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Pearl City's 2024 Homecoming Court

Pearl City High School celebrated Homecoming the weekend of Oct. 4. The Homecoming Court was recognized during the football game which included Homecoming King and Queen Derek Niesman and Kylie Campbell, the senior court Fallyn Endress and Jacob Runkle, Anna Dampman and Myles Freedlund, Isabella Smith and Jared

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Obituary

LOIS HILLMER

Lois Elaine Hillmer, age 93, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully on Oct. 11, 2024, at SSM Hospice Home in Monroe, WI, surrounded by her loving family. Lois was born on Jan. 10, 1931, to Harry and Sadie (Pieper) Koertner. A lifelong resident of Pearl City, IL, Lois spent her entire life on the same family farm.

She graduated from Pearl City High School in 1948 and soon after, on Aug. 13, 1949, married Richard Hillmer. Together, Lois and Richard worked side by side for 61 years, dedicating themselves to their farm and family.

Lois took great pride in her flower beds. She also enjoyed watching the Chicago Bulls and Illini basketball games or attending her grandchildren's sporting events. She enjoyed riding her Ranger from farm to farm, and one of her favorite pastimes was mowing the lawn.

Lois is survived by her son, Ken (Kathy); her three granddaughters, Kayla (Nick) Block, Kendra Hillmer (Tom Peppard), and Kara (Tom) Hofmaster; and her five great-grandchildren, Nyah, Kamdon, and Ken-



nah Block, Deaken and Rylen Hofmaster. She also leaves behind many cherished friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Sadie Koertner; her brother, Kenneth Koertner; her sister, Joann Blomquest; and her beloved husband, Richard Hillmer.

The family is deeply grateful to Dr. Terry Miller of FHN, FHN Supportive Care, and the staff at SSM Monroe Hospice Home for the loving care and support they provided Lois in her final days.

A visitation was held on Monday, Oct. 14 at Herrmann Funeral Home in Pearl City, followed by a memorial service. Burial took place at Highland Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established in Lois's name for the SSM Monroe Hospice Home and the Pearl City Athletic Booster Club.

Lois will be remembered for her warmth, kindness, and the beautiful life she cultivated on the farm she called home.



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An open weather window allowed farmers to accelerate the harvest pace in recent weeks. Soybean harvest was 24 percent complete statewide as of Sept. 30, which was 13 points ahead of the average pace.

Harvest weather dry, starting to feel more like fall

By Rhiannon Branch
FARMWEEK

Fall crops are being harvested, but recent weather felt more like summer.

State Climatologist Trent Ford said many Illinois residents got a taste of fall temperatures in early September, but the month ended much warmer.

"September average temperatures ranged from the mid-60s in northern Illinois to the low-70s in southern Illinois," he said. "Most of the state was between 1 and 5 degrees above normal, with the highest departures in the northern third of the state."

Ford said there were a lot of regional variations in temperature in September with daytime highs reaching 96 de-

grees in Mount Vernon and 95 in Peoria, while nighttime lows dipped down to 39 in Normal and 36 in Elgin. It was the second-warmest September on record in Chicago.

But it all evened out in the end with the statewide average September temperature pegged at 68.5 degrees, 1.8 degrees above the 1991-2020 average.

Ford said rainfall also varied by region in September.

"Total September precipitation ranged from less than 1 inch in far northwest Illinois to over 8 inches in parts of southern Illinois," he said. "Most areas of the state south of Interstate 64 were 1 to 5 inches wetter than normal for the month, while much of central and northern Illinois were 1 to

3 inches drier than normal."

Ford said rain from remnants of Hurricane Helene in the southern portion of the state caused the drastic differences, noting that it was the second-driest September on record in Mount Carroll to the north while Carbondale in the south was the fourth wettest with more than 8 inches for the month.

Statewide total September precipitation was pegged at 2.73 inches, 0.62 inches below the 1991-2020 average.

Drought remains a concern

Considering those totals, Ford said drought is still a concern in the central and northern portions of the state.

"Much of the region had a top-five-driest start to September on record, including the driest first 20 days of the month in Quincy, Danville, Moline, and Rockford," he said.

As of Oct. 3, the U.S. Drought Monitor indicated 70 percent of the state is experiencing abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions.

Meanwhile the hurricane eliminated drought concerns for most of southern Illinois and dropped rain across the Ohio River Basin that improved water levels on the Mississippi River.

Statewide topsoil moisture

supply was rated 44 percent short to very short, 49 percent adequate and just 7 percent surplus as of Sept. 30, the National Agricultural Statistics Service reported.

Harvest activity shifts into high gear

The overall warmer and drier September conditions continued to push the state's harvest pace ahead of average.

USDA reported as of Sept. 30, 21 percent of corn and 24 percent of soybeans were harvested in Illinois compared to the five-year average of 16 percent and 11 percent, respectively. Winter wheat planting is also ahead of normal at 11 percent complete with 2 percent emerged.

Looking ahead, the Climate Prediction Center shows higher odds of a warmer and drier than normal October, but Ford said there will still be a more noticeable transition to fall conditions.

Meanwhile, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is predicting higher chances of a wetter than normal winter season.

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Around the Northern Hills



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Pictured are (top) Mae Ann Hatfield, Deb Dombrowski, Liz Schnitzler, and Sally Toepfer working on a county project.

The Jo Daviess County organization of Home and Community Education news

The Illinois Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) has a membership of over 4,000 people. Over the years, the organization has evolved to stay in step with modern trends and needs. Originally established as the Home Bureau Federation for farm wives, the organization is now known as Home & Community Education, with a focus on providing educational opportunities for homes and communities. Its mission is to enhance social and economic well-being in households and neighborhoods.

Jo Daviess County has 75 members who are members of the six units which comprise the county organization. Members have a number of community projects they support, as well as monthly educational lessons. Proj-

ects include recognizing our educators, supporting first responders, collecting gently used shoes to be revived by international groups, and collection of pop/can tabs to be given to Ronald McDonald house. HCE also provides bookbags and a book to preschoolers across the county. Lessons range from financial responsibilities, mental health issues, to caring for family members from toddlers to aging family members.

Members have had information meetings on the Jo Daviess County Transit program, the workshop, and historical figures such as Julia Dent Grant. Camaraderie and social connections are made in HCE, and all are welcomed to visit join a meeting of the units which span across the county.

2024 Jo Daviess County Plat Books are in! This newest edition published by Rockford Map Publishers is available for purchase at our office.

The new plat book accurately displays parcel boundaries, acreage data, roadways, waterways, railways, section lines, municipal boundaries, recreational areas, and includes an index to landowners. A 3D aerial map lies opposite each township parcel map and is very useful in providing a quick gauge to the use of a particular parcel.

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau offering \$250 towards R.O.P.S. purchase

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau would like to offer funds to reimburse farmers for purchasing Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS). Fifty-five percent of farm tractors in Illinois do not have a cab or ROPS. Only 1 in 5 victims will survive a



By ANNETTE EGGERS
Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau

tractor rollover accident. The leading 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.

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau members who purchase a ROPS could receive a reimbursement of \$250 towards the purchase of a ROPS (six rebates are available). To receive the \$250, members would need to bring in their paid invoice to the Farm Bureau office in Elizabeth. Customers would be responsible for the cost, freight, and installation which are available through the dealer. 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.

Combine care packages

The Young Leaders committee wanted to give all of you a treat during harvest this year. At their last meeting they put together "combine care packages" filled with some goodies that you can keep with you in the combine or your truck during harvest.

We know that everyone will be putting in some long days during the coming weeks and wanted to make sure you had a few snacks to keep you going. The best part is it all comes in a five-gallon bucket! Who doesn't need another one of those (thanks to Ace Hardware in Stockton for donating the buckets)! There are a limited number of these, but if you are interested, stop in at the office and pick yours up

before they are gone.

Members discounts

Don't forget to take advantage of the member discounts from local businesses. Show your membership card at the business to claim your discount. For a full listing of local benefits, visit our website at jodavinesscfb.com. Go to membership, then local discounts.

Family Farm Signs

As the seasons are changing, we all start thinking of 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

October is National Pork Month. Did you know that pork is the most widely eaten meat in the world?

Scales Mound UMC 'Young at Heart' October gathering

Scales Mound United Methodist Church is pleased to host Dr. Marybeth Whitney-DeLaMar, Superintendent of Scales Mound CUSD 211 on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 1:30. Dr. Whitney-DeLaMar has worked in the field of education for nearly 40 years, and she has been the Superintendent in Scales Mound since 2021. She has a heart for children in both her professional and private lives, and she will share how this passion has directed her path.

We will also hear about the opportunities and challenges that local schools and families

have, and how volunteers can help fill the gaps. There will also be a time for discussion and questions.

Scales Mound UMC is located at 319 Mason St. and holds Young at Heart gatherings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Each month there will be refreshments, entertainment or speakers, and great community with one another. Anyone who is "young at heart" is invited to join. There is no charge for this event. Please contact Pastor Libby Rutherford at rutherford.libby@gmail.com or 815-990-1428 with any questions.

PCE Empowering Foundation to hold Farmer to Table event

PCE Empowering Foundation is proud to introduce The Farm to Table Gathering, a new and exciting event dedicated to supporting local communities. The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at 8722 N. Shady View Rd., Dakota, IL. Happy hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7 p.m. The ticket price per person is \$75. Expect an evening of good food, great company, and a shared commitment to making a positive impact.

Set in a charming, historic barn over 100 years old that was once used for milking cows, this event offers a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations while enjoying a locally sourced, delicious meal. As PCE Empowering Foundation continues to unify its efforts to make a difference, this gathering is a key part of raising awareness and supporting those in need.

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Little Blackhawks

Pictured are Stockton Elementary's Little Blackhawks for the week. These students are recognized for following the Blackhawk Way. Keep up the good work!



Slices of life

When you can't flip flop



By JILL PERTLER
Columnist

I love everything about summer. I love shorts and swimsuits and sandals. I love the sunshine. I love being at a beach with the sand between my toes. I love cool water on warm skin. I love just about everything about it. (Except its end, of course.)

As summer wanes for many of us not living in Florida, the air chills and trees change color. We begrudgingly pull out socks and long pants and sweatshirts and mourn the end of flip flop season.

Except for me. Because I have a confession.

I've never been a fan of flip flops.

There, I said it out loud.

I know that flip flops are fun. It's easy to shake the sand off of them after a day at the beach. They come in a rainbow of colors—neon even! They are quick on and quick off and a favorite summer staple for feet everywhere. I understand most readers won't understand my aversion to them, but it's a viewpoint I've held my entire life.

Flip flopping just doesn't work for me - not even on the beach, except if you are sunbathing, of course.

When it comes to feet, I prefer to deal with real shoes. Something substantial and supportive—a brand rhyming with work-in-rock comes to mind.

When you flip flop, it's practically impossible to have any substance, much less be supportive.

A shoe of substance provides the groundwork for every step forward. It provides safety, a strong foundation and the physical characteristics needed for good balance, comfort and safety.

A sandal that is supportive provides reinforcement to my foot and especially my arches. It provides good back-up in a very practical way. It upholds the values of my feet to exist

in a healthy and attractive manner. (Especially if my toes are polished.)

But here's my real, true and honest reason for an inability to enjoy the fun of a flip flop: they have that little piece - called a toe thong—that sits, rides and rubs in between the toes. This minor detail becomes major when you have extra-sensitive feet. That little divisive part of the flip flop is my own deal-breaker. It is uncomfortable. It hurts, and I don't want to hurt while walking.

My toes want to stand together—united. Flip flops destroy that unity and leave the big toe out on his (or her) own. No toe wants to stand alone, at least not the ones on my feet.

So, my apologies to flip flops. They have stood the test of time and were invented around 1500 BC by the ancient Egyptians. Their introduction to the U.S. came after World War II, when soldiers brought them back from Japan. That's a lot of history to disregard, and I don't take that lightly.

However, as cheap, fun and easy flip flops may be, I choose comfort over any flashy beach statement they might make.

Bottom line, they hurt my feet, and therein lies the rub.

Flip flops: I regrettably can't support you at this juncture in time, or more precisely at this juncture between my big toe and the other four. As sandals go, I've decided to pursue a different direction. I hope you understand.

I don't think my lack of support will affect your future. You have a faithful following of both people and feet that don't mind separated toes, not to mention bright, cheap beach footwear. Your future is on solid ground. Or at least as solid as a sandy beach can be.

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.

In my opinion

Union power in Illinois: Shrinking membership and surging political clout

By Kent Redfield

There are three quick takeaways from a recently released report from the Illinois Economic Policy Institute (ILEPI) on the "State of the Unions" in Illinois. First, Illinois remains one of the most heavily unionized states (13th) in the nation. Second, over the past 10 years the overall unionization rate in Illinois



Kent Redfield

And third, the US Supreme Court decision in the 2018

has declined from 15.1 percent to 12.8 percent (-2.3 percent).

Currently only one in eight Illinois workers is a member of a labor union.

Janus case establishing right to work principles for all public sector workers has reduced the unionization rate for those employees in Illinois by 4 percent (52 percent to 48 percent) over the past six years.

All true. Does this mean the labor is in danger of losing its place as the cornerstone of the funding base of the Illinois Democratic Party? Actually, the opposite is occurring.

During the same 10 years covered by the report, Illinois has seen a political war between two self-funding billionaire candidates and two Republican billionaire donors that is unique in the history of state government. In 2014 self-funding Republican candidate, Bruce Rauner, assisted by Ken Griffin and Richard Uihlein was elected governor.

In 2018 a self-funding Democratic candidate, JB Pritzker, beat Rauner and Griffin's money to win the governor's race. In 2022 Griffin and Uihlein backed different candidates seeking the Republican nomination for governor. Uihlein's candidate won, but lost badly to Pritzker, who again self-funded his campaign.

Over a 10-year period these four billionaires spent more than three quarters of a billion dollars of their personal fortunes on Illinois politics. The Illinois billionaire war is over. Pritzker won. But going forward neither party can count on having a billionaire patron every election cycle.

All the attention on the billionaire war obscured two dramatic changes taking

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Letter to the editor

Policy is the main criteria when you decide who to vote for as President of the United States. Not Fluff and feeling. Trump had four years to prove what he could do. Slash fuel prices, close the border, low inflation rate, no new wars. North Korea, Russia, Iran, Afghanistan, Taliban were totally under control. He took no wage to be President. Now we have a Democratic candidate Kamala Harris who has no good credentials but only politically correct fluff. She

brags being a woman. Some days she is black, others maybe Asian? Even this week she said again that she supports all of Biden's policies. They have opened the borders letting in felons, gangs, and fentanyl that kill over 200 people a day. Thousands of children have been lost to sex traffickers, wants to fast track eleven million illegals to vote Democrat, closed several of our oil pipelines and many oil drills. Now Russia and Iran are getting rich selling oil and we are buying

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place in the role of money in Illinois politics. Despite slowly declining unionization numbers and the often hostile legal climate at the national level, Illinois labor unions have become the dominant force among interest groups funding Illinois politics. As important as teacher unions, service employee unions, and public employee unions are in the labor movement in Illinois, the surge has been led by traditional trade unions.

The operating engineers, laborers, pipe trades, carpenters, and electrical workers unions were the top five entities contributing to legislative and statewide candidates in 2022. They contributed a total of \$52.7 million. Number one on the list was the operating engineers (IUOE) with \$18.6 million in contributions.

Two teacher unions (Illinois Education Association and Illinois Teachers Federation) ranked 6th and 7th.

The growth in the political clout of trade unions has been fueled by the state's spending on transportation infrastructure funded by increased gas taxes, and school and public building construction funded by taxes on sports betting and other gambling taxes. That spending has meant more union contracts and higher wages for trade union members. Illinois Democrats received 93 percent of labor union contributions in 2022.

While labor's power has been surging, the traditional funding base of the Illinois Republican Party has been

collapsing. In 2022, the top five business/professional groups contributed \$15.2 million to statewide and legislative elections. Traditional major Republican donor groups such as the Illinois Manufacturers Association, the Illinois Medical Society, and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce are no longer among the top 25 contributors. There has been a reduction in real terms of contributions from many business groups, corporations, finance groups, and professional groups as the Illinois economy has shifted away from manufacturing and retail shopping and more toward services and online marketing. Less than 50 percent of contributions from business and professional groups now go to Republicans.

In addition to the impact of labor union contributions on political campaigns for the Illinois Legislature and statewide offices in 2022, labor union contributions were a major factor in two other elections. Labor unions were significant contributors to two successful Democratic candidates for seats on the Illinois Supreme Court.

This increased the majority of judges elected to the state Supreme Court as Democrats from 4-3 to 5-2. Led by the trade unions, labor unions also backed a successful workers rights amendment to the Illinois State Constitution which made collective bargaining an individual right and prohibited the Legislature from passing right to work

dirty oil from Venezuela which has almost doubled Trump era fuel prices. Real inflation is out of control, just go to the grocery store. She was never elected to be VP candidate but was placed there by the swamp. She supports LGBQ, trans gender surgery for prisoners and illegals on taxpayer's dime and Drag Queen story hour in schools. Wake up America. Don't vote for a lifelong politician, Vote Trump. Save America from the Socialists!

Bill Dietz, Lena, IL.

legislation for private sector unions. Labor unions provided 98 percent of contributions to the group supporting the amendment. The group opposing the amendment was outspent 5-to-1 and received no support from the Illinois Manufacturers Association or the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

The very friendly political and legal environment that organized labor enjoys in Illinois just got friendlier. On their face, the slow decline of the unionization rate in the Illinois workforce and the obstacles to public sector unionization created by the *Janus* decision could raise questions about the long-term viability of the labor movement in Illinois. But a closer look shows labor unions in Illinois are politically stronger than ever.

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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, Oct. 20 for Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. This week's gospel reading is from the Gospel Mark 10:35-45.

On Wednesday, Oct. 23 the Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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 twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 9 a.m. We will be collecting and blessing the Commitment Sunday pledge cards this day. Join us on Facebook if you can't make it in person.

Everyone is welcome to come to St. John's to play cards and dominoes on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. and to play dominoes in Luther Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 9 a.m.

The October Grace Meal will be on Sunday, Oct. 20. It will include a pork chop, baked beans, coleslaw, and applesauce. Meals can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Oct. 20. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, Oct. 17. The meal is funded through the generosity of a grant from the Pearl City Lions Club and donations. If interested in donating to this ministry, reach out to the church office for more information.

St. John's will be hosting a FHN Flu Shot clinic on Sunday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Adults under 65 will

receive a \$35 trivalent vaccine and those 65 and over can get a \$85 high-dose vaccine. There will be no out-of-pocket expense if you are covered by Medicare Part B or a Medicare HMO accepted by FHN. Be sure to bring your insurance card. Immunizations may be paid for by cash or check and you can use your receipt for reimbursement from your health-insurance carrier. Per government regulations, no MEDICAID cards can be accepted at these clinics. For more information, call FHN Community Services at 815-599-7437.

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 a.m. at the Bellline Restaurant in Freeport.

The Healthy Wolves group will be packing backpacks on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 3:15 p.m. If you are interested in donating to this ministry, reach out to the church office for more information.

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.

Calvary Church of Stockton

Calvary Church of Stockton holds its weekly worship service at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The Community Choir rehearsal has begun on Thursday every week at 7:30 p.m. led by Director Lana Crandall. All those interested in singing are encour-

aged to join. The next youth meeting will be on Saturday, Oct. 26 for any youth from 7th grade through 12th. Calvary Church is located just south of the Stockton Schools on the corner of Rush and Maple Streets.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events. The annual Calvary Bazaar will be on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year Calvary is offering a quilt raffle. Purchase your chance on a beautiful green and purple quilt size 90"x104" (queen or king size) from Calvary ladies or at the Bazaar if any are left. Lunch will be available plus the usual tables of crafts and food.

New this year there will be a turkey sandwich dinner next month on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Calvary will offer carry-out, intown delivery or dine-in. The pre-sale ticket price is \$8 for a one-sandwich dinner and \$10 for a two-sandwich dinner. More details will follow. Please call the church at 815-947-2414 with any questions.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at Calvary Church, just south of the Stockton Schools. Breakfast pizza from Caseys will be served at no cost to all students attending. The Fellowship is open to all students, 7th to 12th grades, boys and girls. The Huddle will be at 7:30 a.m. led by Noah Hess, a 2023 graduate. For more information call Calvary Church at 815-947-2414 or Pastor Scott Hess at 815- 9245.

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Stephenson County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hansen

I am sure this is common with others as it is for me: as a kid, tween, and teen I often became involved with things because someone in my family had done them previously. I joined 4-H because my mother had been a member and my grandma a local club leader. During my time in 4-H I showed dogs, rabbits, participated in childcare and development and did cooking projects.

For those who are not familiar, "4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension-a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that pro-

vides experiences where young people learn by doing. For more than 100 years, 4-H has welcomed young people of all beliefs and backgrounds, giving kids a voice to express who they are and how they make their lives and communities better" according to www.4-h.org. Last week, Oct. 7 through Oct. 12 the nation celebrated National 4-H week. In celebration of that, we would like to thank the staff and the volunteers who make 4-H in our county possible for our youth. If you have kids and want to learn more, visit www.4-h.org for more information.

Trip announcements

Recently, we have had a lot of questions regarding when we will announce the 2025 trip schedule. We are excited to share that during the Stephenson County Farm Bureau open house Friday, Nov 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at our office, we will have information on all the trips we have scheduled so far next year.

For Carroll County members we will announce those trips on our Facebook/website on Friday, Nov. 1. The only trip we won't have details for is our Cubs verse Brewer trip. More

details will be announced on Friday, Feb. 7 at 8 a.m. If you have questions, please reach out to your county Farm Bureau: Carroll at 815-244-3001 and Stephenson at 815-232-3186.

Nuts and Candies orders Due Friday, Oct. 18

Back by popular demand both counties will be accepting Terri Lynn Nuts and Candies orders on or before Oct. 18. To view our entire order list visit either county websites www.carrollcfb.org or www.stephensoncfb.org or either Facebook pages. If you don't see something on our order form that you were looking for let us know. For questions or additional items please call your county Farm Bureau, Carroll at 815-244-3001 or Stephenson at 815-232-3186. Items will be ready to pick up the third week in November. Additional pickup details can be found on the order forms.

Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders named Excellence in Ag,

Achievement Award winners

A Montgomery County couple and a Henry County ag advocate were recently named winners of prestigious Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader awards. Ethan and Katie Brown, who raise pigs and grow corn and soybeans in Montgomery County, received the Young Leader Achievement Award, which recognizes Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35 for efforts in production agriculture, leadership abilities and involvement in Young Leaders and other organizations. Winners must earn their primary income from production agriculture.

"Advocacy for our family means more than just having a presence online," said Katie Brown. "While platforms like YouTube and social media play a big role in sharing our agricultural story, we also believe in being active in our local community. By volunteering at county events and supporting our state agricultural organizations, we can make a

direct, hands-on impact where it counts most." Sadie Asher of Henry County was named winner of the Young Leader Excellence in Agriculture award.

The Excellence in Agriculture award recognizes Young Leaders who are actively contributing and growing their involvement in IFB and the agriculture industry. Asher and her husband, Shane, are growing a Christmas tree farm an agri-tourism attraction in Henry County. Asher served as the 2023 IFB state Young Leader Committee chair. She also recently participated in IFB's docuseries titled, "Fields Apart: Rooted Together," which highlights the challenges and similarities between rural and urban farmers.

The winners will be recognized during IFB's annual meeting Dec. 7 through Dec. 10 in Chicago. They will go on to represent Illinois at the American Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmers and Ranchers national competition Jan. 24 through Jan. 29 in San Antonio, TX.

Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education to hold Oct. 31 meeting

Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, Oct. 31 at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 201 West Spring Street, Freeport, IL. The meeting

will be held in the Walsh Room. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting starting at 10 a.m. A light lunch will be served after the annual meeting.

The International program will begin at 1 p.m. IAHC

President Angela Hicks will be the speaker. She visited Malaysia as an Illinois delegate to the ACWW Triennial Meeting in June 2023. No reservations are required. The public is cordially invited to the Malaysia program.

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Lena-Winslow survives valiant effort from Eastland-Pearl City

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The NUIC has seen a significant amount of improved play on the gridiron this season. Although the Lena-Winslow Panthers continue to lead the way, the teams chasing them have only gotten better. Teams like the Stockton Blackhawks and the Eastland-Pearl City Wildcats have had their eyes on a return to the top for some time now. Last week, the Wildcats showed everyone they aren't as far off as some may think.

The Wildcats were riding a four-game winning streak when they played host to the Panthers in week seven. At 6-0 with a forfeit victory, the Panthers were technically riding a five-game winning streak of their own. If EPC had any opportunity to flip the NUIC on its head, week seven was it.

Right from the opening kickoff, it appeared the Wildcats had the recipe to do exactly that. Adam Awender received the opening kick and took it 81-one yards for the first score on the game's first play. The Wildcats couldn't have asked for a better start.

After getting a stop, it didn't

take long for the Wildcats to take a two-score advantage. A 15-yard touchdown pass from Awender to Zyaqn Haverland had EPC up 12-0 in the opening quarter.

At that point, it looked like the Panthers were in trouble. You never doubt the Le-Win offense, but early leads can put running teams in tough situations. If EPC could have maintained their lead long enough to force the Panthers out of running their offense, it might have been a different outcome.

Le-Win has shown their ability to stand up in the face of adversity. They did so yet again in week seven as they rushed their way to a comeback victory. Despite being down two scores, the Le-Win rushing attack had them back in the lead before the end of the first quarter.

It was Aiden Wild who first got the Panthers on the board. Wild came through when the Panthers needed him in the worst way as a four-yard touchdown rush brought the Panthers within four.

Before the end of the first, Wild tallied his second score of the day. Only six feet fur-

ther away, Wild took it into the endzone from six yards out on his second touchdown. A successful two-point conversion had the Panthers up 16-12 after an unbelievable 12 minutes of play.

The Wildcats needed a response, and they got one early in the second quarter. Draven Zier found the endzone on a four-yard score of his own, regaining the EPC lead. A failed two-point conversion left EPC with just an 18-16 lead. At that point, the Wildcats had failed all three of their conversion attempts. Since they go for two, they left six points on the table by failing to punch any of them in.

At the time, those six points felt monumental. In the long run, they didn't mean all that much. Le-Win took control of the game from that point on. Alec Schlichting found the endzone on a 14-yard run late in the second quarter. Eventually, the Panthers took a 22-18 lead into the break.

Schlichting scored his second touchdown of the day with a 26-yard scamper in the third quarter. That was the first time the Panthers held a two-score

lead as they went up 28-18 over EPC.

The Panthers put the finishing touches on a 35-18 victory when Wild punched in his third score of the day. It was a one-yard touchdown that capped off an epic comeback for the Panthers. For EPC, it was a tough pill to swallow, knowing how close they were to defeating Goliath.

Le-Win rushed for 350 yards on the day. Wild led the way with three scores and 176 yards on the ground. Schlichting added a pair of scores and 132 yards rushing.

EPC was led by Zier, who racked up 137 yards and a score. Haverland led the way in receiving with two receptions for 21 yards and a score.

For week eight, the Wildcats will travel to take on the Morrison Mustangs on Oct. 18. Morrison is 3-4 on the year. That same evening, the Panthers will travel to take on the 5-2 Galena Pirates. Galena is coming off a 43-6 victory over Dakota, and they will enter week eight with the same hopes that many other NUIC teams have, to knock off the Panthers.

Scholarship recipients announced by Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation

The Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation recently announced winners of the R.C. Miller Scholarship for the 2024-25 year. The R.C. Miller Scholarship was established and funded by the late R.C. Miller, a local leader in agri-business. He started the scholarship program to encourage and support Stephenson County residents pursuing degrees in agriculture with an emphasis in conservation. The Stephenson County Extension and 4-H Foundation is responsible for the scholarship adminis-

tration.

This year's winners are Odin Stabenow and Ross Stabenow, from Lena, IL. They will each be receiving funds to use towards their education expenses, and both are focusing in Agricultural and Life Sciences studies at Iowa State University.

For more information about the Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation, which provides financial support to the University of Illinois Extension and 4-H in Stephenson County, please call 815-235-4125.

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The Lena-Winslow Panthers and the Pearl City Wolves held their annual Pink Out game on Oct. 8 to raise cancer awareness.

Panthers outlast Wolves in annual pink out game

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers and the Pearl City Wolves faced off in their annual Pink Out game to raise cancer awareness last week.

The Panthers were fresh off a third-place finish at this

year's Pekin Tournament. Le-Win has faced some mighty challenges in tournament play this year, but when it comes to NUIC league play, the Panthers continue to find ways to dominate the competition. They were a perfect 7-0 in conference play prior to the

match against Pearl City.

The Wolves have experienced their fair share of ups and downs. Early on, a four-game winning streak had the Wolves riding high. Recently, the Wolves suffered back-to-back losses to Durand and Pecatonica. Last week, the

Wolves dropped the Pink Out game against Le-Win, before losing their ensuing match-up against Forreston. Those losses dropped Pearl City's record to 15-12 overall and 3-6 in conference play.

Pearl City still put up a fight to defend their home

court against the Panthers. Last time these teams faced off, Le-Win walked away with a 2-0 sweep over the Wolves. After a close first set saw the Panthers win 25-22, Pearl City was unable to keep pace in the second set. A 25-14 victory easily secured the

2-0 win for the Panthers.

Pearl City was determined to come back as an improved team for their second match-up. The first set had all the indications of another easy win for the Panthers. After

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Lena American Legion

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

McConnell American Legion Auxiliary

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary is preparing for the 5th annual troop care package project and is seeking addresses of active military per-

sonnel stateside or deployed. These addresses can be emailed to mconnellauxiliary@gmail.com or call Pat at 815-266-1165 or Terri at 815-541-6792. Addresses must be received no later than Nov. 8, 2024. All addresses are kept confidential.

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary Meeting will be held at the McConnell Legion on Oct. 16 at 5 p.m. We welcome anyone who is interested in the Auxiliary.

The 5th annual troop care package drop-off and bake sale will be held on Oct. 26, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the McConnell Legion. Items for

the troop care package and donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Terri 815-541-6792 or Patty 815-266-1165 with any questions.

Blood donors needed in Monroe

To help meet the continued national blood supply need, please consider participating in SSM Health's Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, Nov. 5. The Blood Drive will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the St. Clare Conference Center at the main clinic located at 515 22nd Avenue in Monroe.

Appointments are encouraged but not required. To schedule, please visit Bloodcenter.org or call SSM Health Monroe Hospital Volunteer Services Coordinator, Mary Berger, at 608-324-1569.

Bake sale fundraiser

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, there will be a Bake Sale at Helm Truck and Equipment, 2290 Business Rt. 20 East from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Helm Truck and Equipment will match all proceeds of the bake sale to support two deserving families in the community. There will be pies, cupcakes, cookies, snacks, cakes, brownies and more.

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Pearl City students hard at work

Mrs. Brouhard's fourth grade class welcomes visitor Mr. Eli Brouhard. Eli is the 2023 World Gold Medal Champion and the 2024 World Silver Medal Champion in Arm Wrestling. Eli was a bronze medalist with his non-dominant hand as well.

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going back-and-forth to start, Le-Win ran away with what would be a 25-15 victory in the first set.

With their backs against the wall, the Wolves stood tall in the second set. It took an epic comeback just to get there. At one point, the Wolves faced a 10-point deficit as they trailed 20-10. Pearl City then went on a run, climbing their way back to a 25-21 victory in the second set.

Le-Win wasn't going to let their conference record be at risk in the third and final set. The Panthers locked in as they battled their way to a 25-13 win, securing the 2-1 victory over the Wolves.

The Wolves were led by Danica Stager, who finished with six kills on the night. Maya Boyer was right behind her with five kills. Stager also led the team in total blocks with two. Kylie Campbell led the team with 13 digs and Fallyn Endress led the way in assists with eight.

Rachael Setterstrom was a focal point of the Le-Win offense against Pearl City. Setterstrom racked up 13 kills on the night, more than double that of the next closest Panthers. Eden Dietz was that next closest Panther, finishing

with six kills in the win. Alyssa Daughenbaugh moved the ball around well as she finished with 26 assists. Mia Diefenderfer led the team in digs with 10.

The Panthers went on to beat Pecatonica in their next game, improving their record to 19-7 on the year. On Thursday, Oct. 17 they will play host to the Orangeville Broncos in another big NUIC matchup. That same night, the Wolves have their own big conference matchup as they play host to the Durand Bulldogs.

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Pearl City's Joshua Wool arm wrestles Eli Brouhard World Silver Medalist Arm Wrestling Champion in Mrs. Brouhard's classroom.

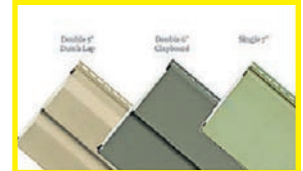
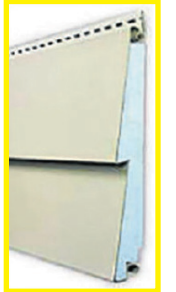
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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Our beautiful weather was with us last week and the weekend. Maybe it will be cooler this week, but the unseasonable October weather continues. We may not be looking for any frost on the pumpkin for a while. This week we feature some fall recipes. Have a great week cooking.

Herbed Shrimp Dip

This warm seafood dip is a good one for a football party or a holiday party. If you can't find the baguettes, you could use flatbread cut into pieces.

- 1 lb. large fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 6 T. extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 t. paprika
- 1 t. onion powder
- 1 t. garlic powder
- 1 thin French baguette, cut into 1/4 inch pieces
- 2 T. apple cider vinegar
- 2 T. thinly chopped fresh chives
- 1 T. finely chopped fresh parsley

1/4 t. pepper
Pat shrimp dry. In a large bowl, toss together shrimp with 1 T. oil and paprika, onion powder, and garlic powder. Let stand for 10 to 20 minutes. Preheat oven to 425. On a baking sheet, place baguette slices. Brush tops with 2 T. oil. Bake until golden and toasted, 8 to 10 minutes. Heat a skillet over high heat with 1 T. oil. Add shrimp to pan in batches and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. In another large bowl, whisk together vinegar, chives, parsley, pepper and remaining 2 T. of oil. Chop grilled shrimp into 1/2 inch pieces; add to vinegar mixture, tossing to coat. Serve with croutons

1/2 C. water
1 lb. bulk pork sausage
1 lb. sliced fresh mushrooms
1 large onion, chopped finely
1 celery rib, chopped finely
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 C. beef broth
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 C. salad croutons
1/2 C. 2% milk
1/3 C. Parmesan cheese
1 C. sharp shredded cheddar cheese, divided

Cut squash in half, discard seeds. Place cut side down in an ungreased sheet cake baking pan with sides. Add water. Cover with foil and bake at 350 for 40 to 50 minutes or until tender.

In a large skillet, cook the sausage, mushrooms, onions, celery, and garlic over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain excess liquid. Add broth. Bring to a boil; cook until liquid is reduced by half; stir in the soup, croutons, milk, Parmesan and 3/4 C. of shredded cheddar. Drain water from squash. Turn squash over, stuff with sausage mixture. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake uncovered for 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted.

brats, chopped
2 C. pretzel pieces
Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, whisk soup, beer or broth and sour cream until combined. Stir in potatoes, sauerkraut, cheese and chopped bratwurst. Transfer to a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Cover and bake for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake for 30 minutes. Top with pretzel pieces. Bake casserole until bubbly and heated through, 12 to 15 minutes longer. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Chicken Broccoli Casserole

I know I have given you a lot of casseroles with chicken and broccoli, but this one is really easy. It uses stuffing mix and cooked chicken. Once again, rotisserie chicken is your friend. You can also use canned chicken. This casserole is an easy weeknight meal.

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

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

Frosted Harvest Cake

This pumpkin cake is moist and tastes like fall. You can't go wrong on a cake with cream cheese frosting.

- 1 can (18 oz.) pumpkin
- 4 eggs, room temperature
- 3/4 C. canola oil
- 2 t. vanilla
- 2 C. flour
- 2 C. sugar
- 1 T. pumpkin pie spice
- 2 t. cinnamon
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1/2 t. salt
- Frosting
- 6 T. unsalted butter, softened
- 3 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 t. 2% milk
- 1/8 t. salt
- 1/2 t. cinnamon (optional)
- 1 1/2 to 2 C. powdered sugar

In a large bowl, beat the pumpkin, eggs, oil and vanilla until blended. Combine the dry ingredients in a separate bowl; gradually stir into pumpkin mixture. Pour into a

greased 15x10x1 baking pan. Bake at 350 for 20 to 25 minutes. In a small bowl, beat the butter, cream cheese, vanilla, milk and salt until smooth. Gradually add the powdered sugar until smooth (if desired add cinnamon). Frost cake; cut into bars. Store in the refrigerator.

Apple Dump Cake

This is a simple dessert that has simple ingredients. I have had cherry and peach dump cake recipes, but not apple. Be sure you get the extra apples in the pie filling. It is easy to make and easy to serve.

2 cans (20 oz. each) apple pie filling
1 pkg. yellow cake mix
1 C. butter, melted
Whipped cream
Preheat oven to 350. Spread pie filling into a greased 9x13 baking dish. Sprinkle with cake mix; drizzle with butter. Bake until golden brown, 30 to 35 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Serve with whipped cream.

Final Thoughts

My mums are blooming beautifully, so it does seem like fall. Someone said that we won't lose leaves on the trees until we get cooler weather. My farmer friends are grateful for the dry weather so that they don't have to spend the money to dry corn. My lawn would like some rain, because it hasn't had to be mowed in two weeks.

We inch closer to Halloween. Maybe the trick or treaters won't have to wear winter coats! Football and volleyball seasons are winding down. The teams are getting closer to being set for the World Series. I really have no interest in baseball since there are no teams in my little corner of the world.

I am thinking of all those hurricane victims. I know how bad water damage can be because I have had experience with it; however, it seems they just keep having to deal with hurricanes and tornadoes all the time. My hope is that their recovery will be fast; living without electricity and basic supplies is terrible.

Because of the warm weather, we haven't had much need for soup recipes either! Have a good week of enjoying some good outside activities. We will be looking for some good squash and apple recipes, so send some favorites our way. We also will be looking for some pork recipes as well as some soup recipes. 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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Sausage and Mushroom Stuffed Squash

I have had acorn stuffed squash recipes before, but this one combine sausage and mushrooms. The mushrooms add to the meaty flavor of the sausage, and of course, everything is better with cheese.

- 3 medium acorn squash

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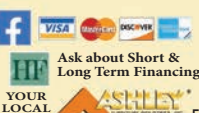
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Freeport police reports

Felony possession of a firearm and domestic violence arrest

On Oct. 5, 2024, Officers with the Freeport Police Department were dispatched to a residence in the 300 block of N. Galena Avenue regarding a domestic violence incident. When Officers arrived on scene, they met with a female victim who had visible injuries. William P. Higgs, a 55-year-old resident of Freeport, was also on scene and arrested for domestic battery.

During the course of the investigation, Officers additionally learned that William Higgs was illegally in possession of firearms inside of his residence. A search warrant was obtained for the residence and Officers recovered two semi-automatic pistols and ammunition from inside of the residence.

Felony charges of Domestic Battery and Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon were approved for William Higgs by the Stephenson County State's Attorney. Higgs was arrested and transported to the Police Department where

he was processed. Higgs was then taken to the Stephenson County Jail where he was released into the custody of the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office and is currently 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 incident

On Oct. 9, 2024, at 10:26 p.m., Officers of the Freeport Police Department responded to a Sound Thinking alert in the 500 block of W. Broadway Street in reference to a shots fired incident.

An Officer in the area also heard the gunshots being fired and believed the shots were south of the Police Department. As Officers responded, three male subjects dressed in all dark clothing were observed by an Officer running northwest in the area of Locust Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard.

Other Officers surrounded

the area and began pursuing the suspect males as they continued to run. At one point, one of the males was observed holding a firearm as he ran. That male was eventually apprehended in the 500 block of W. Addison Street. He was identified as a 17-year-old male juvenile who is a resident of Freeport. A loaded semi-automatic firearm was recovered from the area the juvenile was apprehended. A second male was apprehended in the 600 block of W. Stephenson Street. He was identified as a 17-year-old male

juvenile who is a resident of Freeport. A loaded semi-automatic firearm was recovered from the area the juvenile was apprehended. The third suspect male remains at large. Felony firearms offenses were approved for both juvenile males. The juvenile males were transported to the Kane County Juvenile Detention Center.

At this time, it is believed this incident was not a random act of violence. The Freeport Police Department is asking anyone who may have information about this incident to

contact either the Freeport Police Department at 815-235-8222, Stateline Area Crime Stoppers at 866-TIPSNOW, or through texting at Tip411.

Homicide investigation

On Oct. 9, 2024, at 8:44 p.m., Officers of the Freeport Police Department responded to a Sound Thinking alert in the 1000 block of S. Float Avenue in reference to a shots fired incident.

When Officers arrived on scene, they discovered one male victim who had been struck by gun fire. The victim

was taken to FHN Hospital by Freeport Fire Department paramedics and later pronounced deceased. Timothy Green, a 29-year-old Freeport resident, has been identified as the individual who died as a result of being struck by gunfire.

The Freeport Police Department is investigating the incident and is asking anyone who may have information to contact the Freeport Police Department at 815-235-8222, the Stateline Area Crime Stoppers at 866-TIPSNOW or through texting at Tip411.

Walk-Up flu shot clinics scheduled for fall 2024

FHN is offering a full schedule of walk-up flu shot clinics at locations throughout northwest Illinois. All events are open to the public. Adults under 65 years of age will get a trivalent vaccine that protects against 3 strains of influenza for \$35. Adults 65 and over will receive a high-dose version of the vaccine (\$85). There is no out-of-pocket expense for those covered by Medicare Part B (please present Medicare card) or a Medicare HMO accepted by FHN (list available at each location - covered persons MUST present the Medicare HMO card instead of the Medicare card for the billing process).

Immunizations may be paid for by cash or check payable to FHN (no credit or debit cards will be accepted). Please note that these prices are only available at these flu shot clinics; other rates may apply in FHN offices. No other insurance coverage can be accepted at these flu shot clinics, and per government regulations, no Medicaid cards can be accepted at these locations.

Because of federal guidelines to prevent identity theft, everyone must present a photo ID to receive an immunization. For their own safety, children should be immunized at their regular healthcare provider's office. Persons with allergy to eggs

or the flu vaccine, those with an illness accompanied by a fever or depressed immune system should not receive the flu immunization at these locations. For more information, call FHN Community Services at 815-599-7437.

This year's clinics include:

October 10 • 1 - 3 p.m. at West Manor, 525 Third Street, Savanna

October 11 • 9 a.m. - noon at Carroll County Senior Center, 17612 Benton Street, Mount Carroll (free blood pressure screening also available to the public)

October 13 • 10 a.m. - noon at First Lutheran Church, 301 S. Clay, Mount Carroll

October 17 • 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Liberty Village Estates, 2080 Navajo Drive, Freeport (free blood pressure screening also available to the public)

October 20 • 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, 1440 S. Walnut Avenue, Freeport

October 22 • 10 a.m. - noon at Bethel United Methodist Church, 217 S. Hickory Street, Shannon

October 25 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Golden Meals, 524 W. Stephenson St. (lower level) Freeport (free blood pressure screening also available to the public)

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NOTICE OF LEASE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF STOCKTON AND INVITATION TO BID

The Village of Stockton will accept bids for the lease, under the successful bid, of the following described property:

36.4 acres, more or less, of farm ground commonly referred to as the "land-fill farm ground" located in part of the NE 114 of Section 18, Township 27 North, Range 5 East of the 4th P.M., Jo Daviess County, IL, located in the general vicinity of the Stockton landfill near the

former railroad tracks in Wards Grove Township. Bids for the lease of said property are hereby invited and will be received by the Village Clerk, Stefanie Hatley, in person at the Village Hall, 155 W. Front Ave., Stockton, IL or by mail at P.O. Box 186, Stockton, IL 61085.

Bids shall bear the legend "Bid-Lease of Farm Ground" and the name and address of bidder. Bids will be accepted until the close of business on November 8, 2024. Bids should be accompanied by a check for 10% of the lease amount bid for 1 year and be made payable to the Village of Stockton.

Said lease shall be for the three (3) year term beginning March 1, 2025 and ending February 28, 2028. The cash farm lease shall provide half of the annual amount of the rent to be paid on March 1st of each year of the lease term and the balance to be paid by December 1st of each year of the lease term.

All bids received will be opened and read during the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at the Village Hall on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

A lease may be awarded to the highest bidder whose bid is found to be in the best interest of the Village of Stockton. The

Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding. The Trustees further reserve the right to review and study any and all bids and to make a lease award within 30 days after the bids have been opened and read. The checks of unsuccessful bidders shall be promptly returned by mail.

Additional information concerning terms and conditions may be obtained by contacting the Village Clerk at (815) 947-2515.

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

NICHOLAS PAULEY, Petitioner, v. SAVANNAH COLLIER, Respondent.

Case No: 2024 FA 72
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

YOU, SAVANNAH COLLIER, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that this case has commenced in this Court and is pending against you asking for allocation of parental responsibilities and other relief. UN-

LESS YOU FILE YOUR Response or otherwise file your Appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit of the 15th Judicial Circuit, Stephenson County, Illinois at 15 N Galena Ave Ste 2 2nd floor, Freeport, IL 61032 before Friday, November 1, 2024, or appear in person in Courtroom 2 of the Stephenson County Courthouse at 15 N Galena Ave Ste 2 2nd floor, Freeport, IL 61032 on Friday, November 1, 2024, or via Zoom, Meeting ID# 884 9664 9272. If you cannot log on through a computer or smart phone, please dial any of the numbers below from a phone: (312) 626-
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Annual Treasurer's Report Village of Stockton Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April, 30, 2024

Revenues:		Center, Inc.	4,564.35
Corporate Replacement Taxes	\$ 31,278	Frontier	3,229.46
Sales Taxes	652,043	Gills Freeport Disposal	203,960.00
Use Taxes	64,992	Globe Life Liberty National Division	8,143.92
Business Development District Taxes	266,697	Granse/Trio Sales, LLC	5,583.60
State Income Tax	287,574	Heidenreich, Thomas	43,667.87
Motor Fuel Taxes	75,894	Helm Materials	75,597.55
Property Taxes	571,425	IEPA 117-2982	38,106.42
Licenses and Permits	22,731	IEPA 117-4467	30,935.56
Fines and Forfeitures	20,933	IEPA 117-5438	44,604.48
Reimbursements from State of Illinois	\$ 6,199	IEPA 117-5S55	52,769.55
Cable Franchise Fees	13,225	Ill DEPT REVENUE	42,189.44
Telecommunications Fee	31,484	Illinois Countries Risk Management Trust	71,009.00
Video gaming	100,513	Illinois EPA (NPDES)	10,000.00
Water, Sewer and Garbage Receipts	1,525,224	Illinois EPA laboratory	3,907.15
Interest Earnings	147,173	ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FU	142,192.16
Rent	13,655	Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Voluntary A	35,927.13
Miscellaneous	192,618	Illinois Public Risk Fund	32,804.00
Other Financing sources		Illinois State Disbursement Unit	39,043.88
Total Revenues;	<u>\$4,023,658</u>	J.P. Dragline Services	45,000.00
		JCE CO-OP	5,584.94
Vendors over \$2,500:		Karl Chevrolet, Inc.	105,443.40
AC Pavement Striping Co.	\$143,588.34	Kathleen Field Orr & Associates	2,728.00
Alliance law Office, P.C., Philip F. Jensen	5,611.50	Kevin R Pierce Electric Inc	3,369.68
American legal Publishing Corp	2,577.33	Larson & Larson Builders Inc.	521,950.89
Bard Materials	4,902.36	Lee Jensen Sales Co., Inc.	11,585.00
Barkau Automotive	8,400.00	Lexipol LLC	5,091.83
Barkau Automotive, Inc.	14,549.74	Lyons Lab	3,432.00
Black Cat Seal Coating & Asphalt Maint, Justin Pl	2,750.00	M & M Concrete, Inc,	3,975.00
Blue Cross & Blue Shield Of Illinois	82,148.12	Mahoney Publishing	2,520.72
Brewster Cheese Company	22,635.00	Martelle Water Treatment	18,366.92
Brown, Marquita	6,009.00	MediaCom	2,791
Buckeye Power Sales Co., Inc.	3,998.58	Metz Welding	3,200
Cargill, Inc	28,702.39	Molitor Plumbing	8,591
Caseys General Stores, Inc	7,169.05	Molitor Plumbing	11,139
CFPS	24,500.00	Monroe Truck Equipment Inc	10,816
CFPS	4,500.00	MSA	3,720
Civic Systems, LLC	18,520.00	MSA, Project 71035	4,590
Collins Sanitary, LLC	4,950.00	MSA Professional Services	5,795
ComEd	78,188.56	MSA Professional Services	222,121
Core & Main LP	8,147.54	MSA Professional Services	244,917
Crystal image Cleaning Inc	5,529.16	MSA Professional Services	6,890
Direct Energy Business	68,961.48	MSA Professional Services Inc.	18,808
Elevated Roofing	7,480.00	MSA Professional Services Inc.	5,800
Fischer Excavating, Inc.	75,170.05	Mud Run Beer Co.	15,969
FNH Ready Mix, Inc.	3,642.00	Mud Run Beer Co.	9,095
Freeport Metal Specialists, Co.	11,112.00	Mullen Tree Care	34,500
Frink's Sewer And Drain Inc.	17,610.00	Oppold Backhoe Service, Inc	2,878
Fritz Nursery & Garden		Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg Castaldo Ltd	5,008

Prairie State Tractor	33,366
Purchase Power	2,706
Quill Corporation- Acct C806229	2,780
Raisbeck Painting	10,021
RK Heating, Cooling & Electric	6,100
Scott Stichter	4,449
Sicalco ltd.	2,573
Stephenson Service Company	6,495
Stockton Ace Hardware	4,634
Stockton Ace Hardware- TIF	11,000
Stockton Auto Supply	2,777
Stockton Chamber Of Commerce	3,150
Stockton Fireworks Committee	3,000
Stockton Heritage Museum	8,196
Stockton School District #206	13,000
Stockton Township Road District	3,100
The Stewart Law Firm, P.C.	6,594
Tri-State Computers, LLC	9,730
United Healthcare Insurance Co.	6,818
United States Treasury	237,161
USA Blue Book	5,256
Utility Service Co., Inc.	34,121
Vanderheyden Furniture	5,335
Vanderheyden Furniture	5,181
Village Of Stockton, Surplus/Petty	2,910.43
Village Of Stockton, Water Deposit Fund	3,258.13
VISA- 4799	6,526.40
VISA- 5515	7,592.99
Wards Grove Township Road District	2,594.00

Westaby Concrete, Brandon Westaby	15,052.00
Wex Bank	6,854.19
WEX Bank	23,730.98
Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc	18,660.38
Williams Brothers Construction, Inc.	3,032,511.78
Willow Repair Shop, Al Nowviocok	7,862.17
WIPFLI LLP	22,025.00
All other under \$2,500	<u>115,805</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 6,588,191</u>

Salaries:
Salaries under \$25,000: Richard Strain, Daniel Kunz, Cheryl Bourland, Mark Heidenreich, Irene Logemann, Karl Olson, Carol Rowe, Kathleen Wachter, Susanne Young, Billie Jo Eisfeller, Linda Gonnerman, Mitch Kappes, Terry McGovern, Leslie Hawley, Gayle Lingle, Diane Bradley-TEMP
Salaries from \$25,000 to \$49,999: Amy Haas, Rena Eden - Resigned 3/1/24, Kevin Schubert, Stefanie Hatley
Salaries above \$50,000: Christian Schock, Brad Schubert, Kevin Stewart, Cole Vanderheyden, Jeff Altfillisch, Rob Sigafus, Aaron Sullivan, Steve Rice, Jacob Perry, Brice Doubler

Village of Stockton Summary Statement of Condition Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024

Beginning		Special Revenue	Enterprise
	General		
Fund Balance	\$ 1,070,579	\$ 854,360	\$ 11,363,993
Revenues Received	1,416,663	992,202	1,614,793
Expenditures Disbursed	(1,250,056)	(672,832)	(906,585)
Depreciation			(817,228)
Other Financing:			
Sources	74,371	105,706	4,771,077
Uses	(175,878)	(25,000)	(502,295)
Ending	\$ 1,135,679	\$ 1,254,436	\$ 15,523,755

Subscribed and sworn to this 9th day of Oct., 2024.

Brenda Baczek
Brenda Baczek, Treasurer

I, Stefanie Hatley, Village Clerk of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024.

Stefanie Hatley
Stefanie Hatley, Village Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICES



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Rotary Club presents Paul Kindig Student of the Quarter Award

The Rotary Club of Galena presented its Paul Kindig Student of the Quarter Awards to five area Jo Daviess County students on Friday, Oct. 4 at the DeSoto House Hotel. The sophomore students include (left to right) Mayci Mullen (Warren), Gracie Allen (River Ridge), Lucas Brennen (Stockton), Justo Aguirre Marin (Galena), and Collin Curtis (Scales Mound).

Learn about stroke at free FHN program

Every 40 seconds, another American has a stroke. The public is invited to learn about stroke at a special FHN Speaker Series event Oct. 16. FHN Stroke Program Coordinator Tracy Love, MSN, RN, CNL, will talk about the risk factors for stroke, signs and symptoms, treatment options, and how to help prevent a stroke from occurring at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills, 1010 W. Fairway Drive in Freeport. FHN Memorial Hospital has been rated by the Illinois Department of Public Health as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital, and Tracy will dis-

cuss FHN's teleneurology capabilities connecting the FHN Stroke Team to a Regional Comprehensive Stroke Center partner for collaboration on care of stroke patients, including advanced treatment

options. The program is free to attend, but registration is required. Visit fhn.org/stroke for more information and to register, or call toll-free 1-877-600-0346, ext. 901.

NOTICE FOR LEGAL DEADLINE CHANGE

The legal deadline for this paper will be changing to **FRIDAYS at 3:30 p.m.** beginning November 8, 2024 for the following week's paper

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Continued from previous page 6799, (646) 558-8656, or (346) 248-7799. A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THIS COMPLAINT. Prepared by: Brooke Zamora, Simmons Law, LLC, One Court Place Ste 404, Rockford, IL 61101, (815) 570-9662, brooke.zamora@simmonsllaw.org.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF, VS. DAVID C THOMPSON; THE GALENA TERRITORY ASSOCIATION, INC.; SHENANDOAH HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2023FC11 4 APPALOOSA LANE GALENA, IL 61036 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 September 3, 2024, Judicial Sales Corporation will on November 20, 2024, in JoDaviess County Courthouse 330 North Bench Street, (east door), Galena, IL 61036, at 10:00 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 Jo Daviess, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 47 IN SHENANDOAH UNIT NO. 10 OF BRANIGAR'S THE GALENA TERRITORY LOCATED IN THE

SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER; THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER; THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER; THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER; THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28; THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33; AND IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27; ALL IN TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, GUILFORD TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 6, 1979 AS DOCUMENT NO. 153059 IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGES 90, 91 AND 92 AND NOW LOCATED IN PLAN HOLD B OF PLATS, NOS. 53-B, 54-A AND B, 55-A AND B AND 56-A.

TAX NO. 08-110-047-00 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 4 Appaloosa Lane Galena, IL 61036 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family home.

The Judgment amount was \$378,807.31.

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 pur-

chaser 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# 23-15186IL

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. I3252981

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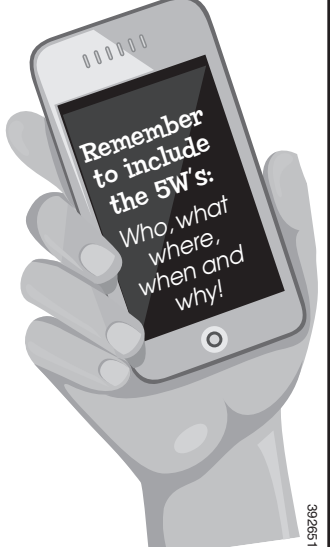
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Annual report shows gains in some areas of gambling may come at others' expense

State reached record-high tax revenue of over \$2 billion last year

By Hannah Meisel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois surpassed \$2 billion in tax revenue last year from all types of gambling and the state lottery—a record bolstered by continued growth in video gambling, sports betting and the opening of several new casinos.

But that growth comes at the expense of Illinois' traditional riverboat casinos and the horse racing industry, which has been on a downward trajectory for decades.

An annual report published recently by the General Assembly's fiscal forecasting arm laid out the state's record nearly \$2.1 billion in revenues, nearly half of which was earmarked for infrastructure projects, while most of the remainder

went to education.

While the Illinois Lottery continues to make up a significant portion of the state's wagering revenues, it might soon be eclipsed by Illinois' ever-growing video gambling industry. In the last fiscal year, the lottery netted \$886 million in state tax revenue while video gambling's state taxes climbed to \$848 million.

Statewide, bars, restaurants and truck stops have installed 48,176 video gambling machines since 2012—a figure that's grown steadily each year despite the COVID-19 pandemic shuttering all gambling activity for months.

Also not stopping the industry's growth: a series of tax increases, including one approved

in the spring as part of state budget negotiations.

Video gambling is also the largest driver of increased per-capita spending on all types of wagering in Illinois over the last five years, though the popularity of sports betting has also been a factor. Illinoisans spent more than \$7 billion spent on gambling, lottery tickets and other types of betting-based entertainment last year—approximately \$560 per capita.

Though video gambling may be eating away at Illinois' casino industry—a fear that has been vocalized since negotiations on legalizing the terminals 15 years ago—the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability's report also blames “added competition from new casinos across Illinois.”

COGFA's report indicates overall casino revenue growth is mainly due to the success of Rivers Casino in Des Plaines and the opening of five new casinos statewide in the past few years. A sixth, in Chicago's south suburbs, is slated to open later this fall.

Illinois' nine riverboat legacy casinos, most of which have

been running for about three decades, have seen their revenues decline “for nine consecutive years,” according to the report. Visits to casinos in East St. Louis, East Peoria and Joliet's Harrah's Casino have seen significant drop-off.

“The opening of additional casinos provides an abundance of new gaming opportunities for gamblers in Illinois,” the report said. “However, there are concerns of oversaturation. ... By the end of FY 2024, the number of video gaming terminals in operation across Illinois has grown to over 48,000, the equivalent of over 40 ‘full-size’ Illinois casinos.”

Horse racing, on the other hand, has continued to dwindle in Illinois. After Arlington Racetrack closed in 2021 and sold the land to the Chicago Bears, Hawthorne Race Course in Stickney and Fairmount Park in Collinsville are the only two racetracks remaining in operation. The report notes horse racing brought in “a mere \$6 million” in state revenues last year, and that “racinos”—provided for in a massive 2019 law that legalized sports betting and created six new casino licens-

es—have not yet materialized as a lifeline for racetracks.

Fairmount has been buoyed by partnering with sports betting giant FanDuel for the past several years, making it the home base for Illinois' most successful online sports betting company. FanDuel's adjusted gross receipts last year totaled more than \$449 million, while its closest competitor, DraftKings, totaled \$387 million.

The two juggernauts complained loudly about a new,

higher-rate tax structure imposed on sports betting in May, though COGFA's report noted that not all of Illinois' sports betting licenses have yet been claimed, and that sports betting revenues “have grown rapidly” since the market launched in 2020.

“Given this trend and the recently added sportsbooks, it is believed that sports wagering will continue to grow overall despite a higher tax structure,” the report said.

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ymous, no questions asked.

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• Clinics (Continued from page 11)

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November 5 • 9 a.m. – noon at St. John's Lutheran Church, 625 Country Lane, Lena (free blood pressure screening also available to the public)

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REAL ESTATE NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF,

VS. DAVID C THOMPSON; THE GALENA TERRITORY ASSOCIATION, INC.; SHENANDOAH HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2023FC11 4 APPALOOSA LANE GALENA, IL 61036

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 September 3, 2024, Judicial Sales Corporation will on November 20, 2024, in Jo Daviess County Courthouse 330 North Bench Street, (east door), Galena, IL 61036, at 10:00 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 Jo Daviess, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 08-110-047-00 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 4 Appaloosa Lane Galena, IL 61036

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family home.

The Judgment amount was \$378,807.31.

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.

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

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Satan or Jesus?

Ex-Satanist John Ramirez warns Christian parents of the dangers of celebrating Halloween. “It's like having a one night stand with the devil. There's a quote by Anton Lavey, founder of the Church of Satan, where he says in his own words, ‘I want to thank every Christian parent for allowing their children to celebrate the devil one night out of the year,’ which is Halloween. He's intentionally thanking Christian parents. Thank you for dressing up your kids, changing their identity, sacrificing spiritually.”

He likened the practice to having a “one night stand”, saying: “We go celebrate Halloween; we're in bed with the devil for one night. To me, it's like, why would you want to cheat on Jesus? Jesus doesn't cheat on you. I don't see the satanists coming to your church to cheat on the devil. No way!”

John Ramirez was once one of the highest ranking warlocks in the world, until Jesus saved his life. His friends called him “Lucifer's Son” because Satan himself would visit him regularly in his bedroom to talk about strategies for destroying people's lives. One night John had a near-death experience where he found himself in hell, but Jesus showed up himself and gave him one last chance to come to Christ. John took that chance and never looked back.

Ramirez came back from that near-death experience and destroyed \$100,000 worth of satanic paraphernalia in his New York home, and was then “tormented for 30 days” by his past demons. But it didn't stop him from living his new life for Christ. Today he is a Pastor, evangelist, and best-selling Christian author, and he warns the church of the dangers and realities of spiritual warfare.

“The only harvest we should celebrate is the harvest of souls,” Ramirez said. “Jesus Christ is your answer. It's a relationship with God. Make peace with God...Pray. Prayer works. The power of Satan is limited. It's a hoax. And the power of Jesus is limitless and it brings you to a place of knowing your purpose and destiny of who you really are created to be.”

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. 462702

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The other forty percent

Statistically, more people brush their teeth than floss. When you brush your teeth, they feel clean, so it is easy to just quit there. Although brushing removes plaque bacteria from the inner, outer, and chewing surfaces of the teeth, it does not remove the plaque and food debris from between your teeth, known as the interdental space, nor under the gumline where a toothbrush cannot reach. Since the interdental space makes up 40 percent of your tooth surface, this means you are only removing plaque from sixty percent of your tooth structure.

Food left in the interdental space provides nutrition for the bacteria that form plaque, making this an ideal location for more plaque to accumulate, harden into tartar and cause decay and periodontal disease. Food that remains on and in between your teeth will



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

also decompose, leaving an unpleasant smell. At the same time, the bacteria in your oral cavity can mix with this food and release foul-smelling gases.

Fortunately, there are a variety of methods to remove the plaque in your interdental space and spare your family, friends, and co-workers from your bad breath. More importantly, you will benefit from a healthier and more attractive smile.

The most common way to remove plaque in between your teeth is by using string floss. If you are not currently flossing or

just want to make sure that you are doing it correctly, your dentist or hygienist can demonstrate, observe your flossing technique, address any concerns, and advise you on a variety of flossing aids. These include floss threaders for patients with braces or bridges, floss holders and/or extenders for people with arthritis, gagging, or other special needs, waxed floss for crowded teeth and any of the wide variety of floss picks.

Interdental brushes, sometimes called proxy brushes, have been shown to be a most effective way to remove plaque in the interdental space. They have traditionally consisted of a plastic handle on one end and a small cone-shaped head of bristles held together by a wire on the other. They are available in a variety of diameters to best fit the space between your teeth

and come in both a long and short handle. Still others are manufactured with an all-silicon head, making them safe to use around implants. Your dentist or hygienist will measure for the best fit. You may need a couple of varied sizes if, for example, the interdental brush for your front teeth are tighter than those in the back. The correct size means the brush bristles will clean between your teeth without the wire coming in contact with either your tooth or your gums. It also means that it glides in easily (never forced), but not so loosely that the bristles do not contact the teeth. Your hygienist will want to observe you using the interdental brush to make sure that you are using it correctly and safely. However, once you know which size is best for you, they are easy to purchase and can be cleaned and reused for about a week or two before

the wire wears out (begins to bend or twist) or the bristles become frayed.

Always clean your interdental brush under running water after each use to remove food and bacteria. They come with caps, so they are portable and much safer than toothpicks for removing food between your teeth when you are not home. For someone with limited dexterity or difficulty holding floss, interdental brushes, with their much simpler in and out motion, can allow them to perform daily oral hygiene safely, independently, and effectively.

While water flossers are more effective at removing food debris than plaque, they have been shown to reduce gum inflammation in people who have limited dexterity and cannot floss and/or have braces, bridges, and other restorations. Every patient's

dental needs are unique, and your dentist will advise you if you are best served by a combination of interdental cleaning aids.

There are several reasons why performing interdental cleaning before toothbrushing is the most effective way to clean your teeth. When you clean your interdental space first, either by flossing or with an interdental brush, you remove plaque from the forty percent of your tooth surface that brushing does not reach, however, they will not look, smell, or feel "clean." You will be much more inclined to follow through with brushing. Wanting that feeling of clean teeth and breath makes it easier to develop the habit of both flossing and brushing your teeth consistently. In addition, research shows that removing food and loosening plaque in the interdental space first, allows brushing to be more effective.

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