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Obituaries

SALOME JANE BROWN

Beloved Mother, Salome Jane Brown, of Verona, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully at the age of 91 on May 29, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. She was born to Elgin and Helen (Miller) Hicks on Nov. 30, 1933, in Winslow, Illinois, and was the eldest of two daughters. She graduated from Stockton High School in 1951 where she met Robert "Joe" Brown, the love of her life, marrying him on June 16, 1951, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, Illinois. They were married for 61 years until Joe's passing in 2013.

She is survived by her sister, Judith Hammer, her four children: Pamela Grant (Michael), Daniel (Rachel) Brown, Veronica Savoie (Steven Kaufman) and Jean Brown Ama (Brad); her grandchildren, Lucas Grant (Rachel), Emma Grant, Elliott Savoie (Hannah), Collin Brown, Delaney Savoie (Steve Kinney), Ryan Brown, Cria Ama, Madeline Savoie (Matt Poulsen)



Isaac Ama,
and Sophie
Savoie; two great
grandchildren Rowan
Grant and Paxton Kin-
ney; many
nieces and

nephews; and countless kind neighbors and friends from the church and community who helped her live a fulfilling life in Verona for many years after Joe passed away.

Salome loved singing and did so with the St. Andrew's Catholic Church Choir in Verona for many years. She will also forever and fondly be remembered for: her love of dancing, earning her the nickname "Dancing Queen" at family weddings; her athleticism, from her cheer-leading days in high school, through backyard baseball, volleyball, badminton and tossing bags in corn hole; her telepathic euchre skills; and for long conversations, both silly and serious, over perpetual black coffee at her kitchen table, as she

was a very good listener and warm-hearted adviser to all.

She loved the color red, her animal companions, decorating at Christmas, and her family, who was everything to her, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her favorite word was "Peace." May it now be with her and all who loved her.

Salome was preceded in death by her loving parents, her husband Joe Brown, his parents and siblings, many cherished aunts and uncles, and her brother-in-law Pete Hammer.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025, at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 301 N. Main Street, Verona. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass on Monday at the church. Interment will follow at St. Andrew Catholic Cemetery, Verona. A celebration of Salome's life will be held following the interment at The Mill Paoli, 6890 Paoli Road, Belleville. To share a memory, please visit: www.ryanfuneralservice.com.

MARVIN K. EDLER

Marvin K. Edler, 74, of Pearl City, IL, passed away on June 4, 2025, at home, while being cared for by his wife and FHN Hospice. He was born on June 18, 1950, at Freeport Memorial Hospital, to Donald Frederick Edler and Pauline Clarice (Koch) Edler. He was a graduate of Pearl City High School and received 2 associate degrees from Highland Community College. He married Nancy Stengel at Sabin United Methodist Church in Pearl City on Feb. 12, 1972. He was an electrician and owned his own business, Edler Elec-

tric, and was the Supervisor for Loran Township for 12 years. He was a member of the Eagles Clubs and Library Board. He was also the Stephenson County Fair Sheep Superintendent for 30 years and enjoyed so much working with the youth and animals.

Survivors include his wife Nancy of Pearl City, IL, son Joshua and grandsons Aaron and Adam, all of Oak Creek, WI; sister Jeanne Edler Brandenburg, brother-in-law Larry (Avolene) Stengel, sister-in-law Carol Stengel and family, niece Heather Stengel and family, special friends:

Greg Hoover, Dawn and Troy Hoover, Bob and Cindy Ditzler, Stacy and Eric Gustafson and family, and Adam and Heidi Ditzler and family.

He was preceded in death by his mother Pauline, father Donald, brother-in-law Bob Stengel, father-in-law Myron Stengel, mother-in-law Pauline Stengel, and numerous aunts and uncles.

Cremation rites have been accorded, and a private family service will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established in his name. Online condolences may be shared at www.schwarzfh.com.

Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL. Join on Sunday, June 15, 2025, for Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. The Gospel will be from Gospel John 16:12-15.

On Wednesday, June 18 the Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to join and no quilting experience necessary.

Good Shepherd will be gathering for a special worship service on Sunday, June 29 with a folk/rock band at the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

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

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City will celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday on Sunday, June 15 at 9 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to come to St. John's to play cards and dominoes on Thursday, June 12 at 1 p.m. and to play dominoes in Luther Hall on Tuesday, July 1 at 9 a.m.

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Wednesday, July 2 at 7:30 a.m. at the Beltline Restaurant in Freeport.

The June Grace Meal will be on Sunday, June 15. The menu will be grilled pork chop, baked potato, green beans, applesauce, and chocolate cake. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, June 12. Meals can be picked up at the church on June 15 between 11 a.m. and 12 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.


**Salem United Church
of Christ**

All are welcome to join service led by Pastor Christopher Ham at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, IL, every Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday School for children five years and older is held during church service, and nursery is available for children under five years.

The Breakfast Bunch meets every Wednesday at 8 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join, please check the newsletter, Sunday bulletin or Facebook page for location information.

Crafternoon is held every third Wednesday from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the lower level of the church. This space is handicap accessible, and all are welcome to join. During this event, enjoy snacks, crafting and good company. There is plenty of space to spread out a large project or to work on something small.

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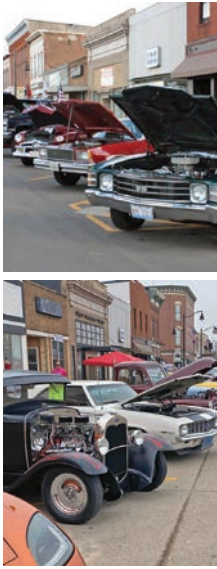
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Amid uncertainty in Washington, Illinois lawmakers pass slimmed-down Medicaid package

Republicans object to coverage for asylum seekers, other noncitizens on special visas

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Nearly every year, Illinois lawmakers pass a package of measures dealing with the state's Medicaid program, the joint federal and state health care program that covers low-income individuals.

Known as the Medicaid omnibus bill, it sometimes includes bold components, like a 2021 initiative that made millions of dollars available to local communities to help them plan and design their own health care delivery systems. Other packages have focused on smaller changes like guaranteeing coverage for specific conditions and medications or adjusting reimbursement rates for different categories of health care providers.

And most years, the packages receive bipartisan support because they are negotiated, largely behind closed doors, by an unofficial, bipartisan Medicaid Working Group.

This year, however, lawmakers passed one of the narrowest packages in recent memory, due mainly to the Trump administration's vows to make sweeping cuts in federal funding for the program while state lawmakers faced their own set of budget constraints.

"There were many, many, very worthy program expansions, rate increases that we considered during this process that we were unable to include because of the uncertainty in Washington," Rep. Anna Moeller, D-Elgin, the current chair of the Medicaid Working Group, said on the House floor.

The Illinois Medicaid program currently costs about \$33.7 billion a year, according to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. Of that, \$20.9 billion, or about 62

percent, comes from the federal government while much of the state's share comes from taxes levied on hospitals, nursing homes and managed care organizations—money the state uses to draw down federal matching funds.

The program covers nearly 3.5 million people in Illinois, or about a quarter of the state's population. According to the nonpartisan health policy think tank KFF, the program pays for 40 percent of all child births in Illinois while covering 69 percent of all nursing home residents.

This year's Medicaid omnibus bill, a 231-page amendment inserted into Senate Bill 2437, contains items that could be hugely beneficial to many Medicaid enrollees, but which don't carry large price tags. In fact, the entire package is estimated to cost just under \$1 million.

One of this year's additions would make it easier for family members of medically fragile children who qualify for in-home nursing care to receive training to become certified family health aides, a designation that would enable them to administer medications, help with feeding and perform many of the same tasks as a certified nursing assistant.

Another provision would require all hospitals with licensed obstetric beds and birthing centers to adopt written policies that permit patients to have an Illinois Medicaid certified doula of their choosing to accompany them and provide support before, during and after labor and delivery.

Although those provisions enjoyed bipartisan support, another provision that extends coverage to certain categories of noncitizens drew Republican opposition May 31, resulting in a partisan roll call vote.

The program covers noncitizens

who meet the income requirements for Medicaid and have pending applications for asylum in the United States or for special visas as victims of trafficking, torture or other serious crimes. Those individuals can receive coverage for up to 24 months, provided they continue to meet the eligibility requirements.

Moeller said the language was not a new extension of health care benefits to noncitizens, but instead a "technical and administrative fix" to an existing program that had been requested by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

But for Republicans, the programs sounded too similar to the more controversial programs, Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors and Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults, that extend health care to a large category of people who are not U.S. citizens, including some who are in the country illegally.

"For us on this side of the aisle, that is the poison pill," said Rep. Norine Hammond, R-Macomb, the deputy House minority leader. "So in spite of the fact that we have article after article in here, that is very worthy of a yes vote, I would urge a no vote."

At Gov. JB Pritzker's request, the budget bill lawmakers passed May 31 cancels the program for immigrant adults, which had covered about 31,000 noncitizens age 42-64. But it provides \$110 million over the next year, all in state funds, for the immigrant seniors program, which covers about 8,900 noncitizens age 65 and over.

The Medicaid bill passed the House May 31, 76-39. It then passed the Senate shortly after midnight, 36-19.

It next goes to Pritzker's desk for his consideration.

News briefs

Lena Business and Professional Association Sullivan's Cookout

The Lena Business and Professional Association (LBPA) is scheduled to host the cookout at Sullivan's on Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21 to help raise money for the Christmas Parade. The cookout times are from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This event can raise anywhere from \$500 to \$1000 to help cover some of the costs for the Christmas Parade. The association will need three people to work on each day of the cookout. Please contact the LBPA if interested in working the event.

Stephenson County VA Pantry

The Stephenson County VA Pantry is currently in

need of deodorant, hand soap, Laundry soap, paper towels, toilet paper, mouthwash, all pantry items. Donations can be brought to the Lena American Legion Home on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 316 W. Main St., Lena, IL. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Blackhawk Unit of SCAHCE

The June meeting of the Blackhawk Unit of SCAHCE will meet on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 1 p.m. at the Pearl City Library. Roll call will be "What is your favorite ice cream flavor?". The major lesson, *Mental Health and Stress for Farmers*, will be given by Jo Wenzel. Raffle items will be donated by Judy Shippee and Colleen Brown. All meetings are open to the public and anyone interested is invited to attend.

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OPINION



In my opinion

School resource officer urges state to stop flow of illicit vapes to youth

By Stefan Bjes

As a school resource officer with more than two decades in law enforcement serving Addison and DuPage counties and deep roots in Illinois schools, I strongly support HB2634. This bill represents a crucial step toward restoring order in our schools and shielding students from an industry that's exploiting regulatory gaps to target our youth.

Every day, I witness the disruption caused by illicit vaping products in school environments. Teachers and administrators are exhausted. These devices, which look like highlighters, USB sticks, or candy wrappers, are flooding campuses faster than school staff can confiscate them. The problem isn't a handful of rebellious kids—it's an organized pipeline of illicit, flavored vapes that

are designed specifically to appeal to minors and marketed to them through social media and peer channels.

These aren't harmless gadgets. These devices are made without supervision in unknown Chinese factories, using mystery ingredients and unknown materials. There are no ingredient lists, no quality controls—just colorful packaging and fruity flavors meant to hook children early.

HB2634 empowers our state to crack down on these products by holding manufacturers and distributors accountable and requiring clear certification that products meet FDA standards. For schools, this is a lifeline. It gives law enforcement and regulators the tools we need to identify what's legal, what's not, and

how to enforce it.

We cannot expect schools to bear the burden of this epidemic alone. The rise in student vaping isn't a disciplinary issue—it's a public health and criminal enforcement issue. We need systemic, state-level action to stop the flow of these products at the source.

Illinois has the opportunity to lead. Let's pass HB2634 and give our schools the backup they need to keep kids safe, healthy, and focused on learning.

Stefan Bjes is a school resource officer and a veteran law enforcement officer who was recognized as the 2019 Illinois Juvenile Officer of the Year. He was hired last month to be the first director of safety and security at Plainfield Community Consolidated School District.

Weekly connection

June, the month for weddings

June is wedding month, and my wife and I are celebrating our 39th anniversary in a couple days. It was back in 1986 when we tied the knot on a warm late spring day. I remember all kinds of relatives had made the trip up from Indiana and were staying at my folk's farm. It felt like a great big family reunion, and I actually felt a little sad that we were leaving on our honeymoon so quickly and I wasn't going to get to visit with all my cousins and aunts and uncles much. I know that sounds a little strange, but when we only saw these guys every couple of years it was kind of special. Then again, a wedding is pretty special too. Anyway, the wedding was amazing as my wife was absolutely stunning in her white wedding gown. I had seen my wife in a few nice prom dresses and such, but this was the best by far. We both come from big families so the bridal party was mostly our siblings. One of my older brothers who was a pastor officiated the ceremony and we had lots of music by friends and family members as well. At the end of the ceremony my dear old Grandpa Cernek was the first down the aisle and he had tears running down his face. He gave us a hug and said he was sure proud of us. I'll remember that moment until the day I die. It was powerful. Then all the people came through the line and headed downstairs for the reception. Soon we were cutting cake and sipping punch and getting ready to head down the road in hopes of making Yellowstone National Park in a few days.

In those days we didn't



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

really worry about hotel reservations and so when we hit Dubuque late on our wedding night, we found that all the hotels had no vacancy. We tried about five and finally I asked what was going on in town. Turns out there was a national cyclists convention going on and we had to drive on into the night in hopes of finding a place to stay. As fate would have it, we found a little hotel in the town of Manchester, Iowa, that had a small room where we could stay. It wasn't what we had hoped for on our wedding night, but at least we had a place to lay our weary heads after a long and grinding couple of days. When we got back home and were telling our story to family, it turned out that my wife's mom and dad also stayed in that same town on their wedding night about thirty years before we did. That was pretty wild.

We had a great honeymoon week going through the Badlands and then on to Wyoming where we went to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons to name just a few places we saw. This year we are taking a trip out west again to celebrate our nephew's graduation in Montana. I'm sure the trip will remind us both of that first trip we took as a married couple.

Proverbs 18:22 reads, He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord. Until next week, God bless..

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NUIC West announces 2025 All-Conference softball teams

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The NUIC-West recently announced their 2025 All-Conference teams. This year, the NUIC-West was narrowly decided by one game as the Galena Pirates claimed a conference championship by going 9-1 in league play. The Fulton Steamers finished just behind the Pirates at 8-2 in the NUIC-West.

The conference championship wasn't the only thing that came down to a close decision. This year, the NUIC-West chose Co-Conference Most Valuable Players in East Dubuque's Curin Oberman and Galena's Ava Hahn.

The Warren-Stockton Warhawks finished in the middle of the pack as

they went 4-6 in league play. They went 14-11 overall, and they look to be one of the early favorites to make a jump, next season.

One big reason for that was the play of sophomore Madalynn Perry. The Warhawks were led by Perry as she earned a First Team All-Conference selection in 2025.

The Warhawks also had the most Second Team All-Conference selections in all of the NUIC-West. They had five Second Team players, four of which will return for next season. Senior, Maizy Fonseca earned a Second Team All-Conference selection. Joining her from Warren-Stockton was junior Adrianne Baker, sophomores Ireland Mensendike and Payton Goswick, and

freshman Emma Janecke.

The Scales Mound-River Ridge Hornets also finished with a 4-6 record in league play. This year, the Hornets were led by their senior Laiken Haas, as they went 12-16 overall. Haas, who has become a household name for the SM-RR co-op, earned a First Team All-Conference selection, this year.

Joining Haas on First Team All-Conference are a couple of players who should look to step into even bigger leadership roles, next season. Junior Sarah Winter, and freshman Ellie Rife, also earned First Team All-Conference selections, this season. Senior Anika Stadel also earned an honorable mention for SM-RR in 2025.

Around the Northern Hills



Annette Eggers

Are you looking for a new podcast to listen to? Tune in to *Taking Stalk* from the Illinois Farm Bureau. The podcast, hosted by RFD Radio's Rita Frazer, brings together Farm Bureau leaders, members, and experts to dive into the issues shaping agriculture and rural life in Illinois. You can find it on your favorite podcast platform.

Local member benefits

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

Foundation scholarships

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Foundation provides scholarships for college students studying agriculture and funds our Agriculture in the Classroom program, which promotes agricultural and environmental education in all of Jo Daviess County's

K-12 classrooms. Each year, our Agriculture in the Classroom program teaches children the importance of our food and fiber industry.

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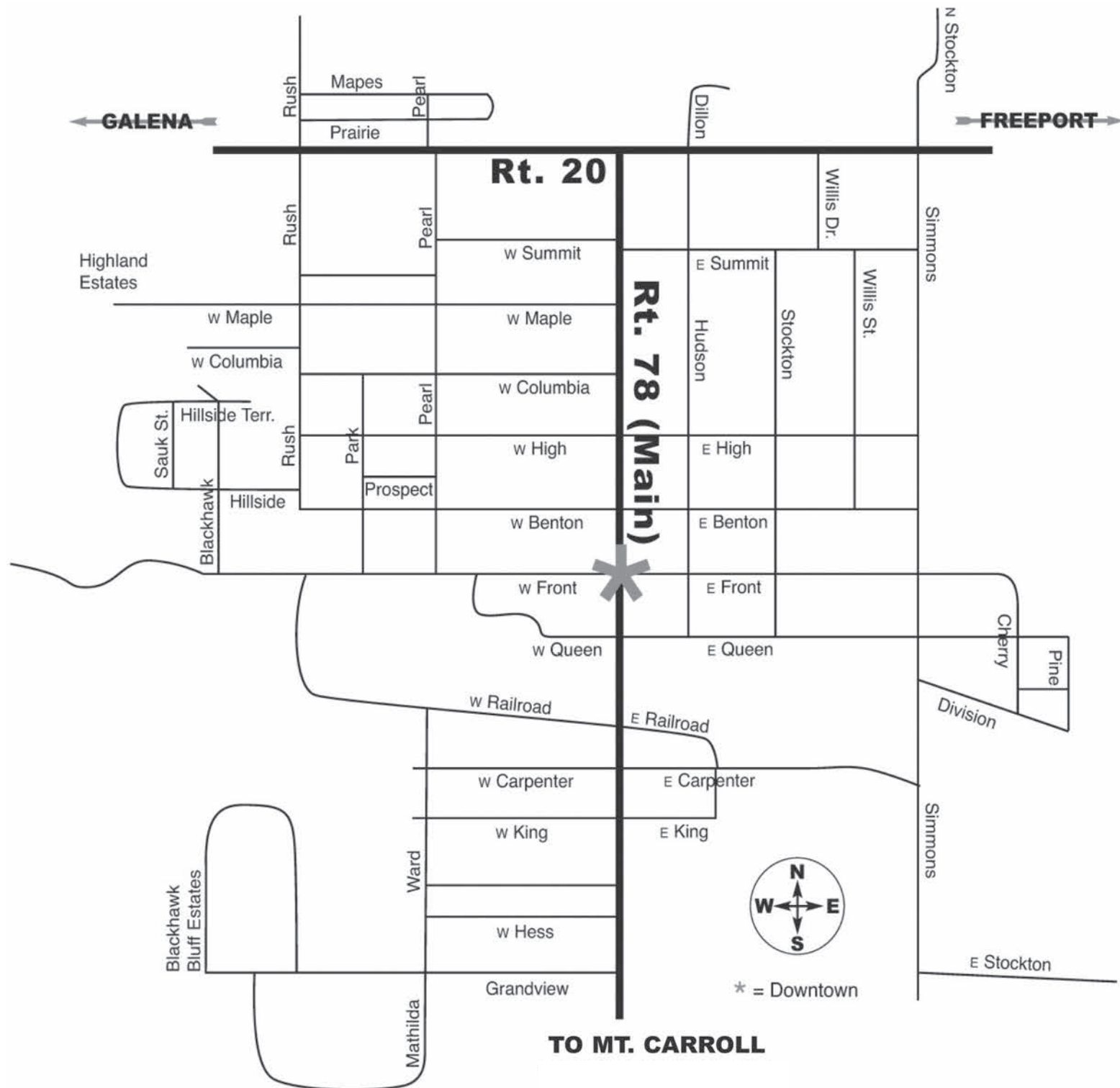
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Friday, June 13 & Saturday, June 14

Stephenson and Carroll County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hansen

The town I grew up in didn't necessarily have the "local" ice cream shop. We typically went to Dairy Queen for our ice cream needs. Most of my favorite ice cream memories take place in a town less than 40 miles from both of my offices. Oregon, IL plays home to the summer camp I attended as a kid and the home of Jays Drive In. For those who haven't yet made it to Jays, it's an old school Drive In where you can order from your car and eat in the parking lot. While in high school I served as a counselor at the same camp I went to as a kid. It was standard that on Friday when the campers leave and we would finish our staff meeting we would head to get ice cream. There is rarely a time that I'll turn down ice cream. A few of my favorite ice cream flavors include coffee, eggnog, and butter pecan. In honor of my second column of June I want to share a few ice cream facts with you.

In 2024, ice cream makers in the U.S. churned out 1.31 billion gallons of ice cream. The majority of U.S. ice cream and frozen dessert manufacturers have been in business for more than 50 years and many are still family-owned businesses. The average American eats roughly 19 pounds of ice cream each year, or about 4 gallons. All facts are from the International Dairy Foods Association. Don't forget to help celebrate June dairy month by saying "yes" to a trip for ice cream.

IFB- backed deer nuisance bill passed by General Assembly

The Illinois House Friday night unanimously approved Illinois Farm Bureau-backed legislation addressing deer overpopulation, sending the bill to Gov. JB Pritzker's desk for his signature. "This bill is the result of meetings with constituents who annually have to deal with significant financial loss to their crops as a result of nuisance

deer and other wildlife," said state Rep. Norine Hammond, R-Macomb, chief co-sponsor of Senate Bill 710. "Working together with the Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and those affected has resulted in a significant piece of legislation to address this problem."

A key provision of the new legislation requires the IDNR to update its Deer Removal Permit (DRP) procedures. Among the changes: IDNR biologists must respond to DRP requests within a specific timeframe, helping farmers address deer-related issues more quickly. The department must also publish clear information about the DRP process, including eligibility criteria and application instructions, on its website. These updates stem directly from farmer feedback and discussions with IDNR facilitated by county Farm Bureaus around the state.

"Agriculture is the economic engine of Illinois, but

many of our farmers have been bogged down by red tape that prevents them from eliminating nuisance wildlife until damage has already been done," said Rep. Marcus Evans Jr., D-Chicago, who was the sponsor of the legislation in the House. "I am proud of this bill because it empowers farmers and landowners to address problems proactively before they get out of hand. "For Saline County farmer and landowner Randy Anderson, the legislation could make a big difference.

In 2024, deer damage was so severe that he didn't harvest four acres of corn in a 36-acre field, meaning those four acres produced zero revenue to cover his expenses. Under the new DRP provisions, landowners like Anderson who harvest at least 50% of the deer authorized under a permit will automatically qualify for additional antlerless-only permits during the regular hunting season. If they fulfill 80% of the permit, they become eligible for an

additional nuisance permit — valid for harvesting up to five deer — usable between June 1 and Sept. 15 of the following year. "This is very encouraging," Anderson said. "Automatically getting permits for the next year would save so much time and hassle of me calling and asking a biologist to come to my farm, especially when sometimes there aren't enough biologists to go around."

Another provision allows landowners to designate a hunter to receive one guest landowner permit, which includes one either-sex permit and one antlerless permit for every 240 acres owned in Illinois. Anderson said this will also help him manage deer populations more effectively by enabling others to assist with the issue. Anderson has been involved in the legislative effort from the start. As a delegate at the Illinois Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting in December, he voted to include updates to wildlife management practices in the

organization's policy book.

Now that this bill has passed through the General Assembly, he said, "It finally seems like our voices were heard." "That's one of the things I feel is an advantage when you get a group together like Illinois Farm Bureau. It's not just one voice, it's the voice of many," Anderson told FarmWeek. "It's great to see this much-needed, bipartisan legislation make its way to the governor's desk," said Anna McKinley, IFB assistant director of state legislation. "We're grateful to Sen. Patrick Joyce and Rep. Marcus Evans for their leadership, to the Department of Natural Resources for their collaboration, and to the many County Farm Bureau members who helped advocate for this important change." Pending Pritzker's approval, SB 710 will officially go into effect Jan. 1. For more details about the legislation, visit bit.ly/DeerNuisanceBill.

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Wild recaps 2025 Lena-Winslow softball season

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers finished the 2025 softball season with an overall record of 17 wins and 13 losses. They had an early postseason exit after falling to Pearl City in regional play.

It was also Joel Wild's first season as head coach of the Le-Win Panthers. In Wild's first season, the Panthers amassed two First Team All-Conference players, while being led by a strong group of seniors. After the NUIC-North announced this year's All-Conference teams, Wild took the time to share his thoughts on the 2025 season, the battles with Pearl City, this year's senior class, and more.

Overall, Wild was extremely pleased with his team's efforts in 2025. They fought their way through injuries and a tough schedule, while still

finishing above five hundred in the win column. "We battled through losing some seniors to injuries for huge parts of the season, or the rest of the season. Eden Dietz would have helped significantly, but we're grateful she was able to work her way back by the end of the season," Wild shared on the fight he saw in 2025.

Dietz was one of the key members of a deep senior class. Wild was fortunate enough to take over the program with a very experienced group of seniors to help lead the way. "The senior class is an incredible group. I have a daughter [Chloe Wild] in that group, so I have been around those girls a lot since we got here. They are all incredible, amazing human beings, great leaders, top students, etc. The school and community will miss having them around. The program especially will. Rachael [Setterstrom] and

Maddy [Chiles] played a ton of softball and contributed so much to the program," Wild shared, complimenting the senior leaders.

Setterstrom and Chiles highlighted the impressive group of seniors. Both of them earned First Team All-Conference selections in the NUIC-North. Wild had no shortage of compliments for either of them. "Rachael's career statistics are incredible. So consistent each year, while also improving and excelling. Maddy's as well. She's not a big, powerful pitcher, but she used her tools and turned into a great pitcher. Both girls deserve all of the accolades," Wild said of the two First Team All-Conference players.

Shayleigh Albright, Chloe Wild, Eden Dietz, Rihanna England, Madalyn Schierloh, and Jillian Goebel round out the 2025 class of seniors for the Panthers. Dietz was one

senior that was sorely missed throughout the season. As Wild reiterated, "Dietz had great pop in her bat, unfortunately she lost a good chunk of her senior season." Dietz wasn't the only injured senior. England also came to mind for the Le-Win head coach. "England worked her way into our DP spot before she suffered a season ending injury, but her last at bat in high school was a home run. You probably could hear her teammates cheering in the next town. It was fantastic," Wild reminisced.

Playing in the NUIC means playing a tough schedule, and the Panthers had to battle from start to finish. It all led up to a three-game war with the Pearl City Wolves. "Playing a team three times in eight days isn't easy," Wild said while discussing the series with Pearl City. After splitting two regular season games on May 13 and May 15, the Wolves and Panthers faced off in regional play on May 22.

Wild shared his thoughts on the regular season matchups and the regional game altogether. "The regular season matchups were fun and exciting, all while, I believe, both teams were working on a

regional plan. We thought we had a good strategy on offense on how to approach [Mackenzie] Lotz's pitching and, for most of the game, we executed that. Unfortunately, they jumped on us in the top of the first, the first two homers we gave up all season," Wild shared.

Much like they did all season, the Panthers fought their way through their final game. "We battled and fought back, which I was proud of," Wild said. "It's something I was most proud of this season. Sometimes in previous years, in a big game, if we got down, we didn't always fight back. This year we did. That's one thing I hope carries forward."

The Panthers will look to move forward, but they will go through some significant roster change with this year's graduating class. Next year, the Panthers will have a lot of new faces on the field. Wild mentioned that the softball program has already begun training for next season, specifically in the weightroom and doing speed training.

There are a couple of players who made a name for themselves who will return next year. Injuries are never a good thing, but they open up

some opportunities for other players to get a chance. Le-Win had some players step up when they needed it this year. "Brianna Fye and Addison Holtz really helped to stabilize the lineup after injuries and solidified our defense throughout the year," Wild said.

Fye has a bit of a unique approach at the plate, but it was one that worked in 2025. Wild complimented her ability to find a way on base, no matter how she got there. Between junior varsity and varsity games in 2025, Fye was hit by roughly 25 pitches. Wild called Fye a "tough kid" when complimenting her high on-base-percentage. On Holtz, Wild said, "Addison has a real nice bat and plays a solid first base. She will be one of our pitchers next year and I'm looking forward to having her around for three more years."

After losing a handful of seniors, the Panthers will also need to reload their leadership. Wild already has a couple of players in mind. "I'm looking forward to having Ayla Brinkmeier and Kenzie Kepner having another year in the program. They developed a ton this year and have turned into leaders. Looking to see them continue to grow," Wild shared. "Olivia Fink is another one. She was our DP for a good chunk of the season, and she has pop in her bat. She had some big hits for us this year and has a high ceiling."

As always, the Panthers will have to fill a bunch of shoes in 2026. While some returning players will have high expectations, there will be opportunities for everyone. Wild even mentioned some freshman possibly competing for key roles on the team in 2026.

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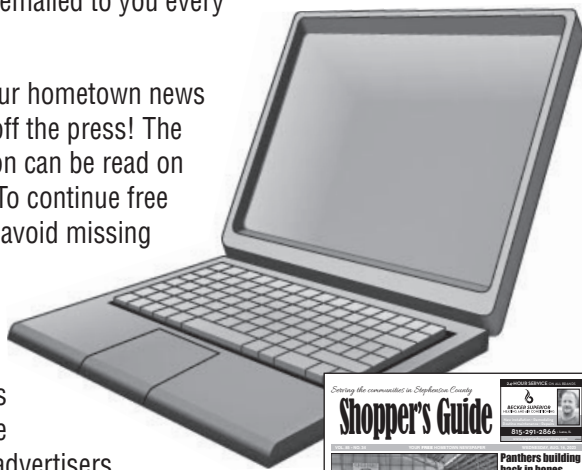
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Lion of the Year

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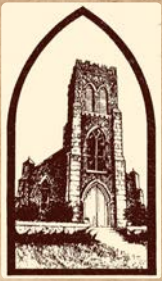
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Shield law, university admissions, foster placement bills clear General Assembly

End of legislative session sees flurry of bills approved

By Bridgette Fox and UIS public affairs reporting

More than 150 bills moved through the General Assembly in the final week of the legislative session and will make their way to the governor, including measures touching on drug approval, college admissions and foster placement.

House Bill 3637 aims to

protect medical providers who prescribe drugs that were previously approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration but had the approval revoked, provided the drug is still recommended by the World Health Organization.

The bill is part of a larger trend of blue states adopting "shield" laws—legislation guaranteeing the legal backing of medical providers from federal and interstate litigation, typically over abortion medications or vaccinations.

HB 3637 is sponsored by Rep. Dagmara Avelar, D-Ro-

meoville, and has more than two dozen co-sponsors. Under the bill, if the FDA pulled its approval of a drug any time after Jan. 1, 2025, it can't be considered "adulterated" as long as it's still recommended by the WHO.

"This current administration has made it very clear that there are certain drugs that they would like to pull approval from," Avelar said.

When a drug is considered adulterated, that means it's generally not normal or made to "conform with good manufacturing practice," like an FDA

approved drug. Doctors, nurses and other medical providers can lose their licenses for providing adulterated drugs.

But the bill would make it so the providers would not be subject to the penalties provided in law for prescribing such drugs.

The law also includes provisions that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation can't revoke or suspend the ability to practice medicine from a slew of medical professions based solely on the person's license, registration or permit status.

Speaking in opposition,

Rep. Bill Hauter, R-Morton, a practicing physician, said it was dangerous to base a drug's safety on a WHO recommendation.

"It's not just for a small amount of drugs here, it's for all the drugs," Hauter said.

Rep. Jackie Haas, R-Kankakee, also voiced concerns about whether insurance companies and Medicaid would cover non-FDA approved drugs when they're prescribed to patients.

The bill language does not touch on the formula for Medicaid or any requirements about what insurance companies must cover. However, Medicaid is required to cover the cost of any FDA-approved drug.

The bill passed the House 76-39, cleared the Senate 38-19 and awaits the governor's signature.

Automatic university enrollment

If signed by the governor, a bill would mandate high school seniors and community college students automatically be offered enrollment to all state schools for which their GPA qualifies them.

The bill does not change universities' and colleges' GPA standards or admission requirements. Schools can revoke a student's automatic admission if, after reaching out to the student, they discover they don't meet other eligibility requirements.

The main sponsor of House Bill 3522, Katie Stuart, D-Edwardsville, said the state wants to encourage students not to leave Illinois for other institutions.

"Every student who is what we—I don't love the term—but college material, for lack of a better term, knows the opportunities that they have in higher education in the state of Illinois," Stuart said.

If it becomes law, the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board would start the program during the 2027-28 school year.

It passed the House by a vote of 103-10.

Foster placement excluding traffickers

A bill clarifying that the Department of Children and Family Services can't place children in a household with anyone who has a history of human trafficking or sex trafficking is one step away from becoming law as well.

House Bill 871 cleared both chambers without opposition. Its chief sponsor Amy Briel, D-Ottawa, said it was brought forward because of an incident in her district.

However, House Republicans pointed out that a bill with the same intention, House Bill 4095, was introduced in a previous General Assembly by Republicans. Their draft came after a report was published by CBS News Chicago about DCFS placing a 16-year-old sex trafficking victim with a 24-year-old man with sex trafficking charges.

While the current bill and previous bill were similar, the previous bill would have amended one law. Briel's bill would amend two laws—the Child Care Act of 1969 and the Children and Family Services Act.

Rep. Steve Reick, R-Woodstock, and the old bill's sponsor Rep. Tom Weber, R-Lake Villa, called everyone to vote yes for the bill despite criticisms toward Democrats.

"This bill could have been passed two years ago," Reick said. "And I'm wondering how many kids that this bill could have helped keep them out of bad situations."

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Illinois sheep producers learn of 'bright' options to make money

By Phyllis Coulter
FARMWEEK

Sunshine might help increase sheep populations in Illinois, according to an Ohio sheep producer.

Camren Maierle, an American Lamb Board member, showed Illinois sheep producers photos of his sheep grazing on Ohio pastures in a field of solar panels. Solar grazing has become a big part of his business.

"There could be a decent amount of this in Illinois in the next couple of years," Maierle told Illinois lamb and wool producers at the Sheep Industry Day. There are about 55,000 sheep in Illinois, according to USDA.

Maierle predicts there will be more large-scale solar operations because of energy demand. "I want sheep on every one of those sites that are conducive to having sheep on them," he said.

"I'm not promoting solar panels, but if they go in, I want sheep there," he said virtually from Ohio at the University of Illinois event on March 22.

He sees it as a huge opportunity for sheep producers. "Our ability to capitalize on affordable feed is huge," he said of combining solar power and production agriculture, known as agrivoltaics.

Sheep are the animal of choice for solar grazing because they "fit" and cause less wear on the equipment than cattle or goats. "It's a risk mitigation industry," Maierle said.

Usually, a clover mix is used to graze three to five ewes per acre. Maierle said his goal, on well-managed pastures, is to graze eight to 10 sheep per acre.

He estimates that if a sheep producer grazes 500 solar acres, he or she could earn half a million dollars with 2,000 ewes if the lease was for \$350 per acre. That's not counting any lambs.

The competition for grazing solar fields isn't from neighboring sheep farmers, it is mowing companies, he said. Solar companies pay landscapers about \$480 per acre per year to keep the weeds down. Comparatively, sheep grazers might charge \$300 to \$500.

"I offer an improved service of soil health and management for equal pay," Maierle said. "Energy companies eat that up."

Challenges for grazing sheep on a solar farm compared to a traditional lot or pasture include movement of solar panels and managing wires sheep must traverse.

As for marketing increased Illinois lamb production, Maierle said homegrown lamb could displace some of the lamb imported today. Between 60 percent and 70 percent of lamb consumed in the state is imported from New Zealand and Australia.

To help farmers take advantage of the opportunities, the American Lamb Board and the American Sustainability Growers Association (ASGA), are teaming up to offer solar grazing certification programs. Maierle will be one of the trainers at the new ASGA solar grazing training program June 11-13 in Kankakee. The three-day workshop costs \$200.

"The certification program can help a sheep producer become a valuable service provider," said Maierle, who noted there are things farmers will learn as a sheep producer at the event, even if they aren't solar grazing now.

Visit the website solar-grazing.org to learn more about opportunities in agrovoltas.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust PLAINTIFF

Vs. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FFB, Successor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc.; Eastland Feed & Grain, Inc.; Stephenson Service Company; Rabo AgriFinance LLC; Pro Legal Care LLC; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Shanin J. Solt (deceased); Brynn Solt; Kennedy Solt; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Shanin J. Solt DEFENDANTS

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Mounjaro and Zepbound are brand names for the same drug, tirzepatide. Mounjaro is approved to manage type 2 diabetes. Zepbound is approved for weight management in adults with a BMI of thirty or higher. It is also approved for patients who are overweight and have another health condition such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, type 2 diabetes, heart disease or obstructive sleep apnea.

While these drugs share some similarities in how they work, they have some important differences. When your blood sugar rises, a hormone created in your small intestine (GLP-1) encourages your body to make more insulin to lower blood sugar. While all four of these drugs can help control diabetes by mimicking GLP-



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1, tirzepatide (Mounjaro and Zepbound) can also mimic a hormone that your body makes after you eat (GIP). GIP increases your body's release of insulin after you eat to lower the sugar in the bloodstream. In people with diabetes GIP may be impaired, leading to reduced insulin release and high blood sugar.

These drugs help you to lose weight by slowing the passage of food from the stomach to the small intestine. This makes you

feel fuller longer and reduces hunger signals to the brain, which in turn sends signals of fullness, reducing appetite and cravings.

While the most common side effects of these four drugs involve GI problems, side effects may also wreak havoc on your oral tissues. These include dry mouth, bad breath, changes in taste, and increased risk of tooth decay, and gum disease. They can also impact the length and duration of anesthetics and posttreatment analgesics and raise the risk of complications under anesthesia.

All four of these medications can reduce saliva production. Saliva plays a crucial role in protecting teeth by washing away food particles and

neutralizing acids. Reduced saliva production can lead to changes in the oral microbiome, gum inflammation and an increased risk of cavities and tooth decay from acid erosion.

Nausea and vomiting, common side effects of these medications, can expose teeth to stomach acid, which can further erode enamel. Stomach acid reflux can affect taste buds and lead to a bad taste in the mouth. When your digestion slows, undigested food ferments in the gut, leading to gas production, including hydrogen sulfide. This can cause your burps to smell and taste like rotten eggs.

Staying hydrated, while avoiding acidic foods and drinks, eating slow and

stopping as soon as you start to feel full, practicing proper oral hygiene, and seeing your dentist regularly can help prevent acid reflux and mitigate the risk of acid erosion.

Slow digestion delays the emptying of the stomach. Food or liquid in your stomach can put you at risk for aspiration during certain dental procedures, especially procedures that require sedation. These medications can also put you at risk for hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), which increases your risk of complications

while sedated. For these reasons, The American Society of Anesthesiologists recommends discontinuing these medications before surgery.

This is just one more example of why it is crucial that you keep your health history up to date, including all medications that you are taking. This allows your dentist to prevent complications by creating a treatment plan that takes into account both your individual health concerns and any potential risks associated with your medications.

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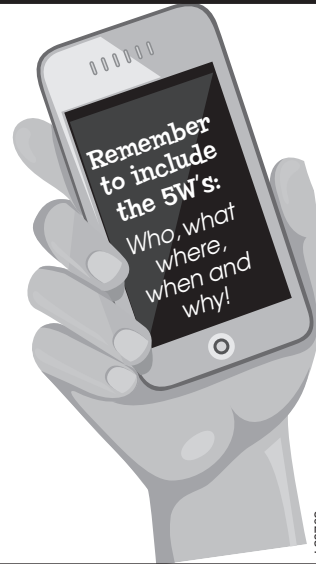
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