Join The Marshall-Putnam Fair For The Third Annual Stampede 5K And More Sun., July 12

Lace up your running shoes and join the fun at the Third Annual County Fair Stampede 5K on Sunday, July 12, as we kick off the 2026 Marshall-Putnam Fair.

The race will begin inside the Grandstand and take participants on a course through the fairgrounds. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m., with the race starting promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Registration is $30 per participant. All runners must complete a registration form, sign a waiver, and submit payment prior to participating. Participants who register by July 1 will be guaranteed an event T-shirt.

After crossing the finish line, stick around and enjoy a full day of fair activities. From 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will be the Vendor Show, with the Food Truck Fest 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and noon to 3 p.m. Mingo – Music Bingo in the Commercial Building, plus from 11 a.m. to noon a Lego Contest (more information coming soon). At 1 p.m. the longest running event of Marshall-Putnam Fair, harness racing in front of the grandstand will begin, and at 3:00 p.m. the Fair Pageants begin in the Hunt Building.

For more information visit our website marshallputnamfair.org or phone the fair office at (309) 364-2814. We hope to see you at the 105th Marshall-Putnam Stars and Stripes-A-Fair!

Illinois: Quick Hits

Cassino Extension Approved

The Illinois Gaming Board has approved measures to allow the extension of gambling operations at the Chicago and Waukegan temporary casinos while permanent facilities are under construction.

The extensions allow Bally's to operate at its temporary location for an additional 12 months until Sept. 9, 2027 and FHR-Illinois American Place to operate for an additional 18 months until Feb. 17, 2029.

Free Fishing Days Offered

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is inviting families to participate in free fishing days from Friday through June 22.

Anglers can fish on these days without purchasing a fishing license, salmon stamp or inland trout stamp.

The state charges $15 for resident fishing licenses. Fees for other licenses can be found on IDNR's fishing licenses website.

Wholesale Cost Index Rises For Second Straight Month

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis says the Producer Price Index for final demand rose 1.1% in May, following a similar increase in April.

The index representing the wholesale cost of U.S. goods and services had not previously seen an increase of more than 1% since March 2022.

County Board

(From Lacon Front Page)

once its useful life has been reached for the county.

The board also discussed next month's meeting opting to cancel the meeting and call a meeting for later in the day. The next meeting is set to be held July 16th. Postponing the time from their regular 8:30 am, will allow the board members to attend Senior Day at the Marshall-Putnam Fair, something they do every year.

In other business, the board approved the re-appointment of Ernie Robinson to the Toluca Surface Water Protection District for a three year term. Brad Lindstrom was appointed to the Marshall County Health Department Board of a one year term and Mary Sheets was re-appointed to the Lacon Cemetery Board for a six year term. The Marshall County Airport Board also saw some re-appointments including Mike Stumbaugh, Michael Flahaven and Kent McKee. These three re-appointments were all for three year terms.

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M-P Quilting Guild To Host Sewing Classes

Marshall Putnam Quilting Guild will be hosting summer sewing classes. The dates are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of June, July, and August. They are held at the Henry Presbyterian Church located at 511 Wirt St. in Henry from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration is $5.00 per student, ages 8 and up. We will teach you the basics of your sewing machine or you can use one that is maybe available at the church. Projects will be available. If you have any questions you can contact Paula Briggs at (309) 531-2507.

Three Sheets in The Wind . . . by Mary

I am a little ashamed and not sure I should make this admission, but this seems like the right time. I don't understand soccer. With the hoopla over the "World Cup," I really feel that I ought to have some inkling of what's happened, but I don't. In my defense, I don't remember ever playing, being taught how to or even watching soccer in my school years. I vaguely recall kicking a soccer ball around during P.E., but I didn't know why or what for we were doing that. There was no structure, rules or game being played. We were simply kicking the ball. Apparently, in the world of soccer, that's called dribbling.

I mention this because I happened to catch a little of a soccer game on T.V. this past weekend, and I find my self jealous. Seriously, these people are having FUN in capital letters. They dress in team colors, in the colors of their country and they whoop and holler like nobody cares and nobody does. It's a loud, boisterous sport with crazy motions, movements, arms flaying in the air, and that's just the crowd.

As for the players on the field, and there appear to be lots of them all out there at the same time, they never stop moving. They run, they chase the ball, kick the ball back and forth, bump it with their heads. When something important happens, they bump chests with the force of wild, rodeo bulls.

And, the crowd goes crazy, more crazy than they already were.

Years ago, a friend attended a world cup soccer game when it played in Chicago. He said later that he didn't really understand the game, but it was fun to watch. There was always something happening on the field. It never stopped. The players were always moving, running, bumping into each other, chasing that ball.

Football, our version of a full on running sport on a field, is exciting every so often. Finally, someone catches the ball and runs. Maybe, he'll run all the way to the end of the field, but no. A couple big guys grab him around the waste and down he goes after running a couple yards. Now it's time to reset, take a time out, review the penalty. Sometimes the 5 minutes left in the game last for what seems like hours. (My apologies to my football loving fans. This is my opinion only.)

But compare that to that soccer fan bunch who break out in song, jump up and down and wave flags. They sure have fun.

Maybe we're too refined. We watch. We cheer. We wear team T-shirts. But we don't break out in song.

Soccer looks like fun. I've seen some of the little kids, the grade schoolers, playing on the school field. Some of them, maybe most, don't really know the rules, but they are having FUN with capital letters.

I'm going to watch a game from start to finish, not because I'll ever play, not because I care about the rules, or the strategy or even the score, but because it might be fun.

In these crazy times, it would be nice if a little of that fun and love for the game rubbed off.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF MARSHALL - LACON, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff

vs.

VANESSA F. GAETA; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; 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 July 22, 2026, at the hour 10:15 a.m., Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth, 310 Fifth Street, Lacon, IL 61540, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

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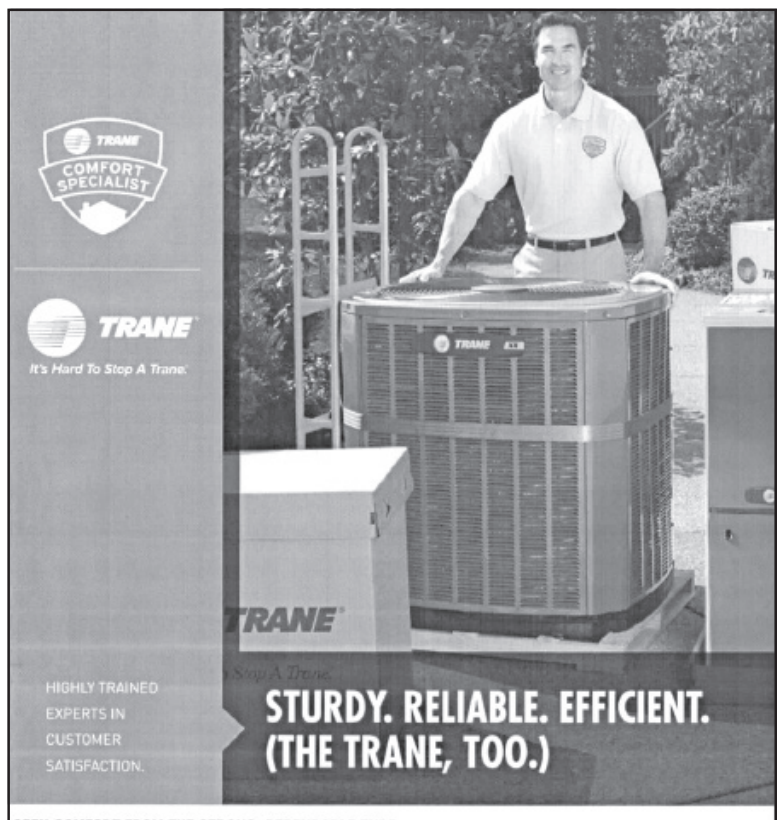

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