

Serving the communities in Jo Daviess County

the Scoop Today

Loescher
HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

Special Offer!

SAVE UP TO \$3,825
* WITH THE PURCHASE OF A YORK HMD 14 SEER HEAT PUMP SYSTEM

10 YEAR **10 YEAR**
*Product Registration Required

Reach out for a **FREE** estimate!
1 855 449 4328
LoescherHVAC.com

✓ Lower Energy Bills ✓ Precise Consistent Temperatures ✓ Exceptional Comfort, Value & Flexibility

Receive a \$425 YORK Rebate + \$1,400 ComED Utility Rebate + Up to \$2,000 in IRA 25C Federal Tax Credits

VOL. 90 • NO. 30

YOUR FREE HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024



JO DAVIESS COUNTY FARM BUREAU FACEBOOK PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

Farm Fun Day

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau held their Farm Fun Day on Saturday, July 13, 2024. The event took place at the Shenandoah Riding Center. The day was filled with a variety of farm activities and attendees could milk a cow, make ice cream and butter,

visit the petting zoo, create a circle of earth bracelet, and much more.

Postal Customer **ecrws

RESIDENTIAL • AGRICULTURAL • COMMERCIAL • EV CHARGERS • BATTERY BACK-UP



STATELINE SOLAR

815-580-3011 | Lena, IL | Get a FREE Quote at StatelineSolar.net

YOUR LOCAL, TOTAL ENERGY SOLUTION!

43572

Obituaries

DEANNA SMITH

Deanna Rae Smith, age 68, of Stockton, IL passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at OSF St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford, IL. She was born in Chicago, IL on April 4, 1956, to LaVern and Donna (Lloyd) Stockwell. Deanna married Roger Smith on July 21, 1973.

Deanna was a member of Calvary Church of Stockton and the PBGV Club of America. She was a hard worker, starting at the age of 12 working at The Lantern in Stockton. She worked for All Rental Garments in Rockford, Eaton's in Warren, the Pharmacy at Hartigs in Stockton, she retired as Maintenance Director from the Stockton School District then went on to work at ACE Hardware in Stockton and lastly, at Fritz Nursery in Stockton. Deanna loved fishing, flowers, gardening, crocheting, and animals, often taking in strays. She groomed dogs for 12 years and showed dogs most of her life.

Deanna is survived by her husband, Roger Smith



of Stockton; her mother, Donna Stockwell of Stockton; her daughter, Jody (Kevin) Bausic of Pecatonica; her son, Steve (Amy) Smith of Stockton; her brother, Brian Stockwell of Rockford; and her grandchildren, Hannah Smith, Bryce Smith, Kyla Bausic, Taya Bausic, and Jennika Bausic. She was preceded in death by her father, LaVern; and her sister, Diane Dolin.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, July 19, 2024, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton at 11 a.m. There will be a visitation on Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. also at the Funeral Home. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

MARY EVELYN WILLIAMS

Mary Evelyn Williams, 99, formerly of Lena and Nora, passed away July 10, 2024, at Parkview Home, Freeport. She was born May 30, 1925, the daughter of Henry J. Campbell and Anne (Foley) Campbell in Gratiot, WI township. She attended the White School down the road from the family farm and graduated Gratiot High School in 1943. She attended Platteville State Teachers College, graduating in 1945. Evelyn taught elementary school in Shullsburg, WI for two years.

On February 10, 1948, she married Jack F. Williams at St. Joseph Rectory in Gratiot. They farmed near Nora for 36 years before retiring to Lena in 1984 and enjoyed over 68 years of married life.

Evelyn was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Warren where she was an Altar and Rosary Society member and catechism teacher. With the move to Lena, she became a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Evelyn volunteered at the Lena location of the Golden Meals



program for many years. She was a fan of the Chicago Cubs/Bears/Bulls and the Wisconsin Badgers. Mary Evelyn is survived by her two sons, Don (Judy) of DePere, WI and Tim of Monroe, WI; grandson, Chris of Avon, CO; nephews Dan (Mary) Schneider and Kelly Schneider among many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; one step grandson Spencer (Cassandra) VanStraten and four step great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband Jack in 2016, her parents, three brothers (Cecil "Ned", Art and Charles "Bud" Campbell), sister (Annette Schneider) grandson (Chad), step grandson (Ben VanStraten) and former daughter-in-law (Suzanne).

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Parkview Home-Health Center West for their care of Mom over the last four years (two of those years during the difficult pandemic). Your kindness and dedication will always be remembered.

Private family services will be held. Burial will take place at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Lena, IL. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

Bank awards scholarships to area students

Apple River State Bank and First Community Bank of Galena recently awarded \$1,000 college scholarships to six area high school graduates. These students include Joseph Heller (Galena High School), Ruby Dickerson (River Ridge High School), Anniston Werner (Scales Mound High School), Wyatt Janecke (Warren High School), Allyson Stanton (Southwestern High School), and Jessica De la Fuente (Darlington High School).

Heller is the son of Chad and Lynn Heller. He will attend South Dakota State University and major in banking/finance. Dickerson is the daughter of Jay and Hillary Dickerson. Ruby will attend Monmouth College and major in elementary education. Werner is the daughter of Brad and Keri Werner. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin at La-Crosse and major in accounting and finance. Janecke is the son of Brett and Sara Janecke. Wyatt will attend Iowa State University and major in optometry. Stanton is the daughter of Isaac and Buffy Stanton. She plans to attend the University of Dubuque and major in nursing. De la Fuente will attend Southwest Wisconsin Technical College in Fennimore and major in accounting.



Joseph Heller



Ruby Dickerson



Anniston Werner



Wyatt Janecke



Allyson Stanton



Jessica De la Fuente

In addition to these six scholarships, the bank's Trust Department has awarded two \$1,000 scholarships from the Earl, Vera, and Hal Heller Educational Trust. The recipients are Nick Handfelt, son of Jenny and Chuck Handfelt, will attend Southwest Wisconsin Technical College for welding; and Tyler Temperly, son of Jessica and Brett Temperly, will attend Southwest Wisconsin Technical College to become an electro-mechanical technician.

News briefs

Lena Business and Professional Association

Lena Business and Professional Association (LPBA), together with Atkins Energy Ethanol + Biodiesel, will host LPBA After Hours on July 17 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event will include plant tours, family catch and release fishing, hot dogs and ice cream.

Brudi Family Reunion

The 99th Brudi Family Reunion will be held Sunday, July 28, 2024, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 625 Country Lane Dr., Lena, IL, at 12:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and table service. Lemonade and coffee will be available. Call Cindy at 815-369-4744 for more info.

SELECT HARDWOODS LLC

REAL FURNITURE. REAL PEOPLE.

10% IN STORE SALE JULY 18,19,20
BAKE SALE JULY 19 FROM 3-6PM



LIVE EDGE TABLES ARE OUR SPECIALITY

Quality, Handcrafted Countertops • Dining Sets
Bedroom Furniture • Rustic End Tables

(815)297-2790

1915 S. Kent Road | Pearl City
nathan@selecthardwoods.net

Companion Electric Scooter



(Like New, only used short time),
Deep Red with Black Seat including arms, front basket, safety flag, 2 keys, charger, 2 mirrors, and cover. \$1,900 or make an offer.
815-369-2844.

458562



Larry C. Nichols
July 19, 1943 -
October 22, 2023



Larry C. Nichols
March 26, 1963 -
March 4, 2024

Please join us in
*Celebrating
the life*

July 20, 2024
2:00 p.m.

306 E. Hickory St. | Apple River, IL | 61001

We will be gathering to share some of our favorite memories, our stories, to laugh, to cry, and remember these two wonderful men, who will greatly be missed.

458560

458197

Former GOP state lawmaker, candidate for governor sentenced to 42 months in prison

Sam McCann abruptly ended February trial in guilty plea for stealing campaign funds

By Hannah Meisel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Former Republican State Sen. Sam McCann was sentenced to 42 months in federal prison July 9 for stealing nearly \$700,000 in campaign funds and attempting to conceal his theft with false reports to state election authorities.

In February, McCann pleaded guilty to seven counts of wire fraud and one count each of money laundering and tax evasion – but only after prosecutors had spent nearly three days presenting evidence against him at trial.

U.S. District Judge Colleen Lawless hearkened back to that moment as she was handing down her sentence, saying McCann's refusal to "accept responsibility" until the last possible moment factored into her calculation for prison time. She also told McCann she was bothered that he "continued to steal" all while "holding yourself out (to be) a God-fearing public servant."

"That may have been part of your stump speech and your public persona," Lawless said. "But just because you said it over and over does not make it true."

McCann appeared in Lawless' courtroom clad in the gray-and-black striped uniform of the Macon County Jail, where he's been held since shortly before his trial began in February. The judge had ordered him detained when he disobeyed her directives after his sudden unexplained hospitalization on the eve of trial further delayed court proceedings, and she declined to release him on home confinement after his guilty plea to await sentencing.

But in addressing Lawless on July 9, McCann said he was "thankful" for his time in jail because of the relationships he was developing with other detainees and correctional officers. He also said he was coming to understand how some of the votes he took during his eight years in the

General Assembly translated to real-world policy that contributed to his fellow detainees' involvement with the criminal justice system.

"I'd trust these men more than some of my colleagues in Illinois government," McCann said of his fellow detainees.

A 'brazen...fraud' McCann was elected to the Illinois Senate in 2010, and then twice more in 2012 and 2016. During his eight years in office, McCann represented a rural district spanning from Springfield westward to the Missouri border, sometimes breaking from his own party to vote in the interest of organized labor—a key constituency for Democrats.

McCann's disagreements with GOP leadership ultimately led to him leaving the Republican Party and forming his own "Conservative Party." In 2018, McCann ran on his new third-party ticket for governor, garnering \$3 million from the International Union of Operating Engineers—a funding move seen as a strategic way to draw votes away from then GOP Gov. Bruce Rauner, who was deeply unpopular with organized labor.

Though prosecutors alleged McCann's illegal campaign

spending dated back to 2015, it ramped up in 2018, coinciding with McCann's run for governor and accompanying infusion of cash.

The government's evidence included checks and bank statements showing McCann used campaign money to pay two mortgages and delinquent loans in addition to helping finance multiple vehicles and vacations. McCann also fraudulently cut himself checks for work not performed and double-dipped on reimbursement for miles driven.

During the summer of 2018, federal agents approached McCann about his campaign spending, but he denied any wrongdoing. In several hours of FBI recordings of the meetings played during trial, McCann stumbled over his explanations about why his campaign was paying to lease RVs and properties McCann personally owned, while the agents warned him that lying to them could land him in hot water.

Even so, Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim Bass reminded Judge Lawless on Tuesday, McCann kept spending the campaign money all the way up through mid-2020, including buying another RV and

cutting himself regular checks from the basically defunct Conservative Party of Illinois long after losing his bid for governor.

Bass said the continuation of illegal campaign fund spending even after multiple interviews with federal agents was McCann's "most brazen" act of "fraud."

"This wasn't a one-off. This wasn't an anomaly," Bass said. "He continued to use campaign funds for his personal expenses up to the point where there was nothing left."

McCann was indicted in early 2021, two years after he left public office after his failed third-party run for governor. He spent the next three years after charges were filed against him maintaining his innocence, refusing multiple plea agreements and eventually electing to represent himself at trial after burning through multiple court-appointed attorneys. Ultimately, however, McCann accepted legal representation after his sudden hospitalization on the eve of his already-delayed trial in February.

On July 9, attorney Jason Vincent asked Lawless for 12 months in prison—way below the sentencing guidelines that suggested an imprisonment of between 37 and 46 months. Bass had asked Lawless to give McCann the maximum 46 months.

Vincent argued that McCann had already "been disgraced through his own actions" and pointed to the number of pre-sentencing letters of support he'd received from McCann's family, friends and even former constituents.

While Lawless said the show of support from McCann's family was encouraging, the judge said she ultimately viewed his actions in the larger context of other public corruption cases.

"Greed coupled with the abuse of power has become expected of public servants," she said.

In addition to his prison sentence, McCann was also ordered to pay \$683,816.61 in restitution, which will be split between Local 150 and the Illinois Education Association, which gave to McCann for his campaigns prior to 2018.

Wizard of Oz at Timber Lake Playhouse

Timber Lake Playhouse (TLP), the premier professional summer theatre of northwest Illinois, becomes a Merry Old Land for this summer's *The Wizard of Oz* for three weeks of performances from July 11 through July 28.

The most beloved tale of all time comes to life on stage! Based on the 1939 film of the same name, the musical is based on L. Frank Baum's novel "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." The story of a Kansas farm girl who travels over the rainbow has entertained audiences for generations with songs like "Over the Rainbow," "Munchkinland (Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead)," "If I Only Had a Brain/a Heart/the Nerve," and "We're Off to See the Wizard (Follow the Yellow Brick Road)."

Dorothy and her friends will have you trotting delightfully and tunefully down that fabled Yellow Brick Road. Information and tickets for all Timber Lake events are available online at www.timberlakeplayhouse.org or by calling the Box Office at 815-244-2035. The Box Office is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and through intermission on performance days.

The family of Lorraine Runkle requests a card shower to honor her on the occasion of her 80th birthday on July 20th.

Please send cards & memories to:
Lorraine Runkle
1910 N. Kent Rd.
Kent, IL 61044

Thank you for helping to make this a fabulous milestone birthday.



A special thank you to everyone for making my 90th Birthday such a Special Day by stopping by to see me. A day I will never forget. A special thank you to my family for planning this for me.
Clyde Eden

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Pearl City Boulevard Bash
August 24th
Pearl City

BURINGTON SHOES
QUALITY FOOTWEAR FOR YOU

Check Out Our Large Selection of Summer Sandals!
Stop In During The Green County Fair

1013 16th Avenue **608-325-4464**
Monroe, WI **Hours: M-T 10-5; F 10-6, Sat 10-4**

THE SCOOP TODAY

The Scoop Today (USPS #25-737) is published weekly by Rock Valley Publishing, LLC, 7124 Windsor Lake Pkwy., Ste. 4, Loves Park, IL 61111-3802.
Periodical Postage Paid at Rockford, IL.
POSTMASTER: send address changes to The Scoop Today, 7124 Windsor Lake Pkwy., Ste. 4, Loves Park, IL 61111-3802.
Address for payment, correspondence and any other inquiries: 1102 ANN STREET, DELAVAN, WI 53115

EDITOR: Kathleen Cruger
Advertising Sales: Cyndee Stiefel • lenaads@rvpublishing.com
Telephone: 815-369-4112
Email: News/Letters to the Editor and Classifieds: scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com
Ads: ads@rvpublishing.com • Legals: legals@rvpublishing.com
Billing Office: businessoffice@rvpublishing.com
Available online at: rvpnews.com

TO SUBSCRIBE: Within our circulation area, The Scoop Today and Shopper's Guide are free and can be picked up at convenient locations throughout the area. Mailed subscriptions for The Scoop Today are free by request for Jo Daviess county addresses and \$35.95/year for other IL counties. The Shopper's Guide is mailed free to addresses within 61048. Mailed subscriptions in Stephenson County (outside 61048) are \$19.95/year excluding Freeport, and \$35.95/year for Freeport and other IL counties. Out of State subscriptions are \$49.95/year.

• CLASSIFIED RATES: Classifieds start at \$7.00 for the first 3 lines, then add \$1.95 per each additional line thereafter, for private party ads. Please call for complete rate information.

©2024 Rock Valley Publishing, LLC • All rights reserved 45777

OPINION



Slices of life

Let it go



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

My granddaughter likes to watch a certain movie—over and over again. In it, the protagonist belts out a message in song: Let it go.

There's lots to be learned from Elsa.

We should all be better at simply letting it go.

Letting things go.

Letting the past go.

Forgive. Forget. Like it never even happened. (Easier said than done.)

Letting the future go.

Be open to possibilities—even the ones you've never considered or imagined. Control is over-rated anyway. (Easier said than done.)

I learned the lesson of letting go awhile back, but I realized it (again) just this morning. I guess it's an idea worth repeating.

Or maybe we just have to remind ourselves over and over. In the midst of the storm. In the midst of the calm. In the midst of whatever life throws your way.

Let it go.

The plans for today that go thwarted by a flat tire. The relationship that didn't work out. The beach day ruined by rain. The marriage that ended in a bad way. When you planned on chicken for dinner and the grocery store is out of chicken.

When you utter harsh words you wish you could take back. When someone utters harsh words toward you. When you break a window. When the air conditioner breaks down on the hottest day of the year. When an unexpected expense threatens your monthly budget. When someone disappoints you and your heart feels like it is breaking.

When any number of things crop into your day or your week or your life and you sigh because you didn't want or expect that thing or person or event to crop up just then—or ever. But it did.

Just let it go.

Realize fully that you can't change your circumstances. You most often have no control of your circumstances.

But you are in control of something even more powerful than circumstances: how you choose to perceive and react to them. And in that vein, I suggest (sing it with me):

Let it go.

I understand this isn't easy. I know I am asking a lot. I realize sometimes letting go

may be unattainable. It is for me some days. But I keep trying. As they say, tomorrow is another day.

In the song from Frozen, Elsa sings, "It's funny how some distance makes everything seem small, and the fears that once controlled me can't get to me at all."

This pretty much sums up the rationale and benefit behind letting things go.

Time often brings with it the gift of perspective. When we truly understand this, the mundane of the everyday—however devastating or joyous—is fleeting. And there's no reason to persevere on the fleeting. Best to experience it and then move on.

Let it go.

Letting go is emancipating. It is breathing when breath was a daily struggle.

It is trusting in the future. It is forgiving the past.

It is making meatloaf for dinner when chicken isn't available.

Letting go is liberating. It is growth.

And there are so many things we can let go.

Let go regrets. Let go drama. Let go trauma.

Let go of the big stuff. Let go of the small stuff.

Let go of the inconsequential. Let go of the life-changing.

Let go of the benign. Let go of the malignant.

Let go yesterday. Let go today. Let go tomorrow, and the day after that.

Let go thoughts of the way things should be. Let go ideas that don't fit anymore. Let go of anything you can't control (and let's be honest, that is just about everything).

Let go and simply breathe. Life is beautiful. The world is beautiful, if we allow it to be.

And allowing it, most often starts with relinquishing control. With letting go.

It's as simple, and as complicated, as that.

Give it a try. Give it a go. Thanks, Elsa.

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.

Pritzker 'all in' for Biden following visit to White House

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker said last week he is "all in" for President Joe Biden after visiting the White House with other Democratic governors.

He headed to Washington, D.C., to meet with the president and members of the Democratic Governors Association July 3 on the heels of Biden's performance during the first of two scheduled debates with former President Donald

Trump, which raised concerns about the president's mental acuity.

The governors were seeking reassurances of Biden's viability as a candidate following the June 27 debate performance.

On July 9, Pritzker said the exchange between Biden and the Democratic governors was "a robust discussion"—and he's "all in" for Biden.

"Listen: Joe Biden is our nominee. I am for Joe Biden. I've been campaigning for Joe

Biden. I think you've seen I've got dates scheduled to go to Indiana, to Ohio for Joe Biden," he said at an unrelated event July 9.

Pritzker, who is frequently named as a potential Biden replacement should the campaign reach that point, was scheduled to speak at the Indiana Democratic Party's Hoosier Hospitality Dinner in Indianapolis on July 12 before heading at the Ohio Democratic Party's Family Reunion in Columbus on July 13.

And he said he wouldn't engage in "hypotheticals" when asked if he'd be interested in replacing Biden should he drop out of the race.

"What we're doing is talking about why it's important to re-elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, and why it's important to defeat Donald Trump, who's trying to take away your freedoms, who's trying to send jobs overseas, and frankly, would be bad for the economy and bad for working families," Pritzker said.

Pritzker said "it's not unreasonable" for opinions to differ on the president's performance and political chances following the debate.

"There were questions of the president. He answered those questions. You know, some people came away with different impressions, maybe," Pritzker said of Biden's meeting with the governors.

But despite some members of Congress calling for Biden to step aside—including U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley of Chicago—Pritzker said he believes Democrats are united in their efforts to defeat Trump.

He added that his advice to Biden was to "go out there and answer all the questions," and to "show people that he is the leader of the free world."

"I think that, obviously, the president had a bad performance at a debate—that doesn't help anybody. He knows that," Pritzker said. "And what you have to do is stand up, say 'I didn't do it well,' which I think he's said, and prove people wrong about what they want to say about him. And he's doing that."

It was a similar comment to one he made in a recent CNN interview in which he suggested Biden do more public appearances to turn the tide following the debate.

The Democratic National Convention is scheduled for Aug. 19-22 in Chicago, but Democrats plan to nominate Biden prior to that date virtually—a move that is needed to ensure he can appear on the Ohio ballot.

When asked about the possibility of the DNC convention being "brokered" for another candidate, Pritzker said: "I don't expect that to happen. We're going to have an orderly convention."

FREELANCE REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED

Rock Valley Publishing is seeking freelance reporters and photographers to produce local news and photos for your hometown newspaper. Weekly stories and photos needed for Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties. Writing and reporting experience a plus. Work from home as an independent contractor with no in-office requirement.

PLEASE EMAIL RESUME TO: scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com

Rock Valley Publishing LLC
The Scoop and Shopper's Guide

Around the Northern Hills

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream, especially during July since it's National Ice Cream Month. It's the perfect excuse to eat more ice cream (did we need an excuse?). Here are a few interesting facts about our favorite frozen treat:



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

The average American consumes approximately 12 pounds of ice cream each year. California is the largest ice cream consumer in the country with 4,263 ice cream parlors across the state. Twenty-three states chose chocolate as their favorite ice cream. The top five ice cream flavors in Illinois are chocolate, cookie dough, rocky road, neapolitan and cherry.

Cover Crop Field Day

We will again be holding a field day at Greg Thoren's farm on Friday, August 2 at 11:30 a.m. It will be held at the first field entrance south of 4629 IL Route 78 on the east side of 78 (South of Stockton).

Come see the updates on the multi-year cover crop project. Speakers will include Greg Thoren, owner and host, John Musser, Stephenson Service Co., Art Scheele, AgNetic, UW-Platteville Researchers and more.

Elizabeth Community Fair

Make sure to come out to the Elizabeth Community Fair the weekend of July 19-21. The Young Leaders will be at the Fair on Saturday holding the Kiddie Tractor Pull at 1 p.m.

Farm Fun Day success

We had a great day for our Farm Fun Day at Shenandoah Riding Center in the Galena Territory. A lot of families came out for the morning to milk a cow, see the animals in the Young Leaders' petting zoo bus, make ice cream and butter, take part in the *make and take* activities and so much more. It's always great to see all of the smiling faces!

Peach orders

Are you already thinking about those fresh Illinois peaches? Orders are due by Wednesday, July 24 with payment and order form. Checks should be made payable to the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau. The price is \$43/box for members and \$48/box for non-farm bureau members. Pick-up will be in the farm bureau basement with an anticipated delivery August 7, depending on weather. Peaches must be picked up the day of delivery to ensure freshness. Order forms are available at our office or on our website at www.jodaviesscfb.com and scroll down for a printable order form.

Local member benefits

Don't forget to take advantage of member-only benefits for Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau members. We have businesses around the County who have partnered with us to offer these discounts. Make sure to have your farm bureau membership card handy when asking for those discounts. For a full listing of the local benefits, go to our website www.jodaviesscfb.com and click on membership, then local discounts.

Farm Fun Fact:

76% of Illinois land is farmland.

Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, July 21 for Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. Communion will be served. This week's gospel reading is from the Gospel Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.

On Wednesday, July 24 the Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience necessary and all are welcome to join. Come and tie the quilts and make difference in the world.

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

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, will celebrate the ninth Sunday after Pentecost on Sunday, July 21 at 9 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to come to St. John's to play cards and dominoes on Thursday, July 25 at 1 p.m. and to play dominoes in Luther Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 9 a.m.

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

Join us for our Outdoor Worship on Sunday, August 4 at the Pearl City Park District shelter. There will be refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and worship will begin at 10 a.m. Special live music will be provided that day as well.

Our Social Ministry group is collecting school supplies for students at Pearl City School through Aug. 11. Items needed include markers, crayons, pencils, colored pencils, glue bottles, rulers, erasers, wireless computer mice, and earbuds. Monetary donations

are also accepted and encouraged.

The July Grace Meal will be on Sunday, July 21. Meals can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. on June 16. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, July 18. The menu for the July meal will be brats, baked beans, potato chips, Jell-o, and a Rice Krispie treat. This meal is possible due to donations and a grant from the Foundation of Northwest Illinois.

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. If you need to contact the pastor or church, you may call 815-443-2215 for information.

Salem United Church of Christ

All are welcome to join for a Sunday service led by Pastor Christopher Ham on Sunday, July 21, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, IL. The Adult Sunday School will be hosted 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 July 24 at 8 a.m. at Garden View Family Restaurant, 101 South Schuyler Street, Lena, IL.

If interested in participating in a fun evening of crafting, please join for Crafternoon from 4 p.m. to 7 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. This is hosted on the lower level of Salem United Church of Christ, and all are welcome to join. For more information on any Salem related items, contact 815-369-4511 or ruth.dake@gmail.com.

Calvary Church of Stockton

On Aug. 10 the church will

hold a "Praise in the Park" from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Rob Melville to speak at Calvary Church of Stockton

Special Guest speaker, Rob Melville, Area Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), will speak on Sunday, July 21 at Calvary Church of Stockton during the 10 a.m. Worship Service. Plans are to start a FCA Huddle for the Stockton School District. The public is invited to attend.

Scales Mound UMC "Young at Heart" features the Peace

Seekers music group Scales Mound United Methodist Church is pleased to host the Peace Seekers at its July "Young at Heart" community gathering on Tuesday, July 23 at 1:30 p.m. This local musical group has gathered musicians throughout the years, and they love to play Gospel, Rock 'n Roll, Folk and more!

Scales Mound UMC is located at 319 Mason St. and holds Young at Heart gatherings on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Each gathering offers refreshments, entertainment and speakers, and great community. Anyone who is

"young at heart" is invited to attend. There is no charge for this event. Please contact Pastor Libby Rutherford at rutherford.libby@gmail.com or 815-990-1428 with any questions.

"Love: God, Others, Self!" for Kids at Apple River UMC

Apple River United Methodist church will host "Love: God, Others, Self!", a teacher-designed, creative way for kids to explore different aspects of love, and how they can integrate love into their lives and the lives of others. Each day will be centered around one theme - either loving God, loving others, or loving oneself, with a bible story, kids' literature, innovative art projects, service and lots of snacks. All of this is designed to help kids explore love and build a loving community around them and in them.

"Love: God, Others, Self!" will take place on July 17 through July 19 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Apple River UMC, 102 E Baldwin in Apple River. Pre-K through sixth graders are welcome, and a snack is included. There is no charge for this event. Please contact Pastor Libby Rutherford at rutherford.libby@gmail.com or call / text 815-990-1428 with any questions.

AUCTION: COMMERCIAL BUILDING & 32 AC FARM
TUE, AUG 20, 2024 12:00 PM Address: 48W811 Melms Rd, Hampshire, IL 60410
IN-PERSON & LIVE ONLINE BIDDING
 Offered as Two Individual Tracts.
(1) 8200 SqFt Shop/Office Building w/4 Outbuildings on 8 Acres
(2) 32 Acres of Farmland corner of Melms Rd & Walker Rd
 Sellers: EVLA PROPERTIES LLC
 Auction conducted by Richard A. Olson & Assoc. **RO** See website for Flyer, Terms, Maps and more info.
 Morris, IL - 815-942-4266
www.richardaolson.com 458305

Homecoming Service

Sunday, July 28 10 a.m.
 Please join us for a time of worship, fellowship and food.
 Questions? Call Pastor Dottie at 815-845-2272
Schapville Zion Presbyterian Church
635 E. Schapville Road
Elizabeth, IL 61028 • www.schapvillezion.org
 458143

Your "Main Street Chiropractors" with over 40 years service to our community

LILES CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC, LTD
Dr. Jared Liles & Dr. Jim Liles
238 W. Main St. • Lena
815-369-4974
 M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Saturday by Appointment.
 • Palmer Graduates
 • Digital X-Ray
 • BCBS, Quartz and Medicare Provider
 434622

INTERNATIONAL LAMP SHOW & SALE

JULY 26-27, 2024
Friday 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
100 CONFERENCE CENTER DR, EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS
ADMISSION \$5.00
 For more information contact:
 785 379-9537 or 630 851-4504
bjcarlson1979@gmail.com or
jsantiques@aol.com
 458550



SUBMITTED PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

Carroll County Longspurs Trapshooting team traveled to Sparta, IL to participate in the Scholastic Clay Trap Program State Trap Shoot.

2024 Scholastic Clay Trap Program State Trap Shoot

On June 29 the Carroll Sparta, IL for the Scho- County Longspurs Trap- lastic Clay Trap Program shooting team traveled to (SCTP) State Trap Shoot.

Thirty-two shooters ranging from age 9-21 competed in six classes of 16 yards singles trap.

The team shot 200 birds each over two long rounds and came home with a lot to show for it. The Intermediate entry squad (first

year 6-8 grade shooters) took second place. An open squad of Sr. and Jr. varsity shooters took second place. The collegiate squad took first place.

Along with these three teams receiving medals, the varsity and rookie

(3-5 grade) squads each took fourth.

Multiple 25, 50, and 75 straight rounds were shot throughout the day. Personal best rounds were plentiful. Coach Brock Wackerlin was very pleased with the teams' concentration. The

national shoot in Ohio will be the next chance for the team to showcase its skills.

All the Longspurs shooters and coaches want to thank the numerous local organizations that sponsor and support them throughout the year.

Pearl City Lions awarded the Global Action Team Honors for service to community

The Pearl City Lions Club recently concluded their 2023-2024 year. Past President Jeff Thomas and his officer team were congratulated for leading the club through an outstanding year that was highlighted by inducting seven new members and distributing \$54,350 to 36 individuals, local organizations, and Lions national and Illinois charitable causes. Additionally, the club distributed flowers to over 30 community residents and served a free community breakfast attended by over 225 people. In recognition of their past year's achievements, the club was awarded The Global Action Team Honors certificate by Lions International President Dr Patti Hill.

The Pearl City Lions Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Pearl City Fire Station. For more information about the club, or to become a member, please contact the club at pclionsclub@gmail.com.

Lena Lions Club 73rd Annual Fall Festival

Lena Lions Diamond Jubilee Celebration continues with the 73rd Annual Fall Festival. The festival, known as "The Cadillac of Small-Town Festivals", will be held in downtown Lena on Sept. 6 and Sept. 7.

Free entertainment on Friday showcases Sophie Coyote, a singer/songwriter from Waddams Grove, at 7 p.m. Soddie Coyote was raised on a broad range of musical influences including classic, rock and roll, honky-

tonk, country, and a bit of the blues.

Following the parade on Saturday, the Ukulele Express 815 will perform at 3 p.m. The Ukulele Express 815 is a five-piece ukulele and vocal group from Freeport. The Rock Steady Band will take the stage on Saturday, July 7 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The band is a family friendly music group performing rock and country hits from the 60's, 70's, and 80's.

The festival will also host a 50/50 Cash Raffle. Tickets are available for \$10 each or three for \$20 and can be purchased from Lion members or at the festival. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the close of the festival. A second prize of \$250 Lena Money gift certificate, and third prize of \$100 Lena Money gift certificate will also be awarded.

The Lena Lions will also sell raffle tickets for the 2024 Polaris Ghost Gray UTV SP570 Ranger to be given away on Saturday at approximately 11 p.m. The tickets cost \$10 per ticket or three for \$20. A \$200 Lena Money gift certificate will be awarded as the second prize and a \$100 Lena Money gift certificate will be the third prize.

Skinner's Amusements returns for the 64th year with carnival rides for all ages in the downtown parking lot

starting at 6 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday. Merchandise Bingo and the Ham Stand, Lion's operated favorites, will be in their usual places on Main Street. Please note that no pets will be allowed on the midway except for service dogs for people with disabilities. Credit cards will be accepted again this year to purchase ride tickets.

The Lena Lions famous "Pork Chop on a Stick", Le-Win Sports Association Food Stand, and other favorites will provide food. Favorites like cotton candy, elephant ears, ice cream, and soft drinks will be available.

The parade will step off from the Old School Apartments at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7. A flyover by the Freeport Pilot's Association will start the parade, taking the same route through town as previous years. High school bands, church floats, Scouts, 4-H groups, antique and classic cars, antique tractors, and area fire trucks will be featured. Kids are encouraged to decorate their bikes and participate in the parade. Parade entry registration starts at 9 a.m. Please, no 4-wheel drive tractors, duals, or semis. A valid driver's license will be required to drive tractors.

For parade registration and information, please contact Bill Crichton at 815-291-9361.

MOWERY AUTO PARTS
USED AUTO PARTS
 FOR MOST MAKES AND MODELS
 LOCATING SERVICE AVAILABLE

Also buying junk cars & trucks

Hours: M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Sat. 8 a.m. - Noon
815-599-0480
 686 Van Buren, Freeport, IL
www.moweryauto.com

BELVIDERE COLLECTIBLE COINS
NEED CASH? Turn your Gold and Silver into CASH!

10% MORE for jewelry with this ad!

Gold • Silver • Jewelry • Coins
 Flatware • Diamonds • Sterling

BUYING ALL: U.S. Rare Coins • World Coins • Proof Sets • Mint Sets • BU Rolls • Gold • Silver • Platinum • Dental Gold • Jewelry • Sterling Silver • Scrap Gold Bullion • Currency • Pocket Watches • Diamonds • .999 Fine Silver/Gold Plate Costume Jewelry • Silverware • Foreign Exchange

815.547.7111 | www.GoldSilverJewelryCoin.com
 880 Belvidere Rd. (Logan Square), Belvidere, IL • bcoins60@yahoo.com
 M-F 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chris Folmar
 Financial Advisor

640 W. South St, #4
 Freeport, IL 61032
 815-616-5955

Edward Jones
 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING
www.edwardjones.com

Compare our CD Rates
 Bank-issued, FDIC-insured

1-year 5.05% APY*	2-year 4.80% APY*	3-year 4.70% APY*
-----------------------------	-----------------------------	-----------------------------

* Annual Percentage Yield (APY) effective 07/02/24. CDs offered by Edward Jones are bank-issued and FDIC-insured up to \$250,000 (principal and interest accrued but not yet paid) per depositor, per insured depository institution, for each account ownership category. Please visit www.fdic.gov or contact your financial advisor for additional information. Subject to availability and price change. CD values are subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of CDs can decrease. If CDs are sold prior to maturity, the investor can lose principal value. FDIC insurance does not cover losses in market value. Early withdrawal may not be permitted. Yields quoted are net of all commissions. CDs require the distribution of interest and do not allow interest to compound. CDs offered through Edward Jones are issued by banks and thrifts nationwide. All CDs sold by Edward Jones are registered with the Depository Trust Corp. (DTC).

IN-HOME TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Computers/Printers
 Modems/Routers
 Smart Phones/Tablets
 Smart TVs & Soundbars
 Camera Doorbells
 Security Cameras
 Streaming Services

Certified IT Technician
 15 years experience
 17,000 service calls
 Next-day service

Serving all of Stephenson County

(815) 275-7155
COMPUTERTUTOR

Freeport police reports

Aggravated reckless driving arrest

On July 5, 2024, Ethan Weber, a 21-year-old resident of rural Freeport, was served with a felony warrant and complaint for one count of Aggravated Reckless Driving stemming from a traffic accident that occurred on June 4, 2024.

On that date at 11:57 a.m., Officers of the Freeport Police Department responded to a traffic accident involving two vehicles at the intersection of Galena Avenue and Iroquois Street. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that Ethan Weber operated a 2007 Chevrolet Corvette with wanton disre-

gard for the safety of persons or property, resulting in an accident that caused great bodily harm to another individual.

On July 5, 2024, Ethan Weber was served copies of the warrant and complaint at the Freeport Police Department. Weber was processed at the Police Department and released under the provisions set forth in the Pre-Trial Fair-

ness Act.

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.

Felony burglary arrest

On July 10, 2024, at 5:01 a.m., Freeport Police Officers were dispatched to the 700 block of W. Chestnut Street regarding a masked white male who was attempting to break into a garage in the neighborhood. Officers arrived on scene and located

20-year-old Freeport resident Joshua Heller after he was observed running from the garage that was reported by the witness.

During the course of the investigation, Officers were able to determine that Joshua Heller entered and stole property from two vehicles; one in the 900 block of Monroe Drive and one the 800 block of Jefferson Drive. Officers recovered stolen property in close proximity of where Heller was located after he discarded the stolen property.

The Stephenson County State's Attorney approved

four felony charges for Heller that included two counts of Burglary from a Motor Vehicle, Attempted Burglary to a Building and Theft with a Prior Conviction. Heller was placed under arrest and processed at the Police Department. Heller was then taken to the Stephenson County Jail where he was released to jail personnel pending 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.

College news

Local students named to university Spring 2024 Dean's List

Augustana College

Adriana Curtiss
Shelby Homan
Kobe Magee
Jenna Revell

Aurora University

Abigail Weber

Bradley University

Keegan Strauch
Laine Rosenstiel
Cody Pitts
Ella Williams

Clarke University

Sarah Pratt
Braden A. Jacobs
Ethan R. Kleckler
Addison J. Roberts
Jennifer E. Swedlund
Mitchel J. Coffey

Georgia Southern University

Benny Koch

Iowa State University

Madeline E. Harbach
Ashley V. Carroll,
Colin J. Greiner
Julianna M. Kuzniar
Owen Tones Gilbertson
Andrew Lynn Kempel
Ella Elizabeth Wolfrom
Marianna Avery Brenner
Isabella A. Kostallari
Oliver Phenie Petta
Alice Joan Coats

Marquette University

Ethan Fye

McKendree University's President's List

Tessa Tucker

University of Iowa

Gennings Dunker
Madeline Klippert
Daisy Timp
Padric Timp
Madison Haynes

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Ellie Eden

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Benjamin Vandigo

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Lila Rudisill

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Hanna Brinker

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Jamie Schnitzler
Nicholas Schnitzler
Bryant Keeffer
Sam Mock
Zoe Barnes
Dustin Oppold
Rachel Young

University of Wisconsin-Superior

Jessie Oostenryk

Upper Iowa University

Benjamin Werner

Lena Bike and Pet Parade 2024

The Lena Lions Club will be hosting the second annual Bike and Pet Parade on July 20, 2024. The goal of this family-friendly, free event is to increase diabetes awareness and encourage a healthy, active community. The parade starts at 10 a.m. at the entrance of Citizen's State Bank's parking lot on West Mason Street. It continues down past the library and turns onto North Vernon Street at the triangle and then right onto West Main Street to the downtown parking lot. Prizes will be awarded for best bike decoration, best pet costume and the best human dressed up as a pet costume. Parade participants are to gather in the Citizen's State Bank's parking lot. Please arrive 30 minutes early if you would like to compete for prizes.

The fun continues downtown from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with games for pets and kids of all ages, pet supply vendors and hot dog stand. The Lions of Illinois Foundation will be providing free hearing and retinal screenings at the FHN office at 160 W. Main St. A collection box for used eyeglasses and free blood pressures will be offered there as well.

More information can be found on the Lena Illinois Lions Club Facebook page.

U.S. 20 work in Elizabeth begins July 22

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, construction on U.S. 20 in Elizabeth will begin Monday, July 22. The work zone is from Scales Mound Road to East Street.

Work will patch the road. There will be daily lane closures controlled by flaggers

during the project, which is expected to be completed Aug. 16.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and

signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

For IDOT District 2 updates, follow us on X at @IDOTDistrict2 or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map on GettingAroundIllinois.com

IRENE BROADDUS TRUST AUCTION

CITIZENS STATE BANK-TRUSTEE

REAL ESTATE, CAR, GUNS, TOOLS, COLLECTIBLES, HOUSEHOLD

403 S. CENTER STREET, LENA, IL
THURSDAY, JULY 25 • 4 P.M.

(REAL ESTATE, CAR, & GUNS WILL START AT APPROX. 4:30 P.M.)

REAL ESTATE: Nice 2-Story 3-bedroom Home on 91.5'x150' Corner Lot. 18'x24' Detached Garage. Full Basement.

REAL ESTATE TERMS: \$5,000 down day of auction as earnest money, balance at closing with no contingencies. Home is being offer in "as-is" condition with no warranties. Buyers are welcome to make any inspections at their cost. Buyers will be required to sign an offer to purchase on day of auction.

CAR: 2007 Nissan Murano SL AWD SUV, navy blue, 16,200 miles, 3.5L, V-6, 4-door, tan interior, 5-passenger, very nice.

GUNS: #1-S.S.P. .380 Pistol with clip; #2-Smith & Wesson 357 Revolver; #3-Sears & Roebuck .22 bolt action; #4-Harrington & Richardson Topper Model 48 .28 ga. single shot, full choke; #5-Ceskoslovenska .30 caliber bolt action; #6-Winchester Model 94 30-30 lever action; #7-J.C. Higgins Model 101.7 16 ga. double barrel; #8-Mossberg 12 ga. Pump, full choke; #9-.25 Auto Pistol with clip.

AMMO & MORE: 1-metal ammo box; 2-357 boxes, full; 2-12 ga. shot shell; 28 ga. shot shell; Fiocchi .38 special shells, full box; 2-30-30 shells; 2-30-06 shells; 2-25 auto, full box, full metal case; 2-.22 shells; 2-.38 special; .45 shells; 357 shells; pistol holster; knife with sheath.

COLLECTIBLES: Papal Legacy Proof Coin Collection; Elvis collectibles coins/tokens; Presidential Coin collection; Wheat Pennies, Liberty dollars from 1970s; old nickels & dimes; old time radio collection, Amos & Andy; classic shows cassettes; Terry Redlin tins, From Dusk Till Dawn & America the Beautiful sets; Budweiser & Anheuser Busch wood beer box; Pyrex mixing bowl set; Road Runner Glasses; Chicago Jacket.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Crosley Washer & Dryer, Whirlpool electric flat surface stove; Whirlpool Refrigerator with bottom freezer; Bedroom set includes 2-chest of drawers & 2-night stands, nice; China cabinet with drawers & glass doors, very nice; sm. China cabinet; wood kitchen pantry with 4 shelves; dining room table with 6 chairs; beige sofa; coffee tables & end tables; 4-drawer filing cabinet; office chairs; metal office desk; 2-entertainment centers; sm kitchen appliances; microwave; kitchen utensils; China set; Corelle dishes; oversees figurines; vac cleaner.

MISCELLANEOUS: 24" Samsung TV; Panasonic TV/Tape/Radio System; electric floor fan; Radio Shack scanner; DVDs, VHS tapes; asst of cameras; walkie talkies; luggage; AM/FM direct programming scanner; Sony Entertainment; HP computer system; Printer/Scanner; costume jewelry, books, small SentrySafe; clarinet in case; 12x50 Tasco Binoculars; fishing poles; tackle box; lamps; window A/C; window fan; handcuffs.

SHOP TOOLS: Porter Cable Pancake Air Comp., like new; 20hp shop vac; Clarke HD Plus Stack-On Tool Chest with 19 drawers on wheels; Craftsman Circular Saw; Ryobi 20" Hedge Trimmer; sander; old metal Craftsman tool box; Good Year shop stool; saw horses; metal detector; dolly cart; wood step ladder; asst. of hand tools; asst. of lumber.

SNOW, LAWN & GARDEN: Craftsman 8.5 hp 27" Electric Start walk behind Snowblower, like new; garden wagon with drop down sides; yard & garden tools.

TERMS: Cash or good check. Not responsible for accidents or losses.

AUCTIONEERS: Tom Bidlingmaier, Browntown, WI 608-328-4878 and Cory Bidlingmaier, Monroe, WI 608-558-4924. Ill. Auctioneer Reg. 441000268 and 441000269.

B&M Auctions of WI, LLC, Browntown, WI
Ill. Reg. Auc. Co. #444000205 • Visit website: www.bm-auctions.com

Virgil Swanson Estate Auction

August 3rd 2024 - Live & Online Auction - Auction Starts @ 9:00 AM
Auction Location: 25732A Georgetown Rd Lanark, IL 61046

Complete Line Of Farm Equipment! - One Of A Kind Tractors - One Of A Kind Auction!

Partial Listing: JD 9410 Combine 2,202 Engine / 1,550 Sep hours, 1995 JD 8100 Tractor 2,067 ACTUAL hours, very nice tractor, 1992 JD 4560 1,816 ACTUAL hours, Nice Tractor, 1970 JD 4020 Tractor, Kuhn Knight 2044 Manure Spreader, 1972 JD 4320 Tractor, 2005 NH FP230 Pull Type Chopper, JD 730 Tractor, NH BR780 Round Baler, 1982 JD 4040 Tractor, JD 494 Corn Head, NH 570 Square Baler, JD 7200 Conservation 8R Planter, Meyer TSS 4618 18' Chopper Box, Brillion SS1201 Sure Stand Seeder, 2005 Badger 1250 18' Chopper Box, JD 820 Moco Haybine, Gehl 980 18' Chopper Box, JD 714 9 Shank Chisel Plow, JD 960 24' Field Cultivator, Top Air 500 Gallon Towable Sprayer, Case IH 3950 22' Disk, JD 260 Loader, 2012 Kilbros 387 Gravity Wagon, 2020 Westfield MKX1063 Swing Away Auger, Gehl 99 Silo Blower, IH 133 4R 3PT Cultivator, 2005 NH 824 2R Corn Head, & Much More!

For More Information Visit: Powersauction.com or Call Mike: 608-214-5761



Mike Powers: 608-214-5761
Dan Powers Sr.: 608-214-3765

Stephenson County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hansen

UV Safety Month is observed in July to raise awareness about the dangers of UV radiation and the importance of protecting our skin from the sun's harmful rays. It's a great time to remind everyone, especially agricultural workers, to take precautions when working outdoors to prevent skin cancer. Remember to wear sunscreen, protective clothing, and seek shade whenever possible. Stay safe in the sun!

1. Wear Sunglasses: Protect your eyes from the sun's harmful UV rays by

wearing sunglasses whenever you're outside. Look for sunglasses that have UVA and UVB protection. **2. Apply Sunscreen:** Make sure to apply sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 to all exposed skin. Reapply every two hours and after swimming or sweating.

3. Check the UV Index: The UV Index is a measure of the strength of the sun's UV radiation at a particular location. Check the index before heading out and if it's high, take extra precautions.

4. Wear Protective Clothing: Cover up with protec-

tive clothing such as wide brimmed hats, loose-fitting long-sleeved shirts, and pants when possible. Tightly woven fabrics are best at blocking UV rays.

Peach orders

Peaches, Peaches, Peaches! We are excited to share the great news that we will again be able to offer southern Illinois peaches from Rendleman Orchard. The 25-pound box is \$43 for Farm Bureau members, and \$48 for non-members. In addition to the delicious fresh peaches, we will also be offering the infamous

Rendleman Orchard's peach crisp mix for \$8. For county specific information regarding pickup date and order deadline please call 815-232-3186 (Stephenson) or visit www.stephensoncfb.org or 815-244-3001(Carroll) or www.carrollcfb.org.

Stephenson County Farm Bureau fair week hours

Our office will be closed Thursday, July 25 and Friday, July 26. During this time if you need assistance, you can reach Manager Victoria at 815-353-9655.

Critical incident involving the Freeport Police Department

On July 9, 2024, at 1:36 a.m., Officers of the Freeport Police Department were called to a residence at the Mary Hosmer Apartments located in the 600 block of N. Walnut Avenue regarding a female who was attempting to break into an apartment. When Officers arrived

on scene, they encountered 57-year-old Bernice McNair of Freeport kicking at an apartment door on the third floor of the building.

Officers attempted to make contact with Bernice McNair; however, McNair ran away from Officers and entered an elevator. Officers

were able to apprehend McNair inside of the elevator despite her resisting their efforts to take her into custody by hitting them with a bag that contained United States Currency.

Once McNair was restrained, Officers observed McNair to be under the in-

fluence of narcotics and also saw she was clenching an off-white substance inside of her mouth. The Officers on scene then asked the Dispatch Center to send Freeport Fire Department EMS to their location at the Mary Hosmer Apartments. The responding Officers requested to have McNair remove the substance from her mouth, but she refused to do so. Officers also recovered an amount of suspected controlled substances from McNair's person and a bag that was in her possession.

Freeport Fire EMS transported Bernice McNair to FHN Hospital. It is believed at some point, McNair ingested the off-white substance causing a medical emergency. McNair was later pronounced deceased at FHN Hospital.

The Freeport Police Department has turned over the investigation into this incident to the Illinois State Police Zone 2 Investigations. An update will be released pending the conclusion of the investigation being conducted by the Illinois State Police.

Pritzker signs health insurance reform measures

New law bans practices aimed at lowering insurance payouts

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker signed legislation July 10 that puts new controls on the state's health insurance industry, including bans on certain practices companies have used to reduce costs by controlling the amount of health care services a patient receives.

The Health Care Protection Act, House Bill 5395, was among Pritzker's top legislative priorities during the just-completed legislative session.

Pritzker also signed House Bill 2499, which bans the sale of short-term, limited-duration insurance plans in Illinois – policies Pritzker and other critics refer to as “junk insurance” because they are not required to meet the minimum standards under the federal Affordable Care Act.

“For too long, insurance companies have used predatory tactics to make an extra dime at the expense of Illinois consumers,” Pritzker said at a bill signing ceremony in Chicago. “For too long, patients have delayed or been denied medically necessary treatments because of profit-driven utilization management practices. For too long, shoddy networks, price gouging and overly complicated bureaucracies have stood in the way of our families getting the care that they deserve. Today, with my signature, Illinois is addressing and rectifying that problem.”

Among other things, the Health Care Protection Act bars the use of a restriction known as “step therapy,” also known as a “fail first” provision, that requires a patient to try and fail on one or more treatments preferred by the insurance company before they can access a treatment recommended by their doctor.

It also prohibits insurers from requiring prior authorization before a patient can receive emergency inpatient treatment at a psychiatric facility.

“Illinois, by the way, is once again a pioneer, the first state in the nation to do this for adults and children,” Pritzker said.

The new law also requires insurers to maintain accurate, up-to-date lists of providers in their networks. And it gives the Illinois Department of Insurance authority to approve or reject proposed premium rate changes in large-group health insurance plans, similar to the authority it already has over small-group plans.

See PRITZKER, Page 20

A Great Big
THANK YOU TO OUR READERS

who have sent a donation to help underwrite the Scoop Today/Shopper's Guide. For those of you who haven't done so in the past year, but enjoy this newspaper and would like to help us pay for its operation, please send a donation in any amount to:

the Scoop Today / Shopper's Guide

c/oRock Valley Publishing, 1102 Ann St., Delavan, WI 53115

IF YOU THINK YOUR NEWSPAPER IS WORTH
50¢ an issue, it would be \$26.00; 75¢ an issue - \$39.00
or \$1 an issue - \$52.00

You won't get a Scoop/Shopper's Guide tote bag, an Apple gift card, or a discount on an extended car warranty. But you will get the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped support your favorite newspaper.



Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Please keep my paper coming:

453719

You ought to be in pictures!

THIS IS AN OPEN CALL FOR SUBMITTED PHOTOS TO BE USED IN YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

▼ Community events, car washes, festivals, lemonade stands, school projects – people at work and at play.

We are interested!

▼ Show the community what your group has been doing!

▼ **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

▼ Just shoot and e-mail!

▼ We need you to ID everyone in the photo *first* and *last* names required

▼ Tell us what's happening in the photo

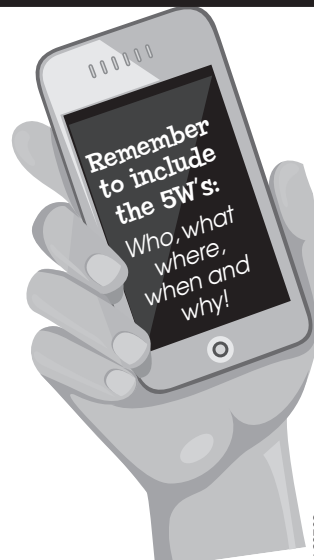
▼ **Please do NOT crop your photos.**

▼ Tell us who took the photo and we will give them a photo credit

E-mail your photos at the highest possible resolution to:
scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com
BY NOON ON FRIDAY

PHOTOS MAY ALSO APPEAR ON OUR WEB SITE. rvpnews.com

This is your chance to promote your organization or special event!



392951

Support these businesses and come to the Stephenson County Fair - July 23 - 27



RADERS INSURANCE AGENCY

www.radersinsurance.com
240 W. Main St., Suite A • Lena • 815-369-4225

Enjoy the Stephenson County Fair!!



458284



Have a great time at the fair!

The Scoop Today & Shopper's Guide

400094

Have a good time at the fair!



State Line Insurance Services Inc.

202 W. Main St. Warren, IL 815-745-2148
204 Samuelson Dr. Orangeville, IL 815-789-3366

400096

Proud to Support the Stephenson County Fair



Stacey Block
202 S. Schuyler PO Box 669 Lena, IL 614048-0669

www.countryfinancial.com/stacey.block
stacey.block@countryfinancial.com
(815)369-4581




458283

FAST STOP Express

Is Your "Home Grown" Fuels Headquarters of Stephenson County

Bio-diesel/Ethanol Blended Gasoline/E85 Available

- Fuel Access 24 Hours A Day
- All Major Credit Cards Accepted as well as Fleet Cards & Fuel 24 Cards

SEE US AT THE FAIR

1641 Sleezer Home Rd. • Freeport, IL
815-235-7400
(Corner of South St. and Sleezer Home Rd.)

440963

Pro Source
Electric and Automation Inc.



ENJOY THE STEPHENSON COUNTY FAIR

Industrial • Commercial • Farm
Lena • 815-369-4165

400102

STEPHENSON COUNTY Fair



GATE ADMISSION

GATES	MEGA PASS	SEASON PASS
8 & Older \$6	\$55 (\$17 value)	8 & Older \$25
GRANDSTAND	Includes Season Pass and Grandstand Super Pass	GRANDSTAND SUPER PASS
8 & Older \$10		Tickets for all 4 events \$35
7 & Under Free	EXPRESS LINE AT THE GATES FOR SEASON PASS HOLDERS	

SPECIALS & DEALS

FREE Veteran Admission on Tue
\$3 Throwback Thursday
FREE Business Lunch 11am-1pm Tues & Wed

TRACTOR PULLS



FFA FARM CLASS

- Tuesday, July 23, 12:30pm
- MIDWEST SUMMER NATIONALS**
- Tuesday, July 23, 6pm
- Wednesday, July 24, 6pm

TOUGH CHALLENGE



THURSDAY, JULY 25, 8PM

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 7PM



MONSTER TRUCKS

DEMOLITION DERBY



SATURDAY, JULY 27, 7PM

Scan to purchase Midwest National Tractor Pull tickets

Scan to purchase Monster Truck Tickets

Scan to purchase Demo Derby tickets

July 23-27

170th Anniversary

SCAN FOR EVERYTHING FAIR
stephensoncountyfair.org

458564

2024 4-H Project Shows take place at fairgrounds

The Stephenson County 4-H is gearing up for our summer shows. Even before the official start of the local county fair, most 4-H activities will be taking place at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds. From foods to livestock, and horticulture to rabbits, 4-H members will exhibit many projects at this year's shows. Following is a summary of the activities that are planned:

Wednesday, July 17

At 9 a.m. the 4-H General Projects Day will take place in the two large commercial buildings out at the fairgrounds. 4-H members will be bringing out their 4-H projects to be judged in a conference-style platform by judges. This will be a full morning of judging projects such as Aerospace, Natural Resources, Visual Arts, Woodworking, and Animal

Science to name a few.

Friday, July 19

The Sewing and Textiles, Food Decorating, and Flower Arranging Shows will be held at the Highland Community College- Community Resource Building R. The Clothing and Textiles show will begin at 9 a.m. Food Decorating/ Candy Making starts at 9:45 a.m. And lastly, the flower arranging will

start at 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 20

The 4-H Horse show will take place at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds. Starting at 8:30 a.m. Feel free to come out and bring lawn chairs to enjoy the show. The Benchwarmer's food truck will be on site with all kinds of food to enjoy.

Monday, July 22

A full slate of shows begins at 9 a.m. with Crops, Foods, and Horticulture and Floriculture projects in the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. Cloverbuds who are five to seven years old will have their projects judged in the 4-H Building starting at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23

The day begins with the Rabbit Show at 8:30 a.m. in the Rabbit/Poultry barn. The Poultry show will begin at 8:45 a.m. in the Poultry/Rabbit barn. The Sheep, Beef, and Swine Shows will begin in their respective barns starting at 9 a.m. At 9:30 a.m. the 4-H Dairy and Dairy Goat Show will take place in their respective barns. The Meat Goat Show

will follow the Dairy Goat Show.

A fun evening of activities is scheduled for 4-H families inside of the 4-H building, taking place from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening. Trophy winners will be announced, and the 2024 4-H Hall of Fame nominee as well as the Diamond and Emerald Clover Experience winners will be recognized. There will be games, activities, and root beer floats. All of 4-H members and families are invited to come out for a fun evening.

Saturday, July 27

The Master Showmanship Contest will begin at 1 p.m. in the swine show ring. This contest is coordinated by the Stephenson County Farm Bureau and the Stephenson County 4-H. 4-H members ages 14-18 (as of 9/1/2023), who are enrolled in a livestock project through 4-H may participate. Registration is required by July 24.

Master Showmanship is a contest where 4-H members will show a sheep, pig, and beef animal and are individually scored on how they did with each species. The top two winners will receive a

cash award, plus a special prize, provided by the Stephenson County Farm Bureau.

Throughout the week of the Stephenson County Fair the 4-H building will be full of 4-H projects on display for our community to come and see what the local 4-H members have worked so hard on! There will be a coloring table for youngsters, and hands-on activities at 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, yard games that will change daily, and a fun life-sized straw couch.

There will also be a couple of contests going on including a Garbology contest where 4-H members paint garbage cans to promote the theme 4-H. Be sure to look for these cans throughout the fairgrounds. Returning this year, the 10 local 4-H clubs will be decorating a round bale at the fairgrounds. Each club is doing its own theme. Each decorated Hay Bale will have a yard sign with a QR code on it for visitors to scan and vote on the spot for their favorite hay bale at the fair. Awards include 1st, 2nd & 3rd place, along with a people's choice award.

Lastly, the 4-H Ambassadors are collecting Canned Goods for their Food Drive Campaign for our local food pantries this summer. Non-perishable canned food items will be collected in the 4-H building during the week of the fair. Please feel free to bring non-perishable canned food items to the 4-H building and drop them in the box Tuesday through Saturday. All donations will be donated to the local food pantries within Stephenson County.

APPEARANCE IS EVERYTHING!

SEE US FOR THE BEST FINISH IN THE BUSINESS!



KONING'S PRECISION PAINT AND BODY

- Free Estimates
- Certified Technicians
- Free Pickup & Delivery
- All Insurance Welcome
- Free Car Rental
- Competitive Rates
- Lifetime Guarantee

301 Dodds Drive, Lena, IL
815-369-4148

458162

Receive your FREE copy of the Scoop Today every week by email or mail!

If you live in Jo Daviess County, you can receive the Scoop Today every week by email or mail for FREE!

Free delivery is available in Jo Daviess County by mail or email when requested. As an alternative to mail, a free Digital eSubscription will be available by request. A link to your eSubscription will be emailed to you every week.

Now is your chance to get your hometown news before the newspaper is hot off the press! The Scoop Today eSubscription can be read on a computer, laptop or tablet. To continue free delivery by email or mail and avoid missing any issues, return your form today!



There will be no telemarketing calls, no strings attached, just convenient, free delivery compliments of our advertisers.

Yes. I want an eSubscription! I would like to receive the Scoop Today by email, for 3 years at no charge. My weekly link lets me get the newspaper before mail home delivery

Yes. I would like to receive FREE home delivery of The Scoop Today by mail to my Jo Daviess County address, for 3 years at no charge.



Name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____ Signature: _____

Mail to: The Scoop Today, c/o Rock Valley Publishing, 1102 Ann St., Delavan, WI 53115 OR send by email to: scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com
 For out of county subscription rates call 815-369-4112

24-HOUR SERVICE ON ALL BRANDS



BECKER SUPERIOR
HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING



New installation • Remodeling
Routine maintenance • Repairs

815-291-2866 • Lena, IL

www.superiorhvacservices.com

409647

Don't Forget!

School exams are required for students entering kindergarten, 2nd, 6th and 9th grades

\$25.00 school exams and x-rays

Friday, August 2
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

By appointment only



Dr. Stephen Petras
Stockton Dental Center
 120 West Front Avenue,
 Stockton, IL 61085

815-947-3700
 Licensed Illinois General Dentist



JCE CO-OP
Electric • Gas • Fiber
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

800-858-5522
jcecoop.com



458456

Support these businesses
and come to the Elizabeth
Community Fair - July 19-21



Citizens State Bank
Confident. Courteous. Close by.
www.csbnow.com




440625



Elizabeth Fast Stop
24 Hour Fueling
Elizabeth
815-858-9300



Be Sure to Attend the Fair!

458315





THE Apple River STATE BANK
Located In

Elizabeth  **Hanover**
815-858-2225 **815-591-2201**

www.appleriverstatebank.com
www.communitybankgalena.com



Locally Owned, Independent, full service loans.
HAVE FUN AT THE FAIR

421290

Shopper's Guide & The Scoop Today

The Shopper's Guide & Scoop Today
815-369-4112
E-Mail: lenaads@rvpublishing.com

Call CYNDEE STIEFEL FOR ALL YOUR ADVERTISING NEEDS



421292



Supports the Community Fair!



Elizabeth • 815-858-9111

440711

THE 103RD ELIZABETH COMMUNITY FAIR

JULY 19, 20, 21 2024

FRIDAY, JULY 19

- 7:00 a.m. Steer Weigh-in
- 9:00 a.m. Dairy & Sheep Show
- 10:00 a.m. Crafts & Gardening Judging
- 1:00 p.m. Dairy Goat Show
- 7:00 p.m. Fantasy Truck Pullers (weigh-in beginning at 5:00 p.m.)

PARADE INFORMATION

Parade theme "Boots, Jeans & Country Dreams"
Saturday, July 20th
Grand Marshalls: Former Mayor Mike Dittmar & family
Line up at 9:30 a.m.
Parade Steps off at 11:00 a.m.
Categories include: Floats, Kids, Antique Cars & Tractors
\$1,000 in Prizes!
For information contact Jason Thomasson at 815-930-4425

SATURDAY, JULY 20

- 8:00 a.m. Beef Show begins - heifers and steers to follow
- 11:00 a.m. Parade Sponsored by the Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce and Apple River State Bank
- Noon - Free Lunch for first 500 people Prepared by The Jo Daviess County Beef Association and sponsored by Citizens State Bank
- Noon - 2:00 p.m. Music by Betty Calling
- Noon - 5:00 p.m. Bingo - Cash Prizes and More!
- 1:00 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull by the Jo Daviess County Young Leaders. Sign up at 12:30 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. Ag Games by River Ridge FFA
- 2:00 - 5:00 Music by the Resistors
- 3:00 p.m. Elizabeth's Best BBQ Competition Public Tasting
- 6:00 p.m. The Elizabeth Community Fair Queen, Teen Miss, Junior Miss & Little Miss/Mister Pageant
- 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Home Grown Wrestling
- 8:30 p.m. Midnight Music by the Deal Breakers

Throughout the weekend: Great Food, Vendors, Carnival Rides, Antique Tractor and Farm Demonstrations, Music, Beer Tent and More!

SUNDAY, JULY 21

- 9:00 a.m. Community Church Service-St. Paul Lutheran Church
- 10:00 a.m. Bean Bag Tournament Sponsored by G.E.A.R.
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Bingo
- Noon - Fantasy Truck Pullers (weigh-in beginning at 10:00 am.)
- 4:00 p.m. Ice Cream Eating Contest by Three Sisters Sweet Shoppe
- 4:30 p.m. ComedySportz Quad Cities
- Stick around for the Pie and Cake Auction

ADMISSION

- \$15 Adult Season Pass
- \$10 Child (11-17) Season Pass
- \$10 Daily Adult
- \$5 Daily Child (11-17)
- 10 & Under FREE

Check out our website!
www.elizabethcommunityfair.com





Inclusive Goat Show at Stephenson County Fair

The Stephenson County Fair is thrilled to announce the "Shine Bright Like a Star Inclusive Goat Show," an event dedicated to fostering inclusion and participation in agricultural activities for youth and young adults with disabilities. Scheduled for Friday, July 26 at 4 p.m. in the Dairy Goat Ring, this unique event will pair participants aged 8-21 with peer mentors and provide goats for the show. This initiative highlights the fair's commitment to accessibility and community engagement. If interested in participating in this event, please contact the Stephenson County Fair office at 815-235-2918.

SUBMITTED PHOTO *Rock Valley Publishing*

Support these businesses and come to the Stephenson County Fair - July 23 - 27

Enjoy the Stephenson County Fair

Leamon Funeral Homes

Lena • Orangeville • Warren
815-369-4512



COUNTRY Financial® is proud to support the 2024 Stephenson County Fair



Deb Brown
Lena
deb.brown@countryfinancial.com
(815)369-2881



0421-058MM_07764-7/10/2024

458475

Enjoy the Stephenson County Fair!



**216 W. Main St.
Lena • 815-369-5549**
HOURS: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat. 8:30 a.m. - noon
devoefloral@yahoo.com Teleflora



400099

Citizens State Bank
Confident. Courteous. Close by.
www.csbnw.com



Member
FDIC
440964

BUSSIAN INSURANCE

PRICE • COVERAGE • SERVICE

Call for a Quote



BUSSIAN
INSURANCE
AGENCY

Your Independent Agent for All Your Insurance Needs
815-369-4747 www.bussianinsurance.com

Enjoy the Stephenson County Fair!!!

458234

Black Diamond MUSIC STORE, LLC

1329 E. SOUTH ST. • FREEPORT, IL • 815-233-0118

Instruments • Amps • Accessories
Lessons • Recording Studio • Layaway Available

Mention this ad or bring it in for \$5 off your purchase of \$50 or more.



633287

Spinhirne Transfer

815-275-4215

Enjoy the Stephenson County Fair!



458239

LORAN MUTUAL SINCE 1879

GRINNELL MUTUAL.

Protecting your future and insuring your success since 1879

815-443-2074 * Pearl City, IL 61062 * www.LoranMutual.com

400095

Brandon's Hardware & Rental



Have a great time at the Fair!!!

145 W. Railroad St. • Lena
815-369-5542

400105

Buss Boyz Customs

Enjoy the Stephenson County Fair!

Lena • 815-369-2803
www.bussboyzcustoms.com

400135

Enjoy the Stephenson Co. Fair

Stagecoach Trail Storage

We have reasonable rates on clean, secure units.



Gary & Aileen Schreiner
PHONE: 815-369-4794
12410 W. Galena Road
Stagecoach Trail, Lena, IL 61048

400097

GAME PAGE

4	6			2		9	
					4		3
	8		4				
						5	
	2			1	5		8
	7	1			8		2
		2					8
6			3				7
7			2				6
9							

Level: Intermediate

			5			2		4
	9		6				7	5
8		3	2					
		2				4	5	
		5		4				1
7			1		8			
	5	1	9		6			
					2	6		

Level: Advanced

SUDOKU

Fun by the Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test! **Here's How It Works:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

TAKE A TRIP WORD SEARCH

X U B Y E H X B H F P A C K I N G U M K
 G V K D H C L A N O I T A N R E T N I X
 U D L R O T N P N O B T R O P R I A K F
 K F M A L A X D X W P O T R A I N A V U
 E F D C I K G F T H R O A D T R I P Y I
 P V F T D E R E I R F N H W O B H R K W
 U H X S A O Y E R U T R A P E D A A N U
 N I K O Y F Y G W I M S E L L R K T C U
 S O F P E F G F F V Y A V Y E I E G G F
 T E I C R V K L E T O H R N G N X P D X
 H G E T R E I G M H G N I D N A L E C B
 G T Y G A O S S V T B T M R M M S K K P
 I I R U A X G I U T I C V P O T K W F D
 S H O K C G A X U L B T K A I O O X Y M
 G A P K R C G L P R C E R N C T M A O E
 D M T C X D Y U E X C N A O X A W F M X
 V T I X C X Y E L R X T I S S H T B V O
 P S E I R O M E M M I O E L G E A I Y G
 V O A U G H P B L O O Y D I L R R N O C
 V C E M B P A H N Y V N H M K A V O A N

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- AIRPORT
- ALL-INCLUSIVE
- CRUISE
- DEPARTURE
- DESTINATION
- EMBARK
- HIGHWAY
- HOLIDAY
- HOTEL
- INTERNATIONAL
- ITINERARY
- LANDING
- LUGGAGE
- MEMORIES
- PACKING
- POSTCARD
- RELAXATION
- RESORT
- ROAD TRIP
- ROOM
- SIGHTS
- TAKE-OFF
- TRAIN
- VACATION

CLUES ACROSS

1. Letter of the Greek alphabet
4. Cause to become entangled
10. Swiss river
11. Conversation
12. "Magnum" was one
14. Small integer
15. Christmas
16. Of a specific mountain region
18. Burrowing bugs
22. Of a symbol worthy of veneration
23. A type of syndrome
24. Cephalopod mollusks
26. Metric ton
27. Ornamental box
28. As quickly as can be done
30. "Hoop Dreams" subject Arthur
31. Old TV part
34. Extinct flightless birds
36. Former CIA
37. Successor
39. Archaic form of you
40. Within
41. Danny Hurley's alma mater
42. Not sacred or biblical
48. Written law
50. Popular hairstyle
51. Congressman
52. Type of font
53. A predetermined period in office
54. Pouch
55. Hormone that stimulates ovulation (abbr.)
56. One from a particular Asian region
58. One's sense of self-esteem
59. Headgear used to control a horse
60. The habitat of wild animals

CLUES DOWN

1. A right conferred through legal means
2. American island state

			1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9				
									11							
12	13			14					15							
16			17						18			19	20	21		
22									23							
24							25		26			27				
							28		29			30				
31	32	33					34				35			36		
37				38					39							
40							41			42		43	44	45	46	47
48							49				50					
51											52					
							53				54				55	
										56			57	58		
										59				60		

3. Inflexibly entrenched
4. "Pollock" actor Harris
5. Foolish person
6. Follows a particular Chairman
7. Choose
8. Sunrooms
9. One hundred grams (abbr.)
12. A symptom of some physical hurt or disorder
13. South American hummingbird
17. "Girl Chopping Onions" painter
19. Wild dog
20. Units of land
21. Footwear
25. Possessing a constant temperature
29. Hormone that promotes water retention (abbr.)
31. Popular game
32. Pension (German)
33. Giant of industry
35. Inferred
38. One who revolves
41. Kept possession of
43. Loss of electricity
44. Stopped bottle
45. Everything
46. First to walk on the moon
47. Engrave
49. Female organs
56. Equal to 1,024 bytes (abbr.)
57. Northeast

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. LYN PERKINS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PATRICIA LOUISE RATKOVICH, DECEASED; 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

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 20, 2024, will on August 20, 2024, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

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.

TAX NO. 18-13-36-226-020
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 145 North Whistler Avenue

Freeport, IL 61032
Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, single family ranch with detached garage

The Judgment amount was \$87,897.07.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

INOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-16149IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

I3246652
(Published in The Shopper's Guide July 10, 17 & 24, 2024) 457506

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

In Re the Matter of the Estate of: Patricia A. Curran Deceased.

No. 24-PR-45
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION -CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Patricia A. Curran, of Lena, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 21, 2024, to:

James R. Curran
501 Anson St.
Warren, Illinois 61087
as independent Executor of the Estate of Patricia A. Curran, whose attorney is Anthony V. Coon Attorney At Law 10 N. Galena Ave., Ste. 210 Freeport, Illinois 61032

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office

of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 6, 2025, 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: June 26, 2024.

James R. Curran, 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
(Published in The Shopper's Guide July 3, 10 & 17, 2024) 457916

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

vs. David Brubacher; et. al. Defendants,

23 FC 50
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., Security First Title Company, 205 West Stephenson Street, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOTS 7, 8, 9, 10 AND 11 IN BLOCK ONE (1) IN EBY'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF PEARL CITY; AND THAT PART OF THE VACATED ALLEY LYING SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO AFORESAID LOTS AS VACATED BY ORDINANCE RECORDED SEPTEMBER 5, 1975 IN BOOK P-219 ON PAGE 680 AS DOCUMENT NO. 90-8335; SITUATED IN

THE COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N. 02-17-08-280-009. Commonly known as 309 W. South St., Pearl City, IL 61062.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

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

For information call Sale Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-23-04721 IJSC ADC

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com
I3247865

(Published in The Shopper's Guide July 17, 24, 31, 2024) 458355

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STEPHENSON COUNTY - IN PROBATE

In Re the Matter of the Estate of: WILLIAM D. GUMS Deceased.

No. 24-PR-50
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Notice is given of the death of William D. Gums, of Freeport, Illinois. An Order was entered **July 3, 2024**, admitting the Will of the decedent dated March 16, 2003, issuing Letters of Office as described herein. Letters of Office were issued on **July 3, 2024**, to:

Marjorie M. Bower
836 S. 15th Ave.
Freeport, IL 61032
as independent Executor of the Estate of William D. Gums, whose attorney is: **Anthony V. Coon**
Attorney At Law
10 N. Galena Ave., Ste. 210
Freeport, Illinois 61032

Notice is given to persons who are heirs or legatees in the above proceeding to probate a Will whose name or address is not stated in the Petition to Admit the Will to Probate. That an Order was entered by the Court on **July 3, 2024**, admitting the Will to probate.

That on or before **August 26, 2024**, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open Court or other evidence as provided in Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975. (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court on or before **January 21, 2025**.

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 **January 21, 2025**, 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: July 8, 2024.
Marjorie M. Bower, Executor

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

Anthony V. Coon, #6289568
Attorney at Law
10 N. Galena Ave., Ste. 210
Freeport, IL 61032
815-235-2215
Fax 815-232-5500
tonycoonlaw@aol.com

(Published in The Shopper's Guide July 17, 24, 31, 2024) 458375

Rock Valley Publishing LLC

Can Publish Your Legals

Call 815-877-4044
or email your legals to
Legals@rvpublishing.com

425124

State ends fiscal year with nearly \$5 billion cash on hand

Leaders say record balances drive investment revenue, ensure vendors are paid on time

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois entered a new fiscal year July 1 with a bit of a financial cushion as the prior year's revenues exceeded final projections by about \$123 million.

The state ended fiscal year 2024 with about \$4.7 billion cash on hand, or about 9 percent of the allocated spending for fiscal year 2025, which began July 1. That included a record high \$2.1 billion in the state's budget stabilization, or "rainy day" fund, which has seen its balance grow steadily over the past five years.

Comptroller Susana Mendoza noted the high cash balance helped Illinois generate over \$558 million in interest income in FY24, a 53 percent increase from the previous year. She said in a news release she plans to exercise new authority granted to her office in the budgeting process this year to pre-pay required monthly pension payments while funds are available.

"This will enable the (pen-

sion) systems to plan accordingly and keep more of the pension funds in their investment portfolios," Mendoza said in a statement.

Gov. JB Pritzker's office said the year-end balance represents "part of a pattern of fiscally responsible policies." He mentioned the nine credit upgrades Illinois has received from the nation's three major credit rating agencies since he took office.

"Nine credit rating upgrades, bill backlogs eliminated, six balanced budgets, and now the state's highest ever General Funds balance—this is the result of disciplined, responsible fiscal management that prioritizes serving taxpayers and helping working families," Pritzker said in a statement.

The \$52.6 billion in revenue collected in FY24 was about 4 percent more than the \$50.6 billion anticipated when lawmakers approved the budget last May. But lawmakers largely allocated those unforeseen revenues in a supplemental spending plan

approved this May, so the cash on hand represents more of a cushion for the upcoming fiscal year than a license to approve more spending.

The cash on hand is also not the same as a surplus, as it includes dollars that may have been appropriated but not yet spent.

The year-end revenues were published July 2 by the legislature's fiscal forecasting agency, the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. Eric Noggle, COGFA's revenue manager, noted revenues matched the agency's March forecast almost exactly—a rarity in a fiscal landscape that has been difficult to project since COVID-19 first upended state finances.

Both Pritzker and Mendoza celebrated the fact that Illinois no longer has a backlog of unpaid bills.

In the wake of a two-year state budget impasse between Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democrats in the General Assembly in 2016 and 2017, the backlog had risen

to about \$16 billion. Now, all bills are paid within 30 days of reaching the comptroller's desk, Mendoza said.

"I'm committed to giving our state providers and vendors the stability and predictability that they should expect from state government," Mendoza said in a statement. "Having received countless hardship calls from these providers and vendors during the state's budget impasse, I believe it is the responsible approach we must continue to take."

Still, COGFA's June report noted that while state finances have improved in recent years, Illinois' economy continues to lag the U.S. as a whole.

"Illinois' poor economic performance has many contributing factors. The State has earned a reputation for poor fiscal health over decades," COGFA chief economist Benjamin Varner wrote in the monthly briefing.

He mentioned the budget impasse, Illinois' "relatively high business taxes,"

and stagnant or declining population growth as contributing factors.

"Despite these challenges, the situation has been improving in recent years," Varner added. "The state's budget has been more balanced over the past five years, thanks to federal government aid, a strengthening economy, and improved budgetary discipline. This has led to a much more stable financial situation."

That's partially due to the state eliminating the bill backlog, building its fund reserves and allocating money to tax incentive programs that have lured businesses to move or expand here, he wrote.

"Although the Census Bureau still estimates that Illinois is losing population, the rate of annual declines has slowed," Varner wrote.

Pritzker has also frequently noted that the state has lowered the corporate franchise tax paid by businesses in Illinois, exempting the first \$10,000 in liability under the tax beginning in 2025.

In 2019, the governor signed a plan to fully phase out that tax, but he ultimately reversed that decision amid the COVID-19 pandemic. He and lawmakers have since increased the exemption from \$30 in 2020 to \$10,000 in 2025—a doubling from the previous year.

As for the fiscal year 2024 revenues, Illinois' main funding source remains the personal income tax. Noggle noted the state collected \$30.1 billion in personal income tax revenue in FY24 along with \$6.5 billion in corporate income tax revenue, which collectively performed better than the previous year.

For the new fiscal year that began July 1, lawmakers approved \$53.1 billion in spending, or roughly 1 percent more than FY24's final revenues.

But Noggle also noted the last fiscal year included about \$881 million in one-time revenues from sources that won't repeat in FY25—so base revenues will have to grow by over 2 percent to meet spending demand.

Op-ed: Sound policymaking needed to fully scale sustainable aviation fuel

By Brian Duncan
ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU
PRESIDENT

Ethanol represents a significant market for my Ogle County family farm. We can deliver corn to seven ethanol plants within a 70-mile radius, and distillers' grains are a valuable input for our livestock enterprises.

Biofuels like ethanol can benefit both the economy and the environment. Illinois, which ranks third in the nation for ethanol production, is meeting the demand of consumers and industries for cleaner, domestic energy sources.

But this demand did not build itself.

Decades of sound policymaking created channels and incentives for the agriculture and biofuels industries to supply a growing market.

The expanded Renewable Fuel Standard mandating the use of renewable fuels in transportation, and year-round use of higher blends of homegrown biofuels such as E15 and E85 have bolstered the ethanol market. State and federal tax credits tied to biofuels have been economic game changers for our state.

Sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), a bio-based jet fuel made from corn ethanol or soybean oil, holds similar economic and environmental opportunities as a path to decarbonize the aviation industry with homegrown biofuels.

While farmers, airlines and

the ethanol industry are eager to embrace SAF, challenges persist in scaling up SAF production. Sound, reasonable policies are needed to ensure that significant changes and cost investments are worthwhile.

A first step came with recently released guidance from the U.S. Treasury Department acknowledging that feedstocks grown utilizing conservation practices can reduce overall SAF greenhouse gas emissions. This will play a role in the federal SAF production tax credits authorized under the Inflation Reduction Act.

Known as 40B, a \$1.25-per-gallon tax credit will be awarded to SAF products with greenhouse gas emissions scores 50 percent lower than petroleum-based jet fuels along with additional incentives. This credit is retroactive to 2023 and extends through 2024.

The Greenhouse Gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy Use in Technologies (GREET) model will be used to assess the 50 percent emission reduction.

Illinois Farm Bureau policy supports use of the GREET model in scoring the carbon intensity of agricultural feedstocks for SAF and other biofuels. We have advocated with federal officials to select GREET because it incorporates accurate, updated data around emissions and land-use changes, and recognizes on-farm practices to lower the carbon intensity of SAF and biofuel feedstocks.

The Treasury's guidance for ethanol and biodiesel facilities will require farmers to demonstrate multiple sustainable practices including no-till farming, cover crops and energy-efficient fertilizer use. The bundled requirements are restrictive and lack the flexibility farmers need to use carbon-reducing practices that work for their farm.

Development of 45Z SAF tax credit guidance for 2025 through 2027 should include more options and flexibility in farming methods that qualify and allow farmers to adjust their methods from year to year.

It should also utilize the existing feedstock calculator available for use with GREET to determine on-farm carbon intensity of practices implemented by farmers to grow grain for SAF.

Federal and state-level incentives, such as Illinois' \$1.50-per-gallon SAF purchaser and user tax credit, are crucial for stimulating the SAF market. About 25 million gallons of SAF were produced in 2023, far below the current administration's SAF goal of 3 billion gallons by 2030 and 35 billion gallons by 2050.

Modeling from Iowa-based Decision Innovation Solutions suggests U.S. agriculture has the production capacity of meeting about half of future SAF grain demand. SAF produced from soybean oil would account for four billion gallons, while SAF made from corn

ethanol would make up another 6 to 11 billion gallons.

To contribute to those production levels, Illinois would need to establish 14 more 200-million-gallon ethanol plants and invest in other SAF

infrastructure. Such expansion could lead to an extra \$13 billion in economic activity per year, DIS models show.

Without a viable SAF market, corn farmers risk losing out on \$2 billion per year through

2050. These are real, tangible dollars that farm families can use to sustain their operations and pass them on to the next generation.

See OP-ED, Page 20



SUBMITTED PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

Yard of the Month

The Lena Beautification Committee and Lena Business and Professionals' Association have chosen Jerry and Becky Edler's home at 511 S. Washington St. as the "Yard of the Month" for June. Becky loves geraniums and uses them in decorative pots and flower beds all around their house. Being a creative person, she has a display of miniature gnomes and other figurines that her grandchildren like to play with. She has also created solar lights with clear glass dishes to enhance the side flower beds. A small vegetable garden and perfectly maintained lawn makes this yard worthy of recognition.

FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We have been dodging rain for the last week as well as trying to stay cool. We are behind in 90-degree days for July, but maybe after this past week we will catch up. This week's recipes are full of some favorites with a different spin and some new ones. Have a great week cooking!

Dill Dip

I really like a good dill dip. I often use the Watkins Dill Dip if I want something quick, but sometimes you want to make a really good dill dip. I like it on vegetables and pretzels. You can also use it to top baked potatoes, enchiladas, tacos, and as a pizza dipping sauce!

- 1 C. mayonnaise
 - 1 C. sour cream
 - 2 T. dried parsley flakes
 - 1 T. dried minced onion
 - 2 t. dill weed
 - 1 1/2 t. Lowry's seasoned salt
 - 1 t. sugar
 - Fresh dill, optional
- In a small bowl, combine the mayo, sour cream, parsley, onion, dill weed, seasoned salt, and sugar. Chill for at

least 2 hours. Garnish with fresh dill.

Make Ahead Hearty Six-Layer Salad

We all have had the traditional lettuce seven-layer salad. This recipe is a spin-off on that salad, but it uses small pasta shells as a layer. If you put it in a trifle bowl or a large glass salad bowl, it is really pretty. It makes a great potluck pleaser any time of the year. Hint: Use a rotisserie chicken for a quick step.

- 1 1/2 C. uncooked small pasta shells
- 1 T. canola oil
- 3 C. shredded lettuce
- 3 hard boiled eggs, sliced
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/8 t. pepper
- 2 C. shredded, cooked chicken breast
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen peas, thawed

Dressing:

- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 1/4 C. sour cream
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 2 t. Dijon mustard

Toppings:

- 1 C. shredded Colby or Monterey Jack cheese
 - 2 T. minced fresh parsley
- Cook the pasta according to package directions; drain and rinse with cold water. Drizzle with canola oil and toss to coat. Place the lettuce in a 2 1/2 qt. glass serving bowl, top with pasta and eggs. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Layer with chicken and peas.

In a small bowl, mix dressing ingredients until blended; spread over top. Refrigerate, covered, for several hours or overnight. Just before serving, sprinkle with cheese and parsley.

Slaw Dogs

If you want a different take on the summer hot dog, this recipe is easy and gives the standard dog a different taste. Give this recipe a try to step up the summer favorite.

- 1 head cabbage, grated, reserving some to slice for added texture
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/2 C. carrot, shredded
- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 1 T. white vinegar
- 1 T. sugar
- 1/2 t. garlic powder
- 1/2 t. onion powder
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1 t. celery seed
- 1 t. pepper
- Grated onion to taste

Hot Dogs:

- 4 hot dogs
 - Butter
 - 4 hot dog buns
 - Mayonnaise to taste, mustard to taste
- Coleslaw:** In a large bowl, combine the grated cabbage, onion and carrot. In a small bowl, mix mayo, vinegar, sugar, and spices. Stir to combine. Let stand 5 minutes before mixing into coleslaw. Taste and add salt for seasoning.

In a pot, boil hot dogs un-

til warmed through or grill until browned and cooked through. Spread butter on cut sides of buns. In a skillet or a grill, toast buns on all sides until warm and toasty. Add hot dogs to buns and top with slaw. If desired serve with mayo and mustard.

Million Dollar Spaghetti

It seems that "million dollar" any kind of recipes are making the rounds this cooking season. This million-dollar recipe uses spaghetti and lots of cheese. It really is very economical; if you are wanting to make it meatless, skip the hamburger.

- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) spaghetti
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 jar (14 oz.) spaghetti sauce
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 3 oz. cream cheese, softened and cubed
- 1 C. ricotta cheese
- 1 C. sour cream
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 1 1/2 C. shredded cheddar-Monterey Jack cheese

Preheat oven to 350. Cook spaghetti according to package directions for al dente; drain. In a large skillet, cook the beef, onion and garlic over medium heat until beef is no longer pink, 6 to 8 minutes, breaking up beef into crumbles; drain. Stir in spaghetti

sauce, salt and pepper; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 20 minutes, stirring occasional.

In a small bowl, mix cream cheese, ricotta cheese, and sour cream until blended; stir in green onions. Grease an 11 x 7 baking dish, layer the spaghetti, cream cheese mixture, and meat mixture. Top with shredded cheese. Bake, covered for 25 minutes. Uncover and bake until cheese is bubbly, 5 to 10 minutes longer. Garnish with additional green onions.

Strawberry Dump Cake

Last year I had a recipe for Strawberry Rhubarb Dump Cake which had at its base a spice cake mix. This recipe uses strawberry pie filling and white cake mix. It is an easy dessert that is delicious. If you need dessert in a hurry, try this cake.

- 1 can (21 oz.) strawberry pie filling
- 1 white cake mix
- 3/4 C. cold butter, cubed
- Strawberries for Garnish
- Whipped cream or Cool Whip

Preheat the oven to 350. Spread pie filling in a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Sprinkle with cake mix. Dot with cubed butter. Bake until filling is bubbly, and top is golden brown, 45 to 55 minutes. Serve warm with fresh strawberries and whipped cream.

preserves, blueberries and lemon juice. Spread over crust. Stir pecans and cinnamon into remaining crumb mixture. Sprinkle over the top. Bake until lightly browned, 18 to 20 minutes. Cool on a wire rack before cutting into bars.

Final Thoughts

We saw a wonderful production at Timberlake last week. The Cole Porter musical, *Anything Goes*, was one of the best dance productions we have seen there. We are so lucky to have live theater at a reasonable price within driving distance. Their next production of *The Wizard of Oz* should be great too. Don't forget to either participate or watch the Lions Club's Pet and Bicycle parade this coming weekend. Last year was great for the first year, and I am hoping it will be even better this year. Music in the Park continues on Saturday and Sunday nights. Soon the summer will be winding down, and we won't have these great outside activities.

I need to give a shout out to the wonderful people at Rock Valley Publishing. On the Fourth of July, we had a transformer catch on fire on Maple Street in Lena. We had some "brown" out problems, and many of us lost electricity for several hours. I didn't know how you were going to get to read last week's column. I called the *Shopper's Guide* office and we began to try to figure out how to get my column to the publisher. Thanks to Kelsey at Citizens State Bank who helped me fax it to the office and the office being able to get it ready to publish, the column appeared in last week's paper. I was blessed with people who were able to use technology to do marvelous things; and even though there is no office in Lena, they do care about us and will respond. Thank you all at the home office of the *Shopper's Guide* for your work above and beyond.

We continue to look for summer fruit and vegetable recipes, so send some favorites our way. If you find some recipes to share, you can contact us by email at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com or by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *The Shopper's Guide* at Rock Valley Publishing, 1102 Ann St., Delavan, WI 53115. Have a great week.

Blueberry Crumble Bars

There are a lot of fresh blueberries in stores these days, and they are selling at a reasonable price. One of my friends goes to pick them near Rockford. Try this easy bar recipe with some fresh blueberries.

- 1 pkg. yellow cake mix
- 2 1/2 C. old-fashioned oats
- 3/4 C. butter, melted
- 1 jar (12 oz.) blueberry preserves
- 1/3 C. fresh blueberries
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 1/3 C. finely chopped pecans
- 2 t. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, oats and butter until crumbly. Press 3 C. into a greased 9-inch square baking dish. Bake 15 minutes. Cool on a wire rack 5 minutes.

In a small bowl, combine

The Scoop Today & Shopper's Guide

Service Corner

G & H PAINTING

Interior & Exterior Painting & Staining

LENA, IL

Fully Insured

Brent Geilenfeldt
815-369-5368 • Cell 815-275-1069

Adam Heimann
815-275-6450

111032

458081

Rose Handyman Service
WE DO IT ALL
No job too small
815-990-0095

432030

DeVoe License & Title Service
216 W. Main • Lena
815-369-5549
Call for Appointment
Mon-Fri
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
10 a.m. - noon

368916

HEID REPAIR TORO
Your local Toro Dealer & Master Service Center

SUMMER SALES EVENT!!
Save up to \$2,000 on select commercial zeroturns.

0% Interest Financing Options available

10240 N. Old Mill Rd. • McConnell, IL 61050
815-541-3348 • heidrepair@yahoo.com
Repairing & servicing all brands of mowers & small engines. 458076

SixPoint SERVICES

Nick Judge • 815-990-8937
www.sixpointservices.com

413671

Residential and Commercial
Power Washing
Gutter Cleaning
Window Washing
Holiday Lighting

Fully insured

your source for on-line news:
RVPNEWS.COM

IN*CI*DENTAL*LY

Healthy, adequate sleep essential to physical and cognitive development

When it comes to sleep, both quality and quantity matter. This is especially true in children because deep, uninterrupted sleep is essential to both their physical and cognitive development. Sleep-disordered breathing (SDB) occurs when something repeatedly partially or completely blocks the airway during sleep. When this happens, your child's respiratory and nervous systems are focused on getting oxygen, and their brains cannot achieve the deeper levels of sleep that are essential for proper growth and development, support of the immune system, metabolism, and hormone balances.

The ability to achieve deep sleep is critical because this is when the body



By **DR. STEPHEN PETRAS**
Illinois Licensed General Dentist

produces growth hormones and cytokines. Our bodies use these cytokines to fight infection, illness, and stress. Excessive brain arousal with SDB also causes the body to secrete undue amounts of stress hormones and cortisol, raise blood glucose levels and increases insulin resistance.

Lack of sleep leads to a lack of energy. Children who are overtired crave higher fat and carbohydrate foods to give them the energy they are lacking. Your child's body also tries to compensate for this lack of energy by

secreting extra adrenaline. This leads to your child feeling both wide-awake and exhausted, which in turn makes them irritable, impatient, demanding, anxious, overly emotional, depressed and stressed. Sleep deprivation also decreases a child's attention span and makes them more likely to experience hyperactivity, impulsivity problems and poor academic performance, which may lead to a misdiagnosis of ADHD. It also increases their chances of developing diabetes, obesity, and heart disease.

Sleep is essential to proper brain development. Deep sleep allows the brain to process information and experiences that your child learns during the day. Uninterrupted, deep sleep

improves memory, the ability to concentrate and learn, solve problems, and develop emotional resilience.

Screening for SDB and airway concerns is a crucial part of your child's dental exam. Mouth breathing and SDB cause distinctive oral and craniofacial developmental issues. The presence and extent of these signs and symptoms, along

with your child's medical history and a discussion of their sleep patterns alert your dentist to the presence of a compromised airway.

SDB can be multifactorial (genetic, health, anatomical and lifestyle), so referrals to your child's pediatrician and other appropriate specialists may be necessary to obtain a comprehensive diagnosis of system involvement. This

information will be used to create and implement a collaborative treatment plan to address these issues. Improving your child's airway issues allows them to achieve the deep, uninterrupted sleep levels necessary for proper physical and neurological health. It also allows your child to avoid serious and life-long dental and medical consequences.

REAL ESTATE NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF STEPHENSON - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
U.S. Bank National Association Plaintiff,
vs.
David Brubacher; et. al. Defendants,

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS.

LINN PERKINS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PATRICIA LOUISE RATKOVICH, DECEASED; 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.

23 FC 50

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., Security First Title Company, 205 West Stephenson Street, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 02-17-08-280-009. Commonly known as 309 W. South St., Pearl City, IL 61062.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

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

For information call Sale Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-23-04721 IJSC ADC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13247865

(Published in The Shopper's Guide July 17, 24, 31, 2024) 458356

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

NO. 2023FC53

145 NORTH WHISTLER AVENUE FREEPORT, IL 61032 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 20, 2024, will on August 20, 2024, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 18-13-36-226-020 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 145 North Whistler Avenue Freeport, IL 61032

Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, single family ranch with detached garage

The Judgment amount was \$87,897.07.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation

as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-161491L

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

13246652 (Published in The Shopper's Guide

July 10, 17 & 24, 2024) 457507

Want to search Illinois legal notices?



Subscribe now to have legal notices emailed to you based on YOUR custom search criteria!

PNI PUBLIC NOTICE ILLINOIS

www.publicnoticeillinois.com

A public service provided by Illinois Newspapers & the Illinois Press Association

Call
815.369.4112
to place your ad

Classifieds

AD DEADLINE:
Friday
at 4 pm

SERVING NORTHERN ILLINOIS AND SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

employment



for sale



rentals & real estate



automotive



services offered



help wanted

ADVERTISING SALES EXECUTIVE

Rock Valley Publishing is looking for a Part-Time Advertising Sales Executive. Approximately 20 hours per week.

We publish newspapers, shoppers, and niche publications throughout the stateline. You have the opportunity to sell into all Rock Valley Publishing. L.L.C. publications, making your paycheck much larger!

For immediate consideration send resume/job history to:

Vicki Vanderwerff, Director of Advertising
Email: vicki@southernlakesnewspapers.com
Fax: (262) 725-6844

444841

Help Wanted

HELP NEEDED: For removal of an old empty fuel tank & a large upright freezer, both items are in my basement with outside access. 815-821-5441. Call or text /leave a Msg.

Auction Deadline is Noon Friday!

Contact Rhonda at
rmarshall@rvpublishing.com
for information on advertising.

FREE

Are you selling a single item for
LESS THAN \$100?

IF SO, WE WILL RUN YOUR AD IN THE
SCOOP TODAY AND SHOPPER'S GUIDE AT

No Charge!

Private Party Only

Just fill out the coupon below and mail to:
Rock Valley Publishing, FREE Ad,
1102 Ann. St., Delavan, WI 53115

Write your ad below, One Word Per Box, be sure to include your price

Ads will not be accepted without the following information. Only one free ad per month.

YOUR NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

real estate

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial/ status or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-900-669-9777. The toll-free tele phone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275. EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

garage sales

Pearl City

503 GUSTY TRAIL-MULTI FAMILY July 18-20. Thurs. 3-6pm Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-noon. HH items, milk glass, elec filet knife, office sign & items, Marvel desk file cabinets/drawers/corner sections. Dremel, plants, ceiling lights, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Instant pot, Beanie Babies, Carhartt & Duluth Trading pants/jeans size 38x36, Mens 38 shorts, prom dresses 9/10, Holiday decor, lift chair, electric grill, wood crafts, sterling silverware, Coke/Pepsi carrier, Terry Redlin-MJ plates, golf bag, much more!!

1110 S. FLACK ROAD 7/11-7/12, 8-5 & 7/13, 8-2 Also July 18-19, 8-5 & July 20th, 8-2. Dog kennel & steps, TV, furniture, adult clothes, girls clothes NB-12, boys clothes 12-14, Vintage items & H/H, Brass bed frame, bar signs, tools & lawn chairs.



IT'S GARAGE SALE
TIME AGAIN!

The Wheel Deal

Place your car, truck, motorcycle, boat or RV for one price and it runs for up to 16 weeks.

\$19⁹⁵

1st three lines

Extra lines are \$1.95 each

17 Papers

Starts for 4 weeks and if not sold you call us and we will renew at no additional charge!

(Maximum run 16 weeks total)

PRIVATE PARTY ONLY.

Ad must be prepaid.
Deadlines vary.

Call
815-877-4044



for sale

Announcements

CLASSIFIED IN-COLUMN ADS cannot be credited or refunded after the ad has been placed. Ads canceled before deadline will be removed from the paper as a service to our customers, but no credit or refund will be issued to your account.

DISCLAIMER NOTICE This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance.

Burial Needs

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



Misc. For Sale

Companion Electric Scooter (Like New, only used short time), Deep Red with Black Seat including arms, front basket, safety flag, 2 keys, charger, 2 mirrors, and cover. \$1,900 or make an offer. 815-369-2844. 457958



Time To Sell Your Home?

Call
815-369-4112
for details
on placing an ad

transportation

Automobiles

1985 TOYOTA SUPRA Original owner, California car, 172,000 miles. Evansville \$8,000 OBO. 608-322-2483

Boats

15' SAIL BOAT with 20' sail. Wetsailer Chrysler w/trailer. \$900 608-365-6936.

2012 MIRROCRRAFT BOAT Model 1761 Aggressor, excellent cond. 115 Evinrude E-TECH Motor, just serviced at East Troy Marine. Less than 200 hrs. on motor. \$17,750 w/many extras. 262-325-0706 or 262-325-0705.

COMMERCIAL JON BOAT With trailer, 18 foot, 25 hp Yamaha F/S. \$2,000. Call 262-206-1725.

Campers and RVs

1994 WINNEBAGO WARRIOR 22' V8 454 engine, 97,200 miles. Newer tires, new battery, new sub floor and flooring. Rooftop A/C works great. Rust free, runs good and ready for travel! Some updates have been done to the interior, but still needs some minor finishing. Asking \$10,500. Located near Rockford. Call 815-520-0997.

2000 NOMAD 5THWHEEL Slideout, new tires, new roof, clean, \$4,000 OBO 262-374-0051.

2016 COACHMEN MOTORHOME, V-10 30FW, 22 ft. slide, 20 ft. awning. All appliances work great. Outdoor TV, fridge and freezer. Above cab sleeping. Available mid to late August. \$35,000. Call 262-492-6351.

2022 COACHMAN FREEDOM EXPRESS 24' Travel Trailer with Q bed. Very clean. \$19,000. OBO. 262-470-4083.

Motorcycles

1974 HD FL Very good original condition. \$14,995. OBO Txt 262-914-6486.

Other Automotive

SNOWBLOWER 5 HP SPRINT 24" \$300. 608-365-6936

Sports/Classic Cars

1952 CHEVY PICKUP Solid Nevada truck, runs great. \$19,750. (262) 949-6997.

454287

422785

Answers

PUZZLE 1

4	6	3	1	7	2	8	9	5
2	5	7	8	9	6	4	1	3
1	8	9	4	5	3	6	7	2
8	9	6	7	2	4	3	5	1
3	2	4	9	1	5	7	8	6
5	7	1	6	3	8	9	2	4
9	4	2	5	6	7	1	3	8
6	1	5	3	8	9	2	4	7
7	3	8	2	4	1	5	6	9

PUZZLE 2

6	3	7	5	9	1	2	8	4
5	1	8	7	2	4	9	6	3
2	9	4	6	8	3	1	7	5
8	4	3	2	1	5	7	9	6
1	7	2	3	6	9	4	5	8
9	6	5	8	4	7	3	2	1
7	2	6	1	3	8	5	4	9
4	5	1	9	7	6	8	3	2
3	8	9	4	5	2	6	1	7

CROSSWORD

		P	H	I		E	N	M	E	S	H			
		A	A	R		D	I	A	L	O	G			
P	I	T	W	O		N	O	E	L					
A	N	D	E	A	N		C	I	C	A	D	A	S	
I	C	O	N	I	C		O	S	T	R	I	C	H	
N	A	U	T	I	L	I		M	T	I	N	R	O	
				A	S	A	P			A	G	E	E	
C	R	T		D	O	D	O	S		O	S	S		
H	E	I	R		S	H	T	H	O					
E	N	T	O		S	H		P	R	O	F	A	N	E
S	T	A	T	U	T	E		M	U	L	L	E	T	
S	E	N	A	T	O	R		I	T	A	L	I	C	
				T	E	R	M		S	A	C		L	H
				K	O	R	E	A	N		E	G	O	
				B	R	I	D	L	E		D	E	N	

X U B Y E H X B H F P A C K I N G U M K
 G V K D H C L A N O I T A N R E T N I X
 U D L R O T N P N O B T R O P R I A K F
 K F M A L A X D X W P O T R A I N A V U
 E F D C I K G F T H R O A D T R I P Y I
 P V F T D E R E I R F N H W O B H R K W
 U H X S A O Y E R U T R A P E D A A N U
 N I K O Y F Y G W I M S E L L R K T C U
 S O F P E F G F F V Y A V Y E I E G G F
 T E I C R V K L E T O H R N G N X P D X
 H G E T R E I G M H G N I D N A L E C B
 G T Y G A O S S V T B T M R M M S K K P
 I I R U A X G I U T I C V P O T K W F D
 S H O K C G A X U L B T K A I O O X Y M
 G A P K R C G L P R C E R N C T M A O E
 D M T C X D Y U E R X C N A O X A W F M X
 V T I X C X Y E L R X T A I S S H T B V O
 P S E I R O M E M M I O E L G E A I Y G
 V O A U G H P B L O O Y D I L R R N O C
 V C E M B P A H N Y V N H M K A V O A

441189

STOP
LOCALLY

SUPPORT THE
BUSINESSES
THAT SUPPORT
YOU!

HELP WANTED

SPINHIRNE TRANSFER
LOOKING FOR DRIVERS

Must have good driving record.
We are local and regional commodity hauling company.
We provide a very competitive hourly wage plus paid vacation.
\$1,000 sign on bonus after 30 days.
Additional \$1,000 sign on bonus after 60 days.
Contact Greg Spinhirne at 815-275-4215 to schedule an interview.

457132

your source for on-line news:
RVPNEWS.COM

Daws MEMORIALS

OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE • ESTABLISHED IN 1991



MONUMENT SALES

LOTS OF GRANITE IN STOCK

6-8 Weeks From Start To Finish
And Placed In Cemetery

UP TO **40% CHEAPER THAN COMPETITION!**

Bruce Does It All! Sales & Service

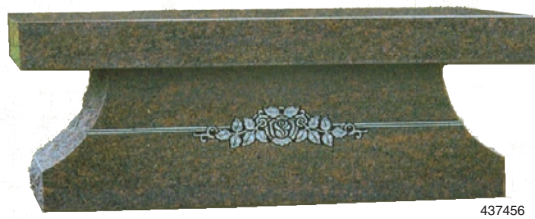
STOP BY FOR A QUOTE

Weekdays • Weekends • Evenings • Holidays

APPOINTMENTS WELCOME!

**Call 815-369-4246
or 815-238-6307**

207 LEET STREET, LENA, ILLINOIS



•Pritzker (Continued from page 8)

Pritzker first announced the plan in his State of the State address in February, saying he expected stiff resistance from the insurance industry but vowing "to spend serious political capital" if necessary to pass the legislation.

The bill was, in fact, the subject of intense behind-the-scenes negotiations between the administration, insurance industry representatives, health care providers and other stakeholder groups. In the end, the final version of

the act had little opposition and drew some Republican support. It passed 45-14 in the Senate and 83-23 in the House.

Part of the reason for the bipartisan support was that the more controversial

provision banning the sale of short-term, limited-duration insurance plans was taken out and put into a separate bill.

Those policies are marketed as temporary plans intended mainly for people who find themselves

in between coverage plans, often because of changes in employment. Supporters of the bill argued those plans provide substandard coverage and often leave individuals liable for huge medical bills. But many Republicans argued that those policies provide a lower-cost option that suits the needs of some individuals.

That measure passed largely along party lines: 40-19 in the Senate, and 72-35 in the House.

Pritzker signed the two bills at a ceremony at Rush

University Medical Center in Chicago where he was joined by lawmakers who supported the bill, as well as health care providers.

"The health insurance reforms passed by the Illinois lawmakers, many of them are right here, will ensure that administrative delays caused by the insurance companies as well as their inadequate provider networks, so called ghost networks, should be a thing of the past," said Piyush Vyas, president of the Illinois State Medical Society.

•Op-ed (Continued from page 15)

To fully scale SAF technology and realize its market potential, today's policy decisions around SAF must provide the certainty and flexibility farmers need to meet demand.

Airlines and biofuel producers require a solid backstop to their major investments into SAF technology just as much as farmers deserve credit for adopting and implementing

sustainable farm practices used to produce SAF feedstocks.

This economic opportunity is too valuable to get wrong.

This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

Christmas in July

MODEL FOR MODEL

RITE-WAY GUARANTEES THE LOWEST PRICES* on Furniture that you will find ANYWHERE!

SHOP AND COMPARE

ALL APPLIANCES SALE PRICED **SELECT SERTA MATTRESSES ON CLOSEOUT**

RECLINERS

\$479.95

Ashley 4660625

\$229.95

Ashley T037-13

\$549.95

Ashley 3980138

CLEARANCE

Select Bedroom, Dining Room, & Living Room Items.

Refurbished Appliances, Bean Bags, Foot Stools, & Mirrors

ALL SALE PRICED

MATTRESS SETS with frame **\$329.95**

ELECTRIC BEDS starting at **\$1,189.95**

4-DRAWER CHESTS from **\$149.95**

SELECT CARPET & VINYL REMNANTS **60% OFF**

ACCENT CHAIRS starting at **\$229.95**

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER **\$269.95**

*FOR ANY FURNITURE ITEM OVER \$200, IF YOU SHOW US EVIDENCE OF A LOWER PRICE FOR THE SAME MODEL AT ANY OTHER AREA STORE, WE WILL NOT ONLY MEET THAT PRICE BUT GIVE YOU \$20

20 E. Stephenson St., Downtown Freeport 815-235-4911 ritewayfreeport.com

Mon - Fri 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday 9 am to 4 pm YOUR LOCAL **ASHLEY** DEALER

Northwest IL Largest Furniture, Mattress & Appliance Dealer Ask about Short & Long Term Financing

California BLACK OR RED PLUMS

1.49 lb

US Gov't Insp

BONELESS CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS

BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

Certified Angus Beef® brand

BONELESS TOP SIRLOIN STEAK

6.99 lb

Prices Effective: Wednesday, July 17 thru Tuesday, July 23, 2024

A COOKOUT FAVORITE!

Sullivan's Signature

GARLIC PORK BURGERS

3.99 lb

PERFECT ON THE SMOKER OR GRILL!

US Grade A

BONE-IN CHICKEN THIGHS

Family Pack

1.39 lb

Sullivan's Signature

Fresh, Super Lean

GROUND BEEF SIRLOIN

4.88 lb

US Gov't Insp

BONELESS PORK CUTLETS

3.99 lb

2

Day Sale

JULY 20 - 21 2024

National Ice Cream Day!

HOT BUY!

USDA Choice

BONE-IN BEEF RIBEYE STEAK

10.99 lb

Top Value

SLICED BACON

16 oz

4/\$10

Betty Crocker

FROSTING, CAKE OR BROWNIE MIX

Select Varieties

11.9-16.3 oz

3/\$5

California

PEACHES

99¢ lb

Dean's

ICE CREAM

Select Varieties

128 oz

5.99

Kemps

ICE CREAM OR SANDWICHES

16 oz or 6 ct

2/\$4

Bakery

TEXAS TOAST

loaf

2.29

Whole or Sliced

WHITE MUSHROOMS

8 oz

2/\$3

Sliced to Order

Delish SWISS CHEESE

2.99 lb

Blue Bunny

LOAD'D SUNDAES

Select Varieties, 8.5 oz

1.99

Price Effective Wed. July 20 Thru Tues. July 21, 2024

DELI FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY

COD, CATFISH BITES, AND MORE!

Certified Angus Beef® brand

BONELESS SIRLOIN TIP STEAKS

4.99 lb

Delish

SUMMER FRESH PASTA SALAD

4.99 lb

Scan QR Code to view entire ad

DEVIL DOG

CHOCOLATE CAKE

5x5 inch

2.99