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## And the Good Deed Award goes to...

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary nominated these Scouts from Pack 91 in Lena for the American Legion Auxiliary Good Deed Award. When a bad wind-storm passed through Lena this summer these young people took time out of their vacation and volunteered to clean up the debris in the Lena Cemetery. Pictured are troops (first row - left to right) Abel Leverton, John Mills, Brody Ortiz, Jonah Schubert, (second row) Brenden Amborn, Zackarey McDearmon, Landon Kornfeind, Isaiah Linnemann, Liam Campbell, (back row) Leilah Kornfeind, Franklin Leverton, Grant Marvin, Jaxon Korte, and Caleb Amborn.

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# Obituary

## CHRISTINE HARTUNG



bon and learned even more about the birds and bees and their needs. She loved people and made friends as a teacher

and as an Audubon member. In later years she became a weaver and ardent student of the fiber arts. She also met folks at the Monroe YMCA aquacise classes and loved the friends she made there.

Christine had a deep spiritual interest. She read deeply and widely as she learned traditions in addition to Christianity. She was also fascinated with astrology and meditation, but she kept her beliefs and spiritual side to herself so that she might not put off or offend others.

She was predeceased by her parents, Bruno and Lottie, and her brother, Teddy. She is survived by her husband, her (step)sons, Graham (Heather) Hartung now of Crete Illinois, and Garth (Mary) Hartung residing in Earlville IL. She also leaves behind her beloved (step)grandchildren (4) and cousins all over the country as well as friends she made everywhere in life.

Christine Hartung gently passed away Aug. 27, 2023, at Freeport Memorial Hospital. She was born June 14, 1952, to Bruno Silkowski and Lottie Skalon in Chicago. She excelled in high school, loving ballet and cheerleading, and graduated as valedictorian of her class at Wells High School. She went on to a career as an RN, eventually leaving that career as a charge nurse at a busy city hospital in 1991 to live in the country in Stephenson County, IL. She never forgot her early years in the city with numerous cousins and her first family. Holidays especially would re-open those early life memories.

She married Tom Hartung on Aug. 14, 1992, and began to put all that behind her and learn rural ways. She became a substitute schoolteacher in districts in Illinois and Monroe, Wisconsin, retiring from that career in 2006.

She became passionate about the land and nature when she settled into country life. She and her husband planted hundreds of trees on their patch of land, and in later years became devoted to making native plant communities to nurture the littlest creatures. She joined Audu-



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## Celebrating 73 years

Clarence "Jake" Neuschwander from Dakota married Delores Knight from Lena, IL on Oct. 28, 1950. Family and close friends gathered together for cake and ice cream to help celebrate their 73<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Jake and Delores!

# News briefs

## American Legion Post #577

American Legion Post #577 holds their monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at the Lena Legion Hall at 7 p.m.

The American Legion Post #577 is currently seeking more members and veterans are encouraged to attend meetings. Please call Tim Schoeny (Commander of Post #577) at 815-369-5245 with

any questions or interest.

## 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.

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**The Nancy Otte Family**

I would like to thank all of you that sent cards to me for my 95th birthday. I enjoyed reading them all.

**Naomi Russ**



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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, Nov. 5 for All Saints Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated in worship. We will remember those who died between 2022 and 2023. The reading will be from Matthew 5:1-12.

On Wednesday, Nov. 8 Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience is necessary. On Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. Friendship Club will gather for entertainment by Mississippi Man and Debra K. Just come and enjoy the music.

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 All Saints Day on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 9 a.m. St. John's will also be hosting a FHN Flu Shot Clinic on Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please call the office for further information.

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, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. If interested in donating to this ministry, reach out to the church office for more information.

The Men's Breakfast will be on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 a.m. at Garden View Restaurant in Lena.

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

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

## Salem United Church of Christ

All are welcome to join for service led by Pastor Christopher Ham at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, Illinois, on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, at 10 a.m. The Adult Sunday School will be held prior to service starting at 9 a.m. on the lower level of the church. Children's Sunday School is held during church service at 10 a.m.

The Wednesday Breakfast Bunch will meet Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 8 a.m. at the Riverside Family Restaurant 7, 1669 Willard Drive, Freeport, Illinois. 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. Afternoon 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](mailto:salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com).

## St. John's Lena, IL Beef and Noodle Dinner

St. John's is holding a Beef and Noodle Dinner on Nov 7. The cost is \$12/meal which includes beef and (homemade) noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, a vegetable, jello (dine-in) or applesauce (carry-out), a dinner roll, milk and dessert. Serving is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Business pickup will be behind the church sanctuary. Delivery will be considered for orders of 6+, as time permits. Please call the Church Office at 815-369-4035 to place an order.

## Calvary Church in Stockton

Stop by Calvary Church in Stockton on Sat., Nov. 4. For the Annual Bazaar. This event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year will feature a quilt raffle. Tickets may be purchased at the Bazaar and the drawing will be held at 1 p.m. The quilt is entitled "The Flower Garden" and is 42" by 50".

Tables will include candy and caramel corn, crafts for all seasons, Christmas items, baked goods, and produce. Coffee and rolls will be available with lunch starting at 11 a.m. The menu will offer BBQ, ham sandwiches, chili soup, chicken noodle soup, potato salad, desserts.

# Highland Community College to hold annual Career Fair

Highland Community College's Career Services will host its annual Career Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8 in the Student/Conference Center (H-201) at 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, Ill. Employers across the region will meet with students and community members during the event. The Career Services Coordinator, Anthony Musso, is excited to welcome the Highland community to the in-person event.

"We anticipate a diverse group of employers from various industries, including agriculture, nursing, criminal

justice, education, engineering and more," Musso said. "We encourage individuals currently employed but considering a career change to attend and learn what employers are looking for in potential candidates."

Additionally, the Career Services team is available to assist individuals with resume writing, interview skills and more ahead of the event. For questions or to schedule an appointment, call Deedra Shippert, Career Services Specialist, at 815-599-3678, or email [deedra.shippert@highland.edu](mailto:deedra.shippert@highland.edu). Check out a list of attending employers at [highland.edu](http://highland.edu).

# Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing winners in October

The Northwest Illinois Daily (a cooperative fundraiser) announces its first winners in the 2023-2024 drawing year. The Daily Drawing is a drawing for 366 daily cash prizes from Oct. 1, 2023, to Sept. 30, 2024, to those donating for a ticket. Over \$21000 is paid out to ticket holders during the drawing year. Cash prizes vary between \$50 and \$250. A ticket may win multiple times as each ticket remains in the drawing each day for the entire year, no matter how often it may be drawn.

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# News briefs

## Lena American Legion Auxiliary

The November meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at the Lena American Legion Home at 6 p.m. Tray favors will be made for hospitalized veterans. We are also collecting

clean and in good condition coats, gloves, hats that you would like to donate to the veterans. Please bring them to this meeting or call 815-369-4684 to schedule a delivery. Dues will be collected. New members are always welcome. Karen Sirgany will be in charge of the social hour.

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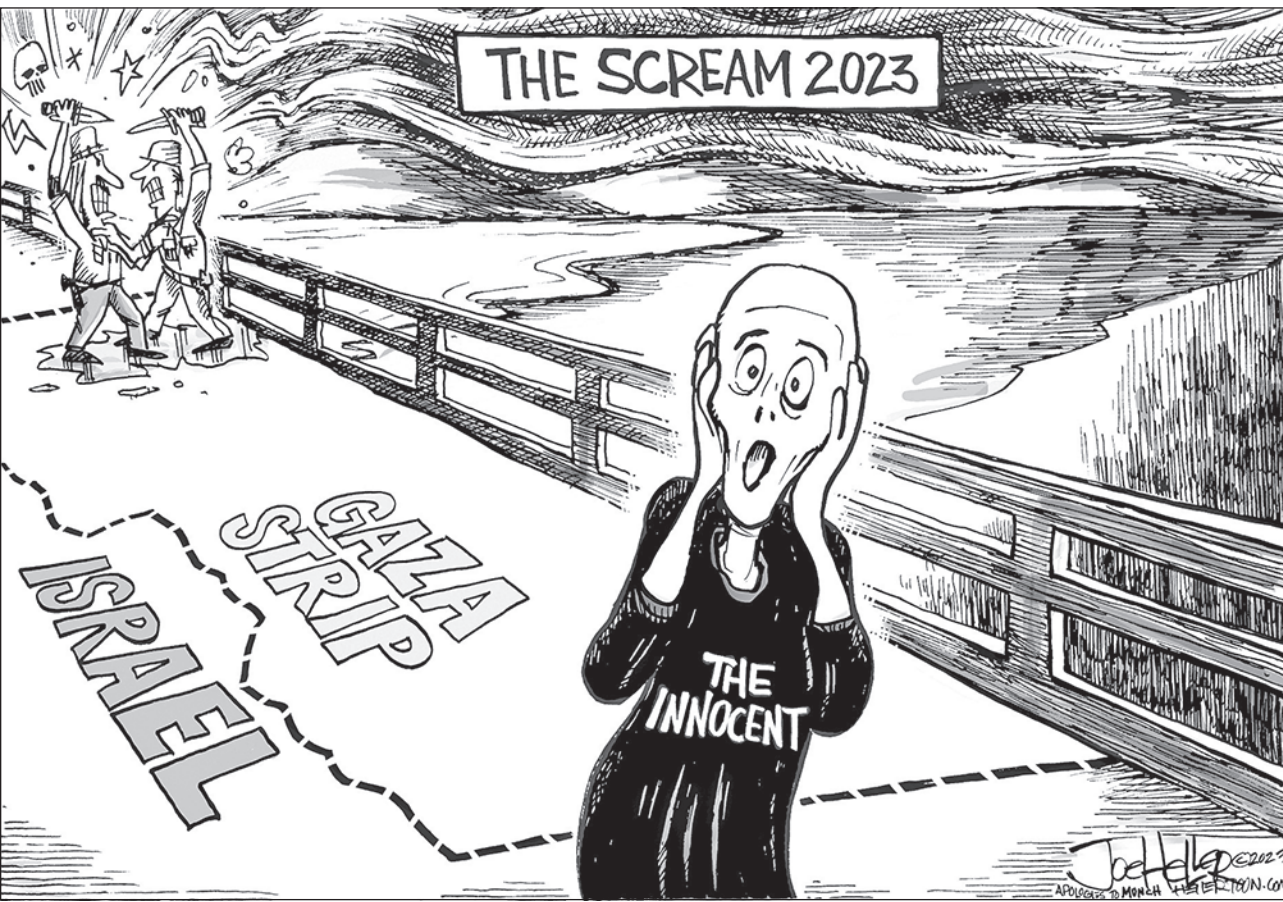
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## Weekly connection

# In a moment things can sure change

I was driving down our county highway the other night on my way to church for music practice and prayer meeting when my peaceful ride was turned upside down in an instant. It was pitch black when suddenly out of nowhere a great big doe was right smack in front of my car streaking across the road. An instant later the doe smashes into the right front corner of my car knocking out the headlight, buckling the hood, smashing the bumper and grill, and killing the animal



By **SCOTT CERNEK**  
Columnist

instantly. It all happened in a moment with no warning whatsoever. I still can't believe how incredibly fast it all happened. Two other times in my life I have hit and killed deer. Once about thirty years ago, we were driving in

Richland County on our way to a camp in Tomah with the family. At that time a big deer came up out of a field and I slowed down as it started running alongside my van. All at once the deer turned and ran right into the side of our van. If I remember right, it broke its neck instantly and died in the ditch. The third time was just a couple years ago when a tiny little fawn jumped up out of the tall grass on the side of the road and ran across the road right in front of me. Once again, I had no chance. It only damaged the right front quarter panel but was killed as well.

A friend of mine told me the other day that he has hit twelve deer over the course of his lifetime. I have had numerous near misses over the years, and I can't tell you how many times my wife has yelled, "deer" while we are driving somewhere. I always get a little confused when she yells "deer" when I'm driving because there are many times when we are together in the house when she calls out "dear" and it doesn't have anything to do with the four-legged creatures running across a field. That word dear usually is followed by, "can you help me with this or that?" I especially hate it when she says, "dear", when we are driving and then adds something like, "did you hear about such and such". Yes, it can be pretty confusing.

The worst thing about my deer accident last week is that I don't have comprehensive insurance on my car, so I am out of luck. I decided to try my hand at bending the hood back into shape and pulling the dents out of the door. I was amazed at how easily I could bend the metal. Then I got out the flex tape and started getting things straightened up. I pulled the bumper up and taped it into place in about four places where it was busted up. I felt a lot like Red Green who fixed everything with his rolls of duct tape. All I need is a new lens and headlight on the right side and my little beater car with over 210,000 miles will be back in business, sort of.

It was the speed of the accident that really took my breath away. In I Corinthians 15:51-52 we read about an event that every Christian should be getting ready for. It's the time when Jesus returns in the clouds to "snatch up" those who love Him and believe in Him for eternal life. In the passage Paul says this, Behold, I tell you a mystery, we will not all die, but we will be changed. In a moment in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

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## Slices of life

# Maintaining the personal in an impersonal world

By definition, I am an introvert. I'm usually OK with time alone and minimal interactions with other humans. I enjoy conversations within my own head and maybe, perhaps have a significant relationship with both my phone and my laptop.

However, lately I've noticed the world has sort of taken this concept and injected it with steroids. In just the last decade or so, things have changed. COVID fueled these changes, but they were occurring even before the pandemic. Gradually—or perhaps not so gradually—we are losing our day-to-day human connections. Our world is becoming more and more impersonal.

For most of my lifetime friendships used to involve actually meeting in-person—for lunch, happy hour or play dates.

Now I have friends online whom I've never met. They live in different cities and different states than me. Sometimes I forget who they are and wonder how we ever became "friends" in the first place. But I feel close to quite a few of them; I just don't know if we'll ever meet in person.

Speaking of meetings, how did we exist before the likes of Zoom?

These next few are going to date me (and not like going out to the Steve Martin movie called "The Jerk" with a cute guy in high school).

My mom never learned



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

how to pump her own gas. She grew up and grew into adulthood having someone pump it for her, and she liked it that way. When the gas guy left his post, he was replaced by a new gas guy - my dad, who made sure my mom's tank was also at least half-full.

Remember standing in line for concert tickets? Sometimes we'd sleep on the sidewalk. Lordy, lordy, what we'd do to see REO Speedwagon, Styx or Journey live.

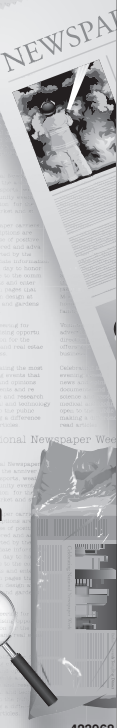
Now we have the privilege of picking our exact seats without ever leaving the comfort of our living rooms—until concert day. They haven't been able to figure out how to provide us with the true concert experience from our homes. Not yet, but I'm sure it's coming.

My daughter and her family haven't been to the grocery store in more than a year. There is no need. They order online and do a pick up at the store without ever leaving their car. There is no need for human contact—just a credit card.

Shopping in general has changed. I recently furnished

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# Harvest, wheat planting running ahead of average pace

By Daniel Grant  
FARMWEEK

Illinois farmers continue to cut soybeans at a furious pace between rain showers.

Soybean harvest was 61% complete statewide as of Oct. 15, which was 8 percentage points ahead of the average pace, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service Illinois field office.

"We completed beans before the rain (the first half of the month)," said Megan Dwyer, a fourth-generation farmer from Henry County and director of conservation and nutrient stewardship for the Illinois Corn Growers Association. "Corn has been off to a slow start, but a lot of farmers got in the field (Oct. 16). I think there will be a strong push."

Corn harvest was 52% complete as of Oct. 15 statewide, which is spot on with the average pace.

Meanwhile, farmers planted nearly half of the winter wheat crop (47%) in the state as of the same date, which was 2 points ahead of the average pace and 11 points ahead of last year's pace.

"I finished wheat planting and fertilizing and am looking forward to the green-up in those fields as the season comes to a close," said Marshall Newhouse, FarmWeek CropWatcher

from Boone County.

The weather pattern for remaining fieldwork could shift for the week ahead with a possibility of warmer and wetter conditions.

"We've had some cooler conditions and even some frost across the state," John Baranick, DTN ag meteorologist, told the RFD Radio Network. "But (this) week we're going to pump up the heat."

An active storm track could also set up over the central U.S. and delay fieldwork in some areas.

"Whether or not that makes it into Illinois much is still to be determined," Baranick said.

As farmers continue to harvest corn, stalk quality remains a key consideration. They should plan to harvest fields with any potential issues as soon as possible to avoid potential lodging problems.

Overall, late-season plant health is critical to a smooth harvest and maximizing yield potential, according to Jeff Morey, AgriGold agronomist. It's not something that just "happens." Keeping your corn crop healthy all the way to harvest takes planning, hybrid selection, fertility management and fungicide.

"It's an investment that pays off, especially in challenging years," Morey

said. In years when drought and heat stress the crop, he has witnessed a 10- to 20-bushel-an-acre advantage.

Plant health should influence farmers' corn hybrid decisions for next season.

"Farmers with a lot of acres to combine need that corn plant standing well into October. They should look for genetics with good late-season plant health, stalk quality and standability," Morey advises.

"A fungicide application is a must for hybrids with lower plant health ratings and on disease-prone acres," he said.

"You'll also want to make sure you have good fertility, including getting nitrogen into those plants when they need it."

Morey encourages farmers to keep a notepad handy throughout harvest.

"Keep a record of how products fared in terms of plant health," he said. "When harvest wraps up, talk with your agronomist and see if your experience matched what they heard from other farmers. Then use that to make decisions that work well for your farm next season."

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# FHN Women's Health Team offering regional appointments

As fall schedules fill up for women of all ages, FHN is now offering a limited number of appointments at three of FHN's regional clinics. "We're trying to make it as convenient as possible for women to see their provider, and there's nothing more convenient than seeing her right in your own town," said FHN Women's Health Service Line Director Linn Carter, MSN, APN/CNS-BC, NEA-BC.

In addition to caring for patients at the FHN Family Healthcare Center - Burchard Hills in Freeport:

Ob/Gyn **Lee Sessler, MD, FACOG** will see patients at **FHN Family Healthcare Center - Pecatonica**

Women's Healthcare Nurse Practitioner **Danielle Siedschlag, WHNP-BC** will see patients at the **FHN Family Healthcare Center - Lena**

Women's Healthcare Nurse Practitioner **Sara Smith, WHNP-BC** will see patients

at the **FHN Family Healthcare Center - Mount Carroll**

Appointments can be made at any of the remote locations (as well as in Freeport) by calling 815-599-7750. For more information on women's healthcare at FHN, visit [www.fhn.org](http://www.fhn.org).



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an entire house online. The same goes for kitchen appliances. I live in a rural area, so my experience may be different from someone in a big city, but my appliances weren't even available to see at the appliance store that's more than an hour's drive from my home. So I read the online descriptions about features, picked out the models of my choice, measured carefully and had them delivered. I'm happy to say they all fit!

Remember when banking was in in-person thing? A few months ago, I needed a document notarized so had to visit a real, live brick and mortar bank. I hadn't been in one for at least a year.

I recently bought a new home and had the option to do the closing online. I wonder how long it will be before we can get something notarized online. Or perhaps get married online?

Why meet the person in-person when you can marry

them first?

How far are we going to take this? I'm almost afraid of the answer to this semi-facetious question.

I think we, as humans, crave real-alive connections, and there is nothing the Internet or our phones can ever do to replicate that. And whether we realize it or not, they just might be contributing to our loneliness.

How sad, and lonely, is that?

My advice? Close your laptop. Put down your phone. Go outside. Say hello to your neighbor. Start a conversation.

Even if you are an introvert. Especially so. Take it from me. We all need each other.

*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.*

## • Change (Continued from page 4)

He writes more about this event in I Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words. I've been studying and teaching about this event for many years in my churches. The Bible makes a great case that before the final seven years of great Tribulation that Jesus talked about coming to the earth

there will be this great snatching up of all believers that happens in a flash and in the process, we will receive brand new bodies that will be just like the body that Jesus received when He was raised. Paul says we will be changed.

Remember when Jesus was raised, His body was transformed into a new resurrected body which was able to change locations in an instant, He could also walk through walls, and He even enjoyed eating with His disciples in His new body. Remember some of Jesus' last words before He ascended into heaven after His resurrection. John 14:3 I go to prepare a place for you and if I go, I will come again and receive

you to myself, that where I am there you may be also. Now that sounds like a great "snatching up" if ever I heard one. Remember we are Jesus' bride, and He is coming to take us to a

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Calvary Church of Stockton invites the public to a free concert featuring Daryl Mosley. The event will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. About songwriting Mosley states, "I just write and sing songs about real life and real people; songs about faith and home and community are the foundation of my music because those are the things that are most precious to me." Mosley's concert is an intimate opportunity to hear his songs of life and faith as well as the entertaining stories of the people and events that inspired them.

## Grand Ole Opry Veteran Daryl Mosley to visit Stockton

The community is invited to attend a concert by singer, songwriter, and storyteller Daryl Mosley on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. at Calvary Church of Stockton, 315 W. Maple Avenue, Stockton, IL. From countless appearances on "The Grand Ole Opry", classic shows at the famous Bluebird Café, to a touring schedule of over 150 concerts per year, singer/songwriter Daryl Mosley has been sharing his songs and his stories with America for over 30 years. Mosley has written four Song of the Year award winners, 11

of his songs have made it to number one, and he has been named Songwriter of the Year three times! His songs have been recorded by dozens of artists ranging from bluegrass legend Bobby Osborne to country star Lynn Anderson to Southern Gospel's The Booth Brothers, and have even been featured on television shows ranging from "American Idol" to "The View."

The concert is free to the public, but a love offering will be taken. For additional information, contact Patty Lindley at 502 262-0428.

## Concerned Women for America welcome guest speaker

The Concerned Women for America (CWA), Stockton group, announces Dr. DeeDee Wampfler will be at the Wednesday, Nov. 8 meeting. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m.

The CWA is a group of conservative Christian women, and non-denominational. We support Israel, are pro-family and pro-life, support the constitution, are against child trafficking and pornography, and are pro-national sovereignty. Any interested woman is welcome to join. Please contact Carol Rowe at 815-947-2122 or Pam Hess at 85-291-6241 with any questions or if in need of a ride.

This month the prayer drive will be held Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. Those interested will meet at the parking lot downtown by

the ambulance building. If new to the prayer drive, please let us know you plan to take part. The drive covers the town of Stockton in about an hour, praying for the businesses, town as a whole, schools, nursing home, churches, plus any other special requests.



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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!

## Around the Northern Hills with Annette Eggers



Annette Eggers

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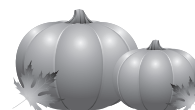
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## Apple River's Adriana Curtiss led Augustana College Symposium Day public health focus group

Adriana Curtiss, a Biology major from Apple River, was one of 30 students to lead a public health focus group during Augustana College's Oct. 11 Symposium Day. Symposium Day included invited speakers, alumni, advising sessions and other events on this year's theme of transformation.

More than 50 Augustana students attended one of the seven public health focus groups, which sought to gather insight on suggestions on how to transform health and well-being on Augustana's campus and in the surrounding community.

Curtiss's focus group topic was Mental health stigma among college students. All focus group leaders are enrolled in Prof. Rebecca Arnold's health behavior and promotion class this fall.

# Downey reflects on first season as head coach of the Stockton Blackhawks

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Stockton Blackhawks entered the 2023 football season with high expectations. After going a combined 6-12 over the prior two seasons, the Blackhawks turned the page to a new chapter as Sean Downey took over as head coach. Although it wasn't the picture-perfect ending the Blackhawks had hoped for, they took a step in the right direction in 2023.

Stockton's playoff chances lasted nearly the entire season. Entering week nine, the Blackhawks were in a must-

win situation as they held a record of 4-4. With one quarter left in the regular season, the Blackhawks held a 24-12 lead over the Galena Pirates. That's where everything went wrong for the 2023 Blackhawks. The Pirates managed to pull off a massive comeback as Stockton fell by a score of 24-27, ultimately causing them to miss the playoffs.

Despite all that, there are plenty of reasons to consider Downey's first season at the helm a success for the Stockton football program. 2023 was a chance to set the program in the right direction with a fresh start. The Blackhawks not only improved on their total wins, but they set the standard for the program going forward.

At the conclusion of it all, Downey detailed his overall thoughts as a first-year head coach and discussed the final game of the season. "I thought that we played with great effort all season," Downey shared before explaining, "There were multiple games that we had opportunities to win and just weren't quite able to get over the hump. In regard to the final game of the season at Galena, we really controlled the game up until about eight minutes to go. Galena made a couple great plays in the passing game, including a fourth-and-twenty conversion. After that, Galena started to get momentum and we never made

a play to get it back. Couple that with some mistakes on our end, and that's how we let that game get away from us."

One thing that continuously stood out for the Blackhawks this year was their senior class. Tanner Gile, Colby Tucker, Brady Haas, Carson McPeck, Karl Hubb, Wesley Logemann, Michael Haas, Logan Breed, William Westaby, and Drake Offense each played a role in ensuring the future of the program. Downey took the time to speak about the class and how they made his first year special. "I'm awfully proud of this group of seniors. They bought into a new program going all the way back to last winter. They played tough, physical football all season long. We talked a lot about bringing Stockton football back to where it belongs. Even though we ended short of our goal of making the postseason, I think this group played the type of football we want to play. I think they were great leaders for the underclassmen, and really brought excitement back to the program. You will see the effect of this group of se-

niors in the coming years, and I can't thank them enough for their effort," the Stockton coach said.

For Downey, it was a chance to reflect on his personal thoughts as well. "I learned that this group of seniors, and varsity [as a whole], has a tremendous amount of heart. We played the entire season with 12 true varsity players. We relied on a lot of underclassmen to fill spots and the moment was never too big for them. Lots of guys were asked to play both ways and never come off the field. They set the tone as far as work ethic goes during the season and the offseason," Downey shared.

It will take another impressive offseason of hard work for the Blackhawks to get where they want to be. Downey should return as a more comfortable coach with experience in the program. Stockton will have to replace a significant senior class, many of whom played multiple years at the varsity level. For Downey and the Blackhawks, year two looks to be another exciting challenge for the program.

## •Eggers (Continued from page 7)

### 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

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# River Ridge FFA attends Leadership Training School

Pictured are Greenhand Conference presenters Graci Vanderheyden (Chapter Reporter), Berkeley Mensendike, Izzy Haring (Chapter Secretary), and Lucas Holland (Chapter Treasurer).



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River Ridge FFA members Bronx Gonzalez, Wyatt Lehman, Ella Dittmar, Wes Haas, Wyatt Ritchie, Russell Howard, Jason Lucas and Hayden Diehl attend the Discovery FFA conference.

(Right) Leadership Training School attendees from the River Ridge FFA included (back row, left to right) Ty Spahn, Sawyer Fry, Thaddeus Bergschneider, Hamish Boden, Thomas Harms, Jackson Goldsmith, (front row left to right) Lily Lucas, Allie Karberg, Graci Vanderheyden and Nick Cobine.



(Left) Greenhand member Jackson Goldsmith tries out the Cheese Identification at the Greenhand Conference.

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River Ridge FFA members Graci Allen, Chapter President Avery Engle, and Chapter Historian Sawyer Fry participate in the Discovery Workshop.

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# Stockton FFA attends Leadership Training School

On Oct. 19 chapter officers of the Lena-Winslow FFA chapter attended Section 1 Leadership Training School (LTS). During this event, officers gained vital leadership skills through workshops led by section officers. One such workshop included learning how to give proper instructions in order to successfully make a peanut butter and jelly. Another focused on clearly communicating goals by having to create a shape blindly with a rope. The event concluded with a keynote speech given by State FFA President Thaddeus Bergsneider. LTS was a fun event that allowed the Lena-Winslow officers to grow within their leadership skills and create connections from across the section. Pictured are members (left to right, back row) Luke Stabenow, Avery Baldauf, Odin Stabenow, Madalyn Schierloh, Mika Schoger, Morgan Gerber, (front row) Kegan DeZell, Ava Fiedler, Chloe Mader, Hannah Pecoraro, and Lillian Schoger.



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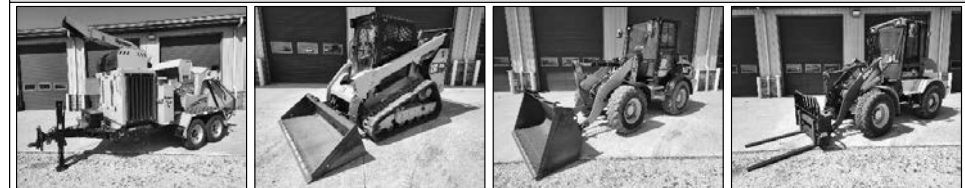
# Stockton FFA takes second at sectionals

The Lena-Winslow FFA Ag Sales team had great successes this year. The team placed second at the Section 1 competition and proceeded to place sixth at the District 1 event, which took place at Blackhawk East Campus in Galva, IL. During this event, members had to successfully market and sell Pioneer corn and soybean seeds to a prospective customer. They needed a strong knowledge of the given product and be able to build rapport with customers. Contestant Mika Schoger said that her favorite part of this event was working with her teammates. Pictured (left to right) are Madalyn Schierloh, Hannah Pecoraro, Kegan DeZell, and Mika Schoger.

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# Recent felony arrests

The first arrest was made on Oct. 24, 2023, where officers of the Freeport Police Department conducted a search warrant at an address in the 600 block of N. Brewster Avenue in Freeport. During the execution of the search warrant, officers seized more than 15 grams, but less than 100 grams of a substance that field tested positive for the probable presence of cocaine. Officers also discovered pack-

aging materials that led them to believe the cocaine was possessed with the intent to deliver to another person.

Michael Huenefeld, a 45-year-old Freeport resident, was inside of the residence at the time of the search warrant. He was charged with the felony offense of Possession with the Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance. Michael Huenefeld was taken to the Stephenson County Jail pend-

ing the outcome of a detention hearing.

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial, at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The second arrest occurred on Oct. 25, 2023, where officers of the Freeport Police Department arrested Issac Wade, a 23-year-old Freeport

resident, on a felony warrant for two counts of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon. The complaint alleged on April 21, 2023, Wade was in possession of a semi-automatic pistol that was equipped with a high capacity drum magazine. Issac Wade was taken to the Ste-

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# Stephan reflects on first year coaching Pearl City Volleyball

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Pearl City Wolves and their first-year head coach Tammy Stephan had to battle their way through the 2023 volleyball season. After picking up an early season win over Warren, the Wolves suffered through a five-game losing streak. Back-to-back victories broke the skid, but another five-game losing streak ensued. In the end, the Wolves finished the regular season with an 8-25-2 overall record. A tough matchup with the Durand Bulldogs in the opening round of regionals brought an end to Stephan's first season as head coach. Following the season, Stephan took the time to look back on her first year, share what she learned, and discuss this year's senior class.

"Winning isn't always the final score on the paper," Stephan said before explaining, "Winning is also creating a team atmosphere where the girls have fun and want to work. Winning is having a breakthrough with a player

that was never really recognized in the past. Winning is when the team starts putting 'We' before 'Me'."

This year, the Wolves players for work ethic and then some. "I've also learned, the more you push them and expect of them, the harder they will work. None of them want to let you down," Stephan said. After going through so much together on the court, Stephan found their relationship strengthened off the court. "Girls are extremely emotional and, as a coach, it's just as effective to be there for them as a person, not just a player," Stephan added.

One thing that many first-year coaches seem to agree on is that you can't please everyone. It's a common theme in all team sports, across the board. Stephan experienced the same stating, "The biggest thing I've learned, I'm never going to make everyone happy. So, I just need to keep working with what I believe in and want for the girls."

Hindsight is always 20/20

but following the season, Stephan was asked if there was anything she could go back and change. "I wish I had more coaching staff on hand. Running practices just Jordy and myself, and Marsha Butson is a lot with 30-plus girls, and next year there is a possibility of 16 or more coming into the program. We can't see or correct everything without taking valuable time out of practice for everyone else and oftentimes things get missed because you just can't watch everything at once," Stephan shared.

For Stephan, this first season is always going to stand out. Especially the seniors who led the way will be remembered. "This group is very special to me," Stephan said, "Every single one of them is amazing and I love them like they are my own daughter. I don't cry often, but our last huddle was very emotional, realizing they wouldn't be a part of it next year." Stephan shared that she wasn't prepared for that emotional moment with the

team stating, "It didn't really hit me until that point because I believed in them so much and that was kind of a smack in the face, like this is it. It's over now."

"Those four [Mattie Schauer, Olivia Williams, Lisa Baker, and Ava Bremmer] really were so supportive to everyone. They were able to come and talk to me easily and they responded so well to me. I think they all have been overshadowed in the past and there is so much in them yet, knowing I don't get to work with them again is hard because they were really just starting to use some of that fire they had inside them. There's so much we didn't get to see out of them, but I really hope they come back and watch and cheer us on in the future because they are a very important part of this team. I went back and sat with them for a bit on the bus ride home after that final loss and those girls just left their hearts out on that court. So, I'm proud of them and what they have overcome, and I can't wait to see what they do in the future. Maybe even come back and help with Pearl City Volleyball," Stephan shared to a special group of seniors.

If those seniors do come back in the future, they should get to see an improved, exciting Wolves squad. This year, the Wolves got plenty of varsity experience for some impressive underclassmen. Pearl City will return a ma-

jority of this year's squad for next season.

In conclusion, Stephan also spoke about the future of the team saying, "It is very exciting what is in store for the future of the program. We have a lot of young girls who were able to get the varsity experience this year. The biggest thing is the younger ones want to be pushed, they want to work. This even goes into our junior high program. These girls coming up are fighters and have an extremely competitive side to them. We plan to work hard in the offseason and even harder next season. We were able to establish our foundation and lay out our expectations this year. Some stuff we had to teach this year will not need the time next year because they already know, so we can focus in other areas. As always, we believe in them so much. Now, just to get them to believe in themselves and then we are going to be a contender."



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**Olivia Williams prepares for a serve in her senior season.**



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**The Pearl City Wolves Volleyball team huddles during a game.**

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# Lady Panthers claim regional title over Orangeville

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers set a new school record when they picked up their thirty-sixth victory of the 2023 volleyball season. The new record came after the Panthers faced off with the Orangeville Broncos in the Regional Championship on Thursday, Oct. 26.

The single season win record and the regional title come as part of a magnificent win-

ning streak that has propelled the Panthers through the early parts of the postseason. Before bringing the regular season to a close, Le-Win took the championship in this year's Stillman Valley Tournament. That improved Le-Win's win streak to 21 games before entering post-season play. The Panthers improved that number to 24 when they beat Warren, Stockton, and Orangeville on their way to their most recent regional title.

The Panthers opened the 2023 postseason by facing off with the Warren Warriors. Both teams found themselves in the River Ridge regional. Le-Win put on a dominant performance as they beat Warren in straight sets with scores of 25-8 and 25-7. That was just the start for the Panthers.

Le-Win kept the train rolling when they faced off with the Stockton Blackhawks just two days later. Somewhat surprisingly, this was the first time the Blackhawks and Panthers faced off in 2023. Stockton came on strong at the end of the regular season and they proved to be a formidable opponent for Le-Win.

The Panthers got off to a hot start, however. Midway through the opening set, Le-Win jumped out to a 13-8 lead. A crafty kill by Molly Amendt helped the Panthers take a six-point advantage. After the Panthers went up 22-15, a late

run by the Blackhawks made it a game again. At one point, the Blackhawks cut the Le-Win lead down to just two points. It would have been down to one, but a net violation helped the Panthers take a 23-20 lead. That violation proved fatal for the Blackhawks as the Panthers took set one by a score of 25-21.

The Panthers suffered a pair of injuries on the night, one of which came at the end of the opening set. The loss of Mia Diffenderfer, coupled with the Blackhawks established momentum in the first set, opened the door for a Stockton comeback. In the second set, Stockton proved they belonged as they pulled off a 27-25 victory to even the series at 1-1.

In the end, it all came down to that third and final set. When it's time to lock it in, there are few teams better than the Panthers. In the clutch, Le-Win went on an early run. Grace

Groezinger delivered a powerful kill between two Stockton defenders that helped the Panthers go up 8-4. Later in the set, back-to-back aces by Kaidynce Lynch gave the Panthers a massive 15-6 lead. Eventually, Le-Win went up by double digits with a 16-6 lead. It was a deficit the Blackhawks had no answer for as Le-Win eventually clinched the victory with a score of 25-16.

Amendt and Groezinger put on a show in the regional semifinal. They combined for 41 kills as Amendt led the team with 26 and Groezinger added 15. Lynch added another eight kills. Isabelle Paulsen led the team with 20 kills, and Alyssa Daughenbaugh racked up a season high of 50 assists.

The next night, the Panthers were set to face off with the Orangeville Broncos in the regional championship. Orangeville picked up victories over Pearl City and West Carroll on

their way to the championship round. Two extremely familiar teams faced off as the Panthers and Broncos met up three times previously. Le-Win came out victorious in each of those matchups as Orangeville won just one set against the Panthers.

The championship round proved those three previous matchups were no fluke as Le-Win quickly ran away with things. After taking the first set by a score of 25-10, the Panthers completed the sweep with a 25-16 victory in set two.

Lynch led the team with 11 kills, while Amendt had eight and Groezinger added six. Groezinger also had two blocks on the day. Rachael Setterstrom tied Lynch for the team lead in digs with nine. Daughenbaugh finished the day with eight digs and 28 assists.

The regional title pushed Le-Win into the Eastland Sectionals where they faced off with Fulton earlier this week.

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# Stephenson County Farm Bureau news

## Le-Win CUSD to host Veterans Day celebration

The Lena-Winslow School District would like to invite all Veterans, their families, and community members to their annual Veterans Day Celebration on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023. A free breakfast will be served to all Veterans from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the High School Cafeteria. A program honoring Veterans will follow the meal starting at 9:30 a.m. Please join on Veterans Day to celebrate all of those who have served the country. Please contact the High School Office at 815-668-0821 with any questions.

By Victoria Hansen  
The Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) and COUNTRY Financial share a common interest in helping farmers and are partnering to host four "Emergency Planning on Your Farm" seminars in February 2024. The keynote speaker will be Mike Pearson, host of RFD-TV's "This Week in Agribusiness." We need your help getting the conversation started with our members.

Each seminar will provide current and prospective IFB members and COUNTRY clients with information and questions that are essential to being prepared if a farm emergency occurs. Seminars will feature lessons learned from farm operations that had emergency situations and best practices that farm families and businesses can use to be prepared. An Illinois Farm Bureau leader will provide an update, as well as Lindsey Rinckenberger, Director, Commercial Agribusiness Underwriting Operations at

COUNTRY. She'll provide a brief overview of how COUNTRY farm-certified reps can help farmers protect their farm and crops with proper insurance coverages and plan for their farm's financial future. Each seminar includes a meal.

Meetings will be held across Illinois at the dates/locations below. Each seminar will last approximately 2.5 hours with doors opening 30 minutes before the event. The meeting dates are Feb. 8 at 5 p.m. in Rock Island, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. in Edwardsville, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. in Bloomington, Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. in Effingham. Registration opens Dec. 1, 2023, but if you would like to sign up for updates/reminders please contact our offices Carroll 815-244-3001 or Stephenson 815-232-3186, or visit [www.ilfb.org/get-involved/events/Circa21BusTrip](http://www.ilfb.org/get-involved/events/Circa21BusTrip)

Carroll and Stephenson County Farm Bureaus are excited to announce that we

are cohosting a bus trip to Circa 21 in Rock Island. This trip will take place on Sunday, Feb. 18, with the option to load the bus at Freeport Walmart (1:15 p.m.) or the Carroll County Farm Bureau office in Mt. Carroll (1:45 p.m.). The member price for this trip is \$100/per person and non-member price \$120/per person. Membership must be in good standing through February 2024. Trip cost includes transportation, show admission, dinner/dessert, and all gratuities. Reserve your spot by calling either County Farm Bureau: Carroll County Farm Bureau 815-244-3001 or Stephenson County Farm Bureau at 815-232-3186. The last day to register with refund is Jan. 19, 2024.

### Freeport VFW hosts Blood Drive

Help Freeport VFW honor our veterans and celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Freeport VFW! The Blood drive will take place on Fri-

day, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau. Appointments preferred but walk-ins welcomed and accommodated as scheduling allows. If you have questions or would like to register, please call the Rock Rive Valley Blood Center at 815-965-8756.

### Ogle Carroll Ag In The Classroom fundraiser

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p.m. to 5 p.m. Meals can be ordered on line at <https://checkout.square.site/buy/YB65ZZ-KU2FTCZ6REBFTPQS7R>.

### Carroll County Farm Bureau office hour updates

Beginning Nov. 6 our office hours will transition to Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. We are excited to offer consistent office hours again. As a reminder you can reach us at 815-244-3001 or by email at [carrollcfb@gmail.com](mailto:carrollcfb@gmail.com).

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# Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education honors scholarship winners and members

The 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) was held on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Stephenson Country Farm Bureau. Membership and volunteer hour awards were presented. Board President Angela Hicks installed the 2024 Stephenson Country HCE country board members. The meeting immediately followed with a presentation by Karen Sirgany, retired school superintendent. Sirgany, who served both Lena and Warren schools, presented a program on her travels to Egypt. Pictured is Lucas Meyer, one of two scholarship winners. Meyer is a graduate of Stillman Valley High School and attends the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse.



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Nevin Erbsen receives a scholarship during the Annual Meeting of the Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education. Erbsen is a graduate of Eastland High School and attends Iowa State University in Ames.

## Smash your pumpkin at the museum

Not sure what to do with that jack-o'-lantern after Halloween? Don't trash it, smash it! Take it to a smashin'session at Discovery Center on Sunday, Nov. 5 and let it fly during the museum's annual Smashing Pumpkins event.

Newton's laws of motion take on new perspective as jack-o'-lanterns turn into exciting science. Send the big orange gourds hurling through the air with a giant trebuchet, a counterweight catapult used in medieval times, or surrender them for target practice. Children can create their own miniature catapult and celebrate with autumn crafts and activities. At the end of the event, pumpkin pieces are collected and fed to local livestock, so everyone wins.

Special activities are outside from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., but the museum is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission includes all activities and is \$10 per person for the general public and free for members and children ages one and younger. Parking is free. The event is sponsored by Sjsotrom & Sons, Illinois Bank & Trust, Rockford FiberCity, LaLoggia Investment Group and the Illinois Arts Council Agency.



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Becky Thomas (Blackhawk Unit) is honored as the Homemaker of the year during the Oct. 14 meeting of the Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education.

# Village of Lena happenings

As previously communicated during a townhall meeting held May 17 at the Lena Community Center, our Village has identified the following priorities in need of investment.

### Storm Water/Flooding issues

**Sewer Pipe Reline** – Reline miles of pipe under the Village to prevent storm water infiltration during major rain events that overwhelm the system and cause it to back up in residents' basements.

**Townline Road Flooding** – The road will be torn up and lowered to allow spillover. The culverts under the road will be resized to handle additional flow. The path of water south of Townline Road will need to be rerouted and expanded to handle additional flow. This will need to be routed under the service entrance to the Waste Treatment Plant and be diverted around the plant to the east.

**Sherwood/North Freedom Street** (The Lena Drive Inn parking lot) – Replace undersized drainage pipe through the Lena Drive Inn and out to Lake Road.

### Waste Treatment Plant Issues

**Influent/Screening** – The screening, flow metering, pumps, and building structure need to be repaired/replaced.

**Clarifier** – The clarifiers need new equipment and the actual concrete holding tanks need modification.

This infrastructure investment totals about \$7.7 million dollars for the items listed above. This will impact two capital fees on your utility bill. The Storm Drainage Fee labeled (SD) will go up \$4 per month and the Sewer Capital Fee labeled (CS) will go up \$25 per month for a total increase of \$29. This is to pay for the 20-year loan needed to make these improvements. You will see these rate increases on the January utility bill.

We understand that this is a very significant increase, however, our sewer and drainage infrastructure has degraded and has not been adequately invested in over the years. Residents should expect the Village to work on their behalf to mitigate flooding issues and to have a safe sanitary sewer system for our community. This investment puts us on the right path so that Lena continues to be a great place to live.

Slides from the May meeting can be found at [www.villageoflena.com](http://www.villageoflena.com) under village information.

## Highland College news

### Highland Gallery hosts Visual Art Faculty Exhibit

The Highland Gallery will feature work by current Highland Visual Arts faculty members from Nov. 1 through Dec. 4 at the college's Ferguson Fine Arts Center. This annual Visual Art Faculty Exhibit shows recent work by faculty that is on display and available for contemplation, stimulation and discussion as a featured exhibit for the Fall 2023 semester. The opening reception will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

This exhibit showcases recent work by some of the current HCC Visual Arts Faculty; Robert Apolloni, (drawing, design, art appreciation) Alex Jansen (Graphic Design) and Dana Russell-Brown (Ceramics). The collection interweaves experience and methods across various mediums and approaches, catalyzing the visual arts to promote communication, education, and inspiration.

The opportunity for instructors to exhibit on campus illuminates their additional role as working artists who actively create and show their work in other galleries and venues. This exhibition offers a peek into the studio art and design practices of HCC's art faculty, acknowledging and celebrating a vibrant visual art community.

Highland Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information about the gallery or Highland's Visual Arts program, contact Robert Apolloni at 815-599-3479 or [bob.apolloni@highland.edu](mailto:bob.apolloni@highland.edu).

### Annual Career Fair on Nov. 8

Highland Community College's Career Services will host its annual Career Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, in the Student/Conference Center (H-201) at 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport.

Employers across the re-

gion will meet with students and community members during the event. Anthony Musso, the Career Services Coordinator, is excited to welcome the Highland community to the in-person event.

"We anticipate a diverse group of employers from various industries, including agriculture, nursing, criminal justice, education, engineering and more," Musso said. "We encourage individuals currently employed but considering a career change to attend and learn what employers are looking for in potential candidates."

Additionally, the Career Services team is available to assist individuals with resume writing, interview skills and more ahead of the event. For questions or to schedule an appointment, call Deedra Shippert, Career Services Specialist, at 815-599-3678, or email [deedra.shippert@highland.edu](mailto:deedra.shippert@highland.edu). Check out a list of attending employers at [highland.edu](http://highland.edu).



# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

My front yard is full of leaves, and they are being dragged into my house and blowing into my garage. I am waiting for the leaf rakers to come and rescue me. The trick or treaters will have a field day walking through them! This week we have some more fall recipes. Have a good cooking week.

## Spinach Artichoke Mushrooms

These mushrooms are rich and creamy. They are also easy to make. I have made stuffed mushrooms with sausage and cheese, but the artichokes and spinach make for a more elegant appetizer.

3 oz. cream cheese, softened  
 1/2 C. mayonnaise  
 1/2 C. sour cream  
 3/4 t. garlic powder  
 1 can (14 oz.) water packed artichoke hearts, rinsed, drained and chopped  
 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen, chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry  
 1/3 C. shredded mozzarella cheese  
 3 T. shredded Parmesan cheese  
 30 to 35 large fresh mushrooms, stems removed  
 Additional shredded Parmesan  
 Preheat oven to 400. Mix the first 4 ingredients. Stir in artichoke hearts, spinach, mozzarella and 3 T. Parmesan cheese. Place mushrooms on foil-lined baking sheets, stem side up. Spoon about 1 T. filling into each. Top with additional Parmesan. If you want a crunchy topping, add melted butter to Panko breadcrumbs and sprinkle on mushrooms. Bake until mushrooms are tender, about 25 to 30 minutes.

## Italian Herb Salad

This refreshing green salad is great with any pasta. The dressing is fairly light, and the additions of the onions and tomatoes add just the right amount of veggies. You can use any kind of deli meat; it makes it almost like an Olive Garden Salad! Use any kind of croutons to help dress up the salad.  
 1/2 C. extra virgin olive oil  
 1/2 t. Italian seasoning  
 1/8 t. pepper  
 3 T. red wine vinegar  
 1/4 t. salt  
 1/2 small red onion, thinly

sliced  
 1 pint cherry or grape tomatoes, halved  
 3 Romaine hearts, chopped  
 4 oz. provolone cheese, sliced  
 1/4 lb. sliced salami  
 Giardiniera roasted red peppers, marinated mushrooms, marinated artichokes and pickled pepperoncino  
 Grated parmesan cheese for topping  
 Croutons of your choice  
 Whisk together the olive oil and Italian seasoning, the vinegar, and salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Toss the red onion and tomatoes in two separate bowls with 1 T. of the dressing in each. Place romaine in a serving bowl and toss with remaining dressing. Add the red onions and tomatoes, croutons, and Giardiniera to taste. Top with grated parmesan

## Crescent Roll Taco Bake

I have been blessed with a lot of Pillsbury rolls and biscuit recipes, so you get the benefit of them too. They are easy to make, and the Pillsbury breads in the can are often on sale. You can substitute the store brand canned breads too. Enjoy this easy supper meal.  
 1 tube refrigerated crescent rolls  
 2 C. crushed corn chips, divided  
 1 1/2 lbs. ground beef  
 1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce  
 1 envelope taco seasoning  
 1 C. sour cream  
 1 C. shredded cheddar cheese  
 Chopped tomatoes, shredded lettuce, chopped cilantro, cubed avocado for topping.

Preheat the oven to 350. Unroll crescent dough into a rectangle; press onto the bottom and 1 inch up the sides of a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Seal seams and perforations. Sprinkle 1 C. corn chips; set aside.

In a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink. Stir in tomato sauce and taco seasoning; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for five minutes. Spoon over chips. Top with sour cream, cheese, and remaining chips. Bake, uncovered, until crust is lightly browned, 25 to 30 minutes. Garnish with toppings.

## Broccoli Chicken Casserole

There are many chicken and broccoli casseroles out there. I like this one because it only has a few ingredients. Look for the chicken stuffing mix. I believe Pepperidge Farm has a good one. Use rotisserie chicken and a can

of broccoli creamed soup by Campbell's, and in no time, you have supper ready for the oven.

1 pkg. (6 oz.) chicken stuffing mix  
 2 C. cubed cooked chicken  
 1 C. frozen broccoli florets, thawed  
 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) broccoli cheese soup  
 1 C. shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat the oven to 350. Prepare stuffing mix according to package directions, using only 1 1/2 C. water. In a large bowl, combine chicken, broccoli and soup; transfer to a greased 11 x 7 inch baking dish. Top with stuffing; sprinkle with cheese. Bake, covered, for 20 minutes. Uncover; bake until heated through, 10 to 15 minutes longer.

## Slow Cooker Praline Apple Crisp

There are still a lot of apples around; this recipe makes for a great dessert that you assemble, turn on the slow cooker, and walk away. Serve it warm with ice cream, and this apple crisp is my kind of easy dessert.

6 medium size crisp tart apples, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch thick slices (6 C.)  
 1 t. cinnamon  
 1/2 C. quick cooking oats  
 1/3 C. packed brown sugar  
 1/4 C. flour  
 1/2 C. cold butter, cut into small pieces  
 1/2 C. chopped pecans  
 1/2 C. toffee bits  
 Vanilla ice cream

Spray a 4-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. In a large bowl, mix apples and cinnamon to coat. Place in slow cooker. In a medium bowl, mix oats, brown sugar, flour and butter with a pastry blender until crumbly. Stir in pecans and toffee bits. Sprinkle crumb mixture evenly over apples. Cover and cook on low setting 4 to 6 hours. Serve apple crisp warm topped with ice cream.

## Pumpkin Sugar Cookies

One of my friends said enough apples, she needs pumpkin recipes. The next two recipes use canned pumpkin. The first one is easy, and the second one is more complicated. Pumpkin recipes will continue to make their way into the column!

1 roll (16.5 oz.) refrigerated Sugar Cookie dough  
 2 T. pumpkin pie spice  
 1/2 C. canned pumpkin  
 1 pkg. cream cheese  
 3 C. powdered sugar  
 Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl, break up cookie dough. Add pumpkin pie spice and pumpkin. Beat with

a mixer on medium speed until well blended. Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 14 to 16 minutes. Cool on pan for 5 minutes; remove to cooling rack. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.

In a medium microwaveable bowl, microwave cream cheese, uncovered on high for 40 to 60 seconds, stirring every 30 seconds, until softened. Stir in powdered sugar until smooth. Spread on cookies. Sprinkle with cinnamon.

## Pumpkin Cheesecake Bars

27 graham cracker boards  
 1/4 C. pecan pieces, chopped  
 10 T. unsalted butter, melted  
 3 T. plus 1/2 C. packed brown sugar  
 2 t. pumpkin pie spice  
 1/4 t. cinnamon  
 1/4 t. salt  
 3 (8 oz. each) pkg. cream cheese at room temp.  
 3/4 C. sugar  
 3 T. cornstarch  
 4 eggs, room temp.  
 1 C. plain Greek yogurt  
 1 C. pumpkin  
 1 t. vanilla  
 1/2 t. lemon extract  
 1/4 t. nutmeg

Preheat the oven to 350. Grease a 9 x 13 baking pan with parchment, securing with metal paper clips. Reserve. Place pan with hot water on lower oven rack. Crush grahams in a food processor. Mix in nuts, butter, 3 T. brown sugar, 1 t. pumpkin pie spice, 1/2 t. cinnamon and 1/8 t. salt; process until blended. Reserve.

Place cream cheese, sugar, remaining brown sugar and cornstarch in a mixing bowl and mix on medium speed until blended. Press crust in pan. Bake 15 minutes. Set aside. Reduce oven temperature to 325. Pour filling into crust. Bake on middle rack until center jiggles slightly, 45 minutes. Turn off oven; crack door and let stand 1 hour. Cool to room temperature. Chill 6 to 8 hours. Cut into squares.

## Final Thoughts

Halloween is over. The residents of Mason and Oak Streets are grateful to the Village of Lena for closing our streets. We have a lot of little tricksters, parents, and pets who dress up and roam our streets. It is so much safer now that the streets have been closed. I know it is extra work, however, it keeps our streets safe.

Leaf pick up began around the village; some people want us to leave the leaves for the winter and do it in the spring. If you have knee deep leaves

and sidewalks covered, it is easier to rake and have them be picked up. I am grateful for this service.

I heard a rumor that our new fence is going up at the parking lot by the railroad tracks. It is going to finish off the downtown. Our gazebo is great looking. I know they are making plans for the manger scene being somewhere very visible. Hats off to the village and beautification committee for making our town look really nice. The Lions Club members will soon be putting up decorations for Christmas.

One of my friends tried the Harvest Casserole. She said the next time she made it she would cut down the potatoes and add more sauerkraut. She also added additional brats. Her family liked it, but they

are lovers of sauerkraut, so they wanted more. Another friend tried the apple cookies, and everybody loved them. Thanks for the feedback.

I mentioned last week that it is time for Veteran's Day celebrations and Thanksgiving. I know the school and the local Legion and Auxiliary are planning some activities. It is a good time to remember those people who made sacrifices for all of us. We are looking for some Thanksgiving favorites. I have started to feature a lot of pumpkin recipes. If you have some fall recipes you would like to share, you can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *The Shopper's Guide* at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.



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Students learned about different employment opportunities from ag related businesses.

## Ag Career Exploration Fair is Nov. 9 giving opportunities for college and career

By Melinda Colbert  
 AITC PROGRAM COORDINATOR,  
 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
 EXTENSION

Agriculture is everywhere, technology is advancing, and research says there is a high demand for graduates with a degree. Are you still wondering if this field of study is right for you? Come to the fair and find answers to your questions. There will be several colleges and businesses on hand to help participants choose their future within this growing industry.

Ag in the Classroom in Ogle and Carroll counties will be hosting an Agriculture Career Exploration Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9, at the United Methodist Church, 200 S. 4th St. in Oregon. It is free and open to the public.

College recruiters will be offering information on the many majors in agriculture, what it takes to get a degree, and answer participants questions. Colleges and universities participating in the event

are Blackhawk East, Highland Community College, Joliet Junior College, Kishwaukee College, Sauk Valley Community College, Universal Technical Institute, UW-Platteville, Western Illinois University, and WyoTech.

Career booths will be set up by businesses including Compeer and Etnyre. These are for people interested in employment opportunities, business representatives from a variety of agriculture related companies will offer career knowledge, skills needed to perform specific jobs, and promoting summer internships.

There will be also be a sprayer simulator from Highland Community College showcased at the fair, which is always a popular attraction with participants.

Ag in the Classroom is offered through the University of Illinois Extension in partnership with Ogle County Farm Bureau, Carroll County

# LEGAL NOTICES

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023  
Individuals wanting to review this form should contact:

will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30 annually.

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Also by January 15 annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net.

**SUMMARY:** The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

**Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2023**

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	2,653,088	212,685	108,747	133,464	208,057	0	36,864	131,964	36,466
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	1,901,399	50,000	0	91,648	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	534,738	436,027	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues</b>		<b>5,089,225</b>	<b>698,712</b>	<b>108,747</b>	<b>225,112</b>	<b>208,057</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36,864</b>	<b>131,964</b>	<b>36,466</b>
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>5,156,427</b>	<b>768,420</b>	<b>129,620</b>	<b>356,936</b>	<b>168,571</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>162,097</b>	<b>0</b>
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		-6,470	0	22,957	0	0	0	-16,487	0	0
<b>Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2022</b>		<b>498,494</b>	<b>107,038</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>155,620</b>	<b>175,887</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>587,652</b>	<b>92,997</b>	<b>375,897</b>
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2023</b>		<b>424,822</b>	<b>37,330</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>23,796</b>	<b>215,373</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>608,029</b>	<b>62,864</b>	<b>412,363</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2023</b>		<b>606,976</b>	<b>37,330</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>23,796</b>	<b>215,373</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>608,029</b>	<b>62,864</b>	<b>412,363</b>

**GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

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HELM SERVICE 3,801.11  
HEMISPHERE EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL 9,589.00  
HI POD 2,774.00  
HOMETOWNE STRUCTURES, LLC 2,811.50  
HORACE MANN 18,765.00  
IASB 2,839.00  
ILL. DEPT. OF REVENUE 157,252.64  
ILL. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT 107,733.15  
ILLINOIS FIBER RESOURCES GROUP, NFP 8,400.00  
IMPREST FUND 23,526.53  
INSTITUTE MULTI-SENSORY EDUC 16,467.96  
INTRADO INTERACTIVE SERVICES CORP 5,503.23  
JACEY ENSOR 3,039.15  
JANET SHEFFEY 2,784.00  
JANIS SHEFFEY 3,860.12  
JENNIFER PETTA 101,687.46  
JOHN & LISA ALLSEITS 60,600.00  
JOSTEN'S 7,275.15  
KITCHENALL 5,273.25  
KRISTEN GALLAGHER 4,111.19  
LENA STATE BANK 5,675.68  
LENA-WINSLOW DIST. #202 40,505.06  
LINDSAY STEPHAN 7,561.96  
LOESCHER HEATING 366,287.22

MCGRAW HILL LLC 8,393.08  
MENARDS 4,284.85  
MG TRUST PCS RETIREMENT-ASPIRE FINANCIAL SER 32,650.00  
MIDLAND PAPER 5,041.87  
MOLLY HAWKINS' HOUSE 2,763.87  
MONTICELLO SPORTS 3,267.00  
N.W. SPECIAL EDUC. DIST. 349,770.24  
NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION 5,479.00  
NEWPORT TRUST COMPANY 3,600.00  
NICOR GAS 10,924.90  
NORTHWEST EVALUATION ASSOCIATION 2,660.00  
NOTHING BUNDT CAKES 3,534.60  
P.C.F.T. 22,596.00  
PEARL CITY ELEVATOR 43,762.45  
PEARL CITY PARK DISTRICT 6,000.00  
PEARL CITY SCHOOLS 18,762.91  
PEARL CITY WATER & SEWER 4,917.61  
PEPSI (WP BEVERAGES, LLC) 7,369.14  
PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POW 3,201.00  
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY, INC 26,598.48  
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE CO 11,049.32  
REALITYWORKS 3,291.42  
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #8 8,225.00  
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS 25,872.27  
RICHARD JOHNSON ASSOC.INC 53,718.65  
ROBBINS SCHWARTZ ATTN:  
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 54,671.19  
ROCKFORD INDUSTRIAL, INC. 14,348.15  
SANTANDER BANK, N.A. 115,598.00  
SAVVAS LEARNING COMPANY LLC 9,345.34  
SCHOOL LUNCH SOLUTIONS 2,554.64  
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR CO. 3,080.90  
SCOTT STICHTER 18,926.83  
SELECTIVE 63,404.00  
SKATE TIME SCHOOL PROGRAMS 2,685.00  
SKYWARD ACCOUNTING DEPT 3,396.00  
SPORTS IMPORTS INC. 5,094.25  
STATE BANK OF PEARL CITY 476,398.25  
STOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL 2,650.00  
SUSAN KOEHN 2,699.01  
SYSCO BARABOO, LLC 64,630.85  
TEACHER`HEALTH INS. SEC. 43,794.86  
THE ATLANTA NATIONAL BANK 106,662.50  
THE HOME DEPOT PRO 3,108.99  
THE RICHARDSON SCHOOL 47,011.01  
THINK SAFE 4,328.00  
THRIVENT FINANCIAL 7,700.00  
THRIVENT MUTUAL FUNDS 8,400.00  
TIMBER-LEE 8,350.00  
TRS-PAYROLL 273,501.02  
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC 7,685.29  
UNIFORMS EXPRESS 2,852.40  
VANGUARD ENERGY SERVICES, 15,387.54  
VISA 19,811.86  
VISTA LEARNING, NFP 4,318.15  
WARREN CUSD #205 32,550.00  
WISC. DEPT. OF REVENUE 5,666.57  
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# LEGAL NOTICES

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

2023 FC 11  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 8, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on November 17, 2023, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave. (West Door), FREEPORT, IL, 61032, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT OF LAND IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, LYING EAST OF FOLEY STREET AND NORTH OF LOT TWENTY-SIX (26) OF POWELL AND WADDELL' SUBDIVISION IN THE EAST HALF (1/2) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CONVEYED BY CONRAD EDLER AND MINNIE, HIS WIFE, TO FRED EDLER, BY WARRANTY DEED, DATED MAY 4, 1895, AND RECORDED MAY 4, 1895, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK "93" OF DEEDS, PAGE 387, REFERENCE TO WHICH DEED IS HEREBY MADE; RUNNING THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID FOLEY STREET, 42 FEET, THENCE EASTERLY ALONG A LINE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID FOLEY STREET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT THIRTY-ONE (31) IN SAID POWELL AND WADDELL'S SUBDIVISION;

THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT THIRTY-ONE (31) TO A POINT 50 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID TRACT OF LAND SO CONVEYED TO SAID FRED EDLER; THENCE SOUTH 50 FEET TO SAID NORTHEAST CORNER, THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID TRACT SO CONVEYED TO SAID FRED EDLER, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 249 N FOLEY AVE, FREEPORT, IL 61032  
Property Index No. 18-13-36-229-001  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$61,853.00.

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

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 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 purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

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

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

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
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](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

CHAD LEWIS ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC  
205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810 CHICAGO IL, 60601 561-241-6901  
E-Mail: [ILMAIL@RASLG.COM](mailto:ILMAIL@RASLG.COM)  
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-

tics 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 - 15 NORTH GALENA AVENUE, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF Anna M. Cheeseman, DECEASED.

23 PR 59  
Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Mary Miller, 11236 Lakefield Drive, Orland Park, Illinois 60467, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Aaron Basch, Ladewig and Basch, PC, 5600 West 127th Street, Crestwood, Illinois 60418.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act 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 required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinois-courts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing,

visit <http://www.illinois-courts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.  
Aaron Basch  
Ladewig and Basch, PC (6299052)  
5600 West 127th Street  
Crestwood, Illinois 60418 (708)388-0540  
13230972

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other good will be sold for cash by CubeSmart Asset Management, LLC as Agent for Owner #4409, 555 W. South Street Freeport, IL 61032 to satisfy a lien on November 16, 2023 at 1:00 pm. Cube 1042 Krista Tucker; Cube 1142 Erving Makini; Cube 1318 Adryanna Pempilton

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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 #4409, 555 W. South Street Freeport, IL 61032 to satisfy a lien on November 16, 2023 at 1:15 pm. Cube 1297 Sherman Dean

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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. Paske**, whose attorney is **Anthony V. Coon**  
**Attorney At Law**  
**10 N. Galena Ave., Ste. 210**  
**Freeport, IL 61032**

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before 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 representative and to the attorney 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**  
**Attorney at Law**  
**10 N. Galena Ave., Ste. 210**  
**Freeport, IL 61032**  
**815-235-2212**  
**Fax 815-232-5500**  
**tonycoonlaw@aol.com**

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

In Re the Matter of the Estate of : JAMES H. EVERS, Deceased.

No. 2023PR66

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION- CLAIMS**

Notice is given of the death of James H. Evers, of Freeport, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on

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October 19, 2023, to:

**Joel T. Evers**  
**c/o Anthony V. Coon**  
**Attorney At law**  
**10 N. Galena Ave.,**  
**Ste.210**  
**Freeport, Illinois 61032**

as independent Administrator of the Estate of James H. Evers, whose attorney is

**Anthony V. Coon**  
**Attorney At law**  
**10 N. Galena Ave.,**  
**Ste. 210**  
**Freeport, Illinois 61032**

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 3, 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: October 20, 2023.

Joel T. Evers,  
Administrator  
By: **Anthony V. Coon**  
Anthony V. Coon,  
Attorney At Law

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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:  
CHARLES M. LUECKE,  
Deceased.  
No. 23-PR-67

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Charles M. Luecke, of Freeport, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 24, 2023, to:

**Alicia M. DeMichele**  
**2209 Oriole Dr.**  
**Freeport, IL 61032**

as independent Executor of the Estate of Charles M. Luecke, whose attorney is

Anthony V. Coon  
Attorney At law  
10 N. Galena Ave.,  
Ste. 210  
Freeport, Illinois 61032

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before **May 10, 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: October 24, 2023.

Alicia M. DeMichele,  
Executor  
By: **Anthony V. Coon**  
Anthony V. Coon,  
Attorney At Law

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#6269568  
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IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION,  
PLAINTIFF,  
VS.

UNKNOWN HEIRS  
AND LEGATEES  
OF PATRICIA L.  
RATKOVICH; TRICIA  
A HALTER; ROBERT J  
RATKOVICH; BRIAN  
R RATKOVICH;  
ILLINOIS HOUSING  
DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS  
AND NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS,  
DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2023FC53  
145 NORTH WHISTLER  
AVENUE  
FREEPORT, IL 61032  
JUDGE  
PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE BY  
PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN TO YOU,  
Unknown Heirs and  
Legatees of Patricia L.  
Ratkovich  
Robert J Ratkovich  
Unknown Owners and  
Non-Record Claimants  
defendants, that this case  
has been commenced in  
this Court against you and  
other defendants, asking  
for the foreclosure of a certain  
Mortgage conveying  
the premises described as  
follows, to wit:

THE NORTH SIXTY (60) FEET OF LOT TWENTY-EIGHT (28) IN POWELL AND WADDELL'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST HALF (1/2) OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED IN BOOK 26 OF DEEDS ON PAGE 267 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as:  
145 North Whistler Avenue  
Freeport, IL 61032  
and which said Mortgage  
was made by,  
Patricia L Ratkovich

Mortgagor(s), to  
Mortgage Electronic  
Registration Systems, Inc.  
as nominee for Academy  
Mortgage Corporation

Mortgagee, and recorded  
in the Office of the Recorder  
of Deeds of Stephenson  
County, Illinois, as Document  
No. 202000178076;  
and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your  
answer or otherwise file  
your appearance in this  
case, on or before December  
1, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR  
DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY  
BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR  
THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE  
COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To  
participate in the case, you  
MUST file an official document  
with the court within the time  
stated on this Notice called an  
"Appearance" and a document  
called an "Answer/Response".  
The Answer/Response is not  
required in small claims or  
eviction cases unless ordered  
by the court. If you do not  
file an Appearance and Answer/  
Response on time, the court  
may decide the case without  
hearing from you, and you  
could be held in default and  
lose the case. After you fill  
out the necessary documents,  
you need to electronically file  
(e-file) them with the court.  
To e-file, you must create an  
account with an e-filing service  
provider. For more information,  
go to [ilcourts.info/efiling](http://ilcourts.info/efiling). If you  
cannot e-file, you can get an  
exemption that allows you to  
file in-person or by mail. You  
may be charged filing fees, but  
if you cannot pay them, you  
can file an Application for  
Waiver of Court Fees. It is  
possible that the court will  
allow you to attend the first  
court date in this case in-person  
or remotely by video or phone.  
Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's  
office or visit the Court's website  
to find out whether this is  
possible and, if so, how to do  
this. Need help? Call or text  
Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121  
or go to [ilcourthelp.gov](http://ilcourthelp.gov) for  
information about going to  
court, including how to fill out  
and file documents. You can  
also get free legal information  
and legal referrals at  
[illinoislegalaid.org](http://illinoislegalaid.org). All  
documents referred to in this  
Notice can be found at  
[ilcourts.info/forms](http://ilcourts.info/forms). Other

documents may be available  
from your local Circuit Court  
Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita  
ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje  
de texto a Illinois Court Help  
al 833-411-1121, o visite  
[ilcourthelp.gov](http://ilcourthelp.gov) para  
obtener información sobre los  
casos de la corte y cómo  
completar y presentar formularios.  
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT  
COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT,  
THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY  
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COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO  
COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY  
INFORMATION WILL BE USED  
FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
McCalla Raymer Leibert  
Pierce, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1 N. Dearborn St.  
Suite 1200  
Chicago, IL 60602  
Ph. (312) 346-9088  
File No. 23-16149IL-968558  
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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.

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**The MADDMEN, a rock group, will be playing a concert at the Masonic Event Center in Freeport on Saturday, Nov. 11. The event is a fundraiser hosted by the Greater Freeport Partnership, along with generous support from local sponsors, to raise funds for the beautification efforts in downtown Freeport.**

## The MADDMEN perform Nov. 11 at Masonic Event Center

The MADDMEN, a northern Illinois rock and roll band, is performing a stage show in the ballroom of the Masonic Event Center, located at 305 W. Stephenson St. in Freeport, on Saturday, Nov. 11. In addition to being a fun-filled night of great music and entertainment, the event also serves as a fundraiser for downtown Freeport beautification efforts for the season. The event is hosted by the Greater Freeport Partnership, along with generous support from local sponsors.

The MADDMEN are following in the footsteps of the NOMADDS, a popular Freeport-based rock and roll band who played in northwest Illinois in the 1960s. Since their inception, every one of the NOMADDS have played in the MADDMEN at different times.

"So many of our great music events happen outside, but we want to keep that great energy going! We invite everyone to the Masonic Event Center for a fabulous local band on Nov. 11 and hope to have the same positive response," said Katie Gentz, events and engagement manager for the Partnership. Tickets can be purchased

for \$20 on the Greater Freeport Partnership Facebook event page or search on Eventbrite.com. They can also purchase in-person at Riteway Furniture and Appliance, 20 E. Stephenson St., Freeport; the Greater Freeport Partnership office, 110 W. Main St., Freeport; or Stockton Ace Hardware, 116 N. Main St., Stockton. For larger groups that want to make sure they can sit together, consider purchasing a VIP table of eight for \$200.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the show starting at 7 p.m. Food will be provided by Benchwarmers and drinks will also be available for purchase.

Proceeds from the event will benefit beautification efforts in downtown Freeport including seasonal plantings, mulch, planters, pedestrian furniture, and more.

The Greater Freeport Partnership is a collaboration of business, community, visitor and economic development services with the mission to drive economic growth for Freeport and Stephenson County.

For more information, please visit [greaterfreeport-partnership.com/events](http://greaterfreeport-partnership.com/events).

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Case Number: 2023 FC 6  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,  
-v-  
MELISSA S. TURNER et al  
Defendant

2023 FC 2  
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LOT TEN (10) IN BLOCK ONE (1) IN BASTEN SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF EAST DUBUQUE, JO DAVIESS

COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

Commonly known as 604 DELORES ST, EAST DUBUQUE, IL 61025

Property Index No. 05-506-620-00

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Attorney File No. 14-22-09717

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2023 FC 2  
TJSC#: 43-3282

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The GCGS Research Center (located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library) is available to the public for research each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and other times available by appointment by calling 608-325-7436 on Tuesday.

## Fair

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Farm Bureau, Ogle County Soil and Water, and Carroll County Soil and Water. For more information about the fair call Melinda Colbert at 815-732-2191 or email her at charbm@illinois.edu. If you will need an accommodation to participate, please email the contact person of the event. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your needs.

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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  
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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
MELISSA S. TURNER et al  
Defendant

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
JOSHUA MCCLELLAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
Defendant

2023 FC 11  
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Commonly known as 249 N FOLEY AVE, FREEPORT, IL 61032  
Property Index No. 18-13-36-229-001

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# Illinois State Police releases 'Response to Homelessness Guidebook'

The Illinois State Police (ISP) is releasing the first Illinois Law Enforcement Response to Homelessness Guidebook – “The Guidebook.” The Guidebook is designed to provide law enforcement agencies and officers across Illinois with practical community resources, planning tools, training resources, and policy examples to help create a safer and more inclusive environment for all residents, including people experiencing homelessness (PEH).

“Law enforcement officers respond to all types of emergencies and social-service related calls among all populations, including people experiencing homelessness,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “Because of these interactions, officers are in a position to provide information about resources and programs available in communities, and help connect

individuals to longer-term solutions to prevent and end homelessness.”

When responding to calls, police officers face contributing factors to homelessness such as mental illness, substance use, and criminal activity, and must develop skills in de-stigmatization and crisis intervention. Officers and departments can use their personnel and other resources more strategically but investing in developing community collaborations and having the most up-to-date information about referrals and other assistance.

“Project NOW is proud to partner with our state partners in government, law enforcement, and human services to produce the comprehensive Illinois Law Enforcement Response to Homelessness Guidebook. It is comprehensive in nature, contextual to the lived experience and expertise of those experi-

encing homelessness and a call to collective action for all of us,” said Project NOW Community Action Agency Executive Director Dwight L. Ford. “We recognize the value of our law enforcement community as a vital part of our society. The guidebook is a living testament of our collective will and a declarative departure from old ways of thinking which diminish relationships and degrades human life. Our sincere hope the guidebook becomes our North Star, giving us direction in our service to people experiencing homelessness.”

The Guidebook provides an in-depth analysis of various strategies and programs that have been successful in addressing homelessness in other jurisdictions. It examines the role of specialized units, such as Homeless Outreach Teams (HOTs) that reach mental health, in effectively managing home-

less encampments, property seizures, and homeless court systems. Furthermore, it explores the importance of police training on homelessness, innovative uses of technology and data-sharing, funding mechanisms for homeless assistance programs, and regional partnerships to share resources.

“Bolstering the crisis safety net is a pillar of our state plan to prevent and end homelessness,” said State Homelessness Chief Christine Haley. “Through this guidebook, the Illinois State Police provide concrete examples of compassionate and effective strategies on how police officers can serve residents living outside, strengthening the safety net for all.”

“Homelessness equates to humanity. For a community to say they care about their citizens, they must include all citizens,” said Fairview Heights Police Department

Chief Steve Johnson. “The problem is what do we do with people who have mental health needs, drug behaviors and simply don’t want to change or get help? This guide will not solve all problems, but is a best practice stepping stone guide for local governments to start the process of helping all of their citizens.”

A promising approach adopted by numerous police departments across the country, and highlighted by the Police Executive Research Forum, is the establishment of HOTs. These specialized units often work in collaboration with mental health service providers to connect homeless individuals with necessary services and resources. The co-responder model, wherein patrol officers are paired with or co-located with mental health service providers, has proven to be effective in facilitating access to services

for homeless individuals. Implementing similar practices in Illinois could significantly improve interaction and communication with the homeless. By adopting best practices and fostering collaboration with other stakeholders, the Illinois law enforcement community can make a significant impact on addressing homelessness in the state.

The Guidebook was made possible by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, the Illinois State Police, DeKalb Police Department, Springfield Police Department, Fairview Heights Police Department, Madison County Sheriff’s Office, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, and Project NOW Community Action Agency.

It can be found on the ISP website by visiting [isp.illinois.gov/Director/Response-ToHomelessnessGuidebook](http://isp.illinois.gov/Director/Response-ToHomelessnessGuidebook).



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