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Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation preserves receive visitors

State Representative Tony McCombie and State Senator Andrew Chesney visit Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation preserves with JDCF Executive Director Steve Barg, learning firsthand about local conservation efforts and the beauty of the Driftless Area.



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Obituaries

DONNA L. RANDECKER BEYER,

Donna L. Randecker Beyer, age 92, of Stockton, IL, passed away Thursday, July 17, 2025, in her home with her family by her side. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, July 26, at Derinda Trinity Lutheran Church. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will follow at Derinda Trinity Lutheran Cemetery followed by a luncheon at the church. Family and friends are invited to share in Donna's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Donna was born Feb. 12, 1933, in Guilford Township, the daughter of Joseph and Mabel (Schlichting) Schultz. She attended Galena schools, graduating from Galena High School with the class of 1950. On Nov. 11, 1951, Donna married Harold Randecker. They brought five daughters into



February 12, 1982.

Little time passed after her marriage to Harold, before they were blessed with their first daughter, and then more followed quickly. Donna quickly adapted to life as a mother, and once her eldest daughters grew older, she entered the workforce. She made a career with Atwoods, serving for 42 years. However, during her life, she also held many other jobs including positions at the Lantern and Black Angus restaurants, MicroSwitch, and Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton.

As Donna's children grew

this world and celebrated 24 years of marriage before Harold's passing in 1975. She later married Maurice Beyer on older, she utilized her new-found free time, to give back to her community. She was a proud member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Derinda, and served on WELCA, as well as with the Jo Daviess County Home Extension, and volunteered with the Lutheran Social Services, in her elder years. When she found time to herself, she could often be found tending to her flower and vegetable gardens, sewing and quilting, or cooking wonderful meals for those whom she loved most. Throughout Donna's life she loved engaging with her beloved community, whether it be dancing the night away as a young married couple, visiting with her neighbors and relatives on Sunday afternoons, or engaging in service organizations. She also found favor in making stain glass décor out of the old church window, upholstering furniture and cake

decorating. Donna found a way to spread her love to those around her.

Donna will be dearly missed by her five daughters, Kathleen Randecker of Baileyville, IL, glenda Randecker, of Freeport, IL, Cheryl Randecker of Freeport, Juanita (James) Dixon of Byron, IL, and Alecia Randecker, of Stockton; three grandchildren, Erin Lezvow, Cole (Meralis) Dixon, and Katelyn (Travis Rogers) Randecker; and eight great-grandchildren, Kai, Kenzy, Liam, Noel, Emma, Jax, Olivia, Neegan and many nieces and nephews. Donna is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Mabel; first husband, Harold; second husband, Maurice; brother, Oral (Gladys) Schultz, sister, Orvella (Blake) Haas, sister-in-law's, Dorothy Stiles, JoAnn Carver, brother-in-law's, James Carver, Donald Thoren, and a nephew, Michael Thoren.

ALEXANDER PAUL LEAMON

Alexander Paul Leamon, 23, passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2025. He was born on April 11, 2002, at the Monroe Clinic Hospital to Kimberly Leamon and Gregory Farmer.

Alex graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 2020. He was a part of the baseball and football programs where he was a part of the 2017 and 2019 Le-Win State Football Championship teams. He had a passion and love for agriculture. He went on to study agronomy at Highland Community College before attending his ag pilot program. He graduated from Ag-Flight Pilot Training in Bainbridge, Georgia in 2023. He was a member of the Rock River Flyers Club.

He was employed by True Vine Landscaping and was the proud owner and operator of Leamon Aviation. Alex loved being outdoors. He found joy in hunting, fishing, boating, golfing and playing with his dog, Bo. He traveled coast to coast and to different countries with his family and friends. Looking forward to each new adventure.

Alex touched the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know him. His quiet confidence, warm smile, and generous spirit were among the many gifts God gave him to share. He was often the calm in the storm and a bright light in so many of our lives. Words cannot truly capture the beauty of his soul. He cherished every moment spent with those he loved—whether playing games, sharing stories, exploring new adventures, simply relaxing together or enjoying a catnap. For Alex, it was togetherness and conversations that mattered most. Though our time with him was far too short,



he leaves behind a lasting legacy of love, kindness, and joy. He truly was the BEST!

Alex always looked

forward to hanging out with his friends when he got the chance. His goofy, loving and bright personality attracted many people. Alex even became a "Big Brother" to many kids he had met through the years. He knew no stranger, making friends wherever he went. He was the life of the party and had a smile that would light up a room.

Alex was deeply loved and cherished by his parents, girlfriend, brother, sister, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, great grandparents, and many friends who proudly claimed him as their own. We will forever hold tight and be thankful for the 23 years filled with memories, stories, photos, and videos. We will continue to love, celebrate and honor Alexander Paul every single day for the rest of our lives. He will forever be ours.

He is survived by his parents Kimberly Leamon of Lena, IL, and Gregory (Misty) Farmer of Madison, AL, the love of his life Lexi Evenson of Davis, IL, sister Camille Farmer and brother Ethan Farmer both of Madison, AL grandparents: Tom and Dawn Leamon, Gregory and Dawn Farmer all of Lena, IL; great grandmother Dorothy Farmer of Griffith, IN, step grandparents Francis and Sherry Walter of Buffalo, WY; Aunts and Uncles: Jennifer (Jason) Kempel, Dennae (Rodney) Dietz and Adam (Cassandra) Farmer, TJ (Janice) Leamon, Jeremy Rapp, Montana (Ryan) Bartell, and Sierra (Kyle) Maurer as well as numerous cousins and friends whom he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother Linda Leamon, great grandparents: Jack and Mary Leamon, Harold and Anna Meyers, Edward and Ann Eland and Harold Farmer.

Alex's visitation was held on Sunday July 27, 2025, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. Services were held on Monday, July 28, 2025, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lena, IL. Father Andrew Hernandez officiated the services. Burial took place at Lena Burial Park. A memorial has been established in his name. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau to host Community Blood Drive

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau is proud to partner with ImpactLife, the provider of blood components to local hospitals, to host a community blood drive during the Elizabeth Harvest Festi-

val. The drive will take place on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the ImpactLife Donor Bus, located at 212 North Main Street, Elizabeth, IL.

Community members are

encouraged to roll up their sleeves and donate blood to help ensure a steady supply for area hospitals. Blood donation is a safe, simple process that typically takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Indi-

viduals with diabetes or controlled high blood pressure may still be eligible to donate.

To schedule a donation, please contact Annette Eggers at 815-858-2235 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 6185 to locate the drive. Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental permission, available at www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo ID is required. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401. Donors who last gave blood on or before June 21, 2025, are eligible to donate at this drive.



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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Kari Hazzard of Lena celebrate 30 years

Daniel and Kari Hazzard met at Rockford College in 1994, began their journey together in 1995, and married in 1997—on Valentine's Day, to help with Dan's memory. If he forgets — he gets two pokes in the eye. Over the years, they have built a life full of humor, detours, devotion, and the occasional questionable decisions —like doing burpees at Rocky Mountain altitude and snorkeling in Jamaica without a plan B (both nearly drowned but remained polite about it and Kari stood up on coral after being thrown there by a boat). Matching M&M Halloween costumes were another moment of note. They have raised two daughters, moved more times than they care to count, and weathered enough real life together to know that love isn't fancy—it's showing up, laughing anyway, and still saying "yes." They now live just outside of town with a barn roof that leaks, a yard that grows too fast (don't ask about the weeds), and a shared sense of direction—most days. Kari is a writer and artist; Dan is a financial advisor. They share Caroline Grace (23), Katherine Shea (17), and a gaggle of dogs on their small farm. The couple celebrated their 30th anniversary together with a quiet vow renewal in Rockford, IL.



Illinois State Legislators visit JDCF properties

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) has been having lots of visitors to our local preserves this summer. In June, IL State Representative, Tony McCombie, and IL State Senator, Andrew Chesney, accepted an invitation from JDCF's Executive Director, Steve Barg, to spend a few hours on the land and learn about what JDCF does.

Representative McCombie toured the Wapello Land and Water Reserve and the Witkowsky State Wildlife Area, both in Hanover, and the Casper Bluff Nature Preserve in Galena. Senator Chesney spent some time walking the main trail at the Portage Preserve also located in Galena.

"Walking the land is a great place to get to know one another and for a few hours we left politics aside while out experiencing the beauty of the Driftless. There was no agenda other than having Representative McCombie and Senator Chesney learn a bit more about our conservation mission and how JDCF's many public/private partnerships benefit the residents

and constituents in their districts," said Steve Barg.

Senator Chesney agreed, saying: "It was a pleasure to meet and talk with members of JDCF on June 18th. We had a very productive conversation. It was under the leadership of President Teddy Roosevelt that American attitudes shifted to recognize the importance of preserving and managing natural resources.

The people of Jo Daviess County are fortunate to have community leaders who recognize the balance that must be achieved between the conservation of open spaces for active and passive recreation, and the need to provide an environment that encourages economic development and growth." JDCF thanks them for their time and hope they come back soon.

Around the Northern Hills

By Annette Eggers
Cover Crop Field Day

We will again be holding a field day on Friday, Aug. 1 at 11:30 a.m. Please note the changed location: 7979 E Cahill Road, Stockton.

Come see the updates on the multi-year cover crop project. Speakers will include Greg Thoren, owner and host; Bena Pegg, Illinois Farm Bureau; Bob Melcher, retired veterinarian; Bob Recker, Cedar Valley Innovation; Miranda Peters, eShepherd and Rick Bieber, Fields of Sinsinawa.

Blood drive

We are hosting a blood drive at the Harvest Fest in Elizabeth on Aug. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. To donate, call Impact-Life at 800-747-5401 to set up a time.

Tractors, Tradition & Community for a Cause

Join the Warren FFA Alumni on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025, at the Jo Daviess County Fairgrounds for the Gerald Gerlach Memorial Antique Tractor Ride and Chuck Dawson Memorial Antique Tractor Show — a day dedicated to celebrating local heritage and rallying support for Tony & Sydney Romero as they fight Tony's battle with cancer.

The 30-mile ride begins at 8 a.m., with the tractor show running from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Romeros — Sydney is Warren's FFA Advisor, and this is our chance to give back to two people who've given so much. Let's come together for tractors, memories, and a meaningful cause.

Elizabeth County Fair

We had a hot day at the Elizabeth Community Fair for the kiddie tractor pull. Thanks to all of the kids that participated! In all there were just under 50 kids that tried out their skills in



Annette Eggers

Feltmeyer, Stockton

3- Wyatt Sproule, Galena

Girls class:

1- Tilly Arnt, Elizabeth

2-Octavia Krug, Elizabeth

Ages Five & Six

Boys class:

1- Clayton Millerschone, Stockton

2- Landon Offenheiser, Elizabeth

3- Levi Alongi, Warren

Girls class:

1- Marlee Feltmeyer, Stockton

2- Hazel Spillane, Stockton

3- Alaya Raifa, Hanover

Ages Seven & Eight

Boys class:

1- Nathan Steele, Elizabeth

2- Gavyn Millerschone, Stockton

3- Layne Offenheiser, Elizabeth

Girls class:

1- Bella Miller, Elizabeth

2- Kate Redfearn, Scales Mound

3- Emma Krux, Mt Carroll

Ages Nine & Ten

Boys class:

1- Aiden Miller, Elizabeth

2- Douglas Howard, Elizabeth

3- Morse Reynolds, Chadwick

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Stephenson and Carroll County Farm Bureau news –

By Victoria Hansen

What a week it has been! This week the Farm Bureau hosted our annual Farm Fun Zone at the Stephenson County Fair. The Farm Fun Zone included a petting zoo with pigs, mini donkeys, and a calf. In addition to the petting zoo, we had educational activities for children and adults alike to learn about agriculture. We enjoyed seeing some familiar and new faces. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to see us.

We want to thank our many volunteers who assisted in making our tent possible and a big thank you to the Stephenson County Fair Association for putting on another great event. If you have any suggestions for different activities for 2026, please let our office know. Next up Carroll County Fair Aug. 5 through Aug. 9.

We are excited to host our annual Ninja Farmer Activity on Sat., Aug. 9 at 11 a.m.

Kiddie Tractor Pull Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. with the pull beginning at 1 p.m. If you have questions about these Carroll County events, please contact our office at 815-244-3001 or by email at carrollcfc@gmail.com.

Carroll County Farm Bureau Young Leaders host Ninja Farmer Contest

Plan to participate in this year's Ninja Farmer Event on Saturday, Aug. 9 at 11 a.m. The Ninja Farmer is a course set up by our Young Leaders. Each kid will get the opportunity to race through the course in order to win a prize. The course can be messy, so dress accordingly. The age divisions to compete are 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14. All participants get ice cream, and the top three in each division will get an additional prize. This event is completely free and no pre-registration is re-

quired. Registration begins in front of the grandstand on Saturday, Aug. 9 at 10:30 a.m. Please direct questions to our office at 815-244-3001 or by email at carrollcfc@gmail.com.

State Fair Junior Exhibitors

Junior Exhibitors- Get your free t-shirt at the State Fair. Pick up instructions below:

Horse Exhibitors - Pick up at the Junior Horse Show this week, July 21 at the show office during check-in

Livestock Exhibitors - Pick up Aug. 6, 7 and 8 (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.) Look for our tent West of the 4-H Food Stand near the Junior Building

Dairy Exhibitors - Pick up Aug. 12, 6 p.m. in the Livestock Center

Plat Book Special:

Both Carroll and the Stephenson County Farm Bureau will be running plat

book specials through the end of August. Carroll County 2024 Plat Books are \$25 for Farm Bureau members and \$45 for non-members. Stephenson County 2025 Plat Books are \$28 for Farm Bureau members and \$48 for non-members

Plat books can be purchased at their respective county during normal business hours. Carroll County Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Stephenson Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call your local county Farm Bureau with questions.

Stephenson County 2025-2026 Membership Value Program Brochure

Our updated membership value program brochures are available at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau for members to pick up. If it isn't convenient for you to stop, please let us know and we can mail you a copy.

Become a Certified Food Protection Manager

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University of Illinois Extension will hold the CFPM course on Tuesday, Aug. 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday, Aug. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W. Spring St., Freeport, IL. Participants must complete the two-day training to be eligible for the exam.

There is a \$125 program fee to cover this educational session. This fee covers the purchase of the workbook, educational materials, and examination. Preregistration is required to attend. To register, call U of I Extension at 815- 235-4125 or online at go.illinois.edu/jsw.

Please contact the U of I Extension at 815-235-4125 if you need reasonable accommodations to participate in this program. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

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Sponsoring organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Eastland Music Boosters, Galena After Prom, Galena Key Club, Hanover Alumni Association, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Foundation, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, Philanthropic Educational Organization-Chapter OH, Scales Mound Travelers, Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge, Stockton Girls Sports, Warren Athletic Boosters and West Carroll Sports Boosters.

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- \$50 – Dave Fosler, Scales Mound
- \$50 – Matt Jones, Savanna

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, Aug. 3, 2025, for Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. Communion will be served during service. The Gospel will be from Gospel Luke 12:13-31. Hannah Circle will meet after worship in Fellowship Hall.

On Wednesday, Aug. 6 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.

All the services will be recorded and be available on church's Facebook page and website. Please visit our website and (<http://good-shepherdlena.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 time after Pentecost on Sunday, Aug. 3. It will be an outdoor service by the Pearl City Park District building at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and special music will be provided by The Risches. There will be no Facebook Live broadcast of this service. Be sure to bring a lawn chair.

Everyone is welcome to come to St. John's to play dominoes in Luther Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 9 a.m. and to play cards and dom-

inoes on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 1 p.m.

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

Pastor Len will be hosting a bible study on Sunday, Aug. 24 at 10:15 a.m. The topic will be Living Faith in Daily Life. He will also be hosting a bible study on Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 6:15 p.m. The topic will be the Book of Revelation. Come either day or both and bring your bibles. Each bible study will last about an hour.

The Ladies Night Out and Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. at St. John's. The theme of the night is "Baskets of Sunshine" and will feature a program by Deb Mather sharing her basket weaving talents. The cost is \$10 and includes a menu of chicken or ham salad croissants, chips, fruit, strawberry, Key Lime, or Lemon Meringue pie, coffee and water. Sign up in the church lobby or contact the office for more information by Aug. 3.

The August Grace Meal will be on Sunday, Aug. 17. The menu will be shaved pork on a bun, coleslaw, potato chips, and pudding. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, Aug. 14. Meals can be picked up at the church on Aug. 17 between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. This meal is partially funded by donations from the Foundation of Northwest Illinois. 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.

For more information on any Salem related items, you can contact 815-369-4511 or ruth.dake@gmail.com.

Lena United Methodist Church

Lena UMC is hosting an Ice Cream Social on Aug. 7, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The menu includes BBQ, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, lemonade, coffee, pie,

brownies, and ice cream. The cost is \$12 per adults and \$6 children 10 and under. Lena United Methodist Church is located at 1188 W. Mason Street, IL and the even will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Stockton Wesley UMC

Stockton Wesley UMC will be hosting an outdoor movie on Friday, Aug. 8 at 7:45 p.m.

The Peaceseekers for Parking Lot Praise will be held on Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and includes an ice cream sundae bar. Please join for music and the fellowship.

Regular worship time is at 11 a.m. every Sunday. All are welcome to join and hear Pastor Mel's sermons. The church is located at the corner of Hudson and Benton St. and is handicap accessible.

Calvary Church of Stockton

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OPINION



In my opinion

Illinois was once a leader in public defense—we can be again

By Keith Grant and Jeff York

As public defenders, we fight every day to protect the constitutional rights of people who are caught up in our criminal, juvenile, and child welfare courts.

Our clients are poor—we are appointed counsel when someone cannot afford to hire their own lawyer. But in Illinois, systemic barriers continue to undermine our

ability to provide effective representation. National evaluations and state reports have exposed that the state's public defense structure is outdated, underfunded, and lacks necessary oversight and accountability.

Illinois was an early leader in public defense. The legislature established public defender's offices and mandated court-appointed

counsel in 1949—14 years before *Gideon v. Wainwright*, the Supreme Court case that created the modern right to counsel in the United States. But our laws around public defense have not significantly changed in the intervening 75 years.

Today, the longstanding problem of over-incarceration is compounded by the huge increase in digitally recorded audio and video evidence that has completely changed both the courts and our work as defense attorneys.

The Illinois Public Defender Association (IPDA) represents the more than 800 indigent defenders, full- and part-time, at the trial and appellate levels across Illinois—from Waukegan to Quincy to Shawneetown.

IPDA's leadership understands this moment as an opportunity for the state to once again serve as a national leader in indigent defense.

The Illinois General Assembly has since passed the Funded Advocacy & Independent Representation (FAIR) Act (HB3363) this spring. It awaits Gov. JB Pritzker's signature.

The FAIR Act will create a statewide public defender agency and commission as an essential first step toward adequate funding and

effective oversight of the high-quality indigent defense services to which every Illinois resident is entitled.

While public defenders work in all Illinois counties, our state is still one of only five states without a unified agency overseeing public defense. This has contributed to vast disparities in the resources available to defenders and their clients across the state. While many Illinois counties staff physical offices with full-time defenders, in many other counties, the service is provided by part-time or contract attorneys.

Regardless of the staffing model, public defenders across the state carry often overwhelming caseloads. A recent survey by Northwestern University Law School shows that none of Illinois' 102 counties meet nationally recognized staffing requirements. There are simply too few attorneys and too few non-attorney staff. As a result, already busy defenders are left investigating their own cases and doing tasks normally be done by an investigator, caseworker, or an administrator. This prevents lawyers from focusing on lawyering.

Slices of life

Tales of the social media adept-or inept

Here's a little ditty about me changing my profile photo and name on Facebook. It's a funny story actually, if you look at it in the right light. I'm telling you all here, because I trust you.

Please, though, nobody breathe a word of this to my kids. They'd never let me live it down.

Here goes:

If you know me, you understand I enjoy creating things, and this often involves watching DIY how-to videos online. Usually it simply ends there. Until today.

Today while on Facebook I fell upon a gifted, creative woodworking site. It was too good to be true! So good, I thought to myself, "Self, you should follow this site." So, I innocently clicked the "Follow" button.

Unbeknownst to me, the woodworking site did not originate on Facebook. It was simply visiting and had its home base on another Meta site—Instagram.

I was prompted to log into my Instagram account in order to follow my woodworking guru. The all-wise Internet asked me to provide my password, or (and here's the trickery part) OR, I could log in using Facebook.

I don't have an Instagram account—nor an Instagram password—so I decided to take the easy-peasy route and clicked on the Facebook alternative. Next, I was provided with an opportunity to approve and/or change my username (or maybe it was a nickname or just my name—some sort of social media name, anyway). Since I haven't used Instagram in the past, I contemplated what my new name should be for approximately 20 seconds before typing in something that gave nod to both me and the column I write.

Done deal. (Feeling quite accomplished at this point.)

Somehow, my Facebook photo magically appeared on the new Instagram account, which was okay, but then I thought, "Maybe I don't want everyone to see this photo on this account."

I mean, I only wanted to follow the woodworking guy, did I really need a photo for that? Facetious question. I deleted the profile photo and called it a day.



By
**JILL
PERTLER**
Columnist

Except.

Except 10 minutes later I went back onto Facebook and my profile photo there was gone! Not only that, but my name had been changed—without my permission! (Except apparently permission was automatic when I changed it on the other site.)

Meta is as meta does, I guess.

I was in a bit of a panic. I had no photo and a weird new name. (Feeling less than accomplished at this point.)

My first reaction was to find the original profile photo and replace it.

Except.

Except I couldn't readily find the old photo. It was buried deep within my photo stash and I was feeling the heat of my errors (not to mention the moment). I picked an alternate photo and hit "Post."

One username solved. One username change yet in the wings. I thought to myself, "I'll just change the name back to the old name." That couldn't be too hard.

Except.

Except you can't change your name willy-nilly on Meta. It makes you look like a scammer or hooligan or something even worse—like a bot. Even if you change your name by mistake—totally and completely accidentally—without any intent to become a hooligan or scammer or bot.

You. Cannot. Change. It. Back.

For 60 days.

Meta rules, not mine.

So that is how I inadvertently got a new name and new photo on my Meta accounts this morning.

All because I wanted to learn a little more about woodworking. My bad, I guess.

(So hit me with a two-by-four!)

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

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Five people indicted for fraudulently obtaining more than \$1 million in federal benefits

Five individuals have been indicted by a federal grand jury in Rockford in a scheme alleging a more than \$1 million in federal benefit fraud. The indictment returned Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Rockford charges Tyesha Bowman, 32, of Beloit, Wis., with thirty-four counts of mail and wire fraud; Libra Martin, 48, of Rockford, with fourteen counts of wire fraud; Lamont Foster, 38, of Rockford, with eight counts of mail and wire fraud; Khadijah Brown, 31, of Rockford,

with two counts of mail fraud; and Sieta Carrington, 36, of Rockford, with one count of mail fraud.

Arraignments have not yet been scheduled.

According to the indictment, Bowman and Martin schemed to defraud and fraudulently obtain over \$500,000 in connection with the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, both programs enacted under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

("CARES Act"). Bowman, Foster, Brown, and Carrington schemed to defraud and fraudulently obtain over \$500,000 in connection with the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program.

The indictment was announced by Andrew S. Boutros, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. The investigation was conducted by the Department of Labor Office2 of Inspector General and the U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Inspector General. The

government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert S. Ladd.

The public is reminded that an indictment contains only charges and is not evidence of guilt. The defen-

dants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Each count of mail and wire fraud carries a maximum

sentence of 20 years in federal prison. If convicted, the Court must impose reasonable sentences under federal sentencing statutes and the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.

Lena pilot dies in Ogle County plane crash

At around 9:36 a.m. on July 22, the Ogle County Sheriff's 911 Center received a report of a plane crash near 2810 W. Illinois Route 64 in Mount Morris, not far from the Ogle County Airport, in a cornfield.

Responding deputies and emergency personnel arrived on scene and discovered a crop-dusting aircraft fully engulfed in flames on the north side of the roadway. Fire crews from the Mount Morris Fire Protection District responded and quickly extinguished the fire. The pilot — the sole occupant of the aircraft — was located deceased

within the wreckage shortly after the fire was brought under control.

On July 23, the Ogle County Coroner positively identified the deceased pilot as Alexander Leamon, age 23, of Lena.

Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle notes that this is the third small plane crash in his 11-year career.

The crash investigation was turned over to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) upon their arrival at the scene. The aircraft will remain at the scene until the

federal investigation is complete.

During the crash, the aircraft struck multiple transmission lines belonging to ComEd, severely impacting electrical service in the area. A total of seven utility poles and several power lines were damaged, leading to significant outages on July 22 and the closure of Illinois Route 64 for some time.

Oregon Police, Mount Morris Fire Protection District, and Illinois State Police also responded to the scene.

Further information will be released as it becomes available.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

It has been a long week in Lena. We have had several events that really has hit many of us hard. I lost a dear friend, Trudi, that I had in my life since coming to Lena to teach. She was a valued member of the community in her many contributions. She made homemade salads for the restaurant she and her first husband ran, Gilley's Supper Club. Her salad bar featured many wonderful homemade salads. She also cooked at the Splashland Food Court. In addition to her cooking, she was a valued member of her church. Later in the column I have several of her recipes. She was a fabulous cook, and many of you have eaten some of her great cooking contributions.

We also lost Alex Leamon in a tragic crop-dusting airplane accident. Our hearts are heavy as the Leamon family deals with this tragedy. It has also been a warm week for all of us. The humidity is good for growing the corn and a lot of fruits and vegetables. Have a good week cooking.

Green Salad with Berries

During this hot weather, sometimes we just want a light salad instead of a heavy meal. This green salad has a wonderful dressing over strawberries and raspberries. The onions, nuts, and celery add some crunch. You can buy raspberry vinaigrette salad dressing in the grocery store or make the easy recipe.

- 1 C. torn romaine
- 1 C. fresh baby spinach
- 1 C. sliced fresh strawberries
- ½ C. thinly sliced celery
- ½ small red onion thinly sliced
- ½ C. coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts
- 3 green onions, chopped
- ½ C. raspberry vinaigrette

- 1 C. fresh raspberries
- Raspberry Vinaigrette
- 1 C. fresh raspberries
- 1 T. sugar
- ½ C. red wine vinegar
- ¼ C. olive oil
- 1 T. honey
- ½ t. salt

Mix raspberries and sugar together in a bowl; set aside until mixture is juice, about 10 minutes. Mash raspberries using a fork until liquefied. Pour raspberry mixture into a clean jar with a lid; add vinegar, oil, honey and salt. Cover the jar with the lid and shake until dressing is mixed well. Store in refrigerator.

In a large bowl, combine the romaine, spinach, strawberries, and celery. Drizzle with dressing. Sprinkle with nuts, green onions and raspberries.

Veggie Chopped Salad

This salad is very much like the traditional broccoli salad that everyone has made forever. This salad has the addition of the peas and the crunchy celery. You can make it the day before and add the

peanuts right before serving.

- 3 C. finely chopped fresh broccoli
- 3 C. finely chopped cauliflower
- 3 C. finely chopped celery
- 2 C. frozen peas, thawed
- 6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 1 1/3 C. mayonnaise
- ¼ C. sugar
- 2 T. grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 T. cider vinegar
- ¼ t. salt
- ¾ C. salted peanuts

In a large bowl, combine the broccoli, cauliflower, celery, peas, and bacon. In a small bowl, mix the mayo, sugar, Parmesan cheese, vinegar, and salt until blended. Add to salad and toss to coat. Just before serving, sprinkle with peanuts.

Cauliflower Casserole

I had never had a cauliflower casserole until Trudi made this for one of her dinner parties. I love the creamy casserole with a unique way to serve cauliflower.

- 1 medium head cauliflower
- 1 can cream of chicken

soup

- ½ C. sour cream
- 2 oz. sharp cheddar cheese
- ¼ C. crushed Ritz crackers
- ¼ C. butter, thinly sliced

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray an 8-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Trim cauliflower into florets. Bring a large pan of salted water to a boil over high and add cauliflower. Boil until just tender, 4 to 5 minutes. Drain cauliflower and return to saucepan. Stir together soup and sour cream in a small bowl. Add to cauliflower and toss to combine. Transfer mixture to baking dish. Sprinkle casserole with cheese and Ritz crackers. Dot with butter slices. Bake in preheated oven until casserole is bubbly and crackers are golden, about 30 minutes.

Tuna Salad Avocado Boats

We all know that avocados are going up in price, so make them up as soon as you can while we can still get them and afford to buy them. This unique way to eat tuna as a main dish is easy. They are pretty and tasty; it is an easy way to serve tuna.

- 4 avocados
- ¼ C. red wine vinegar
- 2 T. olive oil
- 2 t. hot sauce
- 1 C. rinsed, drained cannellini beans from a 15.5 can
- 4 oz. feta
- 2 cans (5 oz. each) solid white tuna in water, drained
- 1 C. chopped fresh parsley
- ¼ t. pepper
- ½ C. sliced red onion

Halve and pit avocados. With small knife, trim thin slice of peel from bottom of avocado halves to sit flat. In a bowl, whisk together the vinegar and hot sauce. In a separate bowl, mash beans. In same bowl, finely crumble feta. Flake tuna with fork. Stir tuna, parsley, dressing and pepper into bowl with bean mixture. Place the avocados on a platter cut side up. Dividing evenly, fill with tuna mixture. Top with onion and chopped parsley.

Ham and Broccoli Roll-Ups

This main dish is one of my favorites. Trudi introduced this delicious main course to me many years ago. I have served it for my own get-togethers as well as my card club. They are great to make ahead because they freeze well. Thank you, Trudi, for the legacy of this delicious way to entertain.

- 6 Broccoli Spears
- 6 Ham slices, sliced thin enough to roll
- 6 slices of Swiss cheese sliced thin enough to roll (I

use Baby Swiss)

Cook broccoli spears and drain. Take ham and place Swiss cheese on top and place broccoli spear on cheese and roll up. Put ham in a greased pan and cover with sauce.

Sauce

- 3 T. butter
- 4 T. flour
- ¼ t. salt
- Dash of pepper
- 1 C. Milk

Melt butter in saucepan over low heat. Blend in flour. Add milk and stir constantly until thickens. Remove from heat. Add ½ C. sour cream and 1 teaspoon salad mustard to make the sauce a medium consistency. Pour over ham roll ups. Melt 2 T. butter and add breadcrumbs to make enough for topping. Bake in a 325 oven for 35 minutes. I have used crushed Ritz crackers instead of breadcrumbs for a crunchy topping. Sprinkle with parsley.

Zucchini Muffins

These muffins are a great way to use the surplus zucchini you have. You can also use frozen zucchini that has been drained and squeezed dry. If you are not a nut fan, you can omit them. You can also substitute dried cranberries or chopped dried apricots for the raisins.

- ¾ C. flour
- ½ C. sugar
- ¼ t. baking powder
- ¼ t. salt
- ¼ t. cinnamon
- 1 egg room temperature
- ¼ C. canola oil
- 1 C. finely shredded unpeeled zucchini
- ½ C. chopped nuts
- ¼ C. chopped raisins or golden raisins

Preheat oven to 350. Coat 6 muffin cups with cooking spray or use paper liners; set aside. In a bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and cinnamon. In another bowl combine the egg and oil. Add to dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in the zucchini, nuts and raisins. Fill muffin cups three-fourths full of batter. Bake for 22 to 25 minutes until a toothpick in center comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack.

Peach Cobbler Cookies

There are a lot of great peaches out there. I imagine I will be giving you a lot of peach recipes in the future. These delicious and soft cookies are a great way to use peaches in a nontraditional way. Enjoy these summer treats with a seasonal fruit.

LENA-WINSLOW ALL SCHOOL REGISTRATION

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ALL FAMILIES WILL NEED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY TO REGISTER

Online Registration for all returning students in the Lena-Winslow District will start on July 28 and must be completed by August 14 at midnight.

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

Please remember:

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

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

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

Free/Reduced Meal Applications must be completed annually. You can apply online through Skyward Family Access, download an application off the website, or applications are available in any office. Please Call Darcy Schierloh at 815-668-0800 if you have any questions.

The first day of school will be Monday, August 18, 2025. Dismissal time will be 1 p.m. for the first day.

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

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IN*CI*DENTAL*LY

Prolonged high heat and humidity pose health risks

As the Midwest faces another prolonged period of high heat and humidity, you should be aware that conditions such as dehydration, heat exhaustion and heat stroke become more common, especially for vulnerable populations, including young children, expectant mothers, older adults, and people with chronic medical conditions.

Dehydration occurs when you aren't drinking enough fluids to replace those you have lost. Since your body weight is 60 percent water, water is crucial to all bodily functions. Therefore, even a mild state of dehydration can impact your body's ability to conduct normal functions.

Electrolytes are minerals that help regulate nerve and muscle function, as well as replenish hydration for your body. Common electrolytes include sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, chloride, phosphate, and bicarbonate. While drinking fluoridated tap water is great for everyday hydration, spending long days in the heat with prolonged sweating can lead to severe dehydration and electrolyte imbalance. Drinking milk, which contains electrolytes, can rehydrate you and keep your heart and muscles functioning properly. If you are allergic to milk, Soy milk and coconut water also contain electrolytes without the acid and added sugar found in sport drinks.

If you have a condition that affects your electrolyte balance, such as kidney disease or high blood



By
DR. STEPHEN PETRAS
Illinois Licensed
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pressure, consult your healthcare provider to determine whether/which electrolyte drinks are safe and appropriate for you during these extreme weather conditions.

Heat can vary in how it affects the body, and symptoms depend on a number of factors including age, health, and level of physical activity. Infants and young children, expectant mothers, elderly people, and people with chronic health conditions, have more difficulty regulating their body temperature. In addition, some prescription medications can keep your body from cooling properly (reduce the ability to sweat or impair vasodilation, a key mechanism for cooling), making you more vulnerable to heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Even common over-the-counter products, including allergy medications, decongestants, and pain relievers can worsen heat sensitivity or contribute to dehydration.

Infants can become dehydrated with even slight fluid loss. Dehydration in infants and toddlers may present as irritability, listlessness, excessive sweating, unusual sleepiness, crying without tears, a diaper that hasn't been wet for over

three hours, dry mouth, and flushed or sunken cheeks. Adults may feel dizzy, weak, confused, nauseated or faint, have excessive thirst, dry eyes or blurred vision, urinate less, and have dark-colored urine.

We all know it is necessary to take precautions when it is sunny and hot outside, but you should be aware that a hot indoor room without air conditioning or circulating air can be as dangerous, or as fatal, as being in a car on a sweltering day, especially for these more vulnerable groups. While fans circulate the existing air, they do not cool it. Therefore, they should only be used when indoor temperatures are below 90°F. Above that, fans can make your body work even harder to cool down, which increases the risk of heat-related illness. With heat indices soaring into the triple digits, it is important to have at least one room in your house where you can cool off. Investing in a window air conditioner unit can help save lives.

You are also at a higher risk for both heat exhaustion and heatstroke when it is humid, as humidity makes it harder for sweat to evaporate. If you are experiencing symptoms of heat exhaustion (heavy sweating, weak rapid pulse, dizziness, muscle cramps, nausea, headache) stop all activity, move to a cooler place, and rehydrate. If you have reached the point where you are no longer able to sweat, you are experiencing heat stroke. Heat stroke occurs when the body

temperature gets above 104 degrees and cooling down safely requires immediate medical intervention. While you wait for the ambulance, get the person out of the sun or into a ventilated, cooler room and sponge them off with a cool, wet cloth. Do not give someone with heat stroke ice cold water to drink, as this can lead to further complications.

Prevention, as always, is the goal. Since you do not drink when you are sleeping, begin every day by rehydrating with a glass of fluoridated tap water. This will not only help flush out toxins, rev up your immune system, kick in your metabolism, and assist your brain to help you feel "awake and alert," but it will also support your oral health. Make it easy to stay hydrated throughout the day by keeping a bottle of fluoridated tap water nearby. Make sure that your diet contains fruits and vegetables with a high-water content and those crucial electrolytes (tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelon, cantaloupe, peaches, berries, oranges, lettuce, and spinach). Keep in mind that it is best to drink water throughout the day, rather than drinking an excessive amount at one time, which in extreme cases could dilute electrolytes in your blood and lead to water intoxication.

Stay as cool as possible by wearing light-colored, loose-fitting, and breathable clothing, schedule physical

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FHN recognized for commitment to improving cardiac arrest survival rates

FHN Memorial Hospital has received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® - Resuscitation Silver Adult and Newly Born quality achievement awards for its commitment to treating in-hospital cardiac arrest of adults and newborns, ultimately helping to improve survival rates.

Each year, about 300,000 adults and children experience an in-hospital cardiac arrest in the United States. Survival from cardiac arrest largely depends on timely medical emergency team response and effective CPR.

The Get With The Guidelines - Resuscitation program

was developed to help save lives of patients who experience in-hospital cardiac arrests by consistently following the most up-to-date research-based guidelines for treatment as outlined by the American Heart Association. Guidelines include following protocols for patient safety, medical emergency team response, effective and timely resuscitation (CPR) and post-resuscitation care. Get With The Guidelines puts the expertise of the American Heart Association to work for hospitals nationwide, helping ensure the care provided to patients is aligned with the latest evidence- and re-

search-based guidelines.

"The patient care teams at FHN Memorial Hospital are committed to improving patient care by adhering to the latest resuscitation guidelines," said FHN Vice President/Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nursing Officer Kathy Martinez, DHA, MSN, RN, FACHE. "By participating in the Get With The Guidelines program, our teams are able to put proven knowledge and evidence-based practices to work on a daily basis, which studies show can help more patients who experience a cardiac arrest survive. Our end goal is to ensure more people in northwest Illinois experi-

ence longer, healthier lives."

FHN Memorial Hospital received the award for meeting specific measures in treating adult and newly born patients who experience cardiac arrest in the hospital.

"We are pleased to recognize FHN for its commitment in following these guidelines," said Paul Chan, M.D., MSc, volunteer chair of the American Heart Association Resuscitation System of Care Advisory Group. "Hospitals that participate in Get With The Guidelines often see improved patient outcomes and improved survival rates — a win for health care systems, families and communities."

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ANTHONY F. SIERGIEJ et al Defendant

2024 FC 64

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 8, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on August 12, 2025, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE EAST QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 34 AND THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES, 00 MINUTES AND 00 SECONDS EAST ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER 1761.42 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF EAST PARKER ROAD; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES, 51 MINUTES AND 00 SECONDS WEST ON SAID CENTER LINE, 408.72 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF STATE ROUTE 78 AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 73 DEGREES, 51 MINUTES AND 00 SECONDS WEST ON THE CENTER LINE OF SAID EAST PARKER ROAD, 5535.82 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 12 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES AND 40 SECONDS WEST, 164.70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 52 DEGREES, 58 MINUTES AND 38 SECONDS EAST, 70.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES, 22 MIN-

UTES AND 24 SECONDS WEST, 136.80 FEET; THENCE NORTH 61 DEGREES 35 MINUTES AND 04 SECONDS EAST, 256.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 65 DEGREES, 47 MINUTES AND 57 SECONDS EAST 225.79 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF SAID STATE ROUTE 78; THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES, 32 MINUTES AND 09 SECONDS EAST ON SAID CENTER LINE, 186.42 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING IN JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON A SURVEY BY D. B. PERRY OF C. F. SURVEYING COMPANY, REGISTERED ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR, AS REVISED JANUARY 7, 1996 AND RECORDED JANUARY 19, 1996 IN PLAN HOLD D OF PLATS AT NO. 43 AS DOCUMENT NO. 242579. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 9643, 9715, 9823 E PARKER RD, STOCKTON, IL 61085

Property Index No. 17-000-360-00

The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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from the date of sale with-in which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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 this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

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Case Number: 2024 FC 64 TJSC#: 45-1250

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING

Plaintiff, -v.- TINA A. BAUGHN et al Defendant

2025 FC 2

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 13, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on August 29, 2025, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 12 OF INDIAN RIDGE THIRD ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION

LOCATED IN A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE CITY OF GALENA, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 23, 1987 AS DOCUMENT NO. 186387 IN PLAN HOLD B OF PLATS, NO. 125-A AND CORRECTED BY AFFIDAVIT RECORDED MARCH 3, 1989 AS DOCUMENT NO. 196264.

Commonly known as 230 COUNCIL FIRE CIRCLE, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 22-101-534-00

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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 this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure

sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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Feds weigh in on lawsuit challenging how Illinois maintains voter registration rolls

Suit alleges Illinois fails to properly maintain registration lists

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The U.S. Department of Justice added its voice this month to a lawsuit by private entities accusing the state of Illinois of failing to properly maintain a statewide voter registration list, in violation of a 1993 federal law.

In a filing known as a "statement of interest," the Justice Department said the government has an interest in the outcome of the lawsuit, although the filing stops short of asking the court for permission to intervene as a party in the case.

"This case presents important questions regarding enforcement of the National Voter Registration Act," attorneys in DOJ's Civil Rights Division said in the filing. "Congress has vested the Attorney General with authority to enforce the NVRA (National Voter Registration Act) on behalf of the United States. Accordingly, the United States has a substantial interest in ensuring proper interpretation of the NVRA."

The lawsuit challenges the state's practice of delegating to local election officials the responsibility of conducting regular maintenance of voter registration rolls, including the task of purging people from the rolls when they die or move out of the jurisdiction. Under NVRA, the suit argues, the state is responsible for carrying out that function.

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Judge Sara Ellis has indicated she could decide the case at a hearing currently scheduled for July 30.

The DOJ filing comes at the same time the Trump administration has been launching multi-pronged efforts for the federal government to exert more influence over voter registration in the United States, a task traditionally reserved for states.

In March, Trump signed an executive order purporting to require people to show documentary proof of U.S. citizenship when they register to vote. That order has since been blocked from being enforced while a legal challenge to it proceeds.

Meanwhile, the Washington Post reported July 16 that the DOJ has asked at least nine other states for complete copies of their voter rolls, and at least two reportedly have turned them over.

So far, the DOJ has not requested similar data from Illinois. Officials at the Illinois State Board of Elections declined to comment on the DOJ filing, saying they do not comment on pending litigation.

Basis of lawsuit

The suit was filed in 2024 by Judicial Watch, a conservative legal advocacy group known for filing Freedom of Information Act lawsuits to investigate allegations of official misconduct.

Other plaintiffs include Wheaton-based Breakthrough Ideas, a conservative advocacy group headed by former Republican state Rep. Jeanne Ives; Illinois Family Action, a Christian political advocacy group based in Tinley Park; and Carol J. Davis, identified as a DuPage County resident and member of Judicial Watch.

The complaint is based on a provision of NVRA that requires states to "conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters" if they have died or changed their address.

The complaint also cites federal regulations that require each state's chief election officer to submit various kinds of election-related data to the federal Election Assistance Commission, including

"the total number of registrations statewide that were, for whatever reason, deleted from the registration list ... between the past two federal general elections."

The election commission collects that data and publishes biennial reports that are delivered to Congress summarizing the information it receives.

According to the complaint, the commission's reports indicated that much of the required information from Illinois was missing. For example, the complaint notes, from November 2020 through November 2022, 11 Illinois counties reported removing zero voters from their registration lists, suggesting that no registered voters had moved or died in those counties over the two-year period. Twelve other counties reported removing 15 or fewer registrations over that same period.

The complaint described those as "absurdly small numbers," given that those 23 counties were home to more than 980,000 registered voters.

In a letter to Judicial Watch responding to a request to supply the missing data, State Board of Elections Executive Director Bernadette Matthews wrote that the agency does not maintain such information because Illinois is a "bottom up jurisdiction" where local jurisdictions—including 102 counties and six municipal election authorities—are responsible for maintaining their own voter registration lists.

"This makes sense, as local election authorities are responsible for determining a voter's continuing eligibility to vote in their jurisdiction," Matthews wrote.

The plaintiffs, however, argue that NVRA gives states the responsibility for keeping voter registration lists up to

date, and they cannot delegate that responsibility to local jurisdictions.

That is also the argument that the DOJ made in its statement of interest.

"By its plain terms, the NVRA identifies one entity—the state—to carry out the administration of voter registration for federal elections," DOJ argued.

Defendants' response

The Illinois attorney general's office, which is defending the State Board of Elections, has filed a motion to dismiss the complaint, arguing the plaintiffs lack standing to bring the suit. It also claims the plaintiffs have not stated a valid claim because NVRA allows states to delegate its responsibilities to local authorities.

Two labor unions—the Illi-

nois AFL-CIO and the Illinois Federation of Teachers—have intervened in support of the state's position. They argue that they spend considerable resources to ensure their members can vote in Illinois elections and they have an interest in making sure none of their members are unlawfully purged from the voter rolls if the plaintiffs succeed in the case.

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These vehicles are for organizational use.

Detailed specifications and bid requirements are available upon request.

Bid Submission Deadline: August 1, 2025, 1:00 PM.

For more information, please contact James Bunting, Superintendent at james.bunting@stocktonschools.com or 815-947-3391.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart Asset Management, LLC as Agent for Owner #4409, 555 W. South Street, Freeport, Illinois 61032 to satisfy a lien on August 21, 2025 at approx. 1:00 PM at www.storage treasures.com Cube 1029 Chari Thill; Cube 1092 Nas Adams; Cube

1111 Tamilyn Gray; Cube 1165 Aleah Phillips; Cube 1222 Ranae Webb; Cube 1488 Cornelius E Patton; Cube 1513 Gary Hunt; Cube 1514 Lakera Hall

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IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Stephenson

- Freeport, ILLINOIS
DEUTSCHE BANK
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2005-WL3

Plaintiff
vs.
JANET D. BODDIE;
UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS
Defendant

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CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on August 27, 2025, at the hour 1:30 p.m., Security First Title Company, 205 West Stephenson Street, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

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1442 S. BLACKHAWK
AVE., FREEPORT, IL
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The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 24-186885

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activity for the early morning or evening, and take cool showers or baths. If you must work or participate in outdoor activities, take frequent breaks in the shade or indoors, wear a light-colored hat with a wide brim and made of breathable fabric to allow air circulation, and use sunscreen. While wearing sunglasses with UV protection will not directly lower your body temperature,

intense light can lead to eye fatigue and headaches, so protecting your eyes lowers your stress and reduces glare, which can improve clarity and safety.

Never leave children, elderly or disabled people or pets in a parked vehicle. Even on a mild day (61 degrees), the temperature in a parked car can reach 105 degrees rapidly. In triple digit weather a car can reach 130-

172 degrees in as little as ten minutes, with the windows cracked. Children's bodies heat three to five times faster than adults, which means they can die within ten minutes. Since children like to play in cars, always leave your car locked when you are home and make sure the keys/remote openers are kept in a place they cannot reach. If you see a child alone in a car call 911 immediately.

•Recipes (Continued from page 8)

- 1 C. butter, softened
- 1 C. sugar
- 1/3 C. packed brown sugar
- 1 egg, room temperature
- 1 t. vanilla
- ¼ t. almond extract
- 3 C. flour
- 1½ t. cinnamon
- 1 t. cream of tartar
- 1 t. baking soda
- ½ t. salt
- ¼ t. nutmeg
- 1 C. chopped peeled

Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy, 5 to 7 minutes. Beat in egg and extracts. In another bowl, whisk the flour, cinnamon, cream of tartar, baking soda, salt, and nutmeg; gradually beat into creamed mixture. Stir in peaches. Drop dough by tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart onto parchment lined baking sheets. Bake until set, 14 to 16 minutes. Cool on pans for 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely. Store in an airtight container.

Final Thoughts

It has been a brutal week of hot weather. I lost electricity one morning for an hour. I am always concerned that everything comes back on without any damage. I am grateful for my air conditioning and was hoping it

wouldn't be a long outage. I don't have a generator like a lot of my friends do. I mentioned also that this week has been a long one for dealing with some difficult events. Life changes in just a moment's notice, so enjoy every day that you can.

I can't believe we will usher in August at the end of the week. I know families are trying to get in last minute vacations before school starts. The stadium project is progressing. We are all hoping it will be ready for the first home football game, and of course Labor Day Events as well as Fall Festival is fast approaching. Thank you to the Lena Park District for hosting the Sunday Evening Music in the Park. They have done a great job of having different kinds of music for all to enjoy. There are still Saturday evening concerts at the lake that you can enjoy. Have a great week cooking.

We are looking for some summer recipes with fruits and vegetables of the season. If you find some recipes to share, you can contact us by email at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com or by mail at From Lena's Kitchen, The Shopper's Guide at Rock Valley Publishing, 1102 Ann St. Delavan, WI 56115.

•Leader (Continued from page 6)

The consequences of this neglected system fall heavily on the poor and disenfranchised members of our communities. Without proper funding and oversight, indigent people—who make up the majority of those prosecuted in Illinois—are at risk of being denied the vigorous defense that every accused person deserves.

A quality system of public defense ensures that every individual, regardless of their financial situation, receives competent, dedicated, and zealous legal representation. It ensures that well-supported attorneys with manageable caseloads have the staff and resources necessary to investigate their cases thoroughly and advocate effectively and without unnecessary delay for their clients.

The FAIR Act offers a comprehensive solution to this long-standing crisis. It will create a State Public Defender's Office to assess staffing and resource needs and distribute increased

state funds fairly. It will also establish a State Public Defender Commission, which will oversee indigent defense across the state and provide independence from improper political or judicial influence. The Illinois Public Defender Association supports the positive changes represented by the FAIR Act, giving voice to the Chief Defenders and Assistant Defenders across Illinois who may not otherwise feel empowered to speak on behalf of themselves and the clients they represent.

The reforms in the FAIR Act will improve fairness for accused people and strengthen the integrity of Illinois' criminal, juvenile, and family welfare systems.

Keith Grant is the president of the Illinois Public Defender Association. Jeff York is a board member of the Illinois Public Defender Association and has served as the chief public defender of DuPage County for the past 15 years.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Stephenson - Freeport, ILLINOIS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-WL3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WL3

Plaintiff
vs.
JANET D. BODDIE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.

Plaintiff,
-v.-
ANTHONY F. SIERGIEJ et al
Defendant

2024 FC 64

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 8, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on August 12, 2025, at

REAL ESTATE NOTICES

the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 9643, 9715, 9823 E PARKER RD, STOCKTON, IL 61085

Property Index No. 17-000-360-00

The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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 this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, pass-

port, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-24-06131 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2024 FC 64 TJSC#: 45-1250

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING

Plaintiff,
-v.-
TINA A. BAUGHN et al
Defendant

2025 FC 2

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 13, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on August 29, 2025, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 230 COUNCIL FIRE CIRCLE, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 22-101-534-00

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and

is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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 this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-24-07767 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2025 FC 2 TJSC#: 45-852

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Wednesday, July 30th

3pm - Ag Building Opens for Exhibit Drop-offs
7pm - Exhibit Drop-offs Close

Thursday, July 31st

9am - Judging: Textiles & Fine Arts, Hobbies
10am - Judging: Culinary & Floriculture
11am - Judging: Agricultural Goods
12pm - Judging Complete
4pm - GATES OPEN
5:30 - 9:30pm - Carnival Opens Unlimited Wristbands
6:30pm - Jo Davieess County Fair Pageant
8pm - Entertainment Tent Music

Friday, August 1st

8am - Gates Open
9am - Judging: Open Beef Show
11am - Swine Judging
11am - Entertainment Tent Opens
1pm - Judging: Open Goat Show
2pm - Judging: Open Meat Goat Show
4pm - Carnival Opens - Tickets
6pm - Judging: Open Rabbit Show
6:30pm - Queens Auction - Grandstands
7pm - Demolition Derby
9pm - 12am - Entertainment Tent : Rout Thirtiyeight

Saturday, August 2nd

Community Bank Growing Tomorrow: Ag Day
8am - Gates Open
8am - Warren FFA Alumni Tractor Show Begins
9am - Judging: Open Dairy Show
10am - Judging: JR Beef Show
10am - Jo Jeep Jam
10am - Youth Mud Volleyball & Tug o' War
11am - Bingo
1pm - Growing Tomorrow Ag Learning Begins!
1pm - Tractor Show - Judging
1pm - Judging: Open Sheep Show
3pm - Taylor Swift Dance Party
5pm - Community Bank Pedal Tractor Giveaway
5pm - Pedal Tractor Pull - Behind Grandstands
4pm - Carnival Opens - Tickets
7pm - Saunders Oil & Propane Badger State Tractor Pull
9pm - 12am - Entertainment Tent : Illinois James

Sunday, August 3rd

Apple River State Bank Family Fun Day
8am - Gates Open
9am - Adult Mud Volleyball
10am - Lawn Mower Races
11am - Entertainment Tent Opens Tea with the Queen
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