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Stockton High School's Homecoming Court

This year's Stockton High School Homecoming Court includes (left to right standing) Arden Bauer (freshman attendant), Kallan Virtue (sophomore attendant), Carl Hubb (King), Bryce Grube (junior attendant), Drake Offenheiser (senior attendant), (sitting from left to right) Caitlynn Robledo (freshman attendant), Paige Chumbler

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Obituaries

CURT BAUMGARTNER

Curt Baumgartner, 58, of Pearl City, IL passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023, at his home. He was born on Oct. 16, 1964, to Eugene and Faline (Reiter) Baumgartner in Freeport, IL.

Curt graduated from Pearl City High School in 1982. He married Sue Miller on Feb. 23, 1985, in Pearl City, IL. He was employed as a shipping supervisor at Honeywell. He enjoyed riding the trails on his side by side and was a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears fan. Curt took fantasy football and fantasy baseball leagues very seriously, analyzing players and making trades.

Curt will be deeply missed by his wife Sue, and their children; daughter, Tara (Dean) Adams and their children, Makenna and Avery of Lena; son, Chase (Amber) Baumgartner and their children Nolan, Madix, Brylee, and Brantley of Durand; son, Austin (Britney) Baumgartner and their children, Amelia, and Skylar of Freeport. Curt is also survived by his parents, Gene and Faline Baumgartner of Pearl City, siblings; Tim (Mary) Baumgartner of Pecatonica, Kevin (Tasha Dyson) Baumgartner of Pearl City, and Deb (Jerry) Siegmeier of



(Marianne) Miller of Metamora, MI, and Sandy (John) Gerbode of Sumter, SC, and his mother-in-law; Roberta Miller of Lena.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. A visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. Private family burial will take place at Highland Cemetery near Pearl City, IL. A luncheon will follow the services at Wolf Hollow Golf Course in Lena, IL. Pastor Roger Bronkema will officiate the services. The family requests that you dress in casual attire.

There are no goodbyes for us, wherever you are, you will always be in our hearts. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamon-fh.com.

Pearl City, brothers and sisters-in-law; Russell (Susan) Miller of Sugar Grove, Kevin (Connie) Miller of Lena, Bob

NANCY OTTE

Nancy F. Otte, 90 of Freeport, passed away at the Monroe Hospice in Monroe, WI Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023. Her family was by her side. She was born July 25, 1933, in Jacksonville, IL to Dallas and Clayetta (Hodgson) Smith. She married Leland Otte on Oct. 3, 1953, at the 2nd Presbyterian Church in Freeport, IL and they built their life together. After they were married, and Lee spent two years in the service from 1955 to 1957, they moved to the farm on Flansburg Road where they lived there for the rest of their lives.

Nancy was the Winslow High School Valedictorian in 1951. Sewing was her passion. She made her own wedding dress and through the years she hosted and emceed many antique fashion style shows.

Nancy worked for 10 years as a reporter for the Northwestern Illinois Farmer Newspaper. She also worked in sales for Leamon's Furniture Store, Fawn's Niche and was a travel agent for many years. She was a long-time member of St John's UCC in Freeport, IL.

She was very active in the International Visitor program for 40 years. She and her family hosted 300 International visitors and State Department guests from all over the world. She also programmed 3000 International visitors. She often invited them to the Freeport Rotary Club Noon meetings. She was also invited to be a member and did serve as the



first woman president of her Rotary Club. Throughout her life, Nancy was truly cherished and loved her family and all her friends. She was like a cake or a pie, as those ingredients always included love. In her family's words she was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Leland of rural Freeport; Sons, Kevin (Vici) Otte of Freeport; Marshall Otte of Sheboygan, WI and David (Catherine) Otte of Phoenix, AZ; sister Linda Lashmet of Jacksonville, IL and half-sister, Kathie (Roger) Schultz of Lena, IL. Grandsons, Mathew Otte of Freeport and Jake (Stephanie) Otte of Phoenix, AZ. Grand Daughters, Heather (Jon) Cox of Peoria, IL and Amanda (Corey) Vaughn of Phoenix, AZ. Her legacy also includes 3 Great Grandchildren, Ellie Cox, Lindsey Vaughn and Caleb Vaughn as well many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her brother Jeff Smith, by her parents and Irene Smith, the stepmother who raised her after her birth mother passed away.

There will be a visitation on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ in Freeport. A memorial service will immediately follow at 11 a.m. also at the church. Her final resting place will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Condolences can be left for the family at www.walkermortuary.com.

Energy prices projected to rise, presenting challenges for farmers

By Daniel Grant

FARMWEEK

Farmers looking to trim historically high production costs could face more challenges again next season. The price of oil and natural gas, both instrumental components of farm inputs, is expected to rise into next year compared to current levels.

The Energy Information Administration's (EIA) short-term energy outlook predicts prices could average \$86.48 per barrel for Brent crude oil and \$3.22 per million BTU for natural gas in 2024. That's up nearly \$4 per barrel for oil and 64 cents for natural gas compared to the average estimates for 2023. "Crude oil prices have increased since June, primarily due to extended voluntary cuts to Saudi Arabia's crude oil production and increasing global demand," EIA noted in its latest report. "We expect these factors will continue to reduce global oil inventories and put upward pressure on oil prices in the coming months."

EIA projects the U.S. will boost crude oil production from an average of 12.76 million barrels per day this year to 13.09 barrels daily in 2024.

But the planned uptick in production may only help to moderate price increases. "Energy prices will keep rising," said Dan Basse, president of AgResource Co. "World crude prices could reach \$90 to \$95 by the first quarter of 2024 (and possibly reach triple digits by next summer). Look at taking forward coverage (if you're a bulk buyer)."

Farmers should also consider hedging some of their fertilizer needs for the coming

season. Anhydrous ammonia prices declined to a range of \$560 to \$760 per ton across the state as of Sept. 7, according to the Illinois Production Cost Report. That's down significantly from historic highs last year.

However, the statewide average price of \$636 per ton for anhydrous on Sept. 7 represented an increase of \$47.78 from the previous two weeks.

"I have a hard time seeing fertilizer prices come down much more," Gary Schnitkey, soybean industry chair in ag strategy at the University of Illinois, told FarmWeek. "If we have a cold winter, it could cause natural gas prices to go higher."

Overall, Basse looks for inflation to remain a major issue in the U.S. for some time to come, which could trigger the Federal Reserve to continue increasing interest rates down the road. The Federal Reserve raised its policy rates by 5.25 percentage points since March 2022, after another quarter point hike in July, in an effort to tame inflation, which hit 7 percent last year. "The Fed may have one or two rate hikes to go, but it may not happen until 2024," Basse said. "By raising rates, the Fed is compressing demand."

Inflation slowed to 3.3 percent in July. But Basse questions whether the Fed can get inflation back to its target of 2 percent. "I believe the central bank will struggle to get inflation back to 2 percent. That target is unrealistic in this market as too many things are short," he said. "I think we'll have to live with inflation between 2.75 and 3.5 percent."

The situation could cause the dollar index to weaken over time. If that happens, the commodity markets could find some strength amid new sales opportunities in the world market, Basse added.

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DEBRA JOAN KUNDERT

Debra Joan Kundert, 71, of Lena, IL, passed away on Sept. 14, 2023. Arrangements are pending with the Schwarz Park Blvd Chapel.



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To all those individuals and businesses that donated and/or attended the benefit held for Shawn & Tori shortly before his passing and thank you to the many friends and family who have reached out to our family since his passing. We are overwhelmed with all the cards, memorials, prayers, and kind thoughts. A special thank you to all those who attended the "Celebration of Life" in Rockford and the Memorial Mass at St. Ann's in Warren. A special thanks to Father Hernandez and Father Mike Morrissey as well as Northern Illinois Hospice and Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon, IL. "Thank you" doesn't seem adequate for what each of you have offered.

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, Oct. 8 for Communion Sunday Worship Service. The reading will be from Matthew 21:33-46.

On Wednesday, Oct. 11 Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience is necessary. On Thursday, Oct. 12 Friendship Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner and entertainment by No Worries Band.

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

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City will celebrate the nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost on Oct. 8.

The October Grace Meal will be on

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

The Healthy Wolves group will be packing backpacks on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. The next Men's Breakfast will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at Garden View Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. There will be a bible study and Sit-N-Sew meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17 beginning at 9:45 a.m. in Luther Hall. They will be working on the Christmas ornaments. Bring a sack lunch.

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

St. John's Lutheran Church Annual Bazaar and dinner

The Annual Bazaar and dinner will be held on Nov. 7. The Bazaar opens at 8:30

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

There will be a \$1 per ticket raffle for a quilt and wall hanging. FHN will be offering flu shots blood pressure screenings from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Stockton Community Choir rehearsals begin Oct. 5

The Stockton Community Christmas Choir will begin rehearsals on Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. at Calvary Church. All are welcome to come and join in a Cantata which will be performed on Dec. 3, 2023, at 6 p.m. in the evening. The Cantata is "O Holy Light" by Mary McDonald.



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IDNR reminds hunters that the use of unmanned aircraft – drones – is against the law in Illinois. It can result in seizure of equipment.

IDNR reminds hunters drone use for hunting prohibited

The use of unmanned aircraft, or drones, for any aspect of hunting or recovery of wildlife is unlawful in the state, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is reminding the public.

"Not only is drone use for hunting unlawful in Illinois, it goes against the spirit of fair chase and widely accepted hunting ethics," said Jed Whitchurch, director of the IDNR Office of Law Enforcement. "Illinois Conservation Police officers will be monitoring for drone use during the fall and winter hunting seasons. We encourage all hunters to familiarize themselves with the Wildlife Code, abide by the law, and have a safe and successful hunting season."

The fall hunting season

kicked into gear on Oct. 1, with the opening of archery deer and turkey seasons throughout Illinois.

IDNR and Illinois Conservation Police have received several inquiries from the public about the use of drones for scouting and tracking animals. The unlawful use of drones for hunting could result in enforcement action, including but not limited to the seizure and forfeiture of unlawfully used equipment.

Hunters are advised to review all requirements of the Illinois Wildlife Code, which regulates the taking of wildlife and the use of unmanned aircraft in these situations (520 ILCS 5/2.33(i) and 520 ILCS 5/1.2o), and can be found online to read in full.

Armed vehicular hi-jacking arrest

On Sept. 24, 2023, at approximately 5 pm, Freeport Police officers responded to the 800 block of W. Cottonwood Street in reference to a vehicle that had just been stolen. When officers arrived, they spoke to the victim who stated he was inside his 2021 Dodge Durango with his child when he was approached by two males who were wearing masks, gloves and were armed with pistols. The males ordered the victim out of his vehicle and demanded that he hand them the keys to the vehicle. The male was able to remove his child from the vehicle and did as he was ordered by the suspects. One of the suspect males entered the victim's vehicle and drove away.

The investigating officers quickly broadcasted the stolen vehicle description over ISPERN. The stolen vehicle was seen by a Trooper with the Illinois State Police outside of the City of Freeport who then engaged in a pursuit of the stolen vehicle. The driver of the stolen vehicle tried to evade the Trooper as he pursued the stolen vehicle into the City of Rockford. The stolen vehicle eventually crashed, and the suspect then fled on foot. He was later located by the Rockford Police Department in the area of Horace Avenue and Green Street. A firearm was recovered from a satchel that was still inside of the stolen vehicle.

The arrestee is a 17-year-old male juvenile who resides in Rockford, Illinois. He was taken to a Rockford-area hospital where he was treated and then released to the custody of the Freeport Police Department. The juvenile has been charged with two counts of Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking and one count of Possession of a Stolen Vehicle. He was later transported to the Kane County Juvenile Detention Center.

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News briefs

Area vets window display

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

Veterans Pantry in need of donations

The Veterans Pantry is in need of laundry soap and dish soap. They have also received requests for larger leggings for women and thermal underwear for men and women as the

weather gets colder. Items can be brought to the Lena American Legion Home on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 316 W Main St. Please call 815-369-4684 with any questions.

American Legion Auxiliary meeting

The October meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at the Lena American Legion Home at 6 p.m. for potluck dinner with the meeting to follow. District President April Eberle will attend, and the McConnell and Orangeville Units have been invited. We will be making tray favors for the hospitalized veterans. Dues will be collected. New members are always welcome.

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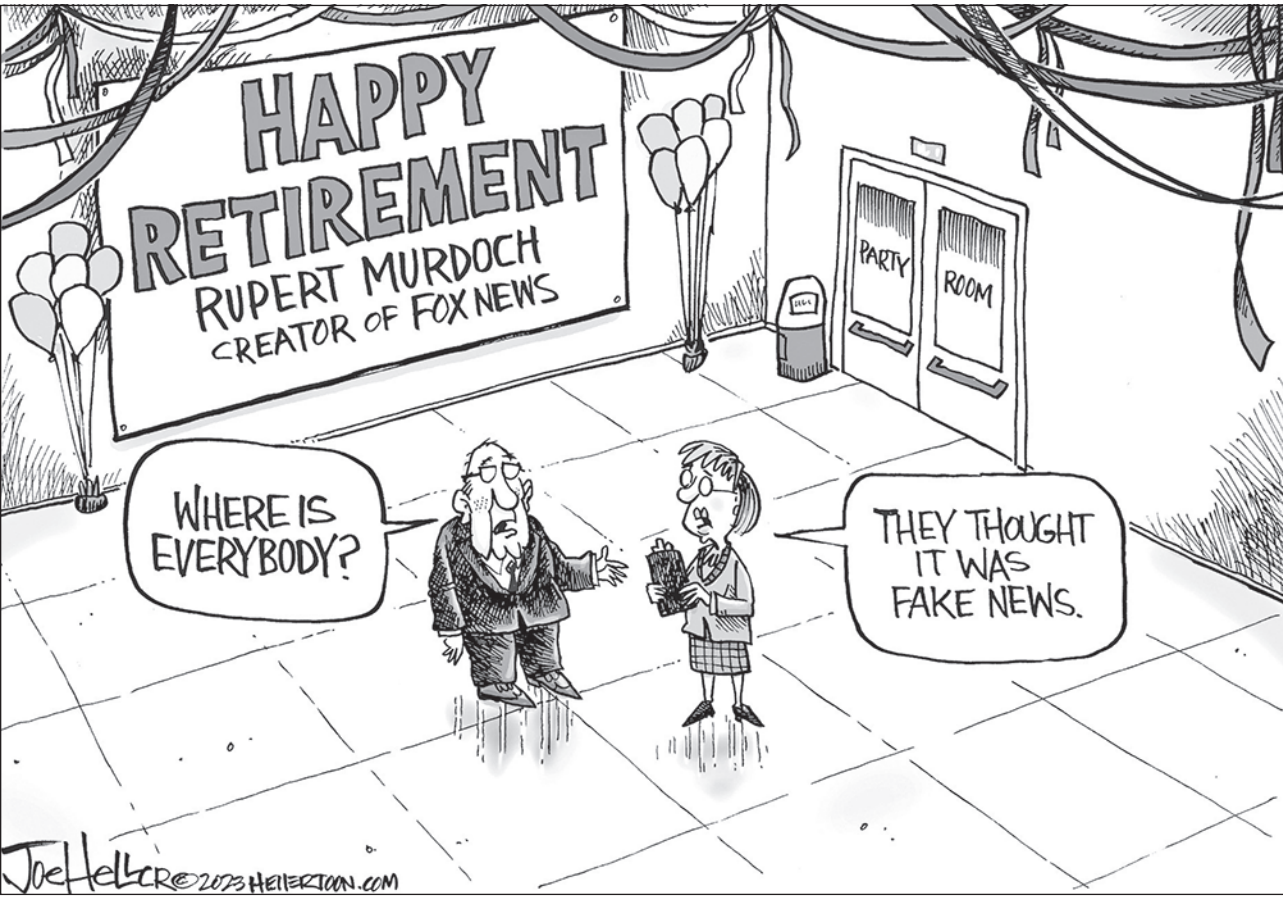
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Combines and harvest time

I saw some farmers out cutting soybeans this past weekend and so it's safe to assume that the harvest season is officially underway. The first self-propelled combine we ever had was an International 303. It had a two row corn head and a thirteen-foot grain head.

There was no cab on it and when Dad came in from cutting beans all afternoon, he used to be covered in dust from head to toe. We used to gather around and watch him wash up for dinner just to watch the dust and dirt turn the water in the sink from clear to black. The fact that

our combine didn't have a cab didn't seem to bother him at all. The 303 was such an improvement over the New Idea pull type combine that it didn't matter how dirty, hot, or cold the driver got, it was worth it. In those early days we would park a couple gravity flow wagons on one end of the field and the 46 International grain truck on the other end and Dad would stop and unload going each way. Slowly the wagons and truck would fill up and be hauled up to the bins for



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

unloading. It was us kid's job to unload the wagons, but when the truck got full, Dad would shut down the combine and drive the truck up to our bins or take it right

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Slices of life

Funny random thoughts



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

Sometimes it's good (and fun) to just be silly. I guess today is one of those days for me. So here goes.

Words are weird: We all have that one friend who can only answer one question or address one topic per text. I've dubbed them a unitexter.

Those of us fluent in texting about multiple topics at once (with multiple people at once) however are textperts.

I'm just a simple Pert, no texting (or prefix) needed.

If you are in a monogamous relationship, does that make it sexclusive?

If you are flustered and frustrated at the same time, would that make you frustrated?

If you are extraordinary, doesn't that make you just really, really ordinary?

The blob of toothpaste on your brush has a name; it's called a hurdle (no running or jumping required.)

The real name for a hashtag is octothorpe, and I octo know!

Every day I make a to-do list, despite the fact that I try to be a minimalist. I guess that makes me a regulist, or perhaps a maxilist.

There is no "I" in team, but if you get creative with the letters, there is "me."

What's in a name: What is French kissing called in France?

What are fancy dishes called in China?

French fries were invented in Belgium. (Go ahead, do the Google.)

If a quiz is quizical, what is a test?

If olive oil is made from

olives and coconut oil made from coconuts, what is baby oil made from?

Hamburgers contain no ham. Hot dogs contain no dog. Catsup contains no cats. A grasshopper (as in the cocktail) contains no bugs. Swedish meatballs contain no Swedes. Duck sauce has nothing to do with a duck.

Spam, however, does contain pork.

Who decided to put body parts where they don't technically belong? For instance, ears of corn, eye of the storm, hair of the dog, mouth of a river, head of cheese, foot of the mountain, nose dive, chest of drawers, fingerling lakes, toe jam, butt of a joke.

Impossibilities and things that don't exist:

Froot Loops are zero percent fruit, and their different loopy colors are all the same flavor. (Disappointing on both counts, I know.)

It's impossible to hum while pinching your nose. (I'll pause here for a moment while you go ahead and try this for yourself. I sure did.)

Vegetables, in the world of botany, technically don't exist. Tell that to your broccoli-loving grandma! Foods that we eat that grow underground--like carrots

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Sen. Chesney presents Highland College officials with Senate Resolution

Recognizes the college's 60th anniversary

In recognition of Highland Community College's 60th anniversary on Sept. 26, State Senator Andrew Chesney (R-Freeport) presented HCC President Christina Kuberski and Trustee Doug Block with an honorary Senate Resolution commemorating the occasion.

"Highland Community College is an excellent institution of higher learning that has helped many Northwest Illinoisans reach their academic goals," said Chesney. "It is a true gem in our community, and I am proud to present the college with a resolution that acknowledges its successes over the last six decades."

HCC's main campus is located on 140 acres in Freeport, and the public referendum calling for the creation of the college passed in 1961 by a 3:1 margin. In 1962, 229 students began attending evening classes held at the Freeport Senior High School, and in 1964 money was raised to purchase the farmland where the college is now located. The plan for the current campus was approved by voters in 1968.

"This college offers comprehensive learning opportunities with over 70 degrees and certificates, including a wide variety of vocational degrees," added Chesney. "HCC also offers adult education classes that include GED and English as a Second Language courses, helping students of all ages meet their individual educational goals."

In addition to academic programs, HCC offers 12 men and women's athletic teams, allowing students to wear the "Cougar" uniform and compete interscholastically. Dozens of clubs also provide opportunities for students to explore other interests.

"Highland Community College is a supporter of regional economic development and provides pathways for students to enhance their learning through partnerships with businesses, industry, chambers of commerce, units of local government, and other educational institutions," said Chesney. "It is fitting that on the occasion of the college's 60th anniversary that the school's history and successes are enshrined in the Illinois State Statutes through this honorary resolution."



From left: Highland Community College Trustee Doug Black, HCC President Christina Kuberski, and State Senator Andrew Chesney show off Senate Resolution 112, commemorating HCC's 60th anniversary.

Highland Cougar Athletics welcomes Casey Coon as new Head Softball Coach

Highland Cougar Athletics is thrilled to announce Casey Coon as the new Head Softball Coach for the Highland Cougar Softball team. With an impressive background in softball, both as a player and coach, Coon brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Cougar softball program. Coach Coon replaces Danielle Walker, who resigned in August to pursue career opportunities in Kentucky.

"Highland Cougar Athletics is proud to welcome Casey Coon as the new head softball coach," said Athletic Director Pete Norman. "Her exceptional background and deep-rooted passion for softball make her an invaluable asset to our program. With her leadership, we are confident

that our softball team will continue to thrive."

Coon, a current Human Resources and Payroll Administrator at the Regional Office of Education in Freeport, has a distinguished history in softball. Her journey in the sport includes many accolades, such as being named the NIC-

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•Harvest (Continued from page 4)

to the grain elevator in town to unload. I remember he or my grandpa would pull the front tires onto planks that made up a wooden lift at the elevator and up, up, up it would lift the front end of the truck to empty out the grain bed because our truck didn't have its own hoist. We used to love sitting in the cab while it went up.

A few years later we got an IH 715 combine, and then a 915, which led to a 1460 which we had for a long, long time. It still sits in the machinery graveyard out back. I have very fond memories of that IH 1460. We had a rear wheel assist put on and that thing could go anywhere. I remember

first learning to unload on the go right into the grain cart as we kept right on picking, and how that really sped things up. In the late 70's and into the 80's we began to rent more farmland and my brothers, and I would combine late into the night and right on into the early morning hours when the weather was good. The bright lights on the combine really lit up the fields and it was just like picking in the daytime. We would be so tired though, that we could hardly keep our eyes open. We had radios in all the harvest equipment so whoever was in the grain cart would sometimes have to be awoken by the combine driver to drive to the combine so it

could unload. Then when the grain cart driver filled up the truck, he might have to radio the truck driver to wake up and haul the load up to the bin. The whole program was pretty much dependent on the combine driver as he was never able to catch one of those catnaps.

The worst of it was coming in at 2 or 3 am and then having to get up at 4 to do the milking. We were like a bunch of zombies for days at a time in the fall. If it rained for a day or two, we celebrated and tried to catch up on our sleep so we could get back at it. I sure have some great memories of those years. We loved the harvest time and

all the hard work. We knew that if we got enough rain during the summer, and if we really worked hard, we would be able to make the farm payment each year and the land rent. Just maybe there might be enough left over to pick up another tractor or

something else to make the work easier. It's clear from scripture that God expects us to work. 2 Thessalonians 3:10 tells us, For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

By the way, I am going to be speaking at the Winneshiek Evangelical Free Church near Freeport, IL on Sunday October 1st at 2 o'clock as part of their homecoming celebration. Hope to see some of you there. Until next week, God bless.

•Thoughts (Continued from page 4)

or beets—are actually roots. Foods that contains seeds inside their skins—like tomatoes or green beans—are actually fruits. Leafy foods like spinach are leaves. Broccoli is a flower. Peas are seeds. Asparagus and celery are stems.

The takeaway? Eat your

flowers, eat your stems and make your grandma proud!

To sum it up:

I try to make it a habit to laugh—really laugh—every day because silly and weird should definitely be a part of life. They simply make things more fun, and if we can't make it fun, what's it all about,

anyway? Smile. Laugh. Enjoy Repeat. And, always, always eat your vegetables, even if they don't botanically exist.

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11 organizations receive Natural Areas Stewardship Grants from IDNR

Eleven grants totaling nearly \$750,000 have been awarded to Illinois land trusts to support stewardship on land protected by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources announced.

This includes a grant within Jo Daviess and Carroll counties.

The goal of the Natural Areas Stewardship Grant program is to increase the delivery of much needed stewardship activities to natural areas that are permanently protected within the nature preserves system. Stewardship needs on natural areas throughout Illinois have continued to outpace the ability to deliver these services by individuals, volunteers, organizations, and government agencies.

This grant program is de-

signed to fund projects that address this deficiency by increasing the stewardship capacity of conservation land trusts through grants that will expand their staff and equipment for these activities. Land trusts receiving 2023 grants and their stewardship action are:

- Grand Prairie Friends, \$92,817.88 for work in Coles County. Purchase a truck and support staff time to perform ecological restoration through prescribed fire implementation and invasive species removal at Embarras Ridges Land and Water Reserve, Warbler Woods North Land and Water Reserve, Warbler Woods Nature Preserve, Warbler Bottoms North Land and Water Reserve, Warbler Bluff Land and Water Reserve, and Warbler Landing Land and Water Reserve.

- Illinois Audubon Society, \$52,000 for work in Lee County. Enlist contractual services to perform ecological restoration through invasive species removal at Gremel Nature Preserve.

- Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, \$76,000 for work in Jo Daviess and Carroll counties. Purchase a truck to support efficient and effective performance of ecological restoration at Rutherford Refuge at Twin Bridges Nature Preserve, Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve, Apple River Canyon Land and Water Reserve, Sentinel Nature Preserve, Hanover Bluff Nature Preserve, Apple River Canyon Nature Preserve, and Rall Woods Land and Water Reserve.

- Lake Forest Open Lands, \$67,609.12 for work in Lake County. Enlist contractual

services, purchase equipment, and support chainsaw training to perform ecological restoration through prescribed fire implementation and invasive species removal at Middlefork Savanna Nature Preserve and Skokie River Nature Preserve.

- ParkLands Foundation, \$41,984.06 for work in McLean and Woodford counties. Enlist contractual services and support staff to perform ecological restoration through prescribed fire implementation and invasive species removal at Merwin Savanna Nature Preserve, Weston Cemetery Prairie Nature Preserve, Ridgetop Hill Prairie Nature Preserve and Chinquapin Bluffs Land and Water Reserve.

- Prairie Hills Resource Conservation and Development, \$89,784.68 for work in McDonough and Hancock counties. Purchase equipment and supplies and support staff time to perform ecological restoration through prescribed fire implementation and invasive species removal at Nenawakwa Land and Water Reserve, Thistle Hills Land and Water Reserve, Stony Hills Nature Preserve, Jamar Hav-

en Land and Water Reserve, and Short Fork Seep Nature Preserve.

- The Conservation Foundation, \$51,282 for work in LaSalle County. Enlist contractual services, purchase equipment, and support staff to perform ecological restoration through prescribed fire implementation and invasive species removal at Dayton Bluffs Land and Water Reserve.

- The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, \$61,991.40, for work in McHenry County. Enlist contractual services, purchase equipment, and support staff to perform ecological restoration through prescribed fire implementation and invasive species removal at Boloria Fen and Sedge Meadow Nature Preserve, Yonder Prairie Nature Preserve, and Irish Oaks Savanna Nature Preserve.

- The Nature Conservancy, Kankakee Sands, \$81,091.00 for work in Kankakee County. Purchase a skid steer to support efficient and effective performance of ecological restoration at Pembroke Savanna Nature Preserve, Hopkins Park Nature Preserve,

Tallmudge Sand Forest Land and Water Reserve, Mskoda Land and Water Reserve, and Guiding Star Savanna Land and Water Reserve.

- The Nature Conservancy, Nachusa, \$54,327 for work in Lee and Ogle counties. Purchase a knife-style brush mower attachment for a skid steer to thin invasive woody plants at Nachusa Grasslands Nature Preserve and Nachusa Grasslands Land and Water Reserve.

- The Nature Institute, \$78,500 for work in Madison County. Hire staff and purchase equipment to support ecological restoration through prescribed fire implementation and invasive species removal at John M. Olin Nature Preserve and Mississippi Sanctuary Nature Preserve.

Funding for IDNR's Natural Area Stewardship Grant program is derived from a portion of the Illinois Natural Areas Acquisition Fund. The fund must be used by the IDNR for the acquisition and stewardship of natural areas, including habitats for endangered and threatened species (Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act, 525 ILCS 35/14).

Eligible applicants under the grant program are conservation land trusts exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code whose originating documents include in the purpose of restoration, stewardship, or conservation of land for the preservation of native plants or animals, biotic communities, geological formations, or archaeological sites of significance.

For more information, visit dnr.illinois.gov/grants/stewardshipgrants.html.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

It sounds as if we will have some unseasonably warm weather the next week. One of these days, the temperature drop will come. We will be complaining about frost and raking leaves. I love the Fall; it is my favorite season, so I am hoping it will last a long time. Have a great week cooking!

Escaloped Cabbage

Do you still have some cabbage? This recipe is an easy way to serve a side that will be popular with anyone

who likes cooked cabbage.

1 head of cabbage shredded or chopped
1 small onion, finely chopped
Salt and Pepper to taste
1 small carton of. Whipping cream

Place the cut-up cabbage in a sprayed large 2½ qt. casserole. Mix in the onion and salt and pepper. Pour the cream over the cabbage and bake for 30-40 minutes until cabbage is tender.

Chicken, Spinach, and Mushroom Pasta Bake

Chicken seems to be a mainstay in many people's diets. If you are like me, you are always looking for different ways to use chicken. I like this one because it is a way to use up rotisserie chicken. I love to buy the grocery store

chickens, but for one person there is a lot leftover. I usually make some chicken salad, but I like to cut up the remaining chicken and cube it. I put it in the freezer for casseroles.

This one is what I call "healthy" because it uses spinach—a little green in the casserole helps us think that. The unhealthy part is the cheese that makes it tastes great! Put a good salad with this casserole, and you are serving a complete meal with not a lot of fuss.

1 box (1 lb.) rotini pasta
2 T. butter
½ lb. sliced fresh mushrooms
½ C. chopped onion
¼ C. flour
1 carton (32 oz.) chicken broth
3 C. shredded mozzarella cheese
2 pkgs. (10 oz. each) frozen spinach, thawed and squeezed

dry
3 C. shredded rotisserie chicken
1 T. Dijon mustard
½ t. salt
½ t. black pepper
½ C. shredded Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions and keep warm. Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. In a large Dutch oven, melt butter over medium heat. Add mushrooms and onion and cook, stirring frequently, for 5 minutes. Add flour, cook, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes. Stir in the broth and cook, stirring often, for 10 minutes or until mixture is thickened and bubbly. Add the mozzarella cheese, stirring until cheese melts. Remove the mixture from heat. Stir in spinach, chicken, mustard, salt, and pepper. Spoon mixture into the baking dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until cheese is melted and bubbly.

Creamy Beef and Macaroni

This recipe is a good evening meal because you put everything in the crock pot in the morning, and voila! Dinner is ready when you get home.

1 lb. ground beef, browned and drained
1 can cream of celery soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
2 C. milk
1 bag (8 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
2 C. macaroni, uncooked
½ t. onion powder
½ t. pepper

Lightly spray the crock of a 5-qt. slow cooker with cooking spray. Combine the ingredients in the order listed in the crock and gently stir to blend. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or until macaroni is tender.

Colleen Rakowska's Apple Cake

I included an apple cake last week and someone asked for more. This one is easy and moist because of the eggs. The glaze is also different than the usual brown sugar glazes.

1 C. vegetable oil
2 C. sugar
1 t. salt
1 t. cinnamon
2½ C. flour
3 C. apples, chopped
1 C. nuts, chopped (Optional)
3 eggs
1 t. vanilla
1 t. soda
2 t. baking powder
Glaze:
2 C. powdered sugar
½ C. milk or lemon juice

Preheat the oven to 350. Blend well the oil sugar, eggs, and vanilla. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, salt, cinnamon, soda, and baking powder. Add small amounts at a time to the sugar mixture. After it is all combined, fold in the apples and nuts. Bake in a 9 x 13 greased pan for 55 minutes. Cool 10 minutes. Mix the glaze ingredients together and cover the cake with glaze.

Healthy Apple Crisp

A great way to enjoy the fall apples from your orchid may be to make an autumn favorite which is low in calories. The local Lena Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Club IL #2585 sent this Apple Crisp recipe as a way to use the abundant fall fruit as a good snack or dessert.

3 medium baking apples, cored and sliced thinly
1 t. cinnamon
2 T. sugar
2 T. flour
Topping
1 C. quick oats
1 t. vanilla
½ t. cinnamon
¼ C. brown sugar
2 T. margarine
Mix the apples, cinnamon, sugar and flour and place into a 9 x 9 baking dish that has been sprayed with cooking spray. In a small bowl, mix topping ingredients until

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As state Supreme Court weighs another BIPA lawsuit, lawmakers mull child data privacy framework

Health care industry argues it is exempt from biometric privacy liability

By Andrew Adams
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

In Springfield on Sept. 21, the medical industry went to court. The Illinois Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a pair of class action suits brought by two suburban nurses, Lucille Mosby and Yana Mazya, who allege their employers violated the state's Biometric Information Privacy Act, a landmark 2008 law that gives Illinois residents the ability to sue companies that misuse biometric data, such as fingerprints or facial scans.

It's the same act that formed the basis of several high-profile lawsuits that have led to massive penalties or settlements, such as the \$650 million Facebook agreed to pay its Illinois users after it

was alleged to have misused biometric data. The nurses allege that, by requiring the use of fingerprint scanners to open medicine cabinets, Northwestern Medicine, UChicago Medicine and Becton, Dickinson and Co.—the company that makes the medicine cabinets—violated BIPA.

According to court filings, the hospital systems did not collect written releases allowing them to use the fingerprint data, nor did the hospitals provide information about how the biometrics would be stored or eventually destroyed. They also failed to obtain consent to disclose the fingerprint data to third-party vendors that host it.

But lawyers for the defendants argued the use of biometrics to manage medicine falls under an exemption to the law because it counts as, in the words of BIPA, "health care treatment, payment, or operations under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act." The exact wording of the law, and the definition of "under," faced scrutiny from lawyers on both sides of the case as they argued about the inter-

section of BIPA and the federal HIPAA law. "If the defendant is correct, that means the General Assembly decided that as much as 10 percent of the Illinois workforce should have no biometric privacy protection whatsoever, simply by virtue of working in the health care field," the nurses' attorney, Jim Zouras, told the

court Sept. 21.

Beyond the specifics of the case, the hospitals' lawyers also focused on its potential industrywide impact. In their legal brief filed ahead of arguments, they said health care providers would potentially face "catastrophic liability."

In a February decision against fast food chain White

Castle, the Supreme Court ruled that each separate violation of BIPA—meaning every time the company required an employee to sign in using biometric data—represented a separate violation of the law. With penalties of \$1,000 or \$5,000 per violation included in BIPA, White Castle estimated the ruling could even-

tually cost the company \$17 billion.

That level of liability could be disastrous if applied to the medical community, the defendants argued. "Biometrics are industry standard at this point," Matt Wolfe, a lawyer for BD, told the justices Sept.

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Stellantis proposes repurpose of Belvidere Assembly Plant

Staff report

The automaker that owns the Belvidere Assembly Plant first announced that it would idle the Belvidere plant in December of last year. It's estimated that more than 1,200 employees were laid off in February of 2023.

The company has 16 auto brands and recently manufactured the Jeep Cherokee SUV at the Belvidere plant. Other brands that were manufactured at the plant that opened in 1965 included the Dodge Neon, Chrysler Newport and Plymouth Fury. The plant has close to 5 million square feet on 280 acres.

Stellantis indicated the closure was due to the high cost of moving over to electric vehicles, the pandemic and the current microchip shortage.

According to *Crain's Chicago*

Business, Stellantis made a proposal to the United Auto Workers union that could repurpose the Belvidere plant as a hub for its Mopar parts and distribution network. The proposal also involved closing 18 other facilities across the country, including 10 existing Mopar centers.

The United Auto Workers president, Shawn Fain, criticized the company's handling of the proposal, saying it was "unacceptable" to announce such a plan without consulting the union. He also expressed concern about the impact of the proposal on the workers.

The offices of the Illinois governor and the federal government have been trying to persuade Stellantis to revive the Belvidere plant with incentives and support programs. The plant's future is still uncertain as negotiations between

the company and the union continue. Currently, the plant is idled for manufacturing. However, the location is still used as a transportation hub for company vehicles that are shipped to auto dealers.

About Stellantis

Stellantis has its company headquarters in Amsterdam. The company is currently the fourth largest automaker by sales revenues. Toyota, Volkswagen Group and Hyundai Motor Group are the three largest. The auto manufacturing company was formed by the merger of the Italian-American conglomerate Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and the French PSA Group. Stellantis does business in more than 130 countries with manufacturing in 30 countries

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Stockton Blackhawks continue battling through tough 2023 football schedule

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Stockton Blackhawks have one of the toughest schedules in all of Illinois Class 1A football. After opening the season against the Durand-Pecatonica Rivermen, the Blackhawks went on to face off with the Lena-Winslow Panthers, the Fulton Steamers, and eventually the Forreton Cardinals. After six weeks of play, those four teams hold a combined record of 21-3.

The Blackhawks put on some honorable performances against those impressive teams, including a four-point loss to Du-Pec in the season opener. After another tough loss to Forreton in week six, the Blackhawks' overall record of 2-4 leaves more to be desired.

Back in week four, Stockton's Head Coach Sean Downey spoke about his thoughts midway through the season. "I feel like we are a greatly improved ball club. We had every chance to win the opener at Durand. We competed with Le-Win for most of the first half. They blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown, which broke our backs a little bit. If we play for four quarters, we can compete with the teams left on our schedule," Downey said.

Since then, the Blackhawks picked up a solid victory over Eastland -Pearl City and fell to a 6-0 Forreton squad. Stockton had the ground game working against EPC. Tanner Gile carried a heavy workload, taking 20 carries for 87 yards

and a pair of scores. Karl Hubb had an even busier day in the Stockton backfield. Hubb had 22 carries for one hundred and 26 yards and a trio of touchdowns.

During Downey's interview, the Stockton coach gave credit to a few players who stepped up and took their game to the next level. "Colby Tucker, our quarterback, and Brady Haas, a wide receiver-tight end and defensive back, have really played well," Downey shared. At the time, Tucker was second in the conference in passing yards, and Haas was leading the way in the NUIC for receiving yards. Stockton didn't get the passing game going against EPC, but that's mostly because they didn't need it. The Blackhawks beat EPC by a final score

of 35-8 after putting up 269 yards on the ground.

Haas still made his presence felt on defense. With eight total tackles and an interception, Haas was all over the field against EPC. Downey also gave a shout-out to sophomore linebacker, Mark Detweiler. In the win over EPC, Detweiler racked up six total tackles including a sack.

Following the week five win, the Blackhawks prepared for another tough test as they played host to the Forreton Cardinals. The Blackhawks proved themselves to be a formidable opponent against an undefeated Forreton squad.

In a defensive battle, the Blackhawks struggled to get much of anything going offensively. By the end of

the first half, Stockton found themselves trailing by a score of 16-0. Stockton cut into the lead in the second half, however.

The ground game handled most of the dirty work, and although the passing game wasn't perfect, it got the job done. Tucker found Haas on a nine-yard touchdown pass. Hubb converted the two-point conversion, and Stockton cut the Forreton lead down to eight points. After three quarters, the underdog Blackhawks found themselves trailing the undefeated Cardinals by just one score.

That was as close as Stockton would get, however. Forreton capped the game off with a late fourth quarter score. Eventually the Blackhawks fell by a

score of 22-8, dropping their overall record to 2-4.

Overall, the Blackhawks are a better team than what their record displays. Downey will need to keep the team's confidence up as they approach the end of the season. No game is easy, but the Blackhawks have a more forgiving schedule in the final three weeks of the season. This Friday, Oct. 6 the Blackhawks are set to face off with West Carroll who is 0-6 on the year. On Friday, Oct. 13 they play host to the 2-4 Dakota Indians. Then, on Friday, Oct. 20 Stockton travels to face off with the 2-4 Galena Pirates. If the Blackhawks want to prove themselves and play their best ball when it matters most, these next three weeks are going to be crucial.

Blackhawks split games with River Ridge, West Carroll

By Trenten Scheidegger
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The Stockton Blackhawks have been on a bit of a roller coaster in the recent parts of their 2023 volleyball season. After splitting games against Warren and East Dubuque the week prior, the Blackhawks went on to split games against River Ridge and West Carroll last week. Following that, the

Blackhawks were just 5-5 over their last 10 games played, and that includes a four-game winning streak. When Stockton is at their best, they have found plenty of success. Consistency is going to be the key for the Blackhawks as they near the end of the 2023 season.

On Tuesday, Sept. 26 the Blackhawks lost their second game in a row when they trav-

eled to face off with the River Ridge Wildcats. The Wildcats have been an impressive team this year, and they brought an overall record of 13-6-3 into the matchup. Meanwhile, the Blackhawks were 9-8-2.

Stockton came out strong. After an impressive performance in the opening set, the Blackhawks jumped out to a 1-0 lead with a 25-15 victo-

ry. Following the first set, the Wildcats had the Blackhawks figured out, however. River Ridge went on to win the next two sets by scores of 25-18 and 25-21. River Ridge ultimately captured the 2-1 victory for their fourteenth win of the season.

Addison Albrecht had her way offensively, posting a team-leading 13 kills. Albrecht also led the way in digs with eight. Gwen Miller also had an impressive day for River Ridge with eight kills, three blocks, and 13 assists. Kaylen Bond added six kills for the Wildcats and Laiken Haas

led the way in assists with 16. Evie Walters added six digs in the victory.

Stockton was led by Madalyn Mammoser who had 11 kills, four blocks, and eight digs in the loss. Katelyn Winters added seven kills and 11 digs. Kaydra Wright led the team with 13 assists, and Emily Broshous had a team-leading 12 digs.

The Blackhawks got an opportunity to bounce back just a day later when they traveled to face off with the West Carroll Thunder. West Carroll came into the matchup with a 3-15 overall record as they were rid-

ing a two-game skid. Stockton made sure to extend that losing streak to three games. West Carroll didn't go down without a fight, however. Even though Stockton went on to capture a 2-0 sweep, it didn't come easy. The Blackhawks took the first set by a score of 25-22. They sealed the deal in set two, when they won by a score of 25-19.

Mammoser had another electric performance, leading the team with 10 kills and five digs. Winters was next up with five kills, two aces, and five digs. Broshous led the team with nine digs, and Kacy Wright had 12 assists in the victory.

Following the win, Stockton improved their overall record to 10-9-2 on the season. On Thursday, Oct. 5 the Blackhawks have a challenging opponent on the schedule as they travel to face off with the Galena Pirates. As of last weekend, the Pirates held an overall record of 17-2.

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Around the Northern Hills with Annette Eggers

This week marks National 4-H Week. Youth organizations such as 4-H introduce responsibility, hard work, and dedication at a young age. I come from a family that was active in 4-H. My mom was a 4-H'er, I was an eleven-year member, and my kids were all members. I spent several years as a 4-H leader and now still help support 4-H here at the farm bureau. The JD-CFB sponsors the outstanding 4-H'ers for the county as well as pays a portion of the program fee for each member. This year we added a new item. Every showmanship winner will receive a t-shirt at the 4-H achievement program.



Annette Eggers

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Combine care packages
The Young Leaders committee want to give all some of you a treat during harvest this year. At their last meeting they put together "combine care packages" filled with some goodies that you can keep with you in the combine or your truck during harvest. We know that everyone will be putting in some long days during the coming weeks and wanted to make sure you had a few snacks to keep you going. The best part is it all comes in a five-gallon bucket! Who doesn't need another one of those? Thank you to Ace Hardware in Stockton for donating the buckets! There are a limited number of these so if you are interested, stop in at the office and pick yours up before they are gone.

Tips for motorists

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

Slow down and be patient.

Reduce speed when encountering farm equipment on public roads. Flashing amber lights mean "caution."

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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

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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 April 18, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on October 31, 2023, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, GUILFORD TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THE BOUNDARY OF SAID TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42' 23" EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 15, A DISTANCE OF 1500.49 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREE 00' 00" WEST, 474.54 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF CORDING ROAD, SAID POINT ALSO BEING A CORNER OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED TO NIBOT LIBNOR, INC., BY TRUSTEE DEED RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 336848 IN

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

BY PAUL G. BRASHAW, DATED AUGUST 8, 2015

Commonly known as 2895 W CORDING RD, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 08-000-147-20

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/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 IL-

INOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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

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

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E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-06097

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2022 FC 67 TJSC#: 43-3654

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

Case # 2022 FC 67 13230235

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Bankers' Bank; Plaintiff,

vs. Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Daniel J. de Waard a/k/a Daniel De Waard; David De Waard; Sietze De Waard, III; John De Waard; Kay De Waard; Karen O'Keefe; Gretchen

Stastny; William Butcher, as Special Representative for Daniel J. de Waard a/k/a Daniel De Waard; Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants; Defendants.

Case No. 23 FC 30

Judge Presiding

NOTICE BY

PUBLICATION

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

-Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Daniel J. de Waard a/k/a Daniel De Waard

-David De Waard

-John De Waard

-Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants

that Plaintiff has commenced this case in the

Circuit Court of Stephenson County against you

and other defendants, for

foreclosure of a certain

Mortgage lien recorded

against the premises described as follows:

LOT THIRTY-ONE (31)

IN WINTER HEIGHTS

SUBDIVISION, A SUB-

DIVISION IN THE

SOUTHWEST QUARTER

(1/4) OF THE SOUTH-

WEST QUARTER (1/4)

OF SECTION 25 AND

THE NORTHWEST

QUARTER (1/4) OF THE

NORTHWEST QUAR-

TER (1/4) OF SECTION

36, ALL IN TOWNSHIP

27 NORTH, RANGE 7

EAST OF THE FOURTH

PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,

ACCORDING TO THE

PLAT THEREOF RE-

CORDED SEPTEMBER

16, 1954 IN BOOK "F"

OF PLATS, PAGE 5; SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

C/K/A: 1450 Winter

Drive, Freeport, IL 61032

PIN: 18-13-36-104-012

said Mortgage was given

by Daniel J. de Waard a/k/a

Daniel De Waard, Mort-

gagor(s), to State Bank

of Pearl City, Mortgagee,

and recorded in the Office

of the Recorder of Deeds

of Stephenson County, Il-

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UNLESS YOU file your appearance or otherwise file your answer in this case in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Stephenson County, Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport IL 61032 on or before October 27, 2023, A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.

Russell C. Wirbicki

(6186310)

Christopher J. Irk

(6300084)

Cory J. Harris (6319221)

Tracey M. Coons

(6311050)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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

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

2022 FC 40 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 13, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 13, 2023, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave. (West Door), FREEPORT, IL, 61032, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

A PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS. COMMENCING AT A NAIL IN CONCRETE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 1677.96 FEET SO A PIPE FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS THE 10 ACRES OFF THE SOUTH END OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SAID 10 ACRE TRACT (AS MONUMENTED), A DISTANCE OF 590.62 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AT THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE

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

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

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

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

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$211,696.78.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-044754. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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CHAD LEWIS ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810 CHICAGO IL, 60601 561-241-6901 E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLG.COM Attorney File No. 22-044754 Attorney ARDC No. 6306439 Case Number: 2022 FC 40 TJSC#: 43-2846

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

Case # 2022 FC 40 13229000 (Published in The Shopper's Guide Sept. 20, 27 & Oct. 4, 2023) 443803

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF Vs. John Patrick Reimers a/k/a John P. Reimers; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC16 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/06/2023, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on November 16, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PART OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 5 OF ROGER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT 150 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT, 180 FEET; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF LOTS 1 AND 5, 180 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF A TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED BY WARRANTY DEED DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1924, EXECUTED BY JOHN HAMM, JR. AND MARY HAMM, HIS WIFE TO HENRY MEIER AND ANNA MEIER, SAID DEED FILED FOR RECORD MARCH 7, 1924, AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK "138" OF DEEDS, AT PAGE 567; THENCE WESTERLY ON AND ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF AFORESAID TRACT OF LAND, TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT OF LAND, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF AFORESAID LOT 2; THENCE WEST ON AND ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 2; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2, 163 FEET; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOTS 1 AND 2 TO A POINT 60 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 200 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE EAST ON AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN 89-18-19-06-203-026

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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

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Court file to verify all information.

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

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

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

No. 23 PR 55
NOTICE FOR
PUBLICATION-
CLAIMS

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

Kenneth A. Jason
316 Brannon Ct.
Shorewood, IL 60404
as independent Executor
of the Estate of Anthony J.

Jason, whose attorney is
Anthony V. Coon
Attorney At Law
10 N. Galena Ave.,
Ste. 210

Freeport, Illinois 61032
The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 28.4 of the Probate Act (755ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition To Terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 28, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Date: September 18, 2023.
Kenneth A. Jason,
Executor

By: **Anthony V. Coon**
Anthony V. Coon,
Attorney At Law

Anthony V. Coon,
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Pediatric airway concerns



By
**DR. STEPHEN
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General Dentist

Does your child snore loudly when sleeping? Does your child tend to breathe through their mouth rather than their nose? Does your child experience excessive daytime sleepiness, attention problems, and/or hyperactivity? Has he or she experienced behavior issues at home or school? Does your child have difficulty staying asleep? Have you observed or has your child reported episodes of waking up and gasping for air? Does your child occasionally wet the bed at night? Do you struggle to get your child to floss and brush before bedtime because he/she is overly tired and irritable? Does your child often awaken with a dry mouth, parched/chapped lips, bad breath, and a headache?

These are just some of the questions that you may be asked during your child's routine dental exam. They help your dentist evaluate pediatric airway issues that

can impact normal oral and facial development and cause sleep-disordered breathing (SDB). SDB occurs when something repeatedly partially or completely blocks the airway during sleep. When this happens, your child's respiratory and nervous systems are focused on getting oxygen, and their brains cannot achieve the deeper levels of sleep that are essential for good health and proper brain development. The ability to achieve deep sleep is critical because this is when the body produces growth hormones and cytokines. Our bodies use these cytokines to fight infection, illness, and stress.

Excessive brain arousal with SDB also causes the body to secrete undue amounts of stress hormones and cortisol, raise blood glucose levels, and increase insulin resistance. Lack of sleep leads to a lack of energy. Children who are overtired crave higher fat and carbohydrate foods to give them the energy they lack. Your child's body also tries to compensate for this lack of energy by secreting extra adrenaline. This leads to your child feeling both wide awake and exhausted, which in turn makes them irritable, impatient, demanding, anxious, overly emotional, depressed, and stressed. Sleep deprivation also decreases a child's attention span and makes them more likely to experience hyperactivity and impulsivity problems, which can lead to a misdiagnosis of ADHD. It also increases their chances of developing diabetes, obesity, and heart disease.

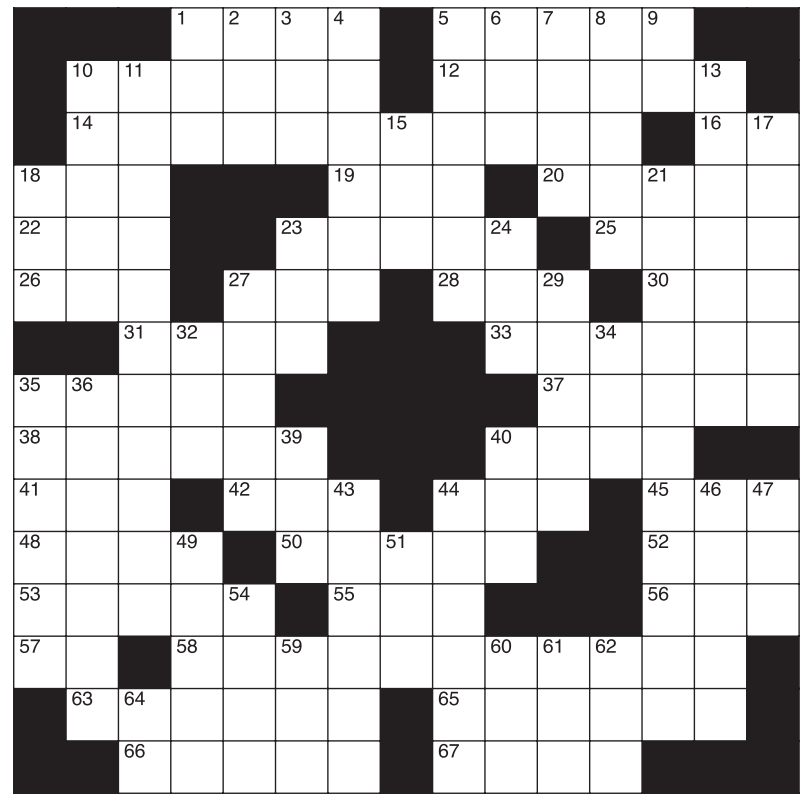
Screening for SDB and airway concerns is a crucial part of your child's dental exam. Mouth breathing and SDB cause distinctive oral and craniofacial developmental issues. The presence and extent of these signs and symptoms, along with your child's medical history and a discussion of their sleep patterns alert your dentist to the presence of a compromised airway. Referrals to your child's pediatrician and other appropriate specialists may be needed to obtain a comprehensive diagnosis of system involvement. This information will be used to create and implement a collaborative treatment plan to address these issues. Improving your child's airway issues allows them to achieve the deep, uninterrupted sleep levels necessary for proper physical and neurological health. It also allows your child to avoid serious and life-long dental and medical consequences.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Flat tableland with steep edges
5. Byproduct of fire
10. Talked
12. Unique skill
14. Unembarrassed
16. Where teenagers go
18. Boxing's GOAT
19. Used to anoint
20. Reproductive structure found in rust fungi
22. Auburn great Newton
23. Some are for Christmas
25. Dried, split pulses
26. Self
27. Where to get your mail
28. High schoolers' test
30. Flightless bird
31. Expecterated
33. Practice of misrepresenting the truth
35. Type of patch
37. French river
38. Told on
40. Hillside
41. Peyton's little brother
42. Soviet Socialist Republic
44. Progressive country musician
45. Witness
48. Brews
50. Yellowish-brown
52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
53. Mexican agave
55. Type of "cast"
56. Popular breakfast food
57. Atomic #52
58. Position north or south of the equator
63. Gadget
65. Another recording
66. Irregular bulges in cell membranes
67. Dark brown

CLUES DOWN

1. Licensed for Wall Street
2. Partner to flow
3. A very large body of water
4. Accumulate on the surface of



5. Central cores of stems
6. Angry
7. Spanish stew: ___ podrida
8. Fastened with a pin
9. On your way: ___ route
10. Soviet labor camp system
11. Enmities
13. B complex vitamin
15. Go quickly
17. Toast
18. A team's best pitcher
21. Philly culinary specialty
23. Small child
24. Unhappy
27. Trims away
29. Full of tears
32. Touch softly
34. Former OSS

35. A person's chest
36. Came from behind
39. Fall back
40. Nellie ___, journalist
43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
44. Weather
46. Sports broadcaster Ian
47. Electroencephalograph
49. Phenyl salicylate
51. Web of Things
54. Ship goods as cargo
59. The bill in a restaurant
60. Young female
61. OJ trial judge
62. One's grandmother
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• Lawsuit (Continued from page 11)

21. "Over the last 15 years, this type of technology has become extremely widely used in the health care setting."

A lower court agreed with the nurses in 2022, with Justice Sharon Oden Johnson of the First District Appellate Court writing lawmakers "did not exclude health-care employee biometric information" from BIPA protections.

The case has drawn the attention of both the wider medical industry and the business community. Several major advocacy and trade groups filed amicus briefs in the case, generally supporting the exclusion of health care workers from BIPA protections. These include the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, the Advanced Medical Technology Association and a coalition of private hospitals including Springfield-based Memorial Health, Northshore University Health System and Rush University System for Health in the Chicago area.

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce also filed briefs warning of potential "annihilative liability" for hospitals if the court rules in the nurses' favor, referencing a line from a dissent written by Justice David Overstreet in the White Castle case.

While most of the amicus briefs supported the hospitals' arguments, the American Nurses Association filed an amicus brief supporting the plaintiffs. "To exempt hundreds of thousands of health-care workers from coverage without explicit language from the legislature to that effect would be contrary to BIPA's purpose," the organization's lawyers wrote in their brief.

The justices will now take the arguments into consideration, although there is no

timetable for a decision being filed.

Lawmakers consider broader framework

While the high court considers the state's existing privacy regulations, lawmakers are thinking about broader privacy frameworks. A Senate committee met in Chicago on Sept. 26 to discuss an unrelated proposal that would create a framework for data privacy focused on strengthening protections for minors online.

The hearing, held by the Senate Judiciary Committee, was to discuss a proposal from Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, to implement an "age-appropriate design code." The proposed policy would require companies that offer online services "likely to be accessed by children" to assess the impact of their product on children and explain privacy policies in language that children would understand.

Under Rezin's bill as it is written currently, businesses would be liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per affected child for negligent violations of privacy protections and up to \$7,500 per affected child for intentional violations.

The proposal would also place new privacy and data restrictions on companies, limiting their ability to profit from and share data collected from or about minors. This has drawn support from some youth activists, who say a policy like this could help curb the harmful effects of social media. "I'm here to speak on behalf of my generation for the harm we've experienced," Zamaan Qureshi, co-chair of the advocacy organization Design It For Us, told lawmakers. "Some of our generation have developed depression, eating disorders and attempted

or taken their life due to social media." Rezin said the proposal is "almost identical" to a similarly named California law passed in 2022. That law was inspired in turn by another similarly named policy adopted in the United Kingdom.

The age-appropriate design code would also require companies to estimate the age of their users to a "reasonable level of certainty" and apply child-focused protections based on that estimated age. Alternatively, the companies could apply those protections to all users.

But Tyler Diers, a representative of the tech industry lobbying group TechNet, argued such a requirement would encourage web companies to collect more personally identifiable information than they already do, leading to increased risks from data breaches. TechNet's members include Apple, Google and Meta—the owner of Facebook and Instagram—among other large tech companies.

On Sept. 18, a federal judge in the Northern District of California granted a preliminary injunction in a lawsuit brought by tech lobbying group NetChoice that objects to California's age-appropriate design code law. The judge found the tech industry's argument that the law violates the First Amendment would likely prevail at trial.

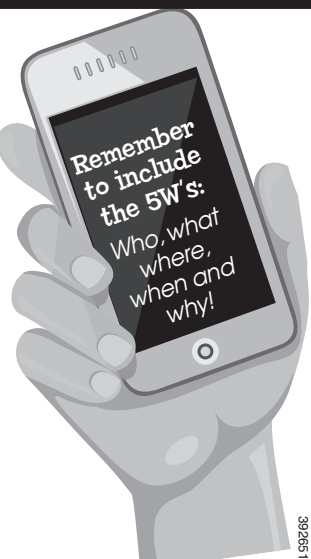
When asked about the pending legal challenges to the ideas underlying her bill, Rezin said she expects to iron out some of those details in future legislation. "The hearing was a first step in educating my colleagues on how social media companies are creating algorithms to addict minors because they view minors as a product they can advertise to, to make money off of," Rezin told Capitol News Illinois.

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REAL ESTATE NOTICES

• Coon

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9 Softball MVP as a Freeport Pretzel, earning the 2005-2007 Softball All-Region and All-Conference Awards at Black Hawk, NJCAA National Tournament team both years at Black Hawk College, NJCAA All-American recognition at Black Hawk and receiving the 2009-10 NSIC All-Conference award during her time at Upper Iowa University.

Coon received her associate's degree from Black Hawk College in May 2007 and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Upper Iowa University in May 2010.

"I am grateful to Highland Community College and Cougar Athletics for allowing me this incredible opportunity to do what I love, at a place I consider home," said Casey Coon. "Leading the Cougar Softball program has always been a dream of mine, and I am passionate about developing our student-athletes as students, athletes and citizens. I am honored and excited to be a part of the Cougar family."

As a coach, Coon has dedicated herself to the development of young athletes. In her various coaching roles, Coon has been responsible for teaching and training athletes, developing practice plans, creating individual player development plans, scheduling practices, games and tournaments, and fostering a culture of positivity and teamwork among her players.

For more information on Highland Cougar Athletics, please contact Pete Norman at 815-599-3465 or pete.norman@highland.edu. For all your Cougar news and updates, please go to highland-cougars.com.

• Arrest

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The Freeport Police Department would like to thank the Illinois State Police and the Rockford Police Department for their assistance with this investigation. The second suspect is still at large. He was described to be a black male in his late teens to early 20's wearing black pants and a black shirt. Anyone who has information about the second suspect is asked to contact the Freeport Police Department at 815- 235-8222 or submit an anonymous tip through the Stateline Area Crime Stoppers at 866-TIPSNOW or through texting at Tip411.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PLATINUM HOME MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- JEFFREY S SCHULZ, KRISTLE L SCHULZ, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendant

2022 FC 40 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 13, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 13, 2023, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave. (West Door), FREEPORT, IL, 61032, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF Vs. John Patrick Reimers a/k/a John P. Reimers; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC16

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST F Plaintiff, -v.- ANNETTE L. ROWAN et al Defendant 2022 FC 67

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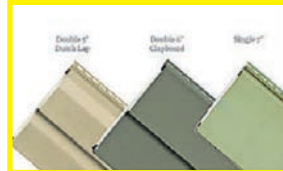
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Brian and Sharon Lieb of Gone Fishin will perform at the Oct. 12 meeting of the Senior Outreach of Stockton + Surrounding Areas. The duo is from the Kent area and have been playing bluegrass and gospel music together for many years. Brian plays the guitar and banjo, and Sharon shows off her talents with the harmonica and bass guitar.

SOS+ Oct. 12 program to feature music by Gone Fishin'

The Senior Outreach of Stockton + Surrounding Areas (SOS+) will welcome Brian and Sharon Lieb of *Gone Fishin* on Oct. 12 with their bluegrass and gospel music. The program will begin at 2 p.m. in Calvary Church of Stockton, Fellowship Hall. All are invited to come and enjoy a fun-filled and uplifting afternoon of music. A free will offering will be accepted with light refreshments provided by the seniors following the program.

talented and interesting programs to local senior. The group meets at 2 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, March through December. Volunteers are always needed. If interested in joining the planning committee, sharing a talent, or offering suggestions for upcoming programs, please contact Mary Feltmeyer 815-297-5425, Nancy Rice 815-275-0303 or Shirley Toepfer 815-947-3639. If in need of a ride to the programs, please be sure to call as well.

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