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STOCKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FACEBOOK PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

Back to school

The 2024-2025 school year has officially started. Stockton students are already back to work and busy learning new things. Mrs. Smith's sixth, seventh, and eighth grade math students work in groups to stack cups without touching them with their hands. Students did an amazing job working as a team. Welcome back!

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Stockton Heritage Museum to host A Conversation with the Nomadds

Stockton Heritage Museum will host three former members of the 1960's band, The NOMADDS, on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the Stockton Heritage Museum, 107 West Front Ave., in Stockton, IL.

Original band mates, Lee Garner, Denny "Kool" Kuhl, and Dean "Stick" Kuehl will be present to share the fascinating journey of their band. They will discuss how the band was formed, reminisce about its early days, delve into the creation of their one and only record, explain the reasons behind their disbandment, and reveal what ultimately brought them back together after many years. Additionally, a band mate or two from the later years will also appear to share their experiences and contributions to the band's legacy.

For more information, please visit www.stocktonheritagemuseum.org, Facebook: Stockton-Heritage-Museum-309324911534, email info@stocktonheritagemuseum.org, or leave a message at 815-947-2220.



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Obituary

KEITH LEROY HECKMAN, 75

Keith LeRoy Heckman, 75, of Rockford, IL passed away on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Keith was born on Jan. 1, 1949 in Rockford, IL to LeRoy and Eva (Pash) Heckman. He graduated from Rockford East High School in 1966 and went on to join the United States Air Force. He was a Vietnam Veteran, serving in South Vietnam and Thailand from 1969-1973 as a Staff Sergeant. After his honorable discharge from the USAF, he attended Rock Valley College via the GI Bill and earned an associate degree for Applied Science in Electronic Technologies. Keith worked for Bally's Aladdin's castle from 1974-1982 and was promoted to a roving Area Store Manager covering locations as far away as Billings, Montana. He then worked for Allied Games in Beloit, Wisconsin from 1983-2000 as a shop supervisor. He finished his career working for R.K. Dixon as a copy repair technician until he retired in 2007. Keith enjoyed spending time tending to his garden of vegetables, fruits and flowers, while also canning, cooking, and sharing them with others. His Thanksgiving meals were unmatched and his dessert pies should have won awards. He enjoyed hosting craft & bake sales with his mother, and dutifully cared for her after she was widowed in 1985. Keith was a huge Atlanta Braves fan and traveled to several cities with his brother and nephew to root on his favorite team, including games in the NLCS and World Series. He was



also heavily involved within the War Birds online game community where he shared his passion for flying with many other dedicated players and anyone else who would listen.

He is survived by his brother, Gary, Sr. of Carrollton, GA; nephews Gary (Chip) Heckman and David Crooks; niece Sarah Heckman; great nephews Justin McLester, Joshua McLester, Aidan Heckman, and Garrett Heckman; great nieces Rebecca McLester, Alison (Gabriel) Ihm, Rachel Heckman, Emily Heckman, and Karen Dean. Keith also left behind numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and his special friend Carla.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents LeRoy and Eva, sister Louise (Don) Crooks, sister-in-law Karen Heckman, and niece Jeanine Shickles.

Keith will be honored with a time of visitation on Wednesday Aug. 28, 2024 from 10-11 a.m. at Bartell Leamon Funeral home in Warren, IL. The service will begin at 11 a.m. with Roger Bronkema officiating. Burial will take place at the Nora Cemetery following the service. A memorial has been established in his memory.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Alden Debes Rehabilitation & Health Care Center, Amberwood Care Center, and St. Croix Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

Timber Lake Playhouse autumn and winter events

As Timber Lake Playhouse bids farewell to its summer season, the excitement doesn't end there. The playhouse is set to offer a schedule of events this autumn and winter, catering to long-time patrons, young families, and new audiences alike.

Timber Lake Playhouse is delighted to bring back the beloved "church basement ladies" with *Church Basement Ladies - A Second Helping*. For young families, TLP is offering special movie nights including *Paw Patrol - The Mighty Movie* on Aug. 31, *Halloweentown* on Oct. 19, and *The Polar Express* on Dec. 21. Tickets for these family-friendly films are priced at \$5 for youth and \$10 for adults.

New to the playhouse this year

are exciting music events such as *The Chicago Experience - A Chicago Tribute* on Sept. 28, and *Are You Ready for It? A Taylor Swift Experience* Nov. 2. Returning fan-favorites include *Simply Elton & Simply Billy - A Musical Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel* featuring Brian Harris and the Mad Hatters Band, the ever-popular *Heartache Tonight - An Eagles Tribute*, and *Elvis Through the Years* with the dynamic father-son duo John and Jonathan Lyons. All concerts begin at 7 p.m., with tickets priced at \$30 (\$25 for TLP subscribers).

Shades of Hunks, featuring the world-renowned male dance group, offers an unforgettable girls' night out at Timber Lake Playhouse

on Saturday, Sept. 21. The event kicks off at 8 p.m., with tickets available for \$30. Please note, this event is for attendees aged 18 and over.

Other notable events include *Oktoberfest featuring Brewfest* on Oct. 12, which offers family fun and craft beer tastings, a Trick or Treat Trail at the theatre coinciding with *Halloweentown* on Oct. 19, and the annual showing of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* on Oct. 26.

The full schedule for Timber Lake Playhouse and ticket purchasing can be done at timberlakeplayhouse.org or by calling the box office at 815-244-2035 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until intermission on show days.

In primetime DNC speech, Pritzker leans into role of benevolent billionaire

Governor chides Trump as 'rich in only one thing: stupidity'

By Hannah Meisel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Cheered on by an Illinois delegation watching from the floor of the United Center, Gov. JB Pritzker on Aug. 20 embraced an identity that's generally proven alienating in both Democratic and Republican politics: being extremely wealthy.

"Donald Trump thinks that we should trust him on the economy, because he claims to be very rich," the second-term governor said during a primetime speech at the Democratic National Convention. "But take it from an actual billionaire—Trump is rich in only one thing: stupidity."

Pritzker, who is worth an estimated \$3.4 billion thanks in large part to inherited family wealth from Hyatt Hotels, is the wealthiest current elected official in the U.S. And in the more than seven years since he declared his candidacy for governor, Pritzker has not shied away from pouring cash into not only his own election bids but campaigns up and down the ballot.

The governor's billionaire quip came just minutes after U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont, declared on the

same stage that Democrats should prioritize getting "big money out of our political process."

"Billionaires in both parties should not be able to buy elections—including primary elections," Sanders said.

But earlier in the day, Pritzker justified his spending in order to match—and defeat—Republicans.

"People like to criticize me for spending money to win reelection or election, but I had three billionaires put ... hundreds of millions of dollars against me," he said in an interview with POLITICO's Jonathan Martin at the outlet's pop-up restaurant within the convention perimeter in collaboration with CNN.

Pritzker was referring to conservative megadonors Richard Uihlein, who supported the unsuccessful campaign of former state Sen. Darren Bailey against Pritzker in 2022, and Ken Griffin, who'd infused millions into that year's gubernatorial primary for the candidate who ultimately placed third in the contest.

Pritzker also named former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner—technically only a

multi-millionaire—who Pritzker spent nearly \$172 million to defeat in 2018, a figure he nearly matched for his re-election campaign four years later.

Pritzker's ability to self-fund his initial race for governor was attractive to some in the Democratic Party of Illinois, whose own record of steady fundraising had suddenly been dwarfed by Rauner. He launched his 2014 bid for governor and quickly broke the self-fundraising "caps" in order to accept unlimited funds from donors.

But when Pritzker began testing the waters of a possible challenge to Rauner in late 2016, many progressive Democrats were skeptical of his interest because of his wealth. According to reporting at the time, those Democrats feared running a billionaire would undermine the party's messaging against Rauner as an "out-of-touch rich guy."

Pritzker painted a self-deprecating portrait of his candidacy on Aug. 19 to a hotel conference room of Illinois delegates and Democratic supporters at the party's breakfast.

"You all remember that back in 2018, our party was not exactly begging for me to

run for governor," he said. "No one was crying out for a white, Ukrainian-American, Jewish billionaire."

But, he said, he was a lifelong Democrat because of the opportunities given to his immigrant ancestors when they came to Chicago as refugees.

He echoed those sentiments in his DNC speech, trying to balance his prioritization of social issues with economic ones and making the case that they are inextricably linked.

"I meet with business leaders all the time, and there's one universal thing they all need: people. They need more workers to fill all the jobs they have," he said. "But the anti-freedom, anti-family policies of MAGA Republicans are driving workers away."

He highlighted Illinois' status as an abortion destination as surrounding states have severely restricted the procedure after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in 2022. But he also said those states will see residents voting with their feet to flee red states—a reversal of well-worn Republican attacks on Illinois for outmigration.

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USDA forecasts record corn and soybean yields

By Rhiannon Branch
FARMWEEK

Record high corn and soybean yield estimates headlined the USDA's August crop production report.

The agency forecasted a national average corn yield of 183.1 bushels per acre (bpa), up 5.8 from 2023, and a national average soybean yield of 53.2 bpa, up 2.6 bushels from last season.

The state average yield estimates for Illinois are also a record high at 225 bpa for corn and 66 bpa for soybeans.

"Upon initial observation, of course, the market looked a little bit spooked by the fact that you had the corn yield come in at 183.

That's a pretty good-sized yield," Matt Bennett with AgMarket.net told *FarmWeek*. "But then you look, and they lowered planted and harvested acres."

Early data from the Farm Service Agency prompted acreage adjustments, unusual for the August report. USDA now pegs corn planted area at 90.7 million acres, down from 91.5 million in July, and harvested area at 82.7 million acres, down from 83.4 million last month.

The acreage adjustments show USDA understands concerns for the crop in some growing areas, Bennett noted.

"That corridor in southeast South Dakota, southern Minnesota and northwest Iowa certainly is going to have some challenges on stuff that got planted. You're going to lose

some harvested percentage just simply due to a lot of flooding and ponding issues," he said.

The acreage adjustment actually lowered ending corn stocks from last month to 2.07 billion bushels. U.S. corn production is now seen at 15.1 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last year.

"So, a bit of a surprise that overall production goes down somewhat with that great big yield on corn."

It was a different story for soybeans, however, with production now pegged at a record 4.59 billion bushels, up 10 percent. Soybean planted area is seen at 87.1 million acres, up from 86.1 million in July with harvested area estimated at 86.3 million acres, up from 85.3 million last month.

"Ending stocks for 2024-2025 came in at 560 million bushels, so that's a big difference and looks plenty rich," Bennett said. "It's a bit of a head scratcher that the USDA has so much export demand built in because we have some of the smallest new-crop bookings that we've had in many years. So, we've certainly got to hope that the USDA sees something that we're not currently seeing."

Immediately following the report on Aug. 12, the corn market was lower then jumped a few cents higher while soybeans settled 20-plus cents lower, hurt by the big carryout number.

"So basically, the perception here is that maybe this situation in corn isn't as bad as everyone thought even

with this massive yield, because acreage has been reduced and demand is so strong," Bennett said.

It is important to note that upcoming crop tours and in-field data collection by USDA will provide a more accurate picture of crop conditions and some combines will even be rolling by the time the next crop production report comes out.

"So, as we move towards September, we've got to understand that if you get a better handle on the crop, many times a big crop continues to get bigger," the analyst added. "And if that's the case, then they can certainly provide some pressure on the market in a situation where these markets have already obviously been quite depressed."

Mid-August conditions favorable for late-season crops

Record state average corn and soybean yield predictions shocked the markets last week, but USDA isn't the only one seeing promising crop conditions for this time of year.

Atmospheric Scientist Eric Snodgrass with Nutrien Ag Solutions told the RFD Radio Network a cooler and wetter July helped crops look good, at least on satellite imagery.

"We had the second-wettest July on record for Illinois, but it came in five events, so it was nice and spaced out and we only had a few stretches of days that actually got hot," he said. "That is why I think the country is looking at Illinois and seeing a pretty amazing crop."

FarmWeek crop watcher Marshall Newhouse also was optimistic about crop potential in Boone County as of mid-August.

"I'd have to say everything around here looks about ideal," he said. "The pastures are green and I don't have any firing on the bottom of any corn."

He said temperatures have been unusually cool for August.

"Aug. 10 was our coldest. When I got around to look at things about 5:30 a.m. it was 51 degrees," Newhouse noted, adding he saw a lot of jackets and sweaters at the Boone County Fair.

Snodgrass said while the heat might return before the end of summer, it shouldn't have a negative impact on crops at this point.

"If I were to tell you that maybe at the end of the month or beginning of September it's going to get 5 to 8 degrees above average, that doesn't even come close to touching a normal high in early July," Snodgrass said. "So, it's not going to necessarily be a problem and what it might do is give this crop a nice little push at the very end and get it to finish well."

Newhouse said the corn crop especially has been ahead of schedule all season long near the Wisconsin border, thanks to high temperatures in May and June.

"I don't want to sound too dramatic, but I think this year is a little bit different than the last 12 to 15 years," he said. "Looking at corn right now, I've got husks that are pulling back, denting that's starting to occur and

I'm at least two weeks ahead of normal on my corn."

Newhouse said he hopes that translates to a lighter gas bill for drying this fall, and right now that looks promising, but Snodgrass said there is one wild card.

"We still have 80 more days of hurricane season to go, and this is the type of season where the Gulf of Mexico could send a big, late-season push of moisture up in September or even early October and that would be problematic at this point."

Newhouse said the moisture picture is much different from a year ago.

"We've averaged at least an inch to an inch and a half a week for darn near two months now," he said, adding that his crops so far avoided most of the disease and insect pressure he expected to see during a wet year.

"There's still a little bit of time left for me to worry about that and scout, but right now I'll take what I've got and not complain too much," Newhouse said.

USDA reported as of Aug. 11, 69 percent of corn in Illinois had reached the dough stage with 18 percent dented. The crop is considered 77 percent good to excellent. As of the same date, 84 percent of soybeans were setting pods with 72 percent of the crop rated good to excellent.

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Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, Sept. 1 for Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. This week's gospel reading is from the Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

On Wednesday, Sept. 4 the Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8 will be Quilt Sunday, Blessing of the Quilts.

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 fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost on Sunday, Sept. 1 at 9 a.m. Join us on Facebook if you can't make it in person.

Everyone is welcome to come to St. John's to play dominoes in Luther Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 9 a.m. and cards and dominoes on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 1 p.m.

The September Grace Meal will be on Sunday, Sept. 15. It will include meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Jell-O, and chocolate chip cookies. Meals can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Sept. 15. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, Sept. 12. The meal is funded through the generosity of a

grant received by The Foundation of Northwest Illinois, a grant from the Pearl City Lions Club, and through donations.

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 a.m. at the Garden View Restaurant in Lena.

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, Sept. 1, 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 Sept. 4 at 8 a.m. at Garden View Family Restaurant, 101 South Schuyler Street, Lena, IL.

If interested in participat-

ing 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.

Evangelical Free Church of Lena

The Evangelical Free Church of Lena has begun registration for AWANA, our discipleship program for children age three through grade six. AWANA runs from 5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Wednesday from September to April. Opening night for the 2024-25 school year is Sept. 11. Clubbers play games, recite verses and learn truths from the bible. Register at lenafreechurch.org.

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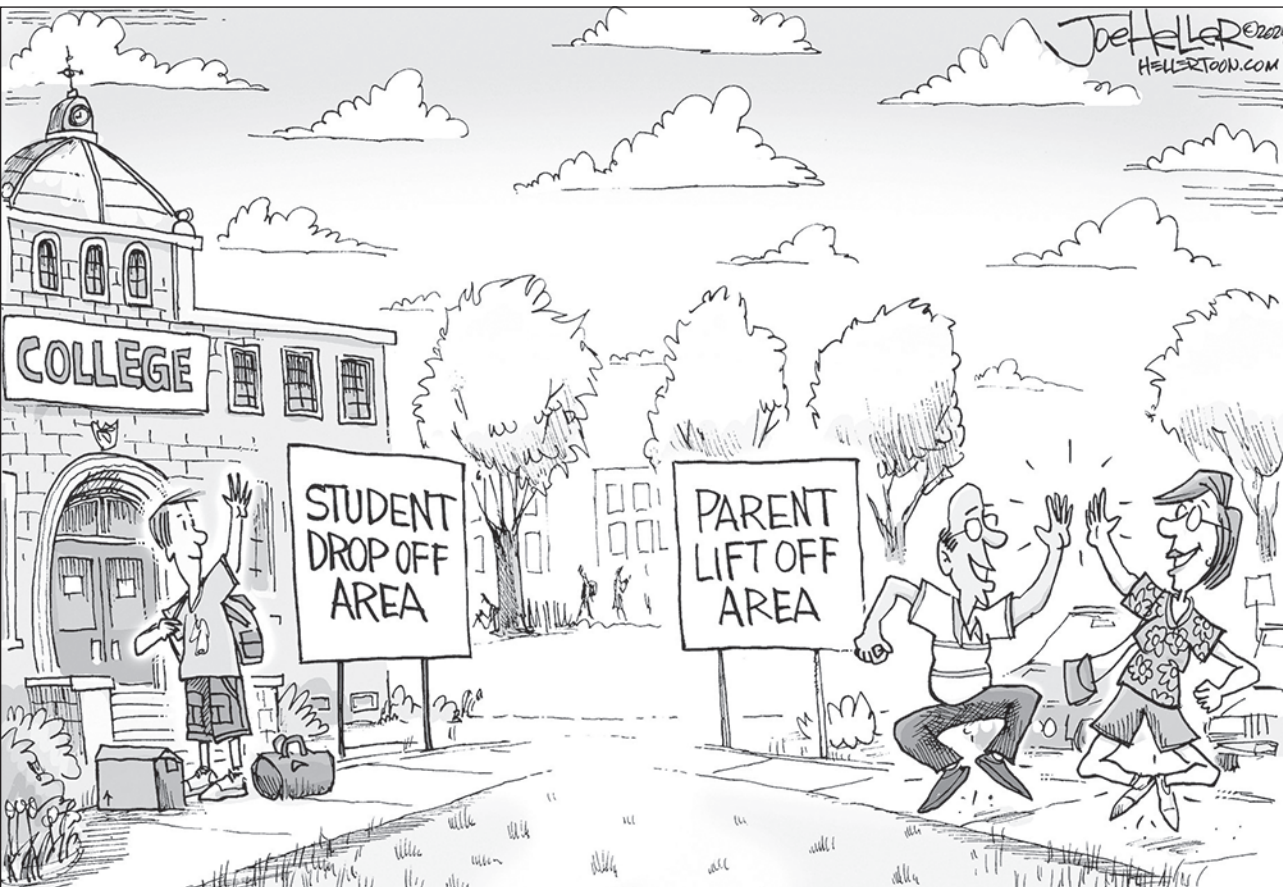
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OPINION



Slices of life

Guard your thoughts



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

“A quiet mind makes way for the soul to speak.” (Me)
The mind is an abundant entity - spewing, spawning, spilling, speaking, squeaking, splaying, spraying, saying, replaying, spouting, sprouting, shouting, re-routing, doubting and outing our thoughts, often in ways that seem beyond our control.

Just today, I was about to run to the store, but thought about something I wanted to do beforehand. Then I rinsed out my coffee cup and my mind had already moved onto a whole new topic and I'd forgotten what task, exactly, I needed to do before leaving.

Perplexing.
You might say my thoughts got away from me.

It happens quite often. All the time. Especially at night and in the wee hours of the morning.

I battle against it but it is a constant battle.

It's almost as if my mind has a mind of its own. It's working against me—or maybe for me. Or with me.

Or maybe a little of all three. I'm guessing none of you reading this can relate to this phenomenon—written with a wry sense of sarcasm.

All of you, surely, are always and totally in control of every one of your thoughts. They are orderly and they make sense. You never think of pink cotton candy when you are supposed to be considering whether to put orange or yellow cheese sauce atop the green broccoli. Your thoughts are always on point. I wish I could say the same.

The mind is a curious thing. It is part of you, but it seems to operate on its own.

The rest of your physical body doesn't operate under these terms. Your arms carry the grocery bags home from the store. When you have an itch on the tip of your nose, your fingers scratch that exact spot. Your legs walk, one foot in front of the other to get you from point A to point B.

But your mind? It wanders wherever it wants to go.

That's why awareness is so important. Your mind will tell you things that, in all honesty, it shouldn't. It will tell you people don't like you. Or that you aren't good enough, or nice enough or whatever enough. It will tell you to judge others for their ugly T-shirt or ugly hair or ugly

car. It will lead you places that are scary, threatening and dire. Your mind accentuates your faults. It dwells upon your weaknesses. It forces you into dark corners. Your mind will tell you things that are not true.

This doesn't always happen. But it can, and it often does when you least expect it. When you aren't aware.

Your thoughts are valuable. They are precious. They are priceless. They can sway off course and go off track without you ever noticing.

And they can affect you in the most significant of ways.

That is why it is important to guard them. To guard your thoughts. To protect them like they are a treasured possession, because they are.

You are your thoughts. It seems so simple, but negative thoughts breed negative actions and negative feelings. Positive thoughts have the opposite effect.

It may sound easy to choose positive thoughts. But remember, the mind has a mind of its own.

Choosing our thoughts is a minute by minute, moment by moment endeavor. It is never-ending. 24/7. Even in your sleep.

But you know what? Thoughts can become habits. And habits become easier with time. Recognizing a negative thought is the first step into turning away from it and finding a positive one. The more you turn negative into positive, the more natural it will become. Say the positive out loud (even a whisper will do) if that makes it easier at first. Soon it won't take any thought at all.

Practice guarding your thoughts and soon that guard duty won't seem so intensive. Soon it will come naturally. Negativity is all around us, waiting to pounce and it may seem overwhelming at times. One of the most valuable possessions we have to fight against any negativity is our own thoughts. Guard yours

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Weekly connection

What tractors used to be

When we were kids in the early 70's an 80 or 90 horsepower tractor was about as big as anyone had in our neighborhood. However, all the farmers had a plethora of 30-50 horsepower tractors all over their farms that they used to grind feed, haul wagons, run the blowers to fill silos, mow, rake, chop or bale hay, or just about anything else that needed to get done in those days. We all had a bunch of these midrange tractors, and we only had one or two of what we called the big boys that



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

we used for the bigger jobs like plowing or pulling a field cultivator to get the land ready for seeding. When I was in high school one of our neighbors splurged and bought an IH 1486 with about 140 horsepower. Man, he was really farming we thought,

and he was the trendsetter in our neighborhood.

We used to hook up a five-bottom plow behind our Farmall 706 and a four bottom behind our 560 and two of us would plow all day in the same field. Those two tractors combined had only about 150 horsepower. It was sure satisfying though to come in from plowing an eighty-acre field to milk the cows and know that you got about fifty acres done. It was always fun to go back out after milking and plow until past dark just to get the field

done. The next day the two of you would grease up the plows, fuel up the tractors and head out to find another field to work. We had such a good time farming in those days as kids. The hard work bonded us together and taught us to love the farm as we were growing up.

Sometimes two people were plowing and two people discing and one was cultmulching in the same field. We had a fourteen and a twelve-foot disc and

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Opinion

At DNC, state leaders tout Illinois as a 'model of Democratic success'

Pritzker speaks to delegation, visits other state breakfasts on opening day

By Hannah Meisel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

In announcing Chicago would host of the 2024 Democratic National Convention more than a year ago, national party leaders referred to Illinois as a key part of the "blue wall" of Midwestern states crucial to President Joe Biden's 2020 election.

Instead of choosing a venue in a swing state, as they had done for the last two decades, Democrats selected a city and state long dominated by Democratic politics and policies. And while Illinois and Chicago in particular have become conservative media shorthand for out-of-control progressive government, Illinois Democrats sought to cast their brand of politics as an exemplar for the nation.

Gov. JB Pritzker, who was instrumental in landing the

DNC in Chicago, kicked off the Illinois delegation's Aug. 19 breakfast at a downtown hotel by thanking elected Democrats in the room "for the work that you've done to make this the greatest Democratic Party that Illinois has ever had and in the entire country."

Before making a quick exit to speak to delegates at two other states' Democratic Party breakfasts, Pritzker rattled off a litany of legislation passed during his 5½-year tenure as governor so far. The governor acknowledged the Democratic supermajorities in the General Assembly that helped pass items ranging from a minimum wage hike to \$15 an hour starting next year to a \$10 million state investment to pay off a projected \$1 billion in medical debt for low-income Illinoisans.

Republicans, he reminded the group, "voted against all of that."

"It's almost as if Republicans don't want working families to succeed," Pritzker said, pivoting to the attack dog role he's been rehearsing for months and criticizing the

GOP for being "obsessed with other things ... like explaining away Donald Trump's 34 felony fraud convictions."

But instead of focusing on Trump and other Republicans, Democrats tried to keep the spotlight on their positive vision for what their party can accomplish.

"This convention is our opportunity to share our successes, to set the agenda, and to show the entire country why Illinois is leading the way," DNC Host Committee Executive Director Christy George, who most recently worked in Pritzker's office on budget and economic issues, told the breakfast crowd.

State Rep. Lisa Hernandez, D-Cicero, who serves as chair of the Illinois Democratic Party, echoed those sentiments as she called Illinois "a model of Democratic success" and "the beacon of progress in the Midwest."

Illinois is increasingly a blue island in the mostly red center of the country, and Democratic politicians have leaned into that identity in recent years.

On the heels of Trump

nominating his first U.S. Supreme Court justice weeks into his first term in early 2017, Democrats in the General Assembly began pushing for abortion protections in the event that a conservative majority on the court might someday overturn Roe v. Wade.

By the time that happened five years later, Illinois Democrats had approved a series of laws shoring up reproductive rights just as surrounding states began banning or severely restricting abortion access.

Late last week, Pritzker highlighted Illinois' position as a sanctuary for abortion seekers and providers at an event hosted by Think Big America, the progressive advocacy organization he founded last fall. The group, staffed by the governor's political team, has so far been involved with abortion rights ballot measures in Ohio, Nevada, Arizona and Montana.

Illinois Democrats highlighted the law during an event Aug. 19 in conjunction with the anti-gun violence organization named for former

U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords, who has spent more than a decade advocating for gun control measures after surviving an assassination attempt early in her third term in Congress in 2011.

Recalling the chaos of the Highland Park parade, State Rep. Bob Morgan, D-Deerfield, who went on to become the lead sponsor of Illinois' assault weapons ban, said it was an "opportunity to turn our pain into purpose."

While Illinois is among a mix of Midwestern states that have not adopted "right to work" laws that bar employers from requiring workers to be union members to keep their jobs.

But Illinois Democrats went a step further, putting a constitutional amendment on the ballot that bans the state from adopting right-to-work laws in the future. Illinois voters approved the "Workers Rights Amendment" in 2022.

And in a move that continues to generate attacks from conservatives, Illinois became the first state to completely eliminate its cash bail system last year. Abolishing

cash bail was just one part of a wide-ranging 2021 criminal justice reform law pushed by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus in the wake of the police killing of George Floyd in 2020 and a summer of protests that followed.

The law went unmentioned during the Illinois delegation's official breakfast Aug. 19, but House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, highlighted the legacy of black political power in Illinois, stretching back to the founding of the NAACP in Springfield following the 1908 race riots in the city.

Welch traced the trajectories of major black activists and elected officials with ties to Illinois through time, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who he said inspired generations of young black Americans to get involved in politics with his oft-recited speech adapted from an earlier poem that featured the phrase "I am somebody."

"I believed I was somebody, and I stand before you today as the first black speaker of the Illinois House," he said.

This Labor Day, vow to capitalize on opportunity to diversify the workforce

By Pat Devaney and Hannah Hill

This Labor Day is a celebration of our country's growing embrace of a new face of leadership and opportunity. In our politics, a minority woman leads a presidential ticket for the first time. And on the frontlines of our labor movement, the "toolbelt generation" has tremendous room for growth led by women and minorities.

Our challenge ahead is to recognize this important moment and capitalize on it, rather than let it slip by.

We see more young people pursue apprenticeships and careers in the trades than pursuing the traditional four-year college degree. In Springfield, Gov. JB Pritzker and the Illinois Legislature are making substantial investments in these new trades pathways, including \$13.4 million for

Thoughts

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like the treasure they are and you will find the peace within that has been waiting patiently.

Then your mind will only wonder one thing:

What took me so long?

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pre-apprenticeship hubs that help workers find roles in the burgeoning clean energy sector. More women and minority workers will be recruited and welcomed into these roles.

Young people are recognizing working in the trades provides a successful middle-class career and retirement security where other paths fall short. But there are hurdles that must be overcome for a more diverse workforce.

Women make up less than 11 percent of the workforce in the construction industry and just 4.3 percent in the construction trades. Despite some new momentum, recruitment and retention of women in the Illinois construction industry has plateaued at 5 percent for more than 20 years.

Why? The odds are still against working women finding success in the skilled trades.

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fer maternity leave benefits. Without maternity leave, women with children must go on short-term disability.

Child care is another major stumbling block. The costs are too high, or there are simply not enough options to match their schedules and needs. Non-union workers in child care often are paid poverty wages that lead to high turnover, forcing women workers to pay a heavy price if they want to support their families by heading to work.

With child care uncertainty and restrictions, women on the job face dilemmas. How do we report for work at 5 a.m. or 7 a.m. when everyone else shows up, if the daycare doesn't open until 8 a.m.? Projects running behind schedule mean longer hours, or weekend schedules. Women in construction must turn down overtime hours because there is simply no one available to watch their children.

Our union leadership recognizes these serious challenges and is taking them head on. For example, programs like the Barrier Reduction Fund, outlined in the Climate Equitable Jobs Act are one piece of a larger puzzle that we can use to address child care inequities for working women.


A resolution adopted at our recent Illinois AFL-CIO convention this summer calls for a unified campaign to significantly increase women's recruitment and retention in the building trades within five years. We will fight hard for increased funding and smart legislation at all levels of government to directly address these gender diversity challenges. We need better training programs, more visible outreach, and strong partnerships with allies who share our goals of closing the gender gap by ensuring good, union jobs for women in the building trades.

We took an important step forward in May with our first Tradeswomen Take Over Springfield advocacy day at the State Capitol, bringing teams on the frontlines to meet with legislators and make the case in person for the investments needed to open more doors to women and minorities.

At this critical time for our country and labor movement, we encourage you to visit the IL AFL-CIO website to find a Labor Day cel-

ebration parade or event near you: <https://www.ilaf-cio.org/events/2024/9/2/labor-day2024/>. Ask the women in your lives how we can help them find the opportunities that have been elusive for too long. We succeed when we all can work together, to put people to work.

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River Ridge volleyball to rely on returning starters

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The River Ridge Wildcats are coming off a volleyball season in which they finished with an overall record of 24-10. Although it didn't include a massive postseason run, their playoffs were cut short by a 2-1 loss to an impressive Orangeville squad. This year, the Wildcats return with a chip on their shoulder. A number of players are back from last year's squad, and they are ready for another go. River Ridge did lose

some major contributors to graduation in Gwen Miller, Addison Albrecht, Amie Richmond, Evie Walters, Morgan Flynn, and Macey Fulton. However, they return an exciting trio with varsity starting experience. Laiken Haas is entering her senior year after being an Honorable Mention for NUIC All-Conference last year. Haas is joined by fellow senior Kaylen Bond, and junior Ava Ketelsen. With the trio of returning starters, the Wildcats should have a fun mix of experience

and opportunities. A handful of players should see ample opportunities on the court this season. This includes a strong class of five juniors in Sarah Winter, Gracie Schnitzler, Kaci Patterson, Averi Rolwes, and Caylee Allen. Not to stray too far from the present, but the deep junior class has the Wildcats set up for another strong return in 2025 as well. River Ridge Head Coach, Brittany Sinagra, is thrilled about this year's lineup. "I'm really excited for our returning starters to work with our

newcomers," Sinagra shared. "I expect us to have an aggressive front row with some of our returning big swingers mixed in with a solid defense behind them." The defense is going to be an early focus for Sinagra and the Wildcats. "This year, we are looking to dial in on things we can control, specifically on our defensive efforts," Sinagra said. "We are not a team full of height or depth on the bench, so we are learning to work to our fullest potential at a consistent rate. Whatever we can't

pick up at the net defensively will have to be a heavy focus for our back row. We have a high ratio of newcomers to returning starters, so it is really going to come down to our ability to learn to trust to play next to one another, while still playing with confidence." Sinagra shared her early expectations for the season. "This is going to be a year of learning the healthy balance of playing aggressive and smart consistently, while showing passion, confidence, and grit at all times

on the floor. This group is already putting in the work for success, so I can't wait to see what the 2024 season has in store for us," Sinagra said late in the offseason. The Wildcats tip off their play this Saturday, Aug. 31, when they compete in the Monticello Tournament in Wisconsin. Sept. 6 through Sept. 7 they will compete in the Oregon Varsity tournament. Then, on Tuesday, Sept. 10 River Ridge travels to take on the Galena Pirates to open their regular season play.

Stockton looking to compete in competitive NUIC

By Trenten Scheidegger
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Last year, the Stockton Blackhawks were on the cusp of being one of the top football teams in the NUIC conference. Although their 4-5 overall record wasn't dazzling, that didn't tell the whole story for the 2023 Blackhawks. They suffered a 20-16 loss to a 9-3 Durand-Pecatonica squad. Another 27-24 loss to the Galena

Pirates in week nine. They gave an 8-3 Forrester squad a run for their money as well. A total of 21 points was the difference between Stockton going 7-2, but instead they finished just 4-5. It was also Head Coach, Sean Downey's, first year as Stockton's new shot caller. Although it wasn't the magnificent debut that many had hoped for, Downey and the Blackhawks have plenty to be excited

about for 2024. The Blackhawks have the opportunity to set the standard for the future of the program this year. With just three seniors on the Varsity roster, a majority of this year's roster will return for at least next season. With that comes sustainable depth that should prove to be a weapon for Stockton. "We have more depth this year. With more numbers at both levels this year, we are building depth each and every practice," Downey shared. Despite just having three seniors, the Blackhawks return a core of key players from last year's lineup. A pair of starting defensive backs are there in Noah Larson and Carter Blair. Three linebackers return in Mark Detwiler,

Jeremiah Luke, and Jake Harbach. Eli Larson returns as a Tight End-Defensive Lineman. Bryce Grube is back on both sides of the line. Luke also returns to the line on the offensive side of the ball. "With only three seniors, we need our juniors to adjust to varsity football quickly. There is a big difference in physicality between freshman-sophomore and varsity. Our success early on may depend on how quickly we can play at the varsity level," Downey explained when asked about the team's focus for improvement. There are a handful of players who are stepping in with day-one expectations this year. Offensive and defensive lineman Oliver McPeck will play a big role on both sides. Jack

Mensendike should get ample opportunity as a Running Back-Linebacker. Carter Blair also joins him as a Running Back. Finally, Defensive Backs Arrison Bauer and Aiden Larson were mentioned as key newcomers by Downey. Downey is hoping last year's disappointment can lead to a change in 2024. "I think our guys feel like we let an opportunity slip away last year to be playing in the playoffs. Our expectations are to improve upon last year's record and take advantage of the opportunities we have," Downey said. The biggest challenge Downey and his staff may face is developing this program in a brutal NUIC conference. Lena-Winslow Head Coach, Ric Arand, called


this year's NUIC "The strongest conference from top to bottom in years." Downey echoed that when asked about this year's conference outlook. "Le-Win is the favorite until someone beats them. Every week in this conference is going to be a tough matchup. If you don't play well on any given night, it's going to be difficult to come away with a win. This is as balanced of a conference as I have been a part of," Downey shared. The Blackhawks kick off their 2024 season on Friday, Aug. 30 when they play host to Durand-Pecatonica. For week two, the Blackhawks have a Saturday, Sept. 7 matchup as they travel to Wisconsin to take on Shullsburg-Benton-Scales Mound at 11 a.m.

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• Speech (Continued from page 2)

“Americans don’t want to be forced to drive 100 miles to deliver a baby because a draconian abortion law shut down the maternity ward,” he said. “Americans want the hope of giving birth through IVF, not the fear that it might be taken away. Americans with LGBTQ kids don’t want them facing discrimination at school because the state sanctioned it.”

Pritzker has also invested serious money in efforts to

enshrine abortion rights in other states’ constitutions, last year founding a “dark money” organization dubbed “Think Big America” that’s already involved in referendum campaigns in a handful of states.

And the fact that the governor was delivering his speech onstage in his hometown is the result of Pritzker’s efforts to woo DNC organizers to Chicago instead of a venue in a swing state. After the con-

vention was secured, Pritzker spent more than a year preparing for his host role: an effort that prompted spending millions more.

But he’s leaned into the job with gusto, appearing in an episode of Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show” in a pre-taped segment that aired Monday night and contracting with a pair of local breweries to produce limited edition cans of “JBeer” for the DNC.

And after the convention hall cleared out on Aug. 20, Pritzker hosted a massive invite-only party featuring John Legend—a move reminiscent of his large-scale inauguration parties in 2019 and 2023 that also saw A-list musical guests playing for hundreds.

While Pritzker has not been afraid to use his wealth to grow both his own influence

in Democratic politics and the party itself, the governor’s speech echoed themes of his biggest failed campaign: the 2020 effort to enshrine a graduated income tax into Illinois’ constitution.

Pritzker insisted Democrats want to “cut taxes on everyday people,” a promise similar to what he said when he kicked off the effort for a

graduated income tax in 2019 and repeated often during the nearly two-year campaign: “People like me should pay more and people like you should pay less.”

The so-called “Fair Tax” was Pritzker’s signature campaign promise two years earlier, but despite spending millions on the campaign, voters rejected the ballot measure.

• Tractors (Continued from page 4)

a fourteen foot cultumulcher that our smaller tractors could handle with no trouble, and so with five or six of us in the field, counting the planter, we were able to get the crops in quickly each spring. When I was in high school, we began to expand the operation and rent more land so we bought a couple of 140 horse tractors ourselves so we could chisel plow or offset disc instead of plowing the old fashioned way with moldboards. Later we purchased a new 160 horse tractor with front wheel assist and that thing could really work. Now the bigger

Case IH tractors put their horsepower right on the name of the tractors. For example, the Case IH Steger 350 has 350 hp and the 400 has 400 hp and so on. That makes it pretty handy to know what you’re working with.

We still have all of the old tractors around the farm somewhere and most of them still run. In fact, on my little farm where all I do is make a little hay and mow weeds out in the pasture, I still try to use them like I’m farming in the old days. I mow hay with my grandpa’s rebuilt and repainted 1954 Super MTA. I

rake with my brother’s 1965 IH 1206 diesel and I bale with the 1965 Farmall 706 that my dad bought new. So, one might say that I am living in the past. I have to say it sure is fun though.

It’s kind of hard being the only guy driving up and down my road on these old tractors, but as they say, that’s progress. In Ecclesiastes 7:10 we read, Do not always be asking, Where are the good old days? Wise folks don’t ask questions like that. I don’t think this verse is talking about farming. Until next week, God bless.

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Lady Broncos return majority of 22-win squad

By Trenten Scheidegger
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The Orangeville Broncos racked up 22 wins in their 2023 volleyball season. After finishing with an overall record of 22-17, the Broncos saw their season come to an end with a playoff loss to the Lena-Winslow Panthers.

This year, the Broncos return with a chip on their shoulder as nearly all of their 2023 roster is back for another go in 2024. Orangeville lost just one player to graduation, albeit a big one in Whitney Sullivan. The Broncos lost an imposing player on both sides of the net, and they will have to find ways to replace her size and athleticism.

The roster should have the chemistry and IQ to get it done. Every other starter that played a role in their 22-win season is back. Outside hitter Alex

Schmidt, middle hitter Bailey Jordan, defensive specialist Katie Fryer, outside hitter Kaylynn O'Haver, setter Delaney Cahoon, libero Emma Frautschy, defensive specialist Alyse Cahoon, and right-side hitter Anicka Kraft are all back for 2024.

It is easy to see why the Broncos and their head coach, Stephanie Riedl, believe the team's varsity experience to be their biggest strength. "We have a lot of returning players that have been on varsity for several years. This Varsity team has a strong bond and a lot of defensive talent," Riedl explained.

In addition to their returning starters, Riedl has big expectations for newcomer Olivia Schroeder. "She will be a great addition to our team. She will add even more block coverage for us," Riedl said of Schroeder.

Riedl, entering her fifth season as head coach of the Broncos, has some big expectations for this year's squad. On paper, the Broncos appear poised to make a run at a conference title. Competing in the NUIC makes that quite the challenge, but the Broncos are embracing it. "The conference is going to be tough this year, but we are ready for the challenge," Riedl shared. Despite that, Orangeville volleyball has their sights set on a conference championship for 2024.

The Broncos were originally supposed to tip off their 2024 season on Aug. 26 against the Stockton Blackhawks before the game was postponed due to heat. Orangeville is set to return home on Sept. 5 when they play host to the West Carroll Thunder at 7 p.m.

Wolves to rely on versatile attack

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Pearl City Wolves are coming off a 2023 volleyball season in which they finished with an overall record of just 8-26-2. The wins came few and far between for the Wolves. After getting off to a 3-5 start, the Wolves went just 3-21-2 the rest of the way. That includes a 2-0 loss to the Durand Bulldogs in the opening round of playoffs.

That was Pearl City Head Coach Tammy Stephan's first-year at the helm of the program. The good news for Stephan and Pearl City is that they return almost every one of their major statistical leaders from last season. After losing Mattie Schauer, Olivia Williams, Ava Bremmer, and Lisa Baker to graduation, the Wolves still bolster a talented and experienced roster.

Standout player Fallyn Endress is back after leading the team in kills and aces, while finishing second in assists. Endress broke onto the scene as a younger varsity player. Now a junior, Endress will be expected to take her leadership to another level in 2024.

Senior Anna Dampman is also back after finishing second on the team in kills last year. Dampman was also second on the team in solo blocks as she provides a force on both sides of the net. They also return Kylie Campbell, who proved to be one of the team's top defenders and servers as a junior. Jorja Johnson will be back to facilitate the offense for another year. Johnson led the team with 146 assists and 26 aces in 2023. Maya

Boyer did a little bit of everything as a sophomore, and she will provide another dynamic piece as a junior.

There are a few other players who will get opportunities in 2024. Stephan mentioned Danica Stager, Marlee McPeck, and transfer player Bella Smith, as newcomers with some expectations.

If there is anything that stands out on paper about the Wolves, it is their amount of returning offensive talent. Stephan is hoping to build the team around their offensive prowess. When asked what the strength of this year's squad is, Stephan shared it is the abundance of talent. There are "at least five girls who can set and a majority of the hitters can hit from anywhere," Stephan explained. Additionally, Stephan added that the team has an "extremely strong backrow."

One of the main focuses for Stephan and the Wolves is their chemistry on the floor. Stephan was straight to the point when asked about where the team needs to improve. "Team cohesiveness, togetherness, and mental side of the game," Stephan answered. She took it a step further, mentioning that her goal for the team is to "become a tighter bonded team" with their eye on a Regional Title.

As always, competing in the NUIC will be the toughest challenge the Wolves will face this year. Early on, Stephan expects the team to compete around the middle of the pack for conference standings. Every single 2024 conference matchup is going to be a grind for members of the NUIC.

Pearl City tipped off their season on Aug. 26 when they took on Warren. The Wolves return home on Sept. 5 when they play host to the Polo Marcos at 7 p.m.

SSM Health at Home offering grief support group in Monroe

Join SSM Health at Home group providing resources one. This is a six-week grief support group open to those an education and support and encouragement for people ages 18+ who have experi-

enced the death of someone special. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. from Sept. 11 to Oct. 16 at Monroe Engraving, 1005 30th Street in Monroe.

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Biden designates Springfield 1908 Race Riot Monument

Financial institutions sue credit card fee law; Mendoza withholds payments to embattled village

By Jerry Nowicki and Andrew Adams
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

President Joe Biden signed a proclamation on Aug. 16 to designate the "Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument" on the 116th anniversary of the deadly riot in the state capital.

"We're allowing history to be written—what happened—so our children, our grandchildren, everybody understands what happened and what could still happen," Biden said at an Oval Office ceremony to designate the monument.

Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch—the first black man to hold that position in Illinois—said he became emotional while attending the White House ceremony upon an invite from Biden's staff.

"That race riot led to the creation of the NAACP, which led to Thurgood Marshall, which led to Brown versus Board of Education, and so many big victories in this country when it comes to race relations," Welch said in a phone interview. "You have to say that it was this that led to the creation of opportunities for people like me to become the first black speaker."

In August 1908, a white mob lynched two black men, Scott Burton and William K. Donnegan, and burned down homes and businesses in the city's black community. The riots were spurred by the mob seeking to lynch two men held in the Sangamon County Jail, Joe James and George Richardson. James had been accused and was later convicted in the county of murdering a white man, while Richardson was accused of sexually assaulting a white woman who later signed a statement saying she had falsified the allegation.

Biden's proclamation said the deadly event was "emblematic of the racism, intimidation, violence, and lynchings that black Americans experienced in communities across the country in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries."

The monument will be located between N. 9th and 11th streets, and between E. Mason and E. Madison streets.

Welch said it's important to emphasize history to

avoid repeating it, and he mentioned the July 6 killing of Sonya Massey, a black woman, by a white police officer.

"We have a party in this country right now that would love to erase history. They want us to forget a lot of the things that make America, America," he said. "And I think it's important that we continue to recognize the significance of these events and make sure folks remember what occurred in this country."

Lawsuit challenges credit card fee law

Financial institutions filed a long-promised legal challenge Aug. 15 to a new state law that would prohibit them from charging fees on the tip and tax portions of debit or credit card transactions.

An "interchange fee" is a standard charge applied over 150 billion times annually across the U.S. when a credit or debit card is swiped. While it usually applies to a full purchase price, the Illinois law would exempt the portion that goes to tips and state and local taxes.

No other state has enacted such a limitation on interchange fees.

The provision, dubbed the Interchange Fee Prohibition Act, was included in the budgeting process to appease the state's retailers, because the governor and Democratic lawmakers capped an existing tax discount claimed by retailers to fill a budget gap.

But the move drew swift backlash from financial industry advocacy groups. The Illinois Bankers Association, American Bankers Association, America's Credit Unions and the Illinois Credit Union League filed a joint lawsuit after weeks of public advocacy against the change.

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The Lena Area Historical Museum's new exhibit of postcards is now open. The exhibit highlights postcards of Lena homes, snow scenes taken in town, candid images of families and friends, the campground, and much more.

Lena Area Historical Museum postcard exhibit

A new exhibit is open at the Lena Area Historical Museum. The exhibit, Capturing History with Real Photo Postcards, explores the popular pastime of collecting postcards during the early 1900s.

In 1898, the US govern-

ment set postage for postcards at one cent. Then in 1903, the Kodak Company invented a camera made especially for producing postcards. By 1907 the floodgates opened, and small photography studios and amateurs began taking pic-

tures of popular buildings and scenes in small towns throughout the country. This phenomenon leaves us with snapshots frozen in time which document many scenes that are long gone.

The exhibit highlights photos that were taken in

Lena in the 1910s by two commercial photographers. The rest of the exhibit shows the range of photographic subjects that survive today.

The museum is open the first and third Saturdays through September, and for tours by appointment.

Selecting, storing, and using winter squash

Winter squash is one of the fall's most popular and tasty vegetables. Winter squash encompasses a variety of squash, such as Acorn, Buttercup, Butternut, Hubbard, Sweet Dumpling, and Spaghetti squash. If interesting in learning how to make everyday squash go from ordinary to extraordinary, Join University of Illinois Extension for one of the fall programming favorites, *Getting the Scoop on Winter Squash!*

This workshop will discuss various common and not-so-common types of winter squash. Learn how to select and store winter squash to extend its shelf life and enjoy it months after harvesting. A discussion will

include the nutritional benefits of winter squash, ways to incorporate it into everyday life, great ideas on preparing and using these culinary favorites, and, best of all, participants will receive some delicious recipes.

Getting the Scoop on

Winter Squash! will be held Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 1 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 online at go.illinois.edu/jsw. Registration is

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Fun by the Numbers

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

I think I predicted that we weren't done with the hot weather. I think I was wishing we could have that beautiful 70-degree weather we had last week. The recipes for this week take it easy on the cooking for hot weather. There are two salads, an appetizer, and two main dishes that don't require any oven preparation. Hope you have a great cooking week.

Mini BLTs

If you are looking for a seasonal appetizer that is really pretty, this take-off on the traditional BLT is great for any party or picnic.

- 28 cherry tomatoes
- 7 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 1/2 C. mayonnaise
- 1/3 C. chopped green onions
- 3 T. grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 T. finely chopped celery
- 2 T. minced fresh parsley

Cut a thin slice from the bottom of the tomatoes to allow them to rest flat. Cut a thin slice off the top of each tomato. Scoop out and discard pulp; invert tomatoes onto a paper towel to drain. Place tomatoes on serving tray right side up. In a small bowl, combine the bacon, mayo, onions, cheese, celery and parsley. Spoon into tomatoes. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours.

Fresh Corn Salad

If you still have some corn left, this salad is a great side; it is easy and doesn't involve many ingredients. Be sure to allow cooling time after putting it together.

- 5 ears of corn, shucked
- 2 green onions, finely sliced
- 1/4 C. oil
- 2 1/2 T. white wine vinegar
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 1/3 C. finely sliced basil leaves

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil with 1 t. sugar. Boil the corn until tender crisp, 3 to 4 minutes. Do not overcook corn. Immerse the corn in very cold water to stop the cooking process. Place the corn on a clean dish towel over a cutting board; use a serrated knife to cut the kernels off the cobs. The dish towel will dry the corn and prevent it from

bouncing all over the place.

In a large bowl, combine the corn with the oil, vinegar, onions, salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Just before serving, toss in the fresh basil. Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary; you can also adjust vinegar and sugar if salad is too bland. Serve salad cold or at room temperature.

Tuna Macaroni Salad

If you are looking for a great main dish or a side dish, this easy tuna macaroni salad is both filling and easy to make. It doesn't heat up the kitchen either!

- 2 C. uncooked elbow macaroni
- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 1/4 C. sweet pickle relish
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 1 C. frozen peas, thawed
- 1/2 C. chopped sweet onion
- 1/2 C. chopped celery
- 1 can (5 oz.) tuna in water, drained and flaked
- 3 hard-boiled eggs, chopped

Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain and rinse with cold water. Cool completely. In a small bowl, combine mayo, relish, salt and pepper. In a large bowl, combine the peas, onion, celery, tuna, eggs and macaroni. Add dressing and gently toss to coat. Refrigerate until serving. Note: If you want a little crunch, add 1 C. chow mien noodles to the tuna salad.

Slow Cooker Beef Burgundy

When the weather is heating up and with school starting, it's helpful to make main dishes in the crock pot. These can keep the kitchen cool and be put together quickly. Sullivan's has been having some great meat sales, so this main dish is more economical if the roast is on sale. The wine that is best in this recipe is Pinot Noir. If you don't want to buy wine, use beef broth.

- 6 bacon strips, diced
- 1 boneless beef chuck roast, 3 lbs., cut into 1 1/2 inch cubes
- 1 can (10 1/2 oz.) beef broth
- 1 small onion, halved and sliced
- 1 medium carrot, sliced
- 1 T. butter
- 1 T. tomato paste
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 t. dried thyme
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 C. burgundy wine or beef broth
- 5 T. flour

- 1/2 C. cold water
- Egg Noodles, cooked according to package directions
- Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

In a large skillet, cook bacon strips over medium heat until crisp. Use a slotted spoon to remove the bacon to a paper towel to drain. In the drippings, brown the meat and drain on a paper towel. Place beef and bacon in a 5-qt. slow cooker that has been sprayed with cooking spray. Add the broth, onion, carrot, butter, tomato paste, garlic, thyme, salt, pepper, and bay leaf. Cover and cook on low until meat is tender, 7 to 8 hours. Add mushrooms and wine. Combine flour and water until smooth. Gradually stir into slow cooker. Cover and cook on high for 30 to 45 minutes until thickened. Discard bay leaf. Serve over cooked noodles and sprinkle with parsley.

Creamy Italian Chicken

Keeping with the crock pot theme, this chicken dinner is another easy one that can be made as a weeknight meal. It is also made in a smaller crock pot. Serve it over cooked pasta or rice with a salad and you have an easy school night meal.

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 envelope Italian salad dressing mix
- 1/4 C. water
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can (4 oz.) mushrooms and stems, drained

Hot cooked pasta or rice

Place the chicken in a 3-qt slow cooker sprayed with cooking spray. Combine the salad dressing mix and water; pour over the chicken. Cover and cook on Low for 3 hours. Remove chicken. Cool slightly; shred meat with two forks. Return chicken to slow cooker. In a small bowl, beat cream cheese and soup until blended. Stir in mushrooms. Pour over chicken. Cover and cook until chicken is tender, 1 hour longer. Serve with pasta or rice. Sprinkle with fresh parsley.

Peach Cobbler Bars

Peaches have been very plentiful this August. I have gotten some great ones at Sullivan's. I also believe there were good ones at the truck at Farm and Fleet and the Farm Bureau ones have come in also.

- 2 1/2 C. flour
- 1 1/2 C. sugar, divided
- 1/2 C. old-fashioned oats
- 2 t. lemon zest

- 1 t. baking powder
- 1/4 t. plus 1/8 t. salt, divided
- 1 C. cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 T. cornstarch
- 1 T. fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 t. cinnamon
- 1/4 t. nutmeg
- 1/4 t. almond extract
- 8 C. chopped fresh peaches, about 6 large peaches

Preheat oven to 375. Line a 9 x 13 baking pan with a double layer of parchment paper, letting excess extend over sides of pan. In a medium bowl, stir together flour, 1 C. sugar, oats, lemon zest, baking powder and 1/4 t. salt. Using a pastry blender, cut in cold butter and egg until mixture is crumbly. Pat 4 C. dough into bottom of prepared pan. Reserve remaining dough.

In a large bowl, stir together cornstarch, lemon juice, cinnamon, nutmeg, almond extract, remaining 1/2 C. sugar and remaining 1/8 t. salt. Add peaches and toss well. Gently spread mixture onto prepared crust. Crumble remaining dough on top. Bake until topping is lightly browned, and filling begins to bubble around the edges, about 1 hour and 5 minutes, loosely covering with foil during the final 10 minutes of baking to prevent excess browning. Let cool completely in pan on a wire rack or refrigerate overnight. Run a knife between parchment and pan, using excess parchment as handles, remove from pan and cut into bars.

Peach Cobbler Muffins

- 1/2 C. unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 egg, room temperature

- 1 1/2 C. plus 1 T. flour, divided
- 2 t. baking powder
- 1 t. salt
- 1/4 t. baking soda
- 1/3 C. plus 2 T. whole milk, room temperature, divided
- 1/3 C. sour cream, room temperature
- 2 t. vanilla, divided
- 1 C. chopped fresh peaches, divided

Streusel Topping

Preheat oven to 350. Line a 12-cup muffin pan with paper liners or spray with baking spray with flour. In the bowl of a mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat butter and sugar at medium high speed until fluffy, 3 to 4 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Add egg, beating until combined and stopping to scrape the sides of the bowl. In a medium bowl, whisk together 1 1/2 C. flour, baking powder, salt and baking soda. In a small bowl, whisk together 1/3 C. milk, sour cream, and 1 1/2 t. vanilla. With mixer on medium-low speed, gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture alternately with milk mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture, beating until combined after each addition and stopping to scrape sides of bowl.

In another medium bowl, toss together 3/4 C. chopped peaches and remaining 1 T. flour. Add peach mixture to batter and gently fold until just combined. Divide batter among prepared muffin cups, about 1/4 C. each. Top with remaining 1/4 C. of chopped peaches and streusel topping. Bake until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool in pan for at least 10 minutes. Remove from pan and let cool completely on a wire rack. In another

small bowl, whisk together powdered sugar, remaining 2 T. milk and remaining 1/2 t. vanilla. Garnish muffins with sliced peaches and drizzle sugar mixture on top. Refrigerate in an airtight container up to 3 days.

Streusel Topping

- 1/4 C. flour
- 1 T. sugar
- 1/2 t. cinnamon
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/4 C. cold unsalted butter, cubed.

In a small bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Using a pastry blender, cut in cold butter until mixture is crumbly. Refrigerate in an airtight container for at least 30 minutes until ready for use.

Final Thoughts

I can't believe that we will be entering September at the end of this week. Labor Day is the official end of summer, and then it is on to fall. The fall golf has started for high school, and the volleyball and football games are beginning also for both junior high and high school. The crickets are driving all of us crazy with their chirping, and that is another sure sign that things will be changing. Apple orchard visits and craft fairs are beginning to pop up. The fall weather will also be a signal for us to change our cooking.

We will be looking for some good squash and apple 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.

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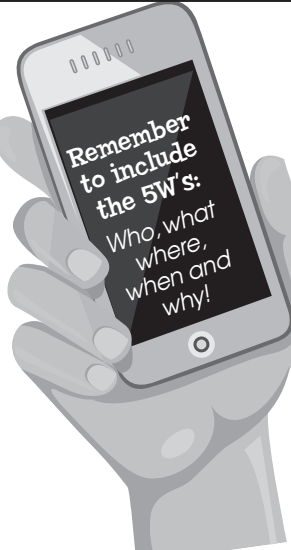
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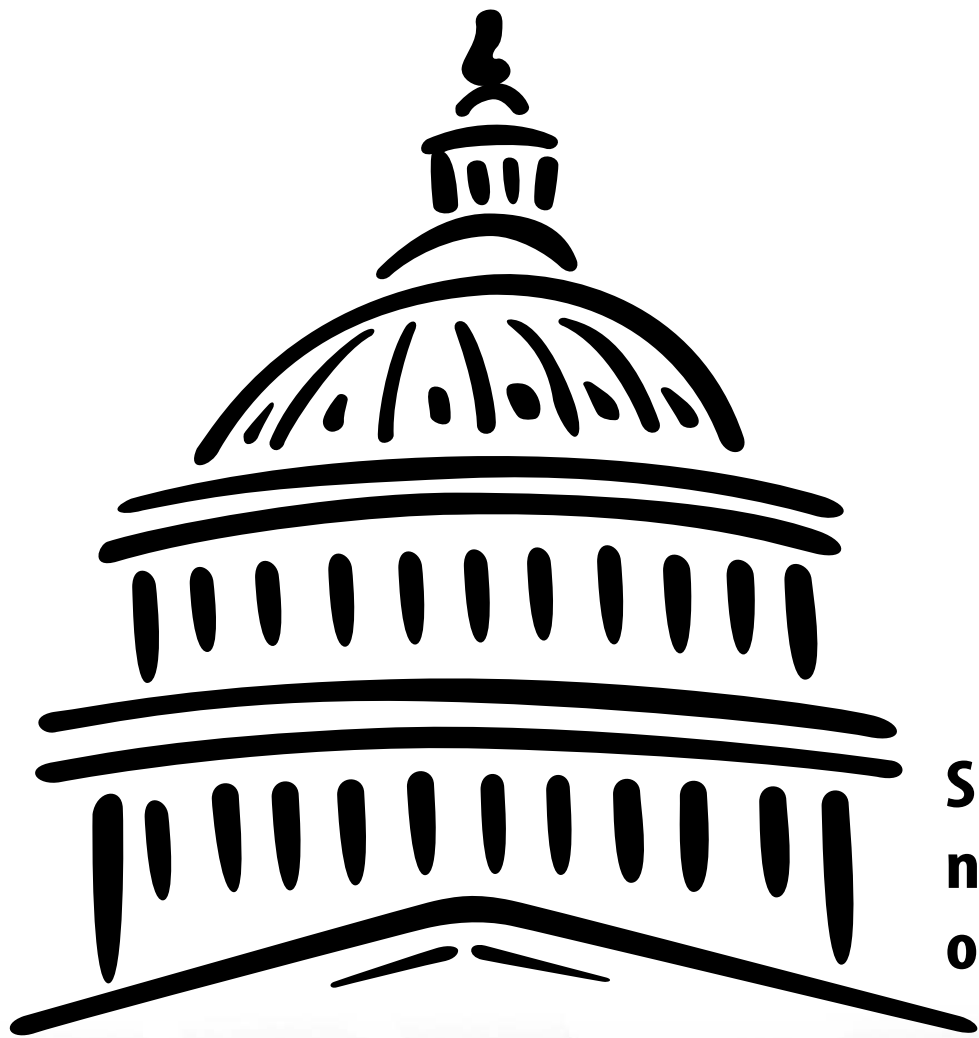
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As part of the workshop, participants can use preserved flowers to make two projects: a pressed flower bookmark and a sachet. The *Flower Preservation Workshop* will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. at the U of I Extension – Stephenson County,

located in Building R at Highland Community College, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport IL. Registration is required by calling the University of Illinois Extension at 815- 235-4125 or online at go.illinois.edu/jsw. Registration is \$10.

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The Board of Education will hold a public hearing regarding the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Le-Win Junior High School library at 517 Fremont Street, Lena, Illinois.

Pete Conway Secretary Board of Education (Published in The Shopper's Guide Aug. 28, 2024) 460398

PUBLIC NOTICE Rush Township

This is to notify all registered voters in the Township of Rush that the following is a list of vacancies for the Rush Township Board that will appear on the April 1st, 2025 Consolidated Election:

- (1) 4 year term for Township Supervisor
- (1) 4 year term for Township Clerk
- (1) 4 Year term for Township Road Commissioner
- (4) 4 Year term for Township Trustees

Petitions will be available from the Township Clerk by calling 815.718.9663 beginning on August 20, 2024. Petitions must be filed with the Township Clerk between November 12th and November 18th, 2024.

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Monument

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The change is not slated to take effect until July 1, 2025. The plaintiffs argue it would "upend the intricate and carefully calibrated global systems for debit and credit card purchases." Specifically, they say the state action "usurps the federal government's sole regulatory authority" of certain banks and credit unions.

The lawsuit also argues the fees are necessary for the financial institutions to offset risks such as the purchaser defaulting or the purchase being fraudulent.

Institutions "do not have the capabilities, systems, or processes to comply" with the law by July 1, the lawsuit argues, and they'd have to invest "potentially hundreds of millions of dollars" depending on the institution to put systems in place.

The lawsuit asked the courts to prevent the law from taking effect on July 1 and declare it invalid.

Proponents of the IFPA say it should be easily implemented because institutions are already prohibited from charging fees on purchases made through government programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and the tax and tip portion of charges is already separated in financial systems.

State cuts funds to village of Dolton

Comptroller Susana Mendoza announced Aug. 15 her office will withhold roughly \$135,000 from a village in Chicago's south suburbs for failing to file required annual financial reports with the state.

The village of Dolton, led by controversial Mayor Tiffany Henyard, has failed to file its annual financial report, a financial audit and three Tax Increment Financing district reports for two years, according to the comptroller's office.

The money being withheld are the village's "offset" funds, which is money held by the state from people who owe traffic tickets or other money to municipalities like Dolton.

Mendoza's office also threatened to impose a fine of over \$78,000 on the village if its leaders don't address the problem. She said her office works with municipalities if they fall behind on reports, but that "Dolton is different."

"The mayor's office has refused to communicate with us or address the problem," Mendoza said in a statement. "If Mayor Henyard refuses to follow state law, my office will use the tools at our disposal to safeguard the interests of Dolton's citizens."

Henyard has drawn significant criticism in recent years for alleged corruption, misuse of public funds and personal battles with others in Dolton government. Her behavior sparked a change in state law earlier this year.

Federal investigators have served several subpoenas on the village, seeking, among

other things, all expense reimbursements and credit card expenditures for Henyard, according to reporting from FOX 32.

The village's board of trust-

ees also hired former Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot—who worked on federal corruption investigations as a prosecutor in the late 1990s—to investigate Henyard earlier this year.



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FHN Memorial nationally recognized for high-quality cardiovascular care

FHN Memorial Hospital has received five American Heart Association Get With The Guidelines® achievement awards for demonstrating commitment to following up-to-date, research-based guidelines for the treatment of heart disease and stroke, ultimately leading to more lives saved, shorter recovery times and fewer readmissions to the hospital.

Every 40 seconds, someone in the U.S. has a stroke or heart attack, and heart disease and stroke are the No. 1 and No. 5 causes of death in the United States, respectively. Studies show patients can recover better when providers consistently follow treatment guidelines.

Get With The Guidelines puts the expertise of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association to work for hospitals nationwide, helping ensure patient care is aligned with the latest evidence- and research-based guidelines.

As a participant in Get With The Guidelines programs, FHN Memorial Hospital qualified for the awards by demonstrating how their organization has committed to improving quality care.

"FHN is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients by implementing the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines initiatives," said FHN Stroke Program Coordinator Tracy Love, MSN, RN,

CNL. "With a stroke, time lost is brain lost, and this award demonstrates our commitment to ensuring patients in our community receive care based on nationally recognized clinical guidelines."

FHN Cardiology Clinical Nurse Leader Laura Mack, MSN, RN, CNL, HF-CERT, says the program results in better patient health: "Using GWTG helps us track and measure our performance in providing quality cardiac care. These awards are the result of collaboration between FHN clinicians and other staff to implement processes that ensure we are meeting the guidelines that lead to better outcomes for our patients."

This year, FHN Memorial Hospital received these achievement awards:

- Get With The Guidelines® - Heart Failure SILVER PLUS
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- Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll
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Apple River Fort showcases historical recipes at their Cast Iron Chef event

Visitors can enjoy the sights—and smells—as the Apple River Fort's Cast Iron Chef event returns for its third year. Fort staff and volunteers will put their culinary skills to the test as they bake, boil, and broil over open cookfires. All recipes to be showcased are authentic to the 1830s, and copies will be available for attendees to take home to try out for themselves.

But food isn't the only thing on the menu. The Fort's blockhouse will feature a display of the diverse cast iron cookware available throughout the ages, as well as other

weird and wonderful historical kitchen gadgets. Interpreters will be on hand to give guided tours of the Fort itself and answer any questions about the food or the Fort that visitors may have.

This event will take place at the Apple River Fort State Historic Site on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Attendance is free, but donations are always appreciated to fund future special events at the Fort. For more information, visit our website at www.appleriverfort.org or contact us directly info@appleriverfort.org or (815) 858-2028.

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Solve the code to discover words related to ice cream.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 12 = N)

A. 20 15 5 16 10 12

Clue: Cold and solid

B. 18 25 26 15 23

Clue: Twisted together

C. 8 5 19 19 26 12 17

Clue: Ice cream addition

D. 13 5 12 10

Clue: Ice cream holder

Answers: A. frozen B. swirl C. topping D. cone

Answers

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PUZZLE 2

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