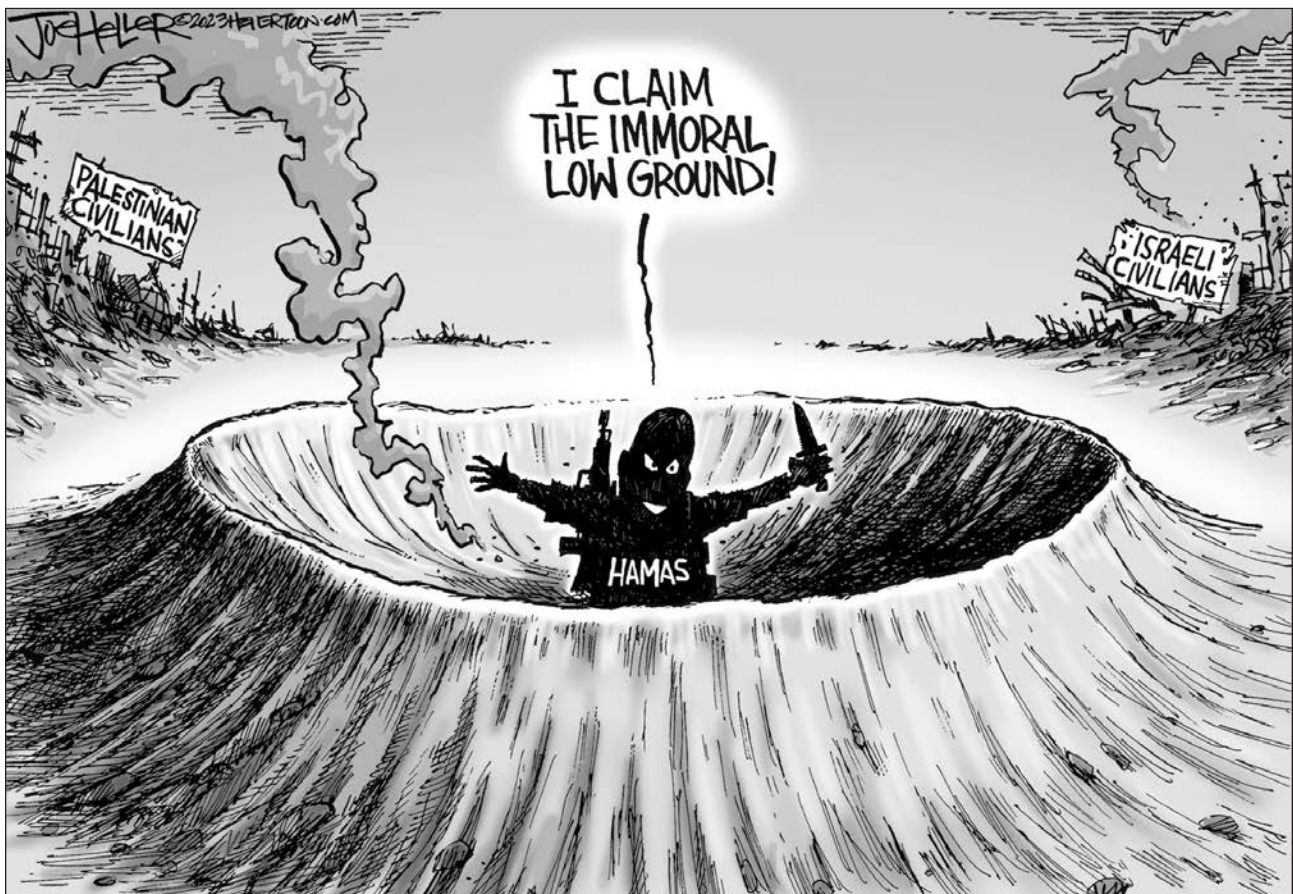
My son was unaware of the super mess he created. When I got up the next morning, I was not. After wiping and washing and spraying and scrubbing with an assortment of kitchen cleaning products, the surface refused to shine. Being the supermom that I am, I quickly recognized the source of the problem. Cyanoacrylate—the chemical name for super glue. (Thanks, Google.)

As I contemplated the super stain I was sure of one thing. They'd broken something; I just didn't know what it was yet.

I didn't have much time to investigate. My son suffered from a guilty conscience and fessed up first thing after getting out of bed. He carried the bowl over to where I was searching the Internet using phrases like, "How to remove super glue" (acetone nail polish remover, by the way). He pointed out the crack. I told him it was no big deal. He breathed a sigh of relief.

Then I told him about the

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Weekly connection

Beautiful sky and a trip to KC

Recently, I set my alarm for 4 a.m. so I could get up early and head to Kansas City to pick up my daughter-in-law and the kids who were coming back from a visit with her parents and family down in Texas. Her parents had driven up for a visit, and they had decided to leave their truck here and take their daughter and the kids back down to Texas to visit for a couple weeks. The plan was for



By
**SCOTT
CERNEK**
Columnist

my daughter-in-law's dad to drive them all the way back to Wisconsin to pick up his truck at the end of their visit. I suggested that perhaps I could drive his

truck down and meet them somewhere to save him a lot of extra hours on the road.

Sure enough, he took me up on the offer and when the day came, I awoke a half hour before my alarm rang, rolled out of bed about 3:30 a.m., put on some warm clothes, grabbed a flashlight, and went outside in the pitch black to feed my beef cows, sheep, and chickens before I left. I was amazed at how fast the

beef cows came running to the feed bunk even though it seemed like it was still in the middle of the night. The pasture is getting a little thin and they are ready to eat whenever I get near them. I'm actually getting ready to move them to a field where they can work the corn stalks throughout the fall and winter. Then when the snow flies, I will

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In my opinion

Hamas attack on Israel and killing of 6-year-old Muslim boy

By U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi
CONTRIBUTOR

On Oct. 14, the greater Chicago community, the state of Illinois, and our country were shocked and appalled by the alleged murder of Wade Al-Fayoume, a 6-year-old Palestinian boy in Will County who was reportedly targeted for his family's Muslim faith in an attack that also left his mother in serious condition.

This brutal act of Islamophobia and domestic terrorism has no place in our society. I urge law-enforcement authorities to prosecute this

crime to the fullest extent of the law and all Americans to come together in rejecting hate in all its forms.

My family and I grieve his loss and are keeping his mother and their family in our prayers.

This tragedy comes at a difficult moment for so many here in the United States and around the world. Over two weeks ago, the Hamas terrorist group launched a horrific attack against the people of Israel that killed more than 1,400, including dozens of Americans, while kidnapping nearly 200 people.

In the subsequent fighting, thousands more civilians have been killed or wounded.

I stand with President Biden in condemning the horrible terrorist attack on Israel by Hamas, calling for the safe return of all hostages, and reaffirming that the Palestinian people are not Hamas.

All innocent civilian lives everywhere must be protected, and we must continue to pursue a negotiated two-state solution that ensures Israel's security. As President Biden said, Israel has the right to maintain its security while adhering to the rules of armed

conflict and I will continue to work with my colleagues from both parties to provide Israel with the support it needs along with humanitarian aid to help the civilians impacted by the fighting.

My office is continuing to assist U.S. Citizens and their family members evacuating the region or in need of other assistance. To contact my staff and me, call (847) 413-1959 or email IL08.helpline@mail.house.gov

Raja Krishnamoorthi represents the 8th Congressional District of Illinois.

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Illinois farmers harvested 19% of soybeans and 23% of corn as of Oct. 2, both in line with the average pace.

El Nino adds wrinkle to winter outlook

By Daniel Grant
FARMWEEK

Now that temperatures in Illinois feel more seasonable for mid-October, at least for the time being, many people probably wonder what lies ahead for winter.

And, as always, there's no shortage of opinions on the subject.

Sources such as the Farmers' Almanac predict a "cold, stormy" winter season ahead. But the arrival of a strong El Nino, such as the one in place, typically tilts the pattern in Illinois toward a warm and mild winter, according to Chris Yates, chief meteorologist with WMBD and WYZZ in Peoria.

Yates discussed the weather outlook for the rest of fall and winter during a recent interview with FarmWeek.

"We're heading into a strong El Nino winter," he said. "An El Nino winter historically has been on the warmer and drier side and we tend to not have a lot of snow in the Midwest."

"There have been exceptions, specifically during weak El Nino events," he said. "But the stronger the El Nino, the warmer, drier and less snowy winters tend to be around here."

That doesn't mean Illinois will avoid run-ins with the Polar Vortex or big snow events this winter. But a typical El Nino winter also contradicts the Farmers' Almanac outlook.

"Even if the forecast says it will be a warmer and less

snowy winter, it doesn't mean it won't get cold," Yates said. "It will mostly certainly still get cold and it's still going to snow. There's no stopping that."

"But, at the end of the day, we'll probably be warmer than average and less snowy than average if history repeats itself."

The typical El Nino pattern also contradicts recent observations from those who track the woolly black caterpillar. Folklore suggests the longer the black bands are on the woolly worm, the longer and more severe it will be for the upcoming winter.

"I've heard various things about the woolly worms this year," Yates told the RFD Radio Network. "From what I've heard, there's been a lot of black ones, which supposedly means a bad winter."

So, what's the history or track record of seasonal forecasts produced by the Farmers' Almanac?

Yates analyzed the Farmers' Almanac winter outlooks the past 10 years by compar-

ing the actual precipitation, snowfall and temperature statistics from December through February each year. He reported the findings on his weather blog.

And, while it was spot on in consecutive years last decade, the Almanac's long-range predictions are about as accurate as a coin flip.

"They had some good years and hit the nail on the head in 2013-14 and 2014-15," Yates said of the Almanac winter outlooks. "But the forecasts weren't as good beyond that."

Yates gave six of the past 10 Farmers' Almanac winter outlooks below-average to

failing grades and scored four as average or better for accuracy.

Near-term, much of Illinois could be about done with summer-like temperatures, which would be good for fall anhydrous applications. But Yates can't rule out a return of unseasonable warmth.

Looking ahead, one of Yates' top concerns remains a lack of moisture. Topsoil moisture in Illinois ranked 57% short to very short, 42% adequate and just 1% surplus as of Oct. 2.

"The dry weather has been good for harvest. We're not dealing with a lot of delays

due to rain," he said. "But I imagine there are some concerns as we're dealing with severe drought in some parts of the state."

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Hornets split games with Galena, Warren

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Scales Mound Hornets earned their twentieth win of the 2023 volleyball season with a victory over the Warren Warriors last week. They would have to battle with a tough Galena Pirates squad before they got there, however.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17 the Hornets were coming off a long weekend of tournament play where they went 2-11. That Tuesday things weren't getting any easier as the Hornets prepared to play host to the Galena Pirates in a NUIC matchup. The Pirates came into the matchup with 27 wins on their record, including a previous victory over Scales Mound.

The Hornets struggled

to keep pace with the red-hot Pirates. After Galena took the first set 25-14, the second set played out in similar fashion with the Pirates winning 25-15. Scales Mound senior Ella Heffernan had four kills, two digs, and three total blocks in the loss. Emily Wiederholt added three kills of her own. Both Anna Wentz and Brooklynn McCartney finished the day with 13 digs, which tied to lead the team. It was a special night for McCartney as she surpassed 1,000 career digs as one of the best defenders in Scales Mound history. It was the thirteenth loss of the season for Scales Mound as they fell to 19-13-1. They would have to wait two more days to exceed that 20-win mark.

Two days later, the Hornets were set to square off with a struggling Warren Warriors squad. It was a familiar matchup as these two teams had faced off twice prior in 2023. Back in early September, Scales Mound picked up a 2-0 victory over Warren. Later in the month, the Hornets picked up another blowout victory over the warriors to secure the season series. In the third and final matchup, Scales Mound went for the sweep.

Warren put up a surprising fight, however. Late in the season, the warriors started to garner some momentum. After a victory over North Boone, the Warriors went on to split games with Rockford East. Then, Warren picked up a 2-1 vic-

tory over the West Carroll Thunder. It was by far the best three-game stretch of the season for the Warriors, and they brought that confidence into the matchup against Scales Mound.

That confidence was evident early on. At one point, the Warriors had jumped out to a 9-5 advantage over the Hornets. Scales Mound began to chip away, however, and they eventually took a 13-12 advantage. Late in the set the Hornets were up 22-19, when a mishit serve by Emily Wiederholt brought the Warriors back within two. That's as close as the Hornets let it get. Lauren Williams hit a ball outside the right line, giving the Hornets a three-score advantage. An ace

by Amanda Withington put the Hornets up to 24 points. Finally, a hit out of bounds by Warren sealed the deal as Scales Mound prevailed for a 25-20 victory.

In the second set, the Hornets had the Warriors doubled up when Withington and Ava Travis combined for a block on their right side. That gave the Hornets an 8-4 advantage in set two. Midway through, the Hornets went on a massive run as they jumped out to a 20-11 lead. Although the Warriors made it close in the end, Scales Mound ultimately picked up a 25-20 victory to earn the 2-0 sweep.

Ava Wiederholt led the team in scoring with four kills. Heffernan, Wentz,

and Emily Wiederholt each added two kills of their own. Travis led the way at the net with five total blocks, while Emily finished with four and Heffernan and Abigail Frank each had two. Wentz racked up 23 digs in an all-out defensive effort, and Withington led the team in assists with 10.

The Warriors fell to 5-20-2 overall on the regular season before facing off with the Lena-Winslow Panthers in the first round of the 2023 playoffs. The Hornets also wrapped up their regular season as they finished the year 20-13-1. The Hornets earned the sixth seed in their regional, which had them set to square off with the Stockton Blackhawks in round one earlier this week.

Blackhawks earn back-to-back wins to end regular season

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Stockton Blackhawks had a great ending to their 2023 volleyball regular season. Stockton had a pair of tough opponents on the schedule for their final two games, but they found a way to come out on top as they prepared for postseason play.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17 the Blackhawks played host to the East Dubuque Warriors in another NUIC matchup.

East Dubuque finished the regular season with an overall record of 10-17-2. Two of those losses came against Stockton, including their most recent matchup.

Their first matchup featured an exceptional battle, but the Blackhawks came out on top 25-22 and 25-23. If that matchup was any indication, Stockton knew they were in for a tough matchup this time around.

Stockton got off to an excellent start on their home

court. Late in the opening set, the Blackhawks ran away with things as they picked up a 25-18 victory. Madalyn Mammoser was locked in offensively as East Dubuque had no answers for her around the net.

The Blackhawks also had an excellent performance on defense. Four different Blackhawks finished in double digits for digs as Mammoser led the way with 19. Both Emily Broshous and Katelyn Winters followed up with 17 digs each. Mammoser, Broshous, and Winters are all juniors, and their defensive hustle has set the tone for the Blackhawks. On top of that, Kaydra Wright, a freshman, had 14 digs of her own.

East Dubuque bought back in the second set as Stockton fell by a score of 23-25. The Blackhawks quickly bounced back with a 25-17 victory to seal the 2-1

win in the third set. Mammoser finished the day with 10 kills and two assists, to go along with her 19 digs. Eve Moore was next up with seven kills, while Kacy Wright and Broshous each had four kills. Kacy also led the team in assists with 14.

Two days later, the Blackhawks were back at home for their final game of the regular season. That evening, they played host to the River Ridge Wildcats. The Wildcats had an excellent regular season as they finished with a 23-9-3 record. Earlier this season, River Ridge beat Stockton 2-1 in an NUIC battle. This time around, the Blackhawks went for some revenge on their home floor.

The Blackhawks needed a comeback effort to get it done. River Ridge took the first set by a score of 25-19. Stockton caught their momentum midway through the

second set. A huge run late in the set evened the series as the Blackhawks picked up a 25-15 victory. In the third set, Stockton picked up the win with a 25-19 victory.

The first time these teams met back in late September, River Ridge pulled off a comeback victory after the Blackhawks stole the first game on River Ridge's home court. This time around, the Blackhawks returned the favor as Stockton got a comeback victory of their own.

Addison Albrecht carried the load offensively for River Ridge. Albrecht finished the day with 16 kills as she had it all working around the net. Gwen Miller was next up with eight kills, and Kaylen Bond finished with four. Miller also racked up six total blocks, while Laiken Haas added five blocks of her own. Albrecht led the team in digs with six.

For Stockton, it took an all-around effort. Mammoser led the way with six kills, while Broshous had five. Both Moore and Winters finished with four kills each. Mammoser and Moore combined for 11 total blocks, and Gabbi VenHuizen added another four. Kaydra led the team in assists with 10, and Kacy was right behind her with eight.

Defensively, the Blackhawks had another incredible performance. Broshous led the team with 24 digs, but Winters was right behind her with 20 digs of her own. Mammoser finished the day with 15 digs.

For the Blackhawks, it was a great way to end the regular season. Not only did they enter the postseason on a winning streak, but they finished the year with a winning percentage of five hundred in conference play as they went 6-6 in the NUIC.

Halloween or Jesus?

Ex-Satanist John Ramirez warns Christian parents of the dangers of celebrating Halloween. "It's like having a one night stand with the devil. There's a quote by Anton Lavey, founder of the Church of Satan, where he says in his own words, 'I want to thank every Christian parent for allowing their children to celebrate the devil one night out of the year,' which is Halloween. He's intentionally thanking Christian parents. Thank you for dressing up your kids, changing their identity, sacrificing spiritually."

He likened the practice to having a "one night stand", saying: "We go celebrate Halloween; we're in bed with the devil for one night. To me, it's like, why would you want to cheat on Jesus? Jesus doesn't cheat on you. I don't see the Satanists coming to your church to cheat on the devil. No way!"

John Ramirez was once one of the highest ranking warlocks in the world, until Jesus saved his life. His friends called him "Lucifer's Son" because Satan himself would visit him regularly in his bedroom to talk about strategies for destroying people's lives. One night John had a near-death experience where he found himself in hell, but Jesus showed up himself and gave him one last chance to come to Christ. John took that chance and never looked back.

Ramirez came back from that near-death experience and destroyed \$100,000 worth of satanic paraphernalia in his New York home, and was then "tormented for 30 days" by his past demons. But it didn't stop him from living his new life for Christ. Today he is a Pastor, evangelist, and best-selling Christian author, and he warns the church of the dangers and realities of spiritual warfare.

"The only harvest we should celebrate is the harvest of souls," Ramirez said. "Jesus Christ is your answer. It's a relationship with God. Make peace with God...Pray. Prayer works. The power of Satan is limited. It's a hoax. And the power of Jesus is limitless and it brings you to a place of knowing your purpose and destiny of who you really are created to be."

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Jo Daviess County Animal Control updates pet registration process

Jo Daviess County Animal Control made a change. In the past, dog owners sent registration applications to PetData in Texas for processing. Pet registrations are now done at Jo Daviess County Animal Control at 9483 US Route 20 W, Galena. Dog owners are able to register through the mail or in person. Located in the Public Health building, Animal Control is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is also a drop box available after hours.

Every owner of a dog four months

or more of age, who is a resident of the County, is required to have the dog inoculated against rabies as denoted in the Animal Control Act. Every dog owner in the State of Illinois shall pay a rabies tag fee. An unaltered dog is \$30 per year or \$85 for a 3-year registration. A spayed or neutered (altered) dog is \$18 per year or \$50 for a 3-year registration. A three-year license will only be issued when a three-year vaccination is given within six months of the purchase of the license. Licenses are not valid beyond the expiration of

the rabies vaccination.

The money collected from dog licensing fees stays in Jo Daviess County. These funds are an important part of helping animals and owners in Jo Daviess County. The funding allows Animal Control to be dispatched for rescues and complaints and also provides shelter and care for lost and abandoned pets.

Plesae contact the Jo Daviess County Animal Control Department at 815-776-0326 or email animalcontrol@jodaviesscountyil.gov with any questions.

Around the Northern Hills

We all know how important that agriculture is to our county. But did you know some of the statistics that go to support that? According to the Census of Agriculture, Jo Daviess County has 935 farms with an average farm size of 291 acres. Some of the statistics that stand out that helps make Jo Daviess County unique are listed below.

Here's a few of the categories that Jo Daviess County ranks high in the state:

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- 11th in the total number of sheep and lambs
- 1st in duck production
- 16th in the number of horses and ponies

We all think of the cattle in the county, but did you find some surprising numbers listed? We must remember that there are a lot of things



By **ANNETTE EGGERS**
Jo Daviess
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Combine care packages – there are a few left!

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.

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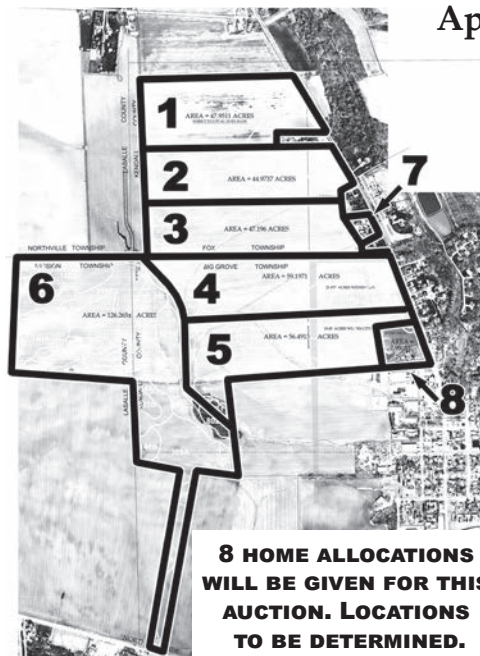
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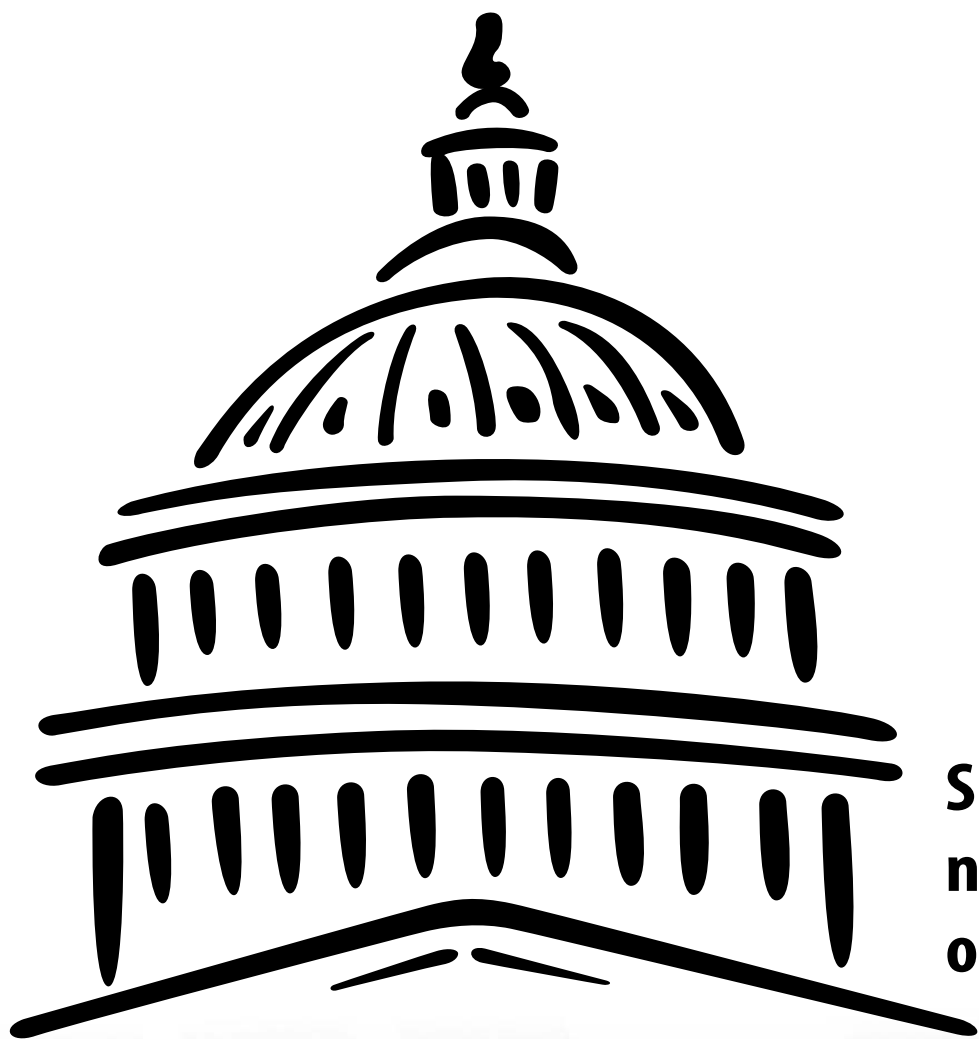


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Lena-Winslow FFA members spent the day with Thaddeus Bergschnieder, State FFA President, on Oct. 17. Members participated in an escape room as well as a goal setting exercise. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Preston Shultz, Odin Stabenow, Mason Kempel, Dalton Fogel, Duncan McInnis, Zachary Fink, and Kenneth Grattan, (middle row, left to right) Lauren Witte, Avery Baldauf, Morgan Ger-

ber, Madalyn Schierloh, Mika Schoger, Shaylen Smith, Kaydan Yount, Jackson Noller, Kadyn Goeke, Vander Knoll, (front row, left to right) Thaddeus Bergschnieder, Owen Trone, Dustin Campbell, Ava Fiedler, Morgan Gerber, Lillian Schoger, Ava Taft, Chloe Mader, Brian Lagunas-Alvares, Brendyn Smith, Luke Stabenow, Kegan DeZell, and Hannah Pecoraro.

Thaddeus Bergschnieder visits Lena-Winslow FFA

On Tuesday, Oct. 17 the State FFA President, Thaddeus Bergschnieder, visited the Lena-Winslow Chapter as a part of his Section 1 Chapter visits. During this event, facilitators Thaddeus Bergschnieder, Owen Trone (Section 1 President), and Lauren Witte (Section 1 Sentinel) led the members through an escape room which ended with a discovery of the 'Three Circle Model' which includes FFA, Classroom Education, and Work-based Learning. Chapter members also filled out a goal card which allows members to set quality goals for themselves for upcoming months and years. Thank you, Thaddeus, for a wonderful chapter visit!

Lady Panthers capture NUIC Championship in battle with Aquin

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The good times began rolling for the Lena-Winslow Panthers. Prior to their competition in the Stillman Valley Tournament last weekend, the Panthers wrapped up the 2023 volleyball regular season with a sixteen-game win streak and a conference championship to go along with it.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17 the Panthers were prepped for another week of NUIC competition. Le-Win entered the week with an overall record of 26-2 and a perfect conference record of 10-0. That night the Panthers were set to square off with the Aquin Bulldogs in a battle amongst the top NUIC teams. Aquin entered the game with an overall record of 22-6, while being 8-2 in conference play. One of those conference matchups came in an earlier loss to the Panthers, and Le-Win looked to complete the season sweep in their second meeting.

Their first matchup featured a tight race as the Panthers won by scores of 30-28 and 25-23. This time around, with Le-Win riding high, the Panthers took care of business in a much easier fashion. From the very start the Panthers held all the momentum. After getting off to an early lead, a crafty kill by Kaidynce Lynch gave Le-Win a three-point advantage. Shortly after, back-to-back aces by Maddy Chiles put Le-Win up 7-1. That

told the story for this one. At one point, the Panthers held a massive 16-4 lead in the opening set. Eventually, they went on to win by a score of 25-15.

Rachael Setterstrom got the second set started with a bang as her opening serve was mishit by the Aquin defense. Later on, with the game tied 11-11, Eden Dietz struck a powerful hit to the back-right corner, giving the Panthers the lead midway through. After a big run by the Panthers, it was Dietz who sealed the deal with a kill to give Le-Win the 25-17 victory.

Molly Amendt led the way offensively with 10 kills and an ace. Lynch finished the day with six kills, and Grace Groezinger added five of her own. Both Dietz and Brianna Fye finished with three kills each. Setterstrom, Lynch, and Daughenbaugh each tied for the team-lead in digs with seven. It was another all-around performance for a very deep Le-Win squad. Sue Amendt, Le-Win volleyball head coach, spoke about the team's magnificent, late season run. "The special thing about this group is that as a whole, they are self-motivated. They enjoy winning, but they hate losing even more," Sue shared.

After securing two straight sets against Aquin, the Panthers not only improved to 7-2, but they captured the 2023 NUIC Championship. Although it was a moment of celebration for the team

and its fans, the Panthers had more work to do with another tough matchup on the schedule.

Just two days later, the Panthers were set to square off with another one of the top teams in the NUIC. The Durand Bulldogs entered the late season matchup with an overall record of 28-6. Earlier this season, the Panthers beat the Bulldogs in straight sets. In the second matchup, Le-Win went for the season sweep.

Once again, the Panthers got off to a hot start. A kill by Amendt gave Le-Win an early 2-0 advantage in the opening set. The Bulldogs kept pace early on, but Le-Win eventually ran away with a 25-14 victory. Durand responded in the second set, however. A late run allowed the Bulldogs to even the series as the Panthers fell 23-25. Late in the third and final set, the Panthers found themselves holding a 24-20 lead. Lynch rose up for a powerful kill from the left side of the net, which ultimately secured the victory for the Panthers.

Lynch wound up having one of her best performances of the season with 11 kills, one ace, and eight digs. It was the eleventh time Lynch tallied double-digit kills in 2023. Amendt was next up with eight kills, and Groezinger finished the day with five kills of her own. It was another all-around defensive performance for the Panthers as Setterstrom and Isabelle

Paulsen each tallied 13 digs. Daughenbaugh added 10 digs of her own, to go along with a team-leading 24 assists.

With that, the Panthers finished the regular season with an overall record of 28-2. They went on to compete in the Stillman Valley Tournament ahead of their first postseason matchup against Warren on Monday, October 23.

The Le-Win head coach credits the tough 2023 schedule for helping the Panthers get where they are today. "As we competed against some of the top 2A and 3A teams at a high level at tournaments, the momentum began to snowball. That brought us into our local conference play, which could arguably be one of the top volleyball conferences in the state. To finish in the NUIC undefeated is an amazing accomplishment. The girls never doubted it. They just show up every day and put in the work and love a lot on each other! They are the best of friends and support each

other on and off the court. It doesn't matter if it's a star or a role player. No one wants to let their teammate down. They are teammates, friends, leaders, supporters, believ-

ers, students, and many other things whether on the court or off. This group is a group you want, Volleyball or not," Sue noted following the regular season.

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Panthers steamroll their way to another perfect season

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers won their twenty-eighth consecutive football game with a 36-8 victory over the Forreston Cardinals in week nine. The Forreston vs. Le-Win matchup has become one of the most anticipated matchups in all of the NUIC. Recently, the Panthers kept finding a way to come out on top of the so-called rivalry.

This year, the Panthers have stuck with what is working for them, and that is feeding the ball to Gage Dunker. Last Friday night, Dunker rushed for well over 200 yards and four scores on the ground. Nick Tippet offers a nice counterpart to Dunker's powerful run game. Tippet broke loose a few times against Forreston as the Panthers rushed for nearly 400 yards as a team.

Dunker put the Panthers on the board late in the first quarter. After a physical start, Dunker broke free on a 34-yard touchdown run. He also tallied the two-point conversion, putting the Panthers up 8-0.

Once a team trails the Panthers, it's nearly impossible to come back. If Forreston didn't already know that they learned it in the week nine matchup. The Panthers controlled the clock for most of the first quarter, but Forreston put their own ball control on display in the second. The Cardinals had

a long, seven-minute drive late in the quarter. It was a drive that saw the Cardinals push deep into Le-Win territory, but ultimately come up short with no points. After such an extensive drive, the Cardinals were left with an eight-point deficit entering the halftime break.

The Panthers came out strong in quarter three as well. Early in the second half, Dunker turned the gas on as he busted a 62-yard touchdown run, giving Le-Win a two-score advantage. After another defensive stop, Dunker tallied the hat trick when he trucked into the endzone from three yards out. A failed conversion left Le-Win with a 22-0 advantage.

Forreston found some success on their next drive. After working their way down the field, the Cardinals managed to cut into Le-Win's lead with a rushing touchdown of their own. Forreston tacked on the two-point conversion, but the Panthers still led 22-8 late in the third quarter.

That was as close as the game would get, however. Le-Win's dominant rushing attack carried them the rest of the way. Eventually, Tippet scored on a three-yard rushing touchdown of his own. Then, Dunker capped the day off with a 17-yard rushing score.

When it was all said and done, the Panthers came away with a 36-8 victory,

an NUIC Conference Championship, and a perfect 9-0 record through the regular season. Dunker finished the day with 273 yards and four scores on the ground. Tippet added another 86 yards and a score of his own. Le-Win quarterback Jake Schumacher got to do something he normally doesn't as well. Le-Win let Schumacher sling one, and it was a beauty as he connected with Quinn Rodebaugh on a 32-yard pass.

All in all, it was another dominant performance for the Panthers. After concluding their second consecutive undefeated regular season, the Panthers waited for their playoff seeding. This year, Lena-Winslow opens the 1A playoffs with the one seed, and they will face off with sixteenth seeded Rockford Lutheran in round one.



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Stockton American Legion gets a visitor

The Stockton American Legion welcomed visitors to the October meeting. Gracie Raab attended with her mother, Kim Arnold. Raab was the Legion's representative to the Girls State program held in Charleston, IL. She talked with members about the programs she participated in throughout that week and told stories of new friends she made with girls from other parts of the state. Pictured (left to right) are Commander, Ed Marcure; Girls State participant, Gracie Raab; Girls State chairperson, Mike Beatty.

Stephenson County Farm Bureau news

BY VICTORIA HANSEN

The Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) program continues to thrive as a resource for educating children about connections to agriculture. This week the program received funding to continue classroom lessons thanks to IAA Foundation grants to local county coalitions. Eighty coalitions serving 89 Illinois counties were awarded \$647,000 in grant dollars which can be used for materials, training, educational lessons, and activities taking place during the 2023-2024 school year. "Providing these grants ensures teachers have the right resources to integrate accurate agricultural content into their classrooms," said Kevin Daugherty, IAITC education director.

Last school year, 582,594 students and 40,046 teachers engaged in ag literacy lessons through IAITC. County AITC programs presented 28,848 individual programs throughout the state. Classroom presentations, farm field trips, and agriculture expos add a new dimension to existing curricular standards. "IAITC continues to help highlight Illinois' #1 industry," said Daugherty. "Student reach increased 182%, showing a positive trend as we adjust to post-pandemic education."

County coalition grants are made possible through funding from the IAA Foundation, the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau. The IAA Foundation raises funds for the IAITC program each year, and in addition to county grants, provides funding for Ag Mags, teacher

grants, Summer Ag Academies, and more. "Consistent and sustainable funding is key for IAITC to have great results," said Susan Moore, IAA Foundation director. "And knowing that so many Illinois students are making stronger connections to agriculture drives our donors to keep making ag literacy a priority, and we are grateful for that."

Partner organizations of IAITC include Illinois Farm Bureau, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education, University of Illinois Extension, Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Pork Producers Association, Illinois Soybean Association, Midwest Dairy Association, Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. In addition, annual donors include agribusiness partners and individuals with an interest in supporting the future of agriculture. For information on how individuals can contribute, visit www.iaafoundation.org. For information on IAITC, visit www.agintheclassroom.org.

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- Winnebago and Boone Counties

2024 Farmers' Almanacs

Both Carroll and Stephenson County Farm Bureaus have Farmers' Almanacs for the year 2024. "Farmers have read the Farmers' Almanac faithfully for 200 years. They know they can depend on it for some helpful new facts, interesting lore, and humorous whimsy." Farm Bureau members can pick up their copy while supplies last during business hours.

Room rentals

Weekends in November and December are quickly filling up. Don't delay in booking your event today. Both Stephenson County and Carroll County Farm Bureaus have meeting rooms available for rent. To inquire about room availability please call your respective Farm Bureau:

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Pearl City students in action



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Above: Kindergarten classes at Pearl City learned fire safety from the Pearl City Fire Department members. Pearl City Elementary would like to extend huge thank you to all of the volunteer Firefighters! Right: Pearl City Earth Science students are exploring erosion on stream tables. Pictured are Tyler Clark, Eli Baker, Daniel Garcia and Alina Cervantes.



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Pearl City Art students work on their Raku projects.



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Deacon Snyder, a 4th grade student at Pearl City, tries his best to arm wrestle the 2023 World Champion Arm Wrestler, Eli Brouhard!



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Pearl City celebrated homecoming last week, which included the coronation of the Homecoming Court.



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Penelope Rauch works at taking down the 2023 World Champion Arm Wrestler, Eli Brouhard.



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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!

Stephenson County Clerk and Recorder announces rewards service for Veterans

The Stephenson County Clerk & Recorder, Jazmin Wingert, is excited to officially announce a new service for our Veterans known as Honor Rewards. With Honor Rewards, Veterans can sign up at the office or online to receive an Honor Rewards card, which qualifies them for discounts and incentives at participating businesses in Stephenson County. This service is be-

ing made available at no cost to the county and its taxpayers. To sign up, all a veteran need to do is visit www.honorrewards.com. Click on Stephenson County, IL. Fill out the form with details (required) found on their DD-214, dates served, and what branch of the armed forces. If an individual prefers to fill out the form in person instead of online, they can

visit the office during business hours. Office staff will gladly help them get signed up. This service is completely free. After signing up, the veteran can expect to receive their Honor Rewards ID card in the mail in one to two weeks. Local businesses and retailers can participate in the service by contacting the office or using the Business Sign Up link on www.honorrewards.com.

Businesses participating will be listed on the Honor Rewards website for Stephenson County. Businesses name will also be provided to Veterans who

receive an Honor Rewards card and be mentioned by email notifications to current Honor Rewards members. In addition, participating businesses will be provided with

promotional materials like door stickers and flyers to promote their involvement. For more information, contact 815-235-8289 or visit www.honorrewards.com.

Stockton Sewer debt fee timeline

The Village of Stockton continues to progress with its upgrades to the wastewater treatment collection and treatment systems. The overall project has been separated into two phases. The first phase was to construct a flow equalization lagoon north of the existing treatment facility, and sewer piping to directly connect Brewster Cheese to the facility. Other needed collection system upgrades were included in this first phase. The construction of this phase is nearly complete.

The second phase of the project includes the wastewater treatment facility upgrades. These upgrades are required in order to be compliant with IEPA standards. Construction is currently under way and will continue through 2024.

The debt repayment for this project required a \$15 monthly debt service fee on water/sewer bills since Jan. 1, 2021. Effective Jan. 1, 2022, another \$15 monthly debt fee was added for a total of \$30. Effective Jan. 1, 2024, an additional \$12.50 will be added for a total monthly debt service fee of \$42.50. This debt fee is necessary to pay back the loan used to fund the improvements. The Village secured a low interest loan for 30 years through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Water Pollution Control Loan Program.

In accordance with an agreement between the Village and Brewster Cheese, and as good faith stewards of the community, Brewster Cheese will participate in payment of their portion of the conveyance and facility improvements.



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Stockton welcomes Let Us Out! Escape Room

On Friday, Oct. 13 the Stockton Chamber of Commerce celebrated the newest Chamber member. Let Us Out! Escape Room is located at 125 South Main Street Stockton. Let Us Out! Escape Rooms can proudly say that they are the only escape room in the Jo Davies and Stephenson Counties area. They have worked hard to create a truly unique, one-of-a-kind, customizable experience for families in the area. They offer unique puzzles and original themes, an on-site gift shop, and overnight stays in the beautifully quaint on-site Airbnb. They are committed to ensuring their customers are fully immersed in the environment and have the best experience possible.



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Let Us Out! Escape Room has officially opened. The escape room owners and Stockton Chamber of Commerce members celebrate the opening with a ribbon cutting on Friday, Oct. 13.

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If you are unable to make the drop off date, please contact Pat (815)266-1165 or Terri (815)541-6792 and one of us can make arrangements to get your donations.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Pumpkins are everywhere. I think it has been a good year for growing them. Did you know that Illinois is the top pumpkin grower in the U.S.? It is nice to know we are known for something that is good in our state. So often everyone thinks Illinois is the worst place in America. They haven't driven around Northwest Illinois in the fall to see our beautiful rolling hills and trees. We grow pretty good corn, beans, beef, and pork too. I sort of like the commercials that says we are in the middle of everything! This week we have even more seasonal recipes. Have a good week cooking.

Spinach, Apple and Pecan Salad

This fall salad will be a hit

any season of the year. It has the crunch of apples and nuts as well as the sweetness of cranberries.

- 2 pkg. (6 oz. each) baby spinach
- 1 medium apple, chopped
- 1 C. crumbled feta cheese
- 1 C. pecans
- ½ C. chopped red onion
- 1/3 C. dried cranberries
- 5 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- Dressing
- 2 T. cider vinegar
- 1 T. sugar
- ½ t. Dijon mustard
- 1/8 t. pepper
- ¼ C. canola oil

In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients. To make dressing: in a small bowl, whisk vinegar, sugar, mustard, and pepper until blended. Gradually whisk in oil. Pour over salad; toss to coat.

Crab Phyllo Cups

You can make these appetizers in very little time. You can also substitute tuna for the crab for a different taste. You can buy the tart shells in most

grocery stores in the frozen section. The garden vegetable cream cheese is made by Philadelphia cream cheese.

- ½ C. spreadable garden vegetable cream cheese
 - ½ t. Old Bay seasoning
 - ¾ C. lump crabmeat, drained or imitation crab
 - 2 pkg. (1.9 oz. each) frozen miniature phyllo tart shells
 - 5 T. chili sauce
- In a small bowl, mix cream cheese and seafood seasoning; gently stir in crab. Spoon 2 t. crab mixture into each tart shell; top with chili sauce.

Cheesy Pasta Bake

This easy pasta dish is made with flavored sauces. Prego makes several enhanced pasta sauces. You can pick and choose which one works for your family. Using rotisserie chicken is a great way to make this dish easier.

- 12 oz. ziti pasta
- 1 jar (24 oz.) tomato and basil pasta sauce
- 1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes with basil, garlic and oregano

- 2 C. shredded cooked chicken, 8 oz.
- ½ C. drained and pitted Kalamata olives
- 2 C. shredded Italian cheese blend
- Fresh basil leaves

Preheat oven to 425. Coat a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. In large pot of salted boiling water, cook pasta according to package direction for al dente; drain well. In a bowl, combine pasta sauce, tomatoes and their juices, chicken, and pasta. Layer half of pasta mixture in baking dish; top with half of the olives and 1 C. cheese. Repeat layering once. Cover and bake until bubbling, 25 minutes. Uncover. Broil until cheese is golden, 3 to 4 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Top with basil.

Crescent Topped Beef Pot Pie

This easy weeknight meal has several short cuts. The use of the Progresso soup saves making a roux for thickening. The Crescent Roll sheets are available in most grocery stores. You could use regular crescents and seal the crescent rolls into one large sheet yourself. I have done this before. Be sure to flour your surface and use a small rolling pin.

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 container (8 oz.) sliced mushrooms
- 1 C. chopped carrots
- ½ C. chopped onion
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 can Progresso pot roast with country vegetables soup
- 1 can (8 oz.) Crescent Dough Sheet
- 1 T. chopped fresh parsley

Preheat oven to 375. In a large skillet, cook beef, mushrooms, carrots, onion and garlic over medium-high heat 8 to 10 minutes, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in soup. Cook 2 to 4 minutes or until

heated through. Spoon beef mixture into an ungreased 9 x 13 glass baking dish. Unroll dough; place on beef mixture. Cut 3 to 4 vent holes in the center. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until deep golden brown. Sprinkle with parsley.

Apple Pumpkin Cupcakes

The apple and pumpkin combination makes for a tasty cupcake. Using the cake mix makes for easy preparation. Enjoy these great cupcakes.

- 1 apple, peeled, cored, and chopped
- 1 pkg. (15.25 oz.) Spice cake mix
- 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 C. oil
- 2 C. butter, softened
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 4 C. powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350. Line 24 muffin cups with liners. Toss apple with 2 T. cake mix in a small bowl. On low speed, beat remaining cake mix with pumpkin, eggs and oil for 30 seconds; on medium speed beat for 2 minutes. Stir in apple. Bake until toothpick inserted into centers comes out clean, 18 to 29 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes. Transfer from pans to racks; let cool.

In a mixing bowl, beat butter and cream cheese until smooth. On low, beat in sugar until combined. On medium-high, beat until light and fluffy for 2 minutes. Transfer frosting to a pastry bag fitted with a star tip. Pipe over cupcakes.

Pumpkin Bundt Cake

As many of you know, I love Bundt cakes. They are usually moist and look great on a cake stand.

- 2½ C. sugar
- 1 C. canola oil
- 3 eggs, room temperature
- 3 C. flour

- 2 t. baking soda
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1 t. ground nutmeg
- ½ t. salt
- ¼ t. ground cloves
- 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
- Powdered sugar

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, combine the sugar and oil until blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt and cloves; add to egg mixture alternately with pumpkin, beating well after each addition. Transfer to a greased 10-inch Bundt pan. Bake 60 to 65 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes before inverting onto a wire rack. Remove pan and cool completely. Place on cake plate or cake stand and dust with powdered sugar.

Final Thoughts

We finally got some nice fall weather after the rain deluge for several weekends. Signs of fall are everywhere. Be careful of farm equipment as harvest is in full swing. My outside plants have gone to the ditch to fertilize somewhere else, but my mums are still blooming. I don't think they will make it until Halloween. It is next week, so it is time to get the candy out.

Volleyball regionals begin as well as football playoffs. Hopefully the Panthers will be playing a few more games. Parent teacher conferences have concluded in most schools, so that means the school year is one fourth finished. It is time for Veteran's Day celebrations and Thanksgiving.

If you have some fall recipes you would like to share, you can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchen, The Shopper's Guide at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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Tickets available for FHN Festival of Trees Ha Ha Holiday Gala

FHN's popular Festival of Trees Gala event is back this year in an all-new format, and tickets are available now.

The Gala will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17 at The Wagner House, 1 E. Spring Street in Freeport. Tickets are \$75, and are available at www.fhn.org/gala2023.

The evening will include a humorous magic show from Dwayne Hill, who has been featured on "America's Got Talent" and Comedy Central.

Guests will enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, come-

dy-themed cocktails and luscious desserts, and Hill will mingle with – and entertain – Gala guests during the evening, as well.

A wide array of silent auction packages will be available to bid on and take home that evening for holiday gifting. Proceeds from this year's Gala will benefit the FHN Foundation's ongoing campaign to upgrade patient rooms at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport. Funds will help to purchase new recliners, over-the-bed tables, and

end tables to provide a more comfortable environment in which to heal and recover.

No tickets will be sold at the door the night of the event – tickets can be purchased online at www.fhn.org/gala2023 or by contacting the FHN Foundation office at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport (1045 W. Stephenson Street) or by calling 815-599-6900 by Friday, Nov. 10. More information about the Gala and other Festival of Trees events is available at www.fhn.org/gala2023.

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- REFRIGERATOR
- REMODEL
- SHOWER
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Male children
- 5. Robert Wagner series "Hart to ..."
- 9. Unfolded
- 11. Digestive disease
- 13. Wednesday
- 15. Malignant tumor
- 16. Conscientious investment strategy (abbr.)
- 17. Slowed
- 19. Letter of the Semitic abjads
- 21. Weights of cars without fuel
- 22. Former CIA
- 23. Asian country
- 25. Instead
- 26. Ancient Egyptian King
- 27. Privies
- 29. Shopping trips
- 31. Paradoxical anecdote
- 33. It's on the table
- 34. Ancient Persia ruler
- 36. Small American rail
- 38. File extension
- 39. Days (Spanish)
- 41. Everyone has one
- 43. South American plant
- 44. About ilium
- 46. Vanished American hoopster
- 48. A type of breakfast
- 52. Uncooked
- 53. Examined
- 54. Christian recluse
- 56. Strong posts
- 57. Some are for pasta
- 58. Skinny
- 59. School-based organizations

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- 1. Ringlet
- 2. Type of complex
- 3. Midway between north and northwest
- 4. It becomes something bigger
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- 6. Genus of birds

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- 7. Marked by public disorder
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- 9. Russian city
- 10. Insect repellent
- 11. Interruptions
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- 14. 1,000 calories
- 15. What one does overnight
- 18. Dwarf planet
- 20. Pipe
- 24. Black powdery substance
- 26. Set of four
- 28. Canned fishes
- 30. North Carolina college
- 32. Secured
- 34. A disgraceful event
- 35. Physical suffering
- 37. The home of the free
- 38. Some are boys
- 40. Satisfy
- 42. Makes very happy
- 43. South American plants
- 45. Modes of transportation
- 47. Female sheep
- 49. Type of torch
- 50. Piece of merchandise
- 51. Jump over
- 55. Wife of Amun

Pi Chapter of DKG visits Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary

Pi Chapter of DKG enjoyed a beautiful evening at "Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary" for their September program. The sanctuary is a 409-acre property near Stockton, Illinois. The property was a gift from Nancy Hamill Winter to sustain Illinois native birds giving people who enjoy this preserve a better understand-

ing 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 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, dickcissel, sedge wren, and boblink. We learned that 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 us 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 edu-

cational camps. Everyone was given a JDCF tote bag that contained Mary's book, "Chasin the Bluebird", and other treasures. We continued our evening to the home of Edith Dwinells in Woodbine for our meeting and conversation with a wonderful selection of various foods for a potluck dinner.

FHN events

Oct. 26
Breastfeeding Support Group
2 p.m.
Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas Street, Freeport
Bring your baby and join other moms to share knowledge and talk about the most up-to-date breastfeeding information. Discussions will be led by lactation experts from the FHN/SCHD Breastfeeding Task Force. This group is open to all moms and free to attend; visit <https://www.fhn.org/breastfeedingtaskforce.asp> for more information.

Oct. 27
Flu Shot Clinic and Blood Pressure Screening
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Golden Meals, 524 W. Stephenson Street, rear entrance (lower level)
Adult-only clinic is \$32 (quadrivalent for adults under age 65) or \$70 (high-dose for 65+) cash or check payable to FHN. No out-of-pocket expense if you are over 65 and covered by Medicare Part B (please present Medicare card) or a Medicare HMO accepted by FHN (list available at each location - cov-

ered persons MUST present the Medicare HMO card instead of the Medicare card for billing process). No other insurance coverage can be processed. Per government regulations, no Medicaid cards can be accepted. All clinics based on availability of vaccine. No cost or registration required for blood pressure screening.

Flu Shot Clinic
3 - 5:30 p.m.
State Bank, 215 S. Main Street, Pearl City
Adult-only clinic is \$32 (quadrivalent for adults under age 65) or \$70 (high-dose for 65+) cash or check payable to FHN. No out-of-pocket expense if you are over 65 and covered by Medicare Part B (please present Medicare card) or a Medicare HMO

accepted by FHN (list available at each location - covered persons MUST present the Medicare HMO card instead of the Medicare card for billing process). No other insurance coverage can be processed. Per government regulations, no Medicaid cards can be accepted. All clinics based on availability of vaccine.

Oct. 28
Walk with a Doc
8 a.m.
Krape Park, 1799 S. Park Boulevard, Freeport
Last walk of the year! Free family- and pet-friendly walk and chat led by FHN providers and health professionals. Meet the group by the concession stand for this safe, fun, and FREE way to spend 45-60 minutes

as you get some steps, learn about health, and meet new friends. Visit www.fhn.org/WWAD for more information and a schedule.

Drug Take Back Event
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Freeport Police Department, 320 W. Exchange Street, Freeport
The public is invited to bring unused prescription drugs to the Freeport Police Department at 320 W. Exchange Street in Freeport for safe drive-thru service. (The site cannot accept liquids or needles/sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Oct. 30
Flu Shot Clinic

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Family YMCA of Northwest Illinois, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport
Adult-only clinic is \$32 (quadrivalent for adults under age 65) or \$70 (high-dose for 65+) cash or check payable to FHN. No out-of-pocket expense if you are over 65 and covered by Medicare Part B (please present Medicare card) or a Medicare HMO accepted by FHN (list available at each location - covered persons MUST present the Medicare HMO card instead of the Medicare card for billing process). No other insurance coverage can be processed. Per government regulations, no Medicaid cards can be accepted. All clinics based on availability of vaccine.

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throw hay out on the field for them to eat. It's amazing how a beef cow can get fat on grass and hay while dairy cows will shrivel up and starve if they don't get some corn.

The drive down to KC was quite enjoyable. The first couple hours in the dark I sang along to some great worship songs. There is something about the early morning hours and worshipping the God of the universe. The Bible says in Psalm 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God." They sure do! I never saw such a perfectly clear starry sky as I drove down through Iowa on my way toward the Missouri border. I nibbled on an apple I had picked from my apple tree out in the yard and thought about how David, the shepherd boy, must have looked up at the same sky and stars when he wrote those verses.

It's exciting to think that one of these days Jesus Christ is going to return in the skies as He promised in John 14:3 when He said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there you may be also." There isn't any clearer verse about the rapture of the church in all of the Bible than this one from Jesus own lips. Now I know the idea that Jesus will come in the sky and Christians who have died along with Christians who are still alive are going to be caught up into the clouds and receive new bodies like Jesus received after He rose from the grave, seems kind of wild. The

fact is the Bible tells us that this is indeed what is going to happen. There are many examples of people being raptured throughout scripture. Cain's son Enoch, who was Noah's great-grandfather, was taken by God to heaven without dying. Then there was Elijah, who went up in a fiery chariot. The Apostle Paul was taken up to heaven and returned to earth. He wrote that he saw things too wonderful to express in 2 Corinthians 12. John was caught up to heaven too in Revelation 4:1, and of course Jesus Himself ascended to heaven right in front of the eyes of his disciples. God is very capable of lifting up millions to be escorted to the wedding ceremony of Jesus. The Bible says the church is His bride, and just before God's wrath comes upon this earth, He is going to come and get us. When one's heart understands these truths, it brings an overwhelming joy into one's lives. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Titus 2:13, "Looking for our blessed hope the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." In such an evil day in which we live, I get pretty excited about this promise from God's word. If you want to know this blessed hope and the sweet peace and assurance that comes from believing in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, just take the step of faith and receive Him today. The Bible says in John chapter 1 that to all who receive Him by believing on His name will become children of God.

Until next week, God bless.

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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 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 OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.

Plaintiff,

-v.-

VALERIE VEGA A/K/A VALERIE N. VEGA et al Defendant

2023 FC 6

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 12, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on November 17, 2023, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

THAT CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND IN BLOCK NUMBER SIXTY-ONE (61) IN THE CITY OF GALENA, ON THE WEST SIDE OF GALENA RIVER, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED ON SAID C.S. HEMPSTEAD'S SUBDIVISION OF LOTS NUMBER ONE (1), TWO (2) AND FOUR (4) IN SAID BLOCK NO. SIXTY-ONE (61) AS SURVEYED AND PLATTED BY MILTON WADLEIGH, CITY SURVEYOR, DECEMBER 10, 1855, AS LOT NUMBER EIGHT (8) IN

SAID ORIGINAL LOT NUMBER TWO (2) AND BEING ON CORNER OF WASHINGTON AND LIBERTY STREETS AS MAY APPEAR BY REFERENCE TO THE SAID PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 4 CONTAINING 60 FEET ON LIBERTY STREET BY 135 FEET DEEP. SITUATED IN THE CITY OF GALENA, COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PORTION OF VACATED LIBERTY STREET, BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST-ERLY LINE OF LIBERTY STREET WHICH POINT IS 15.0 FEET SOUTHERLY FROM THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF WASHINGTON STREET IN SAID CITY OF GALENA; THENCE SOUTHERLY 29.0 FEET ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF LIBERTY STREET; THENCE WESTERLY 12.5 FEET AT AN ANGLE OF 90°36' AS MEASURED COUNTER-CLOCKWISE FROM THE PRECEDING LINE; THENCE NORTHERLY 29.0 FEET TO A POINT 12.8 FEET FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID PORTION OF LIBERTY STREET SITUATED IN JO DAVIESS COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 612 WASHINGTON ST, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 22-101-027-00

The real estate is improved with a 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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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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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; SITUATED

IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON

COUNTY IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 18-14-32-355-013

Improved with Single

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LEGAL NOTICES

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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 (HOME-OWNER), 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:

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 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 (HOME-OWNER), 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. I3230591

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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

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.

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 (HOME-OWNER), 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. Jenna M. Rogers
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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

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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 OFFICE OF STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK "93" OF DEEDS, PAGE 387, REFERENCE TO WHICH DEED IS HEREBY MADE; RUN-

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LEGAL NOTICES

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 SAID FOLEY STREET
 TO THE SOUTHERLY
 LINE OF LOT THIR-
 TY-ONE (31) IN SAID
 POWELL AND WAD-
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 OF THE NORTHEAST-
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 TRACT OF LAND SO
 CONVEYED TO SAID
 FRED EDLER; THENCE
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 NORTHEAST CORNER,
 THENCE WESTERLY
 ALONG THE NORTH-
 ERLY LINE OF SAID
 TRACT SO CONVEYED
 TO SAID FRED EDLER,
 TO THE PLACE OF BE-
 GINNING; SITUATED
 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF
 FREEPORT, COUNTY
 OF STEPHENSON AND
 STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 249
 N FOLEY AVE, FREE-
 PORT, IL 61032

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

The real estate is im-
 proved with a single family
 residence.

The judgment amount
 was \$61,853.00.

Sale terms: 25% down
 of the highest bid by cer-
 tified funds at the close
 of the sale payable to The
 Judicial Sales Corpora-
 tion. No third party checks

will be accepted. The bal-
 ance, in certified funds/or
 wire transfer, is due with-
 in twenty-four (24) hours.
 The subject property is
 subject to general real es-
 tate taxes, special assess-
 ments, or special taxes
 levied against said real es-
 tate and is offered for sale
 without any representation
 as to quality or quantity of
 title and without recourse
 to Plaintiff and in "AS IS"
 condition. The sale is fur-
 ther subject to confirma-
 tion by the court.

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

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

If this property is a con-
 dominium unit, the pur-
 chaser of the unit at the
 foreclosure sale, other than
 a mortgagee, shall pay the
 assessments and the legal
 fees required by The Con-
 dominium Property Act,
 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and
 (g)(4). If this property is a
 condominium unit which is
 part of a common interest
 community, the purchas-
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 closure sale other than a
 mortgagee shall pay the as-
 sessments required by The
 Condominium Property
 Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-
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 DAYS AFTER ENTRY
 OF AN ORDER OF POS-
 SESSION, IN ACCOR-
 DANCE WITH SECTION
 15-1701(C) OF THE IL-
 LINOIS MORTGAGE
 FORECLOSURE LAW.

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

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

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 dicial Sales Corporation at
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 status report of pending
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Attorney File No.
 23-095397

Attorney ARDC No.
 6306439

Case Number: 2023 FC 11
 TJSC#: 43-3285

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

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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.

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Notice is given to cred-
 itors of the death of the
 above named decedent.
 Letters of office were is-
 sued 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 ad-
 ministered without court
 supervision, unless under
 section 5/28-4 of the Pro-
 bate Act Ill. 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 re-
 quired 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 to the claimant
 to the representative and to
 the attorney within 10 days
 after it has been filed.

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 ry for documents in civil
 cases with limited exemp-
 tions. To e-file, you must
 first create an account with
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Aaron Basch
 Ladewig and Basch, PC
 (6299052)
 5600 West 127th Street
 Crestwood, Illinois 60418
 (708)388-0540
 I3230972

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT
 COURT OF THE
 FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
 CIRCUIT
 STEPHENSON
 COUNTY-IN PROBATE
 In Re the Matter of
 the Estate of:
 Elaine K. Paske
 Deceased.

No. 23-PR-62

NOTICE FOR
 PUBLICATION -
 CLAIMS

Notice is given of the
 death of **Elaine K. Paske**,
 of Davis, Illinois. Letters
 of Office were issued on
 October 12, 2023, to:

Cheryl L. Paske
1623 20th Ave.

Monroe, WI 53566
 as independent Executor
 of the **Estate of Elaine K.**

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

Freeport, IL 61032

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

Claims against the estate
 may be filed in the office
 of the Clerk of the Court
 at the Stephenson County
 Courthouse, 15 N. Galena
 Avenue, Freeport, Illinois
 61032, or with the repre-
 sentative, or both, on or
 before April 26, 2024, and
 any claim not filed on or
 before said date is barred.
 Copies of a claim filed with
 the Clerk must be mailed
 or delivered to the repre-
 sentative and to the attor-
 ney within ten (10) days
 after it has been filed.

Date: 10/17/23.

Cheryl L. Paske,

Executor

By: **Anthony V. Coon**

Anthony V. Coon,

Attorney At Law

Anthony V. Coon,
#6269568

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HCC Early Childhood Education program to host an Open House

The Early Childhood Educa-
 tion (ECE) program at Highland
 Community College is thriving
 with more students, and addi-
 tional faculty, and is partnering
 with the YWCA of Northwest
 Illinois for a joint open house
 Thursday, Nov. 9, from 5:30
 to 7:30 p.m. at the Children's
 Hands-On Museum located at
 Lincoln Mall in Freeport, 1247
 W. Galena Ave.

"The spotlight and resourc-
 es Illinois brought to the early
 childhood profession in the last
 couple of years have provided
 exciting opportunities for our
 early childhood community,"
 said Melissa Johnson, ECE in-
 structor at Highland. "The Early
 Childhood Access Consortium
 for Equity (ECACE) Scholar-
 ship program is for individu-
 als who are working or have
 worked in the early childhood
 profession and are interested in
 pursuing higher education."

The Highland Community
 College ECE program is com-
 mitted to shaping the future of
 the early childhood community
 in the Highland district by pro-
 viding education and opportu-
 nities for individuals seeking
 professional growth and invest-
 ment in the future working with
 young children.

At the open house, HCC will
 bring together staff and mentors
 to speak about the relevance of
 higher education. Through the
 ECACE Scholarship program
 and the addition of the ECE
 Mentor/Coach at Highland, the
 college has seen an increase in
 enrollment of 150%.

The Highland Early Child-
 hood Program is a member
 of the Early Childhood Ac-
 cess Consortium for Equity
 (ECACE) and a Gateways to
 Opportunity Entitled Institution.
 The ECE program has designed
 a stackable pathway to help
 support students' professional
 growth. With the passage of the
 Early Childhood Access Con-
 sortium for Equity (ECACE)
 Act in July 2021, students who
 earn an Early Childhood Edu-
 cation - Associate of Applied
 Science degree are now able to
 transfer the entire degree as a
 package to four-year institutions
 that are a part of ECACE

For more on the Early Child-
 hood Educational program, visit
highland.edu or email melissa.johnson@highland.edu.



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2000 RANGER SPORT Runs well, new batt. & starter, 155K. \$2,500 OBO 262-662-1692.

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for sale

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CARGO TRAILER 5x8 Enclosed, needs work, Elkhorn location \$495. 262-949-6997.

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7 CEMETERY PLOTS Willing to sell as a group or individually. Located at Roselawn Memory Gardens 3045 WI-67, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. This is a private sale. Contact Randy, the seller at randy@slpublishers.com.

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LENA 1BDR Ground floor apartment. Appliances furnished. \$395/month. No Smoking 815-369-2827

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garage sale

Lena

The Toy store at 502 S. Schuyler St. Oct. 27 & 28, 10-4 both days. Oak kitchen cupboards, bedroom furniture, TV stand, household items, surplus toys, windmill, store fixtures, NEW small water heater.

real estate

Other Real Estate

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ADDRESS _____

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REAL ESTATE NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC
F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC
F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
VALERIE VEGA A/K/A VALERIE N. VEGA et al
Defendant

2023 FC 6
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 12, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on November 17, 2023, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 612 WASHINGTON ST, GALENA, IL 61036
Property Index No. 22-101-027-00

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

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

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

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

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

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

You will need a photo identification issued by a government

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

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

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

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
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. 14-23-02167 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2023 FC 6 TJSC#: 43-2443

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 # 2023 FC 6
I3231248

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

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

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

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DEFENDANTS

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 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 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. I3230591

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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 the condition of the property.

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•Church

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There will be cards and dominoes in Luther Hall on Oct. 26 at 1 p.m. The Worship and Music committee will meet on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. There will be cards and dominoes in Luther Hall on Oct. 26 at 1 p.m.

The Social Ministry Committee has started the Harvest Home Collection. 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 home-made 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. 29, 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, Nov. 1 at 8 a.m. at Garden View Family Restaurant, 101 South Schuyler Street, Lena. Everyone is welcome to join.

If interested in getting more involved in the church community, check out the monthly gatherings. Men's Night is at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. During this time the men playing games and get to know each other better. Bible Study is offered at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Crafternoon 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.

Continued from previous page 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).

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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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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 informa-

tion.
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.

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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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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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Answers

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Healthy Halloween smiles

As the calendar approaches the end of October, children's thoughts focus primarily on costumes and candy. Halloween is a big deal in the lives of many children in America. Parents want their children to experience all the Halloween fun they enjoyed as children. However, they do not want their offspring to experience the pain of cavities or cracked teeth that haunt their memories. The following tips can help your child to enjoy their Halloween treats without the tricks that they can play on their oral health.

When it comes to Halloween treats, chocolate represents one of the better candy choices, while sticky treats are the worst. The reason for this is simple. The bacteria in your mouth eat sugar and create acids. These acids eat away the enamel on teeth. The longer sugars stay on the teeth, the more cavity-producing acids are formed. Chocolate is more easily cleaned from the teeth than sticky treats, so the bacteria have less time to do damage. Hard candies are bad because they stay in the mouth for longer periods of time and



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can crack teeth when a child crunches down on them. Sour candies pack a double punch as they are usually coated in sugar to offset their sour taste and deliver a prominent level of destructive acid.

In past columns I have talked about the negative impact that celiac and other autoimmune diseases can have on your oral health. Children with celiac disease need to avoid gluten in order to keep the disease under control. Halloween candy poses a potential danger for a flare up. While you may be aware that you should avoid giving your child candies with cookies, pretzels or other foods that obviously contain gluten, you may not be aware of the less obvious ways that gluten-containing ingredients like wheat and barley malt are incorporated in the manufacturing process.

For instance, not only is wheat utilized in the process of creating licorice, but it is also a major component. In fact, brands like Twizzlers and Red Vines list wheat as the second main ingredient. While all natural forms of rice are gluten free, candy bars like Nestle Crunch, Hershey's Krackel and Kellogg's Rice Krispy Treats are not, as they contain barley malt.

The celiac.org site warns that candy manufacturers sometimes change recipes for their special holiday candy, so a previously gluten-free candy might become dangerous. One example they gave of this is Reese's peanut butter cups. While the typical Reese's is gluten-free, Hershey's states that its seasonal shaped peanut butter cups are not. To keep your child safe, read the ingredient lists, look for a certified Gluten free logo on wrappers, and/or go to celiac.org to download their list of gluten free candies. These actions will help assure that you know which treats in their plastic pumpkin or treat bag are safe and which need to be swapped out for a less hazardous choice.

It is not only important to

make smart choices about the kind of candy that your child ingests, but when your child eats it. Every time you eat any food, bacteria in your mouth create acids. Therefore, it is best if you allow your child to eat their Halloween treats at the end of their meal when an acid attack is already occurring, and saliva production is increased. Do not let them snack on candy repeatedly throughout the day. Keep the candy out of sight until mealtime. Wait for 20 minutes after they finish their meal with a Halloween treat before having them brush their teeth, so your children's

saliva can neutralize that acid. Remember, those spooky decay-causing bacteria thrive in between teeth and under the gumline. Make sure your children floss their teeth to remove plaque and food that their toothbrushes cannot reach.

With all that added sugar from the candy, it is more important than ever to avoid sugary drinks like soda and sports drinks during Halloween celebrations. Make sure that your children are drinking plenty of fluoridated tap water throughout the day. When you know that Halloween parties and other activities will delay

brushing, pack bottles of fluoridated water and sugarless gum for your children. Chewing sugarless gum for 20 minutes after eating helps to remove food particles and increases the production of saliva to help neutralize acids until they return home and can brush and floss.

Instead of bags of candy, you might choose, and/or ask grandparents to choose an alternative treat such as glow sticks, sidewalk chalk, stickers, a small toy, or a book. You can also limit trick or treating to a few houses and then have a Halloween movie and/or game night at home.

• Slices

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counter. His head drooped and he breathed another sigh. This one contained no relief.

His remorse was enough for me. I stated my mantra, "It's no big deal." And I meant it. If there's one thing I've learned during my time on this planet it's that people are more important than things. (Unless the thing is the last piece of cheesecake.)

I wasn't upset. Not really.

After raising three boys I've learned to take most things with a healthy dose of calm. Or maybe I'm just getting old. Either way, I figured this would make for a fond family memory someday.

Besides, you know what they say: there's no use crying over spilt super glue.

2023 note: This column was written in 2014 and nine years later I can honestly say that

I have no recollection of my hand-painted bowl—broken or not, which only serves to prove my theory that people are definitely more important than things—even the last piece of cheesecake.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

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