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Warren Township Public Library

Patrons of the Warren Township Public Library recently participated in a summer reading program at the Rutherford Refuge at Twin Bridges. Hillary from the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation led the program and shared a story about butterflies. Attendees went on a nature walk, learned how to identify several plants and trees, and enjoyed the day exploring the hiking trails.

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Obituary

GERALD WOKER

Gerald Wayne Woker, 77, of Pearl City passed away July 13, 2024 at Stephenson Nursing Center in Freeport, IL. Gerald was born August 22, 1946, in Freeport to Wayne and Neva (Cheeseman) Woker. He was a 1964 graduate of Pearl City High School. In September of that year, his father passed away and Gerald began running the family farm to support his mother and younger brother. It was only a year later that he would meet the woman who would steal his heart. Gerald married Peggy Pacey on June 21, 1969, in Pearl City.

Gerald and Peg raised their family and farmed together until retiring from the dairy business in the spring of 2001. Shortly after the cows were gone, he began working at Spahn & Rose Lumber Company in Pearl City. He enjoyed working there and visiting with many coworkers, customers and friends daily.

Gerald enjoyed playing cards, mostly Euchre. He was always happy to tell a story or joke. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, the former Pearl City Masonic Lodge, and Pearl City Historical Organization.

After Peg's passing on September 13, 2014, Gerald decided he wanted to return to the home farm. With the help of his son-in-law, Chris, he designed the perfect "Gramp Shack". He enjoyed nine years back on the farm until health reasons required his move to the nursing home.

Gerald will be missed by



his son, Aaron Woker of Pearl City, daughters, Brenda Woker of DeKalb and Deanna (Chris) Fink of Lanark,

granddaughters, Samantha and Katelyn Fink, sister, Karen (Merle) Endress of Chetek, WI, brother, Gary (Karen) Woker of Thomson, several nieces & nephews, and countless friends. He was greeted in Heaven by his wife, Peg; parents, Wayne Woker and Neva (Cheeseman) Woker-Edler; and close friends, Marvin Barklow and Richard Ferguson.

The family would like to thank the staff at Stephenson Nursing Center and FHN Hospice for their wonderful care of Gerald. Rich, Dakota and Denver Sargent cannot be thanked enough for all they have done for Gerald these last several years. Their friendship, helpfulness and patience will never be forgotten.

A memorial service led by Pastor David Schweppe was held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City, IL on Saturday, July 20, 2024. Internment took place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial fund has been established.

Gerald's favorite joke is a great way to finish his obituary, "Do you know the difference between your right and left? You're right, and I left."

After years of controversy, state pauses CO2 pipeline construction, for now

New law also lays out safety requirements for future carbon sequestration projects

By Andrew Adams
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

New safety requirements for carbon dioxide pipelines as well as a temporary ban on their construction are now in effect after Gov. JB Pritzker last week signed a bill that passed the General Assembly earlier this year.

The law issues new regulations for carbon capture and sequestration, a technology used to take carbon dioxide pollution and store it deep underground. Sandstone formations in central Illinois are uniquely suited for gas storage, which has attracted national attention to the region as a possible hub for carbon dioxide storage.

"We are essentially attempting to refossilize fossil fuels—put them back under the ground and keep them from going into the air and contributing to global warming," state Sen. Bill Cunningham, D-Chicago, said at a news conference. "That's very important work."

But some oppose the technology on environmental grounds while others say the pipelines used to transport carbon dioxide from where it's produced to storage sites brings the risk of catastrophic—and potentially lethal—failure.

"There are a range of opinions within the environmental community on carbon capture technology," Christine

Nannicelli of the Sierra Club Illinois chapter said during Thursday's bill signing. "That said, there is overwhelming agreement within our broad coalition on the need to have critical safeguards in place."

The legislation signed July 18, which was backed by the Sierra Club and other environmental groups, as well as business and organized labor groups, contains provisions that Nannicelli said are the "strongest carbon capture protections in the nation." It would put a moratorium on the construction of new carbon capture sites until July 1, 2026, unless the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration finalizes new safety rules before then.

It requires developers of carbon capture projects to obtain state permits that require safety monitoring during a project's life cycle and for at least three decades after it finishes. It also requires that the projects result in a net reduction of greenhouse gases—satisfying some environmentalists who worry companies might end up contributing more pollution in building these projects than they would actually sequester.

Pritzker pitched the technology—and its regulation in Illinois—as a boon for the state's economic development.

"This bill adds carbon cap-

ture to the growing list of new and burgeoning industries being built right here in our state," Pritzker said.

This mirrored comments from business leaders such as Chris Cuddy, an executive at ADM, the Illinois-based company that operates the oldest large-scale carbon sequestration project in the U.S. "CCS is an enabler for job creation, innovation and economic growth and the more we do to support it, from this legislation to the building of critical infrastructure, the more this region and the state will benefit," Cuddy said.

In the legislature, the bill drew bipartisan criticism, as well as bipartisan support.

Republicans in the Statehouse generally opposed the bill, with many noting that no Republicans were involved in the final negotiations around its details. That's despite most carbon capture projects being located in rural areas which tend to vote for more conservative officials.

Multiple lawmakers also raised concerns over the potential risks to drinking water, notably the Mahomet Aquifer in central Illinois, the sole source of drinking water for hundreds of thousands of people around central Illinois.

"We based it on the science and the data and the modeling that we had access to," Rep. Ann Williams, D-Chicago, said when asked about the

aquifer. "So (we) felt very comfortable about how we were providing safeguards to drill, not just through the aquifer, but anywhere in the state of Illinois."

While multiple projects have been proposed in Illinois, the largest—from companies Navigator CO2 and Wolf Carbon Solutions—were either canceled or stalled in the face of opposition from landowners and regulators.

One smaller project, from Gibson City-based One Earth Energy, was under consideration for a permit from the Illinois Commerce Commission, but the company requested that the case be pulled in June in anticipation of the bill signing. An administrative judge formally suspended considerations in the case on June 10.

"While this legislation sets some new requirements for our planned carbon capture system in Ford and McLean counties, it creates a path forward for carbon capture here in Illinois," Steve Kelly, president of One Earth Energy, said in a statement. "We're committed to meeting those standards set by our elected officials and we're excited to continue moving forward in this process."

Kelly added that the company plans to file new paperwork with the ICC when the moratorium is lifted.



Happy 90th Birthday!!!!
LaVonne Tillis on July 25

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LaVonne Tillis
1730 South Hance Dr., Apt. 303
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Thank you - the family of LaVonne Tillis

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

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

News briefs

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.

Elizabeth Blood Drive

The Elizabeth Community Blood Drive will be held on Friday, Aug. 16 from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the community room located at 402 North West Street. Appointments are encouraged. For an

appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: ElizabethIL.


McConnell American Legion Auxiliary meeting

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary meeting will be held at the McConnell Le-

gion on Aug. 21. Social time will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Anyone who is interested in the Auxiliary is welcome to attend.

The Foundation for Northwest Illinois Celebration Gala

The Foundation for Northwest Illinois invites the community to join in celebrating the legacy of 50 years of community engagement. The event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Rafter's Restaurant, 9426 W. Wagner Rd., Lena, IL. The cost is \$50 per person. Register online or by calling 815-801-3035. For more information please email sarah@forNWIL.org.




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Leading nonprofits join Albertsons Companies Foundation to tackle summer hunger

The Albertsons Companies Foundation on June 12 announced the launch of a new collective effort focused on addressing childhood hunger this summer.

By bringing together a coalition of leading nonprofit organizations, the first-of-its-kind initiative aims to drive awareness and boost participation in the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) new Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children Program (Summer EBT), also known as SUN Bucks.

"Childhood hunger is a complex problem that requires partners from across the food system to come together and collaborate," said Christy

Duncan Anderson, president and executive director of Albertsons Companies Foundation. "Through the collective knowledge, expertise and extensive network of prominent nonprofits and the Albertsons Companies Foundation, we aim to connect with a greater number of families than we could individually."

For the millions of kids who rely on free or reduced-priced meals at school, summer can mean a lack of access to nutritious food. To help combat this, the USDA has launched Summer EBT, a new program available in 37 states, all five U.S. territories, and two tribes. The program will provide grocery benefits to low-income

families with school-aged children during the summer months when school is out. Eligible families in participating states will receive \$120 per eligible school-aged child to purchase groceries.

"We have advocated for the creation of a summer EBT program like SUN Bucks for more than a decade and we are thrilled that this program will be available to families facing food insecurity this summer," said Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO of Feeding America. "Working alongside people facing hunger and partners like Albertsons Companies Foundation, we will make a real impact on summer hunger and lay the groundwork for more

states to participate next year."

The Albertsons Companies Foundation's Nourishing Neighbors program together with an Advisory Group of leading players across the food system will work together to ensure as many families as possible benefit from the program in this critical first year.

The Advisory Group is comprised of representatives from Feeding America®, Food Research & Action Center, Gift Card Bank, Hunger Free America, mRelief, No Kid Hungry, Partnership for a Healthier America, and WhyHunger. This group reaches more than 200 foodbanks, 500 school districts and community organizations, and

over 1500 partner organizations across the country.

"Summer is the hungriest time of the year for the millions of children who rely on school meals, and the rising costs of groceries means families are feeling the pinch even more," added Anne Filipic, CEO of Share Our Strength, the organization behind the No Kid Hungry campaign. "We believe that by joining Albertsons Companies Foundation and their partners, together we can get one step closer to ensuring every single child in America has the food they need to grow up healthy and strong."

Through a surround-sound approach designed to reach

parents and caregivers online and in their communities, the initiative aims to ensure families have access to the information they need to learn how they can benefit from this new program.

In addition, the coalition launched a new website, SummerEBT.org, which gives families a simple, fast way to check if they are eligible and connect to their state sign-up site. For families that live in states that are not participating, the site directs them to other food resources, such as the USDA Summer Meals program, and enables them write to their elected representatives encouraging their state's participation next summer.

Illinois child tax credit: who gets it, how much is it?

\$50 million tax credit program will provide up to roughly \$300 for low-income families

By Andrew Adams
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

In the final hours of their spring legislative session, Illinois lawmakers approved a tax credit of up to about \$300 for families with young children.

The credit is available to Illinoisans with children under age 12 who qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, or EITC. Although it has exceptions, that credit is generally available to married couples earning up to about \$60,000 and single people earning up to about \$50,000, depending on the number of children they have.

For taxes on 2024 income, the tax credit will cap at just over \$300 for tax filers with three or more children who meet certain income requirements. Taxpayers with two children face a cap of about \$270 and taxpayers with one child face a cap of about \$170.

The child tax credit equates to 20 percent of the state's EITC, which allows Illinois taxpayers a credit equal to 20

percent of the federal EITC.

Starting in tax year 2025, the state's child tax credit will double to 40 percent of the state EITC, meaning that it will max out at a bit over \$600 for families with three children. Because the federal tax credit that determines its size is tied to inflation, the actual size of future years' child tax credits is yet to be determined.

In its first year, the program is expected to cost the state \$50 million, with a cost of about \$100 million in subsequent years.

The idea of a permanent child tax credit in Illinois has been floated for several years, with various proposals being put forward by legislators in the General Assembly as well as advocacy groups and think tanks.

Gov. JB Pritzker pitched a child tax credit in his proposed budget earlier this year that was smaller than the version that passed in the final budget. It would have applied to children under three years old and cost about \$12 million.

Proponents of the idea say that in addition to helping low-income families, programs like this help local economies.

"Every dollar we invest in the child tax credit is immediately spent locally," Erion Malasi, the policy director for Economic Security for Illinois, told Capitol News Illinois.

Researchers at the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, a labor movement-affiliated think tank, found in a January report that child tax credits have a higher economic

impact than cuts to corporate income taxes or to capital gains taxes.

That report also cited several research teams that found the temporary expansion to the federal child tax credit between 2021 and 2023 reduced child poverty in the U.S. by between 25 and 36 percent. That credit provided an additional \$1,000 per child on top of an existing \$2,000 credit, with increases for younger children.

State Sen. Omar Aquino, D-Chicago, sponsored legislation that would have cre-

ated a \$300 million child tax credit program that was more expansive than the version that passed.

Aquino told Capitol News Illinois he will be watching the rollout of the child tax credit to see if there is room for an "expansion" in future budget years or if there is a

route for the credit to be automatically applied for qualifying taxpayers.

The Illinois Department of Revenue is working on guidance for next year's filing season and will provide information about how to claim the child tax credit on its website.

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College news

Aimee Henderson awarded degree from Miami University

Aimee Henderson of Stockton, IL was among students from Miami University who received degrees during the fall commencement Dec. 15, 2023

Henderson graduated with a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Biology degree, majoring in

Biology.

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OPINION



Weekly connection

The importance of playing with your kids

This morning I was listening to a guy online who was talking about how important the first three years are in the raising of our children. He mentioned that when we take the easy way out and give our children some kind of electronic device to occupy them, their childhood creativity is basically over. Electronic devices have such a powerful



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

pull on the mind of a child that they give all their attention to the device and they begin to crave devices

over natural play. I've seen this in my own grandchildren that whenever my phone begins to play music, they come running with great anticipation that they are going to be entertained and stimulated with something exciting. The guy I was listening to said that especially those first three years of life are for exploring the world around them and developing their own creativity with the natural things of life that have not been corrupted by tech. He said the most important thing, especially during those first three years of life, are relationships and interactions that take place between a child and their parents. The amount of play and uninterrupted time together at those young ages is directly related to the degree

of security and emotional strength that your child has throughout their life. Those years are foundational, and it is so important that we prioritize time with our children without technology in order to help them explore all the creative juices they have. I thought the things he said were pretty good.

I was blessed with great parents who always included family time, reading, games, play and prayer each and every day. It was a time before there were many electronic devices to draw kids in that was for sure. About all we had was transistor radios and walkie talkies. Times were simpler and our parents understood that the important things in life were not related to the

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Slices of life

Picture perfect



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

When my kids were babies, I took lots of photos—always hoping to get the one perfect shot. This was during the prehistoric, pre-digital age, when cameras required film and film required developing. You couldn't take a million pictures and preview them on your screen. You had to send them away and pay to have them printed. One by one by one.

Back then, I couldn't tell a megapixel from a winning lottery ticket, but I knew I'd be able to recognize the perfect shot when I saw it. Trouble was, after hundreds of developed photos, I still hadn't seen it.

I burned through scores of 35 mm rolls, peering through the lens and giving thanks for the auto-flash feature. I paid attention to lighting and background. I even went through a black and white phase in the late 1990s and considered myself artistic for a month or two.

My babies had trouble cooperating with my photolistic tendencies. They squirmed and blinked and drooled and did the things normal kids do when their mom wants them to sit still and smile. My photos wound up off-center. We were haunted by red eye.

I brought the kids to professional photographers and the results were the same. They looked in the wrong direction. They fussed when we tried to get them to lie on their tummies with their chubby fists tucked under their equally chubby chins. Despite my acrobatic contortions to amuse, they refused to smile. After half an hour I was sweating and exhausted. Having your baby's photo taken is a workout.

We always left the studio with a few okay pictures, but not the perfect one. I gave thanks when nap time arrived. I was tired.

I continued to try (and try and try) hoping to get the perfect picture to include with our annual Christmas card. Just once. I didn't think it was too much to ask.

Instead, I got photos of my kids scowling and picking their noses. There's one of the three boys on Halloween where one son insisted on doing his silly face. There's the two oldest, on the front porch, where big sister is practically smothering her little brother so all but the top of his head is covered.

One son, who was the happiest of babies, cried wholeheartedly every time we tried to take a group shot with the cousins. We've got a whole series of him bawling.

Another son used to smile so big that his eyes shut. That went on for a couple of years. My daughter was a somber baby who hardly ever cracked a grin in front of the camera. At least she wasn't crying.

Somewhere right around baby number four I graduated to a digital camera with the ability to view thousands of pictures without ever having to print any. I figured my shot at the perfect shot increased to even odds.

In the dozen years since, I've taken many photos and have gotten better with practice. I don't have problems with red eye anymore and I learned tricks to increase the odds that everyone is looking toward the camera. I've even taken some pretty good pictures using my phone. Over time, I became less zealous, but I still pursued the one perfect shot—which I never got.

Yesterday, I came upon a pile of old, forgotten photos in the basement and leafed through them. My son, now 19, sat as a baby in his older cousin's lap. He was wailing. Another shot in black and white showed a baby girl, lying in serious contemplation on her daddy's chest.

There was one of the kids splashing in a mud puddle, all dirty and wet. Another of the boys carrying dandelions they'd picked for me; the oldest is giving the youngest a piggyback. Their faces are obscured, but their skin is tan with a warm summer glow and the dandelions are held carefully in tight little fists.

At the time the photos were taken, I saw my daughter and sons doing what they normally did, looking simply like themselves. I was oblivious to their depth and meaning. Now, all these years later, it's right there in front of me.

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Letter to the editor

A letter from the Stockton School Board

Dear Stockton Community,
We are saddened by the passing of our esteemed school board member, Tamara Ruter. She served our community with dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to the success and well-being of our students. Tamara's contributions have left a lasting mark on our district,

and she will be greatly missed.
The Stockton Board of Education must fill the vacant seat to ensure the continued governance and oversight of our schools. We are seeking a dedicated and passionate individual to join our board and help us continue the work of advancing our educational

mission. The appointee will serve until the election in April.

The responsibilities of a school board member include:

- Participating in board meetings and discussions
- Collaborating with fellow board members and the superintendent
- Setting policies and strategic goals for the district
- Overseeing the district's budget and financial health
- Advocating for the needs and interested of our students and community

We encourage all interested and qualified individuals to apply. Candidates must be residents of the Stockton CUSD #206 and possess a genuine interest in the education and wellbeing of students.

To apply, please submit a letter of intent outlining your qualifications, experience, and reasons for wanting to serve on the school board and a current resume by Aug. 9, 2024. Applications can be

submitted via email to james.bunting@stocktonschools.com or mailed to Stockton CUSD #206 Attn: James Bunting, 504 North Rush St., Stockton, IL, 61085.

The board will review all applications and conduct interviews with selected candidates. We aim to fill this position as promptly as possible to maintain the effective governance of our schools. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Stockton School District. Together we will honor Tamara's legacy by continuing to strive for excellence in education for all our students.

Sincerely,
Stockton School Board



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almighty dollar and personal pleasure over the training and nurturing of their children. My parents' generation knew how important it was to protect their children from the things that would steal their innocence. They understood how important personal human interaction is when it comes to raising children and providing the stability they need to be emotionally secure and strong. As I look back, we never had a decent TV in the living room let alone in our bedrooms. We never had anything like a cell phone, an I-pad or tablet to transport us out of reality and into a world of illusion.

I grew up with a dad who worked very hard and was out in the fields or doing chores in the barn a lot during the day, but at night he was ours, even though he was tired out, he was ours. We loved to unlace his work shoes when he came through the door for supper at the end of the day. We wrestled, played games, sat on his lap for a book, and rubbed his

back when he laid down on the living room floor to catch a quick rest. My Father-in-law was the same way with his family. He worked hard each and every day sometimes handling three jobs at the same time to pay the bills, but at the end of every day he loved to spend time playing with his kids.

In a perfect world we wouldn't be so preoccupied with our electronic devices, and we sure wouldn't be pushing them on our children. I know it's hard work to interact with your children and help them discover their own abilities and to also discover that there is a God who created them and wants to have a relationship with them instead of a relationship with electronics. Proverbs 22:6 says, Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Training involves protecting our children and helping them discover all that God has created them to be. Until next week, God bless.

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During the last two decades, I took thousands of photos, always hoping for the perfect shot I never quite managed to get. Now I look back at the photos and realize it's true. I never got the one perfect picture. To

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

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LENA-WINSLOW ALL SCHOOL REGISTRATION

ONLINE OR IN-PERSON THIS YEAR!

ALL FAMILIES WILL NEED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY TO REGISTER

Online Registration for all returning students in the Lena-Winslow District will start on August 1 and must be completed by August 14 at midnight.

IN-PERSON registration will be August 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and August 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please remember:

1. All families must provide PROOF OF RESIDENCY (3 documents in total) which includes but is not limited to recent property tax bill, mortgage papers, driver's license, vehicle registration, voter registration, etc. Two documents will be required if a Category II document. A more complete list can be found on the le-win.net webpage.

2. All students entering Pre-K, JK or Kindergarten, Sixth, and Ninth grades, and any student entering from out-of-state must present a completed physical examination form by the first day of school. Completed dental exams for JK or Kindergarten, Second and Sixth grades are also required. Local doctors and dentists have these forms in their offices or they can be found under the registration tab at le-win.net.

Fees and lunch money: Fees and lunch money can be paid online through the family access or in-person at any of the building offices. You may also send a check to the District Office, 401 Fremont St., Lena, IL, 61048. Please call Darcy Schierloh at 815-668-0800 if you have any questions.

The first day of school will be Monday, August 19, 2024. Dismissal time will be 1 p.m. for the first day.

If you have questions, please call one of the building secretaries at the phone numbers listed below:

Elementary building secretaries: 815-668-0809 or 815-668-0810

Junior High building secretary: 815-668-0818

High School building secretaries: 815-668-0822 or 815-668-0821

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Around the Northern Hills

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.

Join FB ACT text messaging

FB ACT – the Illinois Farm Bureau Agricultural Contact Team, is comprised of Farm Bureau members who are ready to respond to IFB action requests. When IFB issues an action request, it signals your voice is needed on a major action request, or a major legislative or regulatory issue facing Illinois farmers.

By signing up for FB ACT text messages, you will be notified the instant your voice is needed in Washington D.C., or Springfield. To sign up or renew your FB ACT text message subscription, please text the keyword "FARM" to this number – 52883, and you will be ready to act for ag!

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

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau would like to offer funds to reimburse farmers for purchasing Rollover Protection Structure (ROPS). Fifty-five percent of farm tractors in Illinois do not have a cab or ROPS. Only one in five victims will survive a tractor rollover accident. The leading



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

cause of farm related deaths in Illinois is tractor rollover accidents. They account for more than 30% of farm related deaths. ROPS help protect farmers and family members from being crushed in the event of a tractor turnover or rollover. Safety Chairman, Dan Robbe, states, "Safety is a priority of the farm bureau, and we would like to encourage our members to install ROPS on their tractors".

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

Pop tab collection

I have had a couple of people ask me recently if we still collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City. The simple answer is "yes". We are happy to support a worthwhile cause that has ben-

efited people from our area that have doctorate in Iowa City. In fact, earlier this week I made a delivery to drop off all the donated pop tabs this past year! If you have pop tabs that you would like to donate, please drop them off in any kind of container to the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau office Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Family Farm signs

As we are nearing the end of summer, we all start thinking of back to school and the fall weather coming soon. There's still time to do some work around the farm and spruce things up a bit. Why not add a "This is a Family Farm" sign to your landscape? The signs are 17.5" X 23" and cost \$30. Stop by our office and pick one up.

Farm Fun Fact

Americans today consume 17.3 billion quarts of popped popcorn each year. The average American eats about 68 quarts!

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 28 for Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. This week's gospel reading is from the Gospel John 6:1-21.

On Wednesday, July 31 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.

Good Shepherd's Outdoor Service will take place on

Picking the best tomato

It's tomato season, and tomatoes are making their appearance in backyard gardens and at the local farmer's markets. Tomatoes are versatile and found in countless entrees, side dishes, condiments, and beverages. If you are interested in learning more about which varieties of tomatoes work well in various dishes, why some have more flavor or are more watery than others, or are simply interested in discovering why tomatoes are good for you, join University of Illinois Extension for *Harvesting a Rainbow of Tomatoes!*

This class will discuss why tomatoes are a healthy addition to your diet, how to select, purchase, and prepare different

varieties of tomatoes, which variety works better than others for making salsa, and how to store them to extend their shelf life. We will also share tasty recipes to try at home as you explore new flavors and discover what varieties of tomatoes work best for you.

Harvesting a Rainbow of Tomatoes! will be held Wednesday, Aug. 21, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Freeport Public Library, 100 E Douglas St, Freeport, IL. Register for this program by calling the U of I Extension at 815- 235-4125 or visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw. Registration is \$5.

If in need of reasonable accommodations to participate in this program, please call 815-235-4125.

Lena Women's Slowpitch Softball League tournament

Come and join us the first annual Playing It Forward Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 8 at Dodd's Park in Lena, IL. This tournament will feature teams from the Lena Thursday night slow pitch softball league and tour-

namer game times will be held at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. There is no admission fee to come watch and cheer on your favorite local team while enjoying a delicious meal and ice cream from Benchwarmer's and Ud-

derly Delicious food trucks. All of the proceeds from the tournament will be donated to a benefit for a local player's family due to an illness. Please contact Jennifer Slater at 815- 821-3586 with any inquiries or to donate.

Aug. 11 at 10:30 am. Please take note of the time change for the service.

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/GSLCLenaIL>) 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 tenth Sunday after

Pentecost on Sunday, July 28 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.

The 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 August Grace Meal will be on Sunday, Aug. 18. Meals can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Aug. 18. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, Aug. 15. The menu for the August meal will be shaved pulled pork, coleslaw, chips, and a chocolate brownie dessert. 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 28, 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 31 at 8 a.m. at Riverside 7 Family Restaurant, 1669 Willard Dr, Freeport, 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

Calvary Church of Stockton is sponsoring a special night of music on Saturday, Aug. 10. "No Worries," "Pleasant Hope," and "Finding Grace" will perform music for all to enjoy. There will be a message by Pastor Scott Hess of Calvary and a blessing of athletes, all ages and all sports. Please bring a lawn chair and join for the music and fellowship.

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Homecoming Service



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Questions? Call Pastor Dottie at 815-845-2272

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Le-Win's Darcy Schierloh recognized for dedication to school district

Darcy Schierloh is awarded with the Regional Office of Education #8 Support Personnel Leadership Award! Schierloh is the Lena-Winslow school board and superintendent's administrative assistant who also assists with the high school's FFA program and music boosters. She is a long-time employee who is behind the scenes helping the district's business endeavors and many other facets. Her tireless dedication to the students, staff, families, and community is a tremendous asset to the school district. Congratulations to Darcy on this well-deserved honor!



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Poppy Poster contest winner announced

Evelyn Gabel of Lena receives her Grand Prize of \$500 for the winning poppy poster for The American Legion Family contest. Gabel received her award at The American Legion Family Department Convention in Springfield, IL. Her poster will be reproduced and used throughout the state next year. It was also forwarded to National for competition. Congratulations, Evelyn.

2024 high school football schedules

The Illinois High School Association recently released the 2024 Illinois High School Football Schedules. The nine-week regular season will determine the 256 teams who make the playoffs. The 2024 State Championship games will be played on Nov. 29 and Nov. 30 at Hancock Stadium on the campus of Illinois State University. The IHSA will be celebrating their 50-year anniversary for state championship games. Each school's schedule is listed in the format of week: @/vs. opponent (opponent's last record), date, time.

Eastland-Pearl City

Week 1: @ Galena (3-6), Aug. 30, 7 p.m.
 Week 2: @ Pecatonica (Du-Pec) (9-3), Sept. 6, 7 p.m.
 Week 3: VS. Fulton (6-4), Sept. 13, 7 p.m.
 Week 4: VS. Forreton (8-3), Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
 Week 5: @ Stockton (4-5), Sept. 27, 7 p.m.
 Week 6: VS. Westmont (2-7), Oct. 4, 7 p.m.
 Week 7: VS. Lena-Winslow (13-1), Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
 Week 8: @ Morrison (9-2), Oct. 18, 2024, 7PM

Week 9: VS. Dakota (3-6), Oct. 25, 7 p.m.

Week 9: VS. Forreton (8-3), Oct. 25, 7 p.m.

Lena-Winslow

Week 1: @ Morrison (9-2), Aug. 30, 7 p.m.
 Week 2: VS. Fulton (6-4), Sept. 6, 7 p.m.
 Week 3: VS. Stockton (4-5), Sept. 13, 7 p.m.
 Week 4: @ Dakota (3-6), Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
 Week 5: @ Mineral Point, WI, (7-4), Sept. 27, 7 p.m.
 Week 6: VS. Durand-Pecatonica (9-3), Oct. 4, 7 p.m.
 Week 7: @ Lanark (Eastland-Pearl City) (3-6), Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
 Week 8: @ Galena (3-6), Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

Orangeville

Week 1: VS. Hebron (3-6), Aug. 31, 1 p.m.
 Week 2: @ South Beloit (6-3) Sept. 6, 7 p.m.
 Week 3: VS. Milledgeville (8-1) Sept. 14, 1PM
 Week 4: @ River Ridge (5-4) Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
 Week 5: VS. Rockford Christian Life (4-5) Sept. 28, 1 p.m.
 Week 6: @ Hiawatha (4-5) Oct. 4, 7 p.m.
 Week 7: VS. West Carroll (0-9) Oct. 12, 1 p.m.
 Week 8: @ Ashton Franklin-Center (1-8) Oct. 18, 7 p.m.
 Week 9: VS. Polo (7-2), Oct. 26, 1 p.m.



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Stephenson County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hansen

This past week both the Carroll County Farm Bureau and Stephenson County Farm Bureau Young Leader Committees held their pre-fair meetings. These groups are made up of individuals aged 18-35 years of age who are passionate about agriculture. These groups are always welcoming new members. If you are interested in learning more about how to get involved, please reach out to

your county Farm Bureau. For the Carroll County Farm Bureau, call 815-244-3001 or email Carrollcfb@gmail.com, and for Stephenson County Farm Bureau, call 815-232-3186 or email manager@stephensoncfb.org.

Illinois Soybean Association and Stephenson County Farm Bureau

announce August townhall for Illinois farmers

The Illinois Soybean Association and Stephenson County Farm Bureau are set to host a town hall at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau Office for all to attend to hear about the latest policy development at both the federal and state levels. By providing farmers with updates on recent policy changes and

looking into the future, ISA and SCFB ensures farmers are informed about factors that will affect their everyday lives. Key topics on the agenda include eminent domain and pipelines, ethanol/biofuels market, ESA/EPA herbicide and pesticide regulations.

This event is more than just an informational session. It is an opportunity to voice your concerns and thoughts as we head into the 2025 Legislative Year. Issues like herbicide and pesticide regulations, policies affecting market trends in the biofuels space, and eminent domain and pipelines will have direct implications for each individual farming operation and profitability. As a coalition, we are all stronger when we collectively voice our concerns and priorities. The feedback gathered during the town hall will be instrumen-

tal in educating legislators about the worries and foremost issues of the agricultural community. This will ensure that farmers' interests are well represented and that they continue to drive positive change in Illinois agriculture. Through informed dialogue and proactive engagement, farmers will continue driving positive change in Illinois agriculture.

Your participation is vital in shaping a sustainable and prosperous future for Illinois farming. If interested in attending, please RSVP by calling or texting Matthew Johnston at 309 846 4598.

Carroll County Farm Bureau member exclusive bus trip

Carroll County Farm Bureau is traveling to Marquis Energy in Hennepin, IL on Thursday, Aug. 22. Marquis

operates the largest dry-mill ethanol facility in the world and produces markets-carbon feed and fuel solutions while continually innovating. This trip is exclusive to Carroll County Farm Bureau members. The trip will leave from the Carroll County Farm Bureau at 7:30 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 and includes transportation, gratuities, lunch and refreshments on the bus. To register call 815-244-3001 or stop by our office Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space is limited.

Deadline extended to register for Wisconsin State Fair bus trip

Carroll and Stephenson County Farm Bureaus are traveling to the Wisconsin State Fair on Aug. 8, 2024. This great trip has pickups in both Carroll County and Stephenson. The first pickup will be at 7 a.m. at the Carroll County Farm Bureau office with the next stop at the Freeport Walmart at 7:30 a.m. We will arrive at the Wisconsin State Fair around 10 a.m. and depart for home at 4 p.m. We will return to Freeport Walmart at about 6 p.m. and the Carroll County Farm Bureau around 6:30 p.m.

This trip is open to anyone, but Illinois Farm Bureau members can join us for \$60 and non-members are \$75. Trip cost includes transportation, all gratuities and water on the bus. Fair admission is not included. Reserve your spot by calling your county Farm Bureau. Carroll County Farm Bureau 815-244-3001 or Stephenson County Farm Bureau 815-232-3186. This is a great bus trip for those of all ages.

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Freeport police reports

Aggravated Battery Arrest

On July 14, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., Officers of the Freeport Police Department responded to 601 N. Walnut Ave. in regards to two males fighting with knives. Upon arrival Officers located a 41-year-old male victim who had been injured in the fight. During the investigation Officers learned that the male victim age 41 of Freeport, was outside the building when an argument began with the suspect Jeremy Alspaugh age 42 of Freeport.

Jeremy Alspaugh

The suspect entered the building and returned with a knife, the suspect placed the victim in a head lock with the knife in his hand, the victim was injured by the knife as the victim struggled to get away from the suspect. The victim also produced a knife and the suspect went back into the building. The victim sustained a cut to his neck and a puncture wound to his chest in the struggle. The victim was transported to the Freeport Memorial Hospital and later transferred to a Rockford area Hospital where he is listed as stable condition. The Suspect Jeremy Alspaugh was placed under arrest and charged with Aggravated Battery Great Bodily Harm and Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon.

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.

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Warrant Arrest

On July 19, 2024, at approximately 10 a.m., Officers from the Freeport Police Department arrested wanted subject Martell Pogue (age 35) without incident in the 900 Block of South Arcade Ave. in Freeport. Martell Pogue's warrants stem from a shots fired incident that occurred on June 21, 2024 in the 300 Block of W Douglas St.



Martell Pogue

Martell Pogue is charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm within 1000 feet of a school, Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, and two counts of Unlawful Possession of Weapon by a Felon.

Pogue was transported to the Stephenson County Jail where he is being held until further order of the Court.

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.

Weapon arrest

On July 18, 2024, Officers of the Freeport Police Department served a search warrant at a residence in the 300 Block of W Douglas Street. During a search of the residence officers recovered a loaded firearm and approximately 7 grams of suspected cocaine.



Dazaray Caffrey

Unlawful Possession of a Firearm no FOID and Possession of a Controlled Substance were approved for the resident 20-year-old Dazaray Caffrey, by the Stephenson County State's Attorney. Caffrey was arrested and transported to the Stephenson County Jail where she is being held 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.

Shots fired incidents

On July 21, at 1:58 a.m. an officer of the Freeport Police Department heard gunshots being fired in the 700 block of S. Liberty Avenue and the 800 block of S. Carroll Avenue. The gunshots generated a Sound Thinking alert in both of those areas. Officers responded to the areas and when they arrived, they located and collected evidence that showed a firearm had been discharged in both locations. There were no reported victims or property damage.

On July 21, at 3:17 a.m., an officer of the Freeport Police Department heard gunshots being fired in the unit block of W. Dexter Street. The gunshots also generated a Sound Thinking alert.

Officers responded to the area and when they arrived, they located and collected evidence that showed a firearm had been discharged in the area. There were no reported victims or property damage.

The Freeport Police department is asking anyone who has information regarding these incidents to contact either the Freeport Police Department at 815-235-8222, or Stateline Area Crime Stoppers at 866-TIPSNOW or through texting at Tip411.

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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!

SUN SAFETY WORD SEARCH

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

- CANCER
- COVER UP
- DERMATOLOGIST
- HEAT
- INDEX
- INDOORS
- MELANOMA
- MORNING
- PROTECT
- RADIATION
- RASH
- REFLECT
- SHADE
- SKIN
- SPOTS
- SUNBLOCK
- SUNBURN
- SUNGLASSES
- SUNLIGHT
- ULTRAVIOLET
- UMBRELLA
- WIDE-BRIMMED

CLUES ACROSS

1. Average damage per system (abbr.)
5. Lustful woodland gods (Greek mythology)
11. Colombian Town
12. Sour
16. A way to stuff
17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
18. Carried or transported
19. Cannot even fathom
24. Hammer is one
25. A way to separate
26. Not moving
27. Women's service organization (abbr.)
28. German river
29. Quantitative fact
30. A person's head
31. Process that produces ammonia
33. French modernist painter
34. Too much noise
38. Agree to a demand
39. One a line at right angles to a ship's length
40. Employees
43. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
44. Component of hemoglobin
45. Quick and skillful in movement
49. Passing trend
50. Part of the eye
51. One who acclaim
53. Deadly amount (abbr.)
54. Taste property
56. Genus of mosquitoes
58. Blood type
59. A group of countries in special alliance
60. Institute legal proceedings against
63. Shade of a color
64. Spoke
65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

1. Charge with a crime
2. Mended with yarn
3. North Atlantic flatfish
4. Boil at low temperature
5. Lapps of northern Scandinavia

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7. Atomic #22
8. 36 inches
9. Monetary unit of Russia
10. Type of gin
13. An alternative
14. Alone
15. A way to ooze
20. Publicity
21. American firm
22. Jewish calendar month
23. Popular sandwich
27. Comedian Cook
29. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
30. Political action committee
31. Make a low, steady sound
32. Legendary sportscaster Michaels
33. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
34. Designed to keep ears warm
35. One who scrapes
36. Tear into two or more pieces
37. Supervises flying
38. Flying arm of the U.S. military (abbr.)
40. District in Peru
41. One died leaving a will
42. Morning
44. The world of the dead
45. Widen
46. Drink containing medicine
47. Celebrating
48. Secret encounters
50. A type of tag
51. Halfback
52. Modern tech
54. Monetary unit
55. Resigned to one's sleeping chamber
57. Execute or perform
61. "The Golden State"
62. "The Beehive State" (abbr.)

FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Some people in Lena dodged the storm while others are still cleaning up debris. It was classified as a special kind of wind. I can tell you that it was strange and eerie. I hope I never have to sit through that again. You can imagine that some of us didn't do much cooking last week! This week's recipes feature a great appetizer, two interesting salads, easy main dishes, and seasonal desserts. Have a great week cooking, which we will do if we have electricity!

Green Goddess Chicken Salad Dip

This dip has lots of vegetables in it, and it is a refreshing summer appetizer. It is easy because the food processor does all the work, and the rotisserie chicken makes the salad part easy. You can use the dressing for a typical Green Goddess dressing on a lettuce salad too.

Dressing

- 2 garlic cloves
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 2 T. lime juice
- 2 T. lemon juice
- 3 C. packed baby spinach
- ½ C. basil leaves
- ½ C. mayonnaise
- ½ C. sour cream
- ½ avocado
- ¼ C. grated Parmesan cheese
- ¾ t. black pepper

Salad Dip

- 4 C. chopped cabbage
- ½ C. finely chopped cucumber
- 6 green onions, thinly sliced
- 3 C. finely chopped rotisserie chicken
- Pita wedges and tortilla chips for serving

Dressing: Combine the garlic, onions, lime and lemon juice, spinach, basil, parsley, mayo, sour cream, avocado and parmesan cheese in a blender bowl. Blend until very smooth, 1 to 2 minutes.

Dip: Combine the cabbage, cucumber, onions and the dressing in a large bowl. Stir to combine. Fold in the chicken. Serve with pita or tortilla chips

Corn and Cucumbers Salad

There have been ads for sweet corn on Facebook, and it is appearing in grocery stores. This easy salad is a great summer side for a picnic or a barbecue. It does require refrigerator time before serving.

- 2 medium cucumbers, peeled and thinly sliced

- 2 C. fresh corn, cooked
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- ½ C. vinegar
- 2 T. sugar
- 2 T. water
- 1 t. dill weed
- 1 t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper
- Pinch cayenne pepper

Combine all the ingredients in a large bowl. Cover and chill for three hours before serving.

Almond Broccoli Salad

This broccoli salad is a lot like one I have made before, but the crunchy almonds give it extra flavor. The dressing also contains honey. You can buy honey roasted almonds at Menards, Wal-Mart, and Cub.

- 6 C. small broccoli florets
- ½ C. chopped celery
- ½ C. raisins
- 10 slices cooked and crumbled bacon
- 3 sliced green onions
- 1/3 C. mayonnaise
- ¼ C. honey
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 1 pkg. (3.75 oz.) honey roasted almonds

In a medium bowl, combine the broccoli florets, celery, raisins, bacon and onions. In a small bowl, stir together the mayo, honey and lemon juice. Pour over broccoli mixture, tossing gently to coat. Stir in almonds just before serving.

Slow Cooker Beef and Broccoli

Even though the humidity went away for several days, it will come back. This main dish won't heat the kitchen up. Most of you know that I always use the low sodium broth and soy sauce. Enjoy this easy meal.

- 2 C. beef broth
- ½ C. soy sauce
- 1/3 C. packed brown sugar
- 1½ t. sesame oil
- 1 garlic clove minced
- 1 beef top sirloin steak (1½ lbs.) cut into ½ inch thick strips
- 2 T. cornstarch
- ¼ C. cold water
- 4 C. fresh broccoli florets
- Cooked rice
- Sliced green onions for garnish

In a 5 qt. slow cooker sprayed with cooking spray, combine the broth, soy sauce, brown sugar, sesame oil and garlic clove. Add beef and stir to coat. Cover and cook on low until tender, about six hours. In a small bowl, whisk the cornstarch and cold water until smooth; stir into slow cooker. Cover and cook on high until thickened, about 30 minutes. In a large saucepan, place a steamer basket over 1 inch of water. Place broccoli in basket. Bring water to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer; steam, covered, until crisp-tender, three to four minutes. Stir broccoli into

slow cooker. Serve over rice; garnish with green onions.

Chicken Club Casserole

This recipe is one you could use with the appetizer because you need cooked chicken. You can use the rotisserie chicken in both recipes. I have said before that I use bacon from A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats. I cook it in the oven at 350 for between 35 and 45 minutes on a sheet pan lined with aluminum foil. If I don't use it all, after it is drained, I pack it up and put it in a Ziploc bag. Try this chicken casserole that is easy to make and fun to eat.

- 4 C. uncooked spiral pasta
- 4 C. cubed cooked chicken
- 2 cans condensed cheddar cheese soup
- 1 C. crumbled cooked bacon (1 lb. bacon)
- 1 C. 2% milk
- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 4 medium tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 3 C. baby spinach, chopped
- 2 C. shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Preheat oven to 375. Cook pasta according to package directions. In a large bowl, combine chicken, soup, bacon, milk, and mayo. Stir in tomatoes and spinach. Drain pasta; stir into chicken mixture. Transfer to 2 greased 8-inch square baking dishes. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover and bake until bubbly and cheese is melted, 35 to 40 minutes. You can freeze one pan uncooked for several weeks as long as you wrap it tightly with both plastic wrap and foil.

Raspberry White Chocolate Bars

These bars are easy to make and are a great dessert for a company dinner or a picnic. They don't make a very big batch, so you won't have to worry about leftovers.

- ½ C. butter, cubed
- 1 pkg. (10 to 12 oz.) white baking chips, divided
- 2 eggs
- ½ C. sugar
- 1 t. almond extract
- 1 C. flour
- ½ t. salt
- ½ C. seedless raspberry jam
- ¼ C. sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 325. In a small saucepan, melt butter. Remove from the heat; add 1 C. chips (do not stir). In a small bowl, beat eggs until foamy, gradually add sugar. Stir in chip mixture and almond extract. Combine flour and salt in a separate bowl; gradually add to egg mixture just until combined. Spread half of the batter into a greased 9-inch square baking dish. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown.

In a small saucepan, melt jam over low heat; spread over

warm crust. Stir remaining chips into the remaining batter; drop by the spoonful over the jam layer. Sprinkle with almonds. Bake 30 to 35 minutes longer or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Cut into bars.

Jumbleberry Crumble

This fruit crisp makes use of seasonal berries which are great from the garden or from the grocery store. Both raspberries and blueberries are in season, and hopefully when you want to make this dessert, the fruit will be on sale.

- 3 C. halved fresh strawberries
- 1½ C. fresh raspberries
- 1½ C. fresh blueberries
- 2/3 C. sugar
- 3 T. quick-cooking tapioca
- ½ C. flour
- ½ C. quick-cooking oats
- ½ C. packed brown sugar
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1/3 C. butter, melted

Vanilla ice cream or sweetened whipped cream

In a large bowl, combine the strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries. In a small bowl, combine the sugar and tapioca. Sprinkle over berries and toss gently. Pour into a greased 11 x 7 baking dish; let stand for 15 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350. In a small bowl, combine the flour, oats, brown sugar and cinnamon. Stir in butter; sprinkle over berry mixture. Bake until filling is bubbly, and topping is golden brown, 45 to 50 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream

Final Thoughts

We don't know how much we rely on electricity until we don't have it. Thanks you to all the Commonwealth Ed workers who got us back online. I know that some people were out for days; hopefully they did not lose anything from their freezers or refrigerators. Areas of Freeport and Rockford had a lot more

damage than places less than a mile away. I had a tree fall on my house several years ago and know what many of you are going through.

Music in the Park on Saturday night continues, but the music on Sunday has finished. The Pet Parade had beautiful weather. thank you Lions Club for sponsoring this family activity. The Fair has begun, and we are an agricultural county. There are lots of 4-H projects, FFA projects, and open class projects that are interesting to see. The Elizabeth Fair and the Stephenson County Fair kick off the season for those who love to watch the judging contests and the tractor and truck pulls. Fairs are a unique Midwest experience. Also be sure to check out the Farmer's Markets in the area as produce is beginning to come in rapidly. Remember to buy local!

We continue to look for summer fruit and vegetable

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS 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.
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 WAD-

DELL'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 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# 23-16149IL

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.
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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 Intercountry 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

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

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*
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Stockton Community Unit School District #206 Building and Grounds Committee
Wednesday, July 31, 2024
District office at 6:00 p.m.

Building and Grounds Committee Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Discussion with Tracker Backers about new track
3. Adjournment
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School dental exams

Summer is more than halfway over and parents across America are preparing their children for the upcoming school year. One of the most important things that should be on your to-do list is to schedule a dental exam. Every child deserves to enter school free of dental disease and pain, but unfortunately, this is not always the case.

Dental emergencies still rank as the number one reason for school absenteeism. Tooth decay and gum disease are infections. Attending school while your immune system is fighting an infection, and you are in pain, takes a toll on your child's academic performance. Statistically, children with poor oral health are much more likely to maintain a lower grade point average. Untreated dental disease also takes a toll on a child's feelings of self-esteem and self-confidence.

The purpose of a dental exam is to detect and treat any dental disease before it affects a child's health. While all children should receive routine dental exams, many will not see the inside of a dental office until their dental disease becomes an emergency. Since oral health directly impacts overall health, the state of Illinois requires that children entering kindergarten, second grade, sixth grade, and high school have a dental exam performed by a dentist.

Dental disease is not inevitable. In fact, it is completely avoidable. Unfortunately, 51 million school hours per year are lost because of oral disease. Parents lose countless work hours as well, as they transport their children from school to an emergency dental appointment. The following preventative measures are just some of the things that you can do to avoid being part of these statistics.

Flossing and brushing for two minutes, twice a day is the most effective way to promote dental health. Watch your child brush and floss, so you can see where they need guidance. If you need any assistance with teaching them a more effective technique, your dental team is happy to collaborate with you.

More teachers are recognizing the importance of dental care and will schedule time for their



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

students to brush their teeth after lunch. If this is not the case in your child's class, teach them to rinse their mouth out after lunch. Make sure to pack a healthy lunch with crunchy vegetables, fresh fruit, cheese, and a reusable water bottle filled with fluoridated tap water. Do not pack juice drinks, soda, or sugary snacks that promote obesity and provide sugar for bacteria to feed on.

Many of our children go from school to extracurricular activities or daycare. Teach your child to stay hydrated by drinking fluoridated water. Dry mouths breed harmful bacteria. Dehydration also leads to fatigue and irritability, neither of which contributes to academic or athletic performance. Staying hydrated with fluoridated water is one of the body's most reliable defenses against tooth decay and gum disease. Chewing sugarless gum and rehydrating with fluoridated tap water does not take the place of brushing, but it can help rinse food debris from the mouth and promote the production of saliva.

Instruct your child not to chew on pencils or their nails when they are nervous, as this can lead to lacerations and chipped teeth. If your child is participating in sports, make sure you prevent oral trauma by providing them with a mouthguard.

Many of our recent high school graduates are now preparing for life in a dorm. Starting college is one of life's big steps towards autonomy or being fully on your own. In all the excitement and change, it can be easy to overlook your dental health. Being diligent about routine dental exams, daily oral hygiene, and eating a healthy diet will serve you well as you enter this new stage of life. You do not get a second chance to make a first impression. Make sure your first impressions on campus, whether with roommates, new friends, professors, or potential dates, include a bright, healthy smile and fresh breath.

Ample sweet corn crop expected despite challenges

By Rhiannon Branch
FARMWEEK

As consumers look to add fresh sweet corn to their summer meals, a couple of Illinois producers say conditions have been right for a good crop this season.

John Bartman grows 2 to 5 acres of sweet corn near Marengo which is marketed at a roadside stand in McHenry County and sold to local restaurants.

He said it will be another week or two before the crop is ready to harvest, but conditions were good during pollination.

"We've been very fortunate," he told FarmWeek. "Our rains have been timely and adequate."

He is looking forward to a favorable crop.

"It's looking very healthy and has very good color," he said.

Farther south in Marion County, Vernon Quandt has harvested a few batches of his 5-acre crop and reported

similar results.

"It's definitely been a good crop this year."

Quandt said he sells his sweet corn at a weekly farmer's market and has repeat customers who buy directly from the farm throughout the summer.

"We plant 11 or 12 different times, so it's staggered all the way through the year, which makes it more manageable," he said.

While the planting season for field corn was delayed, Quandt said his sweet corn stayed on track, especially since it is fully irrigated.

"I started in the middle of March and the first two batches went in really good," he said. "I like to plant it every 7 or 8 days and it may have been 10 or 11 days in between a couple of them because it was raining a lot, but it really didn't hamper me bad at all."

He said there were a few times he planted into less-than-ideal soil conditions but knows the variety he chose has proven success with

emergence and early growth.

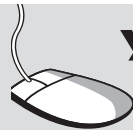
However, the season has not come without challenges. Both Bartman and Quandt cited raccoons as one of the biggest threats to sweet corn this year.

"They're unbelievable," Bartman said. "They truly do live up to those masks that they have over their eyes. They certainly are bandits."

Quandt said it is additional work and expense to put electric fencing around each of his patches, but it is necessary to control the raccoons and deer.

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On party infighting, Illinois' new GOP chair says 'start calling those people out'

By Hannah Meisel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

In the parlance of Washington D.C. Republican strategists, deep-blue Illinois is sometimes referred to as an "orphan" state—along with other Democratic strongholds like California, New York and Hawaii.

In both 2016 and 2020, Donald Trump lost Illinois in the presidential election by 17 percentage points, while Republicans haven't won a single statewide election in a decade. And thanks in part to electoral maps drawn by Democrats who control the General Assembly, Democrats are in the supermajority in the state legislature and Republicans only hold three of Illinois' 17 congressional seats.

But amid promises to "make Illinois red again," the Illinois GOP's chair-elect Kathy Salvi invoked the analogy of parenting the beleaguered party in a speech to GOP delegates last week in Milwaukee for the Republican National Convention.

"Remember, I'm the mother of six children," Salvi said, reiterating a well-worn line from her unsuccessful campaign for U.S. Senate in 2022. "Seven now—the Illinois Republican Party."

Salvi, who officially assumed the party chair role on July 19 after the RNC wrapped up, was elected after outgoing chair Don Tracy last month announced his resignation citing Republi-

can "infighting."

Tracy has declined to elaborate on the party's internal dynamics that led to his resignation—or how to fix them—and told Capitol News Illinois he'd let the letter "speak for itself."

In the letter, he wrote: "In better days, Illinois Republicans came together after tough intra party elections. Now however, we have Republicans who would rather fight other Republicans than engage in the harder work of defeating incumbent Democrats by convincing swing voters to vote Republican."

But Salvi referenced the fissures in her address to the party at its daily RNC breakfast meeting July 17, recalling how she'd settle squabbles between her chil-

dren when they were young.

"If each one of us looks at what we're accountable for in our words and our actions—I think all of us here need to start calling those people out," she said of those who might let disagreements interfere with the party's ultimate goals.

"Listen, I love this party because sometimes we air our dirty laundry with one another and it gets into the press of these fine people," she added, referring to reporters in the room. "But we need to say, 'You know, let's give that person the benefit of a new fresh day.' And that's how we will win elec-

tions here in Illinois."

Salvi was not the only Republican figure who likened the state party to kin.

"We are a family. I love you," House Republican Leader Tony McCombie, R-Savanna, told delegates as she addressed the breakfast. "Let's not waste any more time debating our differences but concentrate on the Democrats where the(ir) policies are hurting Illinois."

McCombie acknowledged Democrats will continue to outspend Republicans and said Illinois Democrats drew the "worst partisan gerrymandered map in the nation," which makes GOP

victories in the legislature an uphill battle. But she said she's still optimistic Republicans can win five Illinois U.S. House seats in November.

And though McCombie has only been in her position as House minority leader since January 2023, she told delegates she called Salvi to offer some wisdom she's picked up in that time.

"I said, 'This is going to be so hard. And you need to put people around you that are going to tell you no,'" McCombie said with a laugh.

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Answers

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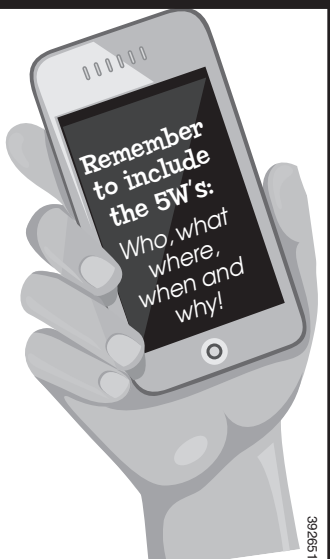
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Illinois Republican National Committeeman Richard Porter got a head start on following Salvi's directive to call out bad behavior within the party. He confronted U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida on the convention floor in a moment that quickly went viral online.

In videos of the encounter, Gaetz appeared to be heckling former U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy as he was giving a television interview. Porter, who later told Capitol News Illinois that McCarthy is a long-time friend, told Gaetz to "shut up" and that he didn't "have to be an a-----." In response, Gaetz told Porter he didn't know who he was.

"He was being a bully, you know? He was being a schoolyard bully," Porter said of the moment a few hours later. "I just expressed myself to him that it was not the right kind of behavior. Especially at a time like this. This is all about unity." Porter, who will be

term-limited out of his Illinois Republican national committeeman post after 10 years, also said he wasn't surprised by Tracy's resignation letter last month and said he was well aware of the party infighting that led to it.

But he also acknowledged that a certain group of voters have been attracted to the infighting and said that part of the electorate isn't inherently a threat to be managed. "That streak in the party tends to think that I'm not enough like Gaetz," he said. "And that's okay. I'll be me. And Matt can be him."

Salvi also indicated that she wasn't outright condemning the politics of outrage, so long as it could be translated into winning elections for Republicans. She referred to stories told on the convention floor July 16, particularly of a mother who lost her children to fentanyl.

"These stories are real human stories...This is the pathos that we all feel and it's

what's going to drive a very angry electorate to elect Donald J. Trump our next president ..." she said. "But anger does not win the day. Hope does, folks. And it's

the hope that we will deliver by bridging our differences with one another - many of you sitting in this very room, okay?"

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