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Lena Winter Wonderland celebration starts the holiday season right

By **Tony Carton**
Editor

LENA — Visiting with Santa in downtown Lena is a wonderful way to create special holiday memories and dozens of folks, young and old did exactly that on Friday night during the annual Winter Wonderland celebration staged again this year by the Lena Business and Professional Association.

"This is our third year and we grew a little bit more again," said Paris Hughes who helped organize the parade segment of the celebration. "The weather was great and lots of folks are out visiting our downtown and enjoying the evening."

She said the celebration is a way to bring that hometown feel back to Lena.

"We started the wonderland project three years ago to help acquaint folks with the shops downtown," she said. "We have a beautiful tree again this year and our school kids make all the decorations."

One of the highlights of the season-long celebration is the Giving Tree in DeVoe Floral.

"Folks can come in and take a card off the tree and it will have the age and size and Christmas wishes of an area child," she said. "You shop for what's on the card and wrap it and bring it in and Santa will deliver it."

The LBPA is hosting a number of activities throughout the town in conjunction with the Winter Wonderland celebration including a window decorating contest for the businesses, a house decorating contest and a float competition for the vehicles in the parade.

"We just want folks to know Lena is a great small town with a big heart and we know how to celebrate the holidays," Hughes said.

Jean Engel was busy in her

family's old shop serving up cookies and helping Santa with his lists.

"Santa and Mrs. Claus will be here for several hours tonight listening to the children and giving them candy and there is a mail box outside with a direct line to the North Pole if anyone has already written Santa a letter," said Engel.

She said the Winter Wonderland celebrations are always a big thing in Lena.

"We've been having a Christmas Walk in Lena for as long as I can remember," Engel said. "This is only the third year for the parade, but it's growing and people seem to enjoy it."

She said there is a lot of foot traffic throughout the downtown for the celebration.

"It's nice when all the businesses stay open a little later than usual," Engel said. "It's a chance for folks to come out and enjoy the start of the holiday season."

Ruth Maedge was busy over at the Lena Mercantile.

"We are staying open late and hoping we can make our shoppers happy," said Maedge. "We have a few little treats and we have samples of fudge and coffee if people want it."

The Mercantile normally closes at 5:30 p.m. seven days a week, but Maedge decided to stay late and accommodate folks visiting the downtown for the Winter Wonderland celebration.

"We are a small community that sticks together and tries to promote themselves as a town that works together, she said.

Meanwhile, over at the Lena Public Library, things were really getting busy.

"Tonight we have cookies and cocoa for anyone who drops by," said Children's Librarian Kathy Andrews. "We also have sticker sheets for the



Photo by Tracy Siegner

Jane West brought her pal Richard to DeVoe's Floral and Flowers by Paris for a special holiday treat during last week's Lena Winter Wonderland celebration

little ones to decorate. They can make a jingle bell necklace and a Christmas Tree bookmark."

She said the library normally attracts about 50 to 60 people for the holiday kickoff celebration.

"We have some games for the kids to play," she said. "These are always fun events."

Kenzie Zimmerman was decorating a gingerbread house sticker sheet. She was deciding where to put the people and the

cat stickers and where to put the trees and which jelly bean stickers should go on the roof and which on the windows.

"It's a gingerbread house," she said. "I'm going to make it nice so Santa will come."



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Lena Christmas Walk



Tracy Siegner photos

Kenzie and Tracie Zimmerman came to the Lena Public Library for crafting during the Lena Winter Wonderland celebration Friday night



Santa and Mrs Claus had their hands full when Maddox and Ozzie Heimann came downtown to visit during the annual Lena Winter Wonderland celebration



Ruth Maedge was kept busy with late night shoppers at the Lena Mercantile during the annual Winter Wonderland celebration

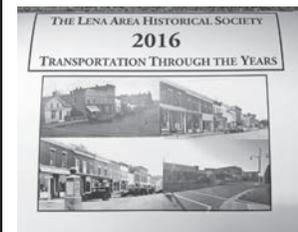


Five year old Chole came with her mom Carri Mapes to see Santa and Mrs Claus and suggested she might like an Elsa doll from the movie Frozen for Christmas

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LENA LIBRARY NEWS

By Dixie Althoff
Library Director

LENA — When you stop in the Library, you will notice it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Ms. Kathy and I have been busy with decorating. We even have good old Frosty in the corner. He has managed to find a book about himself to read. You notice that he is now wearing glasses, as he is getting on in years! He really is kind of cute!!

Story hour and after school groups have been busy with Thanksgiving and of course, getting ready for Christmas. Last week the after school group made edible Pilgrim hats and enjoyed them as a snack. They also played Turkey Bingo. This week they designed Christmas ornaments using old Christmas cards. The ornaments were used to decorate the tree in the story hour room. It was a busy

4-H shooting sports teaches youth valuable life skills

STATELINE — Eleven youth, 8-18 years old, from Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties participated in the 4-H Shooting Sports SPIN Club that ended on November 25th at the Indian Trail Archers indoor Shooting range. The club was sponsored by University of Illinois Extension and Stephenson County 4-H. Mark Rust was the lead instructor with Brian Woitynek assisting.

The eight-week club is an active participation program designed to introduce young people to the sport of archery. The program is built around natural resources, wildlife, outdoor recreation, and safety. Safety is first and foremost - participants are expected to follow the directions of the instructors at all times.

"We had a great group of kids who really enjoyed the experience. Some were advanced while others picked up a bow and arrow for the first time," stated Lori Tessoroff, 4-H

Jo Daviess County Sheriff issues IRS phone scam warning

STATELINE — The Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office is warning the public of a phone scam currently occurring in Jo Daviess County.

The phone scam is a phone call informing individuals that the Internal Revenue Service filed a lawsuit against the individual and they need

hour as they baked Christmas cookies and enjoyed them with a hot cup of cocoa. The downstairs smelled delicious! The Thanksgiving posters that were made a couple weeks ago were judged. Winners were: Lillian Werhane and Grady Winter. Congratulations on some very nice work!

Last week the preschoolers had Thanksgiving parties. They played Turkey bean bag toss. Turkey and pumpkin bags were used. When the bag goes in, all the children go "gobble, gobble, gobble." They had lots of fun playing that game.

Pilgrim hats made by Ms. Kathy were enjoyed for a snack. Yes, I had a couple and they were quite tasty!

This week started the Christmas theme. The children decorated the wall tree with candy canes and stockings. The craft this week was a jingle bell bracelet. During

Program Coordinator. "The 4-H staff, in conjunction with Indian Trail Archers, strive to make this an exciting, enjoyable, and rewarding experience taught within a safe environment. We are excited to be in our fourth year of offering the archery program and can't wait for the spring session in April, 2016. We will be kicking off our Air Rifle Shooting Sports club very soon for area youth ages 10-18, and we are very excited about that as well."

The 4-H shooting sports program goals include experiential learning and positive interaction with other members under the instruction of state certified instructors. The core concepts stressed safety, ethics, personal responsibility, and the development of lifetime recreational skills.

For more information about 4-H and these events, contact University of Illinois Extension - Stephenson County at 815-235-4125.

to make immediate payment over the phone.

The Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office urges the public to exercise extreme caution if they receive telephone calls of this nature. Also, do not agree to transfer money to anyone unless you are absolutely certain of the identity of the recipient.

circle time Christmas songs were sung. Jingle the dog joined in to bark a Christmas tune. The kids all had a great time!

Winners of the Thanksgiving centerpieces were Charlene Foley and Joan Yeakle.

Maurice Holmes was the winner of the first snowfall contest. Congratulations to all!

New wintery fiction: Cross Justice by James Patterson, Bring Me Home for Christmas by Robyn Carr, Secret Sisters by Jayne Ann Krentz, Ashley Bell by Dean

Koontz, Precious Gifts by Danielle Steel, Eve by Wm. Paul Young, and Key of Valor by Nora Roberts. New Non-fiction: Trouble Maker by

Scales Mound CUSD 211 announces its 2015 Illinois State Scholars

SCALES MOUND — Scholars Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211 and Scales Mound High School are proud to announce this year's Illinois State Scholars. Ms. Sonja Townsend and Mr. Jalen Phillips were among high school seniors from across the state to be selected as this year's recipients. This prestigious award is given annually by the Illinois State Assistance Commission (ISAC). Students receiving this honor are among the top ten percent of the high school seniors from high schools across the state. To be honored as a State Scholar in Illinois is an outstanding accomplishment that will be a highlight of the recipient's academic record. The combination of exemplary college assessment examination scores and record of high school achievement indicates recipients of this award have a high potential for success in college.

Townsend is the daughter of Sibylle Townsend and Steve Townsend. She has been an active member of Scales Mound athletic teams and FFA. Sonja is planning on engineering at the University of Platteville, Wisconsin.

Phillips is the son of Lori and Neil Anderson and Trenis Phillips. He has also been an active member of Scales Mound athletic teams and FFA. Jalen is planning on studying engineering and is considering attending the University of Illinois or Iowa State University.

Leah Remini and Preventing Cancer Reducing the Risks by Richard Beliveau. One new Juvenile book: Groundhogs Day Off by Robb Pearlman. Lots of new books, but we still have many old children's books and adult nonfiction on our sale/donation shelves.

Stop in and take a peek. Remember, Santa will be with us December 15 from 10 a.m.- 11 a.m. and again December 16, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Plan to stop in and see the Jolly old elf!

Watch the Shopper's Guide for future events.

Lena Business & Professional Association calendar of events

LENA — November 27 - December 10, Community Enchanted Forest. The Lena Living Center, 1010 S Logan, Lena is hosting a Community Enchanted Forest in the Living Center. We are asking individuals, businesses, organizations and groups to set up a tree of their choosing in our front windows. Be creative and have fun with your theme. Electricity will be available for your tree lights. Trees can be set up from Nov. 27 through Dec. 10. Just call us at 815.369.4561 and let us know when you would like to set up your masterpiece! Trees can be removed after the Christmas holiday through New Year's.

December 11 Community Christmas Open House. The Lena Living Center, 1010 S Logan, Lena, IL invites you to a Christmas Open House on Friday, Dec. 11 from 5-7 p.m. Come and enjoy refreshments,

live music, view our Community Enchanted Forest and visit with Santa. Tours of our nearly completed new Medicare wing will also be available. Door Prizes. Join Us.

December 12, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Lena Community Park District presents 'Breakfast with Santa'. This will be held at the Lena Fire Station. Cost: 3 and under are free, 4-7yrs \$2.50, and 8-adult \$5.00.

December 15, Santa will be at the Lena Library from 10a.m.-11a.m.

December 16, Santa will be at the Lena Library from 10a.m.-11a.m.

December 16, Community Supper. Lena Living Center invites you to join us for a complimentary meal on Wed. Dec. 16 from 5-6 p.m. at the Living Center, 1010 S Logan, Lena, IL No cost, No obligation—just good food and good fellowship!

Lena American Legion Auxiliary schedules December meeting

LENA — The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, December 9 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Home. Marsha Tessoroff is in charge of the social hour. We will be collecting non-perishable food for the Homeless Veterans home in Freeport. Dues must be paid at this meeting in order to avoid the increase in dues.

McConnell Cookie Walk and Visit by Santa

The McConnell Area Historical Society will hold its Christmas Cookie Walk and Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 12th at the museum located at 202 E. Main St. in McConnell from 12 pm to 4 pm. A large selection of Christmas cookies and other baked goods will be available for purchase.



Santa Claus will be on hand for the children to come and share what they would like for Christmas from 2 to 4 pm. The public is invited!



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VIEWPOINT

SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

SPRINGFIELD — A meeting between the Governor and the four legislative leaders Dec. 1 yielded no immediate agreement on the ongoing budget impasse, now in its sixth month, but bipartisan cooperation did spark progress by the House of Representatives on two important issues.

On Dec. 2, the House approved a bipartisan initiative that would help fund local governments, 911 call centers, programs for low-income residents and veterans, and help pay lottery winners. The House also passed another bipartisan measure to reform the state's unemployment system, a measure that will help Illinois' jobs market.

Budget meeting yields little results

Gov. Bruce Rauner hosted the Dec. 1 meeting with House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago), Senate President John Cullerton (D-Chicago), Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) and House Republican Leader Jim Durkin (R-Western Springs).

The meeting in Rauner's Capitol office opened with a live video stream of the four legislative leaders and the Governor offering their views on the budget impasse. That meeting was followed by a private discussion between the participants.

My Republican colleagues and I continue to push for a balanced budget and criti-

cal reforms, such as property tax relief, workers' compensation reform and redistricting reform, which are needed to boost Illinois' economy, create more jobs, and move Illinois forward.

Democrat leaders continue to embrace the status quo, saying the budget and new revenue need to be addressed before considering any reforms.

Gov. Rauner and the four legislative leaders plan on meeting again next week.

Illinois has been without a state budget since July 1.

Bipartisan legislation that funds local governments, 911 centers heads to Senate

The House voted 107-1-1 to approve Senate Bill 2039, which appropriates funding to local governments, 911 call centers, lottery winners, Special Olympics, HIV/Aids Prevention, the state portion of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, police and fire training, veterans' homes, and other programs.

The majority of the bill appropriates funding that is not part of the General Revenue Fund (GRF), including motor fuel tax distributions that go to local governments for purposes including snow plowing and road repair.

Most of the funding included in the bill comes from either federal sources or special state funds that are designed to fund specific programs. However, there are two line items that utilize GRF money, including \$10 million to the Secretary

of State to pay for electrical bills and maintenance at state buildings and \$18 million to fund shelters for victims of domestic violence.

The Senate is expected to take up the measure when they return to Springfield on Dec. 7.

Pro-growth, pro-jobs measure heads to Governor

A second measure, aimed at reforming the state's unemployment insurance system, is on its way to the Governor's desk after the House passed it by a 110-0 vote on Dec. 2.

House Bill 1285 had been passed by a 58-0 vote of the Senate on Nov. 10.

House Bill 1285 strengthens the standards for employ-

ee misconduct, stops Social Security age- and disability-based benefits from reducing unemployment benefits, and eliminates issues that could have increased taxes on employers by \$470 million in 2016.

The bill is the result of six months of negotiations, led by the Governor's office, with legislators, labor leaders, employers and other stakeholders.

This is an important first step in making Illinois more competitive, so the state can attract more jobs and investme

Conditions improving for Illinois farmer

A mild autumn season and late rains are factors in a steady

improvement in field conditions. According to the United States Department of Agriculture's December report, 90 percent of Illinois topsoil is rated as having adequate or surplus moisture, with 82 percent of subsoil receiving the same mark.

Many Illinois farmers raise winter wheat, which is planted in the fall, goes dormant during the winter, and is harvested in late spring or early summer. Currently, 67 percent of winter wheat acres are rated as good or excellent.

Illinois pastures that suffered through a very dry period late in the summer, are beginning to rebound, with 45 percent of pasture acres rated as good or excellent.

Bipartisanship wins, more work to be done

FREEPORT — In case you missed it, a lot happened this past week in Springfield. Governor Rauner and the four legislative leaders held a semi-public meeting to discuss the current fiscal woes and the budget impasse. House members passed a bipartisan appropriations bill that funds critical state services and we reformed the Illinois Unemployment Insurance Act (IUIA) that will help with small business growth.

The meeting between Governor Rauner and the four legislative leaders should have happened a long time ago, but now is better than tomorrow. Televised live via the internet, the Governor and four leaders made an opening statement, each explaining their position on how to move forward.

By addressing the concerns of each legislative caucus, a resolution to the budget impasse, however hopeful, should now be closer than ever. The reforms later passed by the Illinois



Brian Stewart

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

House regarding the IUIA are a step toward bipartisanship and compromise. By reforming cumbersome regulations, relieving barriers to growth, and making the government more accessible to all, we are laying the foundation of Illinois' economic turnaround. I'm not saying it's a new day in Illinois, I'm saying signs of movement toward passing a budget are better than the past six months.

The following day in Springfield was mostly positive. We passed an appropriations bill, Senate Bill 2039 that spends more than \$3.1 billion dollars on critical state services such as 9-1-1 operations, domestic violence shelters and services, all veterans' homes, LIHEAP program, mental health, local road funds, and much more. It also includes \$1 billion dollars for payment of lottery prizes.

Furthermore, we reformed the Illinois Unemployment Insurance Act which will achieve cost savings to employers. House Bill 1285 prevents a \$470 million tax increase on small businesses and employers by eliminating the 2016 "rest stop", a maneuver used if sufficient funds aren't available and elimi-

nates the Social Security Offset which provides greater financial security to elderly and disabled workers. Finally, HB1285 strengthens the misconduct provisions of the IUIA to ensure greater protections against fraudulent claims for employers. Overall, these reforms – agreed to jointly by the Governor, the business community and labor organizations – represent a significant step forward in strengthening Illinois' economic engine: small businesses.

Finally, as we approach a new legislative session in January, I would encourage anyone with a legislative idea to submit them to me via the contact form located on my website (<http://www.ilhousegov.org/contactstewart>).

I have been hosting meetings with local leaders such as school officials, law enforcement, elected officials, Chambers of Commerce and small businesses, agribusiness and others to discuss new ideas for legislation or reforming current laws. As you ponder legislative ideas, be mindful of a quote by Marco Rubio, "As I've learned in my time in the state legislature, important legislation is always a work in progress."

As always, you can reach me or Sally at 815/232-0774 or email us at repstewart@gmail.com. You can also visit my website at www.repbristanstewart.com or follow me on Facebook, Twitter, and Google Plus.

Village of Elizabeth to hold information tax levy meeting

ELIZABETH — The Village of Elizabeth will have an informational "Truth in Taxation Hearing" explaining the new Tax Levy on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:45 p.m. at the Village Municipal Building, Rm. 139.

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ON THE RECORD

BIRTHS

Cleo Ann Graning

WARREN — Cleo Ann Graning, 91, of Warren passed away on Monday, November 30, 2015 at Manor Court Liberty Village in Freeport, IL. Cleo was born on December 26, 1923 in Rush Township, JoDaviess County, IL the daughter of Glen and Anna (Kupersmith) Metcalf. Cleo graduated from Equal Rights Grade School, Warren High School and N.I.U. in DeKalb, IL. On August of 1942 she married Frank William Graning in Ferguson, MO. Frank passed away in May 20, 1945 in France. Frank flew a P-61 (Black Widow) in the 415th Night Fighter Squadron.



Together they had 2 sons David John on Feb 18, 1944 and Thomas Joel on May 21, 1945. Thomas died in June of 1971. After that Cleo lived in Lockport, Rockford, DeKalb, IL and Iowa she returned to Warren, IL after 50 Years of absence in 1990. Cleo enjoyed her yard, gardening, her card clubs and especially her friends. She was a member of the Warren United Methodist Church, Women's Club and Cleo's family and friends meant a great deal to her. Survivors include 1 son;

David (Karen) Graning of Homewood, IL. grandson, Thomas Frank Graning of Palatine, IL. Granddaughters, Kristin (Patrick) Murphy of Naperville, IL. grandson Steven Graning of Budapest, Hungary, 4 great grandchildren; Kaley, Lia, Murphy of Frankfort, IL, Sara and Melina Graning of Budapest, Hungary, 1 Sister Jane Seeborg of Virginia. 3 nieces and 1 nephew and their families.

Preceded in death by parents Glen and Anna, her husband Frank, son Thomas, sister Gwendoris Crosby, In-laws Arthur and Eleanor Graning, best friend and confidante for over 20 years John V. and brother in-laws Ben Crosby and Richard Seeborg.

A Memorial Services was held on Saturday, December 5, at Noon at the Warren United Methodist Church in Warren, IL.

A visitation was held until time of service.

Pastor Roger Bronkema will officiate.

Cremation Rites were accorded and burial will take place at a later date.

A memorial has been established in her memory for the Warren United Methodist Church.

Friends may send condolences to the family at www.leamonfh.com

Eugene F. Rampenthal

LENA — Eugene F. Rampenthal, age 85, passed away on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Stephenson Nursing Center. He was born on February 3, 1930 in rural Lena to Carl and Alyce (Scheider) Rampenthal.

Gene married Claire Delores Leveille on May 30, 1955 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He served our country in the United States Navy from 1951-1955. He was employed by Burgess Cellulose and Honeywell, retiring in 1993. He worked part-time at Lena-Winslow Schools and at St. John's Lutheran Church. He also volunteered at My Friend's Closet and at the Friendship Center.

Gene was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Lena American Legion Sprague Inman Post# 577. Gene loved beautifying his yard with flowers, indulging bad behaviors in cats and dogs, and enjoying time with his friends and family.

He is survived by two children- Paul (Kim) Rampenthal of Freeport, IL and Susan (Kevin) Fenton of Stoughton, WI; four grandchildren: Mathew (Carly) Rampenthal, Carrie Julius, Andrew (Jen) Fenton and Erin Fenton; and one sister-in-law, Betty Leveille of South Amboy, NJ. Gene is preceded in death by

his wife, son Wayne, his parents, and two brothers Robert and Wilbur.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, December 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church with Pastor Rick Bader officiating.

A visitation was held Monday, December 7, at the church.

Burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Lena.

A luncheon will follow the services at St. John's Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers memorials have been established for St. John's Lutheran Church and the Lena Historical Society.

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

Judith "Judi" A. Reifsteck

EAST DUBUQUE — Judith "Judi" A. Reifsteck, age 65, formerly of Hanover, Illinois, of East Dubuque, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at home. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, December 7, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in East Dubuque, with Father Dean Smith as Celebrant. Burial will take place in Evergreen Cemetery in Hanover. In lieu

of flowers, the family will be establishing a memorial to the Humane Society in Dubuque, Iowa. Friends and family are invited to share in Judi's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Judi was born September 15, 1950, in Freeport, Illinois, the daughter of Edward Otto and Delores Eileen (Schmitt) Reifsteck. She attended Hanover High School and graduated with the Class of 1968. Judi worked at the Packing House in Dubuque for many years as a computer programmer.

Judi was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in East Dubuque. She loved dogs and enjoyed raising them. Judi cherished the time she spent with her family, who meant the world to her.

Judi will be dearly missed by her mother, Delores of East Dubuque; brother, Edward (Margaret) Reifsteck of Lena, Illinois; a niece, Mary Frances Barthel of Quincy, Illinois; two great nieces, Allison and Lily Barthel; an uncle, Carl (Darlene) Reifsteck of Elizabeth, Illinois; and many cousins. Judi was preceded in death by her father, a nephew, Benjamin Edward Reifsteck and many cousins.

BIRTHS

Damarius Blackmon

ORANGEVILLE — Toni Rose and Damirio Blackmon of Freeport, Ill. are the parents of a son Damarius Curtis Blackmon born Tuesday December 1, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Damarius has seven sisters Ta'Kya, 12, Nevi-ana, 11, Ja'Nya, 8, Rihanna, 7, Deriona, 5, Damyah, 9 and Da'Kyrah, 7. Grandparents are Patricia Howard of Freeport, Derek Rose of Orangeville, Ill. and Cathy Jackson and Curtis Blackmon both of Chicago, Ill.

The twins have one brother Jayden Michael Hudson, age 3.

Grandparents are Jim and Mary Hudson of Lena, Darlene Timpe of Stockton and Dale Timpe of Stockton.

Great-grandparents are Don and Elsie Lobdell of Lena and Katie Miller of Orlando, FL.

Larkin Wurster

STOCKTON — Paige and Caz Wurster of Freeport, Ill. are the parents of a son Larkin Aaron Wurster born Tuesday December 1, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Larkin has two sisters Lily Wurster, 7 and Larissa Wurster, 2 and a brother Lynin Wurster, 5. Grandparents are Darrin Larkin and Mellissa Wurster both of Freeport. Great grandparents are Lorell Ertmer of Stockton, Ill. and Stephanie Kline and Patrick Larkin both of Freeport.

Taylor and Blakeley Allison Hudson

LENA — Jamie and Trisha Hudson of Lena, IL are parents of twin girls, Brooklyn Taylor Hudson and Blakeley Allison Hudson, born on November 15, 2015, at Rockford Memorial Hospital in Rockford, IL.

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GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

Lena United Methodist Church youth Christmas program

LENA — The Christmas program this year will be on Sunday December 13th at the 9 a.m. service. Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade Sunday school classes will be doing a skit and there will be a Message in Magic that will amaze children and adults. There will be a baby shower for baby Jesus as we collect diapers to be donated to the DOW House.

“Undie Sunday” is here and over the next two Sundays there will be collection of chap stick, men’s waterproof gloves, men’s hats, women’s gloves, and men, women and children’s underwear. These will be

sent to Rockford Rescue Mission.

The bible study based on Adam Hamilton’s book Not a Silent Night is continuing on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. We looked at Jesus through the eyes of his mother Mary. Mary, Joseph and Jesus have traveled to Jerusalem and as they are returning home Mary and Joseph cannot find Jesus. After returning to Jerusalem and trying to find Jesus for three days they finally find him in the temple. Mary lets Jesus know that they have been looking for him for three

days. Jesus responds “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house”. Jesus is now aware that God was, in a profound sense, his Father in a way that Joseph was not. Mary remembers the words of the angel Gabriel years before when she was told she would bear a son and he would be called the Son of the Most High. I wonder what she thought the future would bring for her son. As we approach the birth of our Savior we should ponder the thoughts and emotions that Mary will have as her son becomes a man.

Congresswoman Bustos Votes for the Passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act

WASHINGTON, DC — Congresswoman Cheri Bustos voted to pass the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act. This common sense legislation makes meaningful investments in Illinois schools

and takes an important step toward replacing the broken No Child Left Behind Act.

“Every child deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential, that’s why I was proud to join a bipartisan

coalition of leaders who came together to help our students succeed,” said Congresswoman Cheri Bustos. “By making significant investments in preschool programs, increasing local control to eliminate unnecessary testing requirements and taking meaningful steps to close the achievement gap that exists in too many communities, we’re building a better future for all of our children.”

The Every Student Succeeds Act repeals the one-size-fits-all federal accountability system and gives states more autonomy to identify and provide assistance to low-performing schools and school districts. Additionally, It gives states and school districts the option to eliminate testing requirements that are proven unnecessary and do not contribute to student learning. This bill also includes pro-

visions to provide adequate and flexible funding to rural schools, and maintains authorization of the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) program and the Rural and Low-Income School (RLIS) program. Finally, the Every Student Succeeds Act includes federal funding for states to improve coordination, quality, and access to early childhood education programs such as preschool.



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Durbin requests DOJ investigation of Chicago Police Department policies and practices

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Following a meeting at the White House on criminal justice reform, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) spoke with Attorney General Loretta Lynch to request a Depart-

ment of Justice Civil Rights Division investigation of the Chicago Police Department (CPD)’s policies and practices.

“The shooting death of Laquan McDonald is just

one of a number of troubling incidents that have frayed the relationship between the CPD and the community it serves, and in truth, this most recent incident is only the latest in a series of troubling events over many years. These incidents raise serious concerns about whether the CPD has in place appropriate policies and practices to prevent civil rights violations. An impartial investigation by the Justice Department can help identify those areas where the CPD has fallen short and guide the CPD onto a better course,” Durbin wrote.

“The men and women of law enforcement risk their lives every day to protect us, and it is incumbent upon them to live up to the standards they have sworn to uphold,” Durbin continued. “The overwhelming majority of law enforcement officers are conscientious and professional. Nevertheless, there is undeniable evidence that some have abused the authority given them.”

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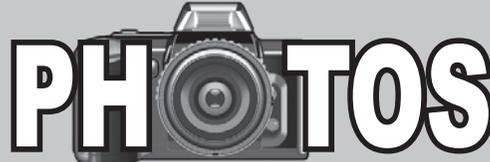
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Santa's helpers

Elizabeth Nursing Home residents spent several days last week helping the Elizabeth Historical Society fill goodie bags for Santa to hand out while he was busy checking his naughty and nice list Saturday at the Elizabeth Train Depot and Museum

McConnell Area Historical Society to host annual cookie walk and visit by Santa

McCONNELL — The McConnell Area Historical Society will hold its Christmas Cookie Walk and Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 12 at the museum located at 202 E. Main St. in McConnell from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. A large selection of Christmas cookies and other baked goods will be available for purchase. Santa Claus will be on hand for the children to come and share what they would like for Christmas from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited!

River Ridge High School celebrates 25 years of Communities Actively Teaching Students

ELIZABETH — C.A.T.S. (Communities Actively Teaching Students) is an annual event held at River Ridge Middle School. Its mission is to encourage connections between the communities and the middle school. In the past, adults from the surrounding communities have made presentations sharing their knowledge, skills and expertise with the students. Since the mission of the program is to promote connections with community, it was decided that community and connections with the River Ridge High School needed to be encouraged.

2015 marks the 25th anniversary of C.A.T.S. So to honor the day, River Ridge High School FFA members and students in the Ag Dept. were invited to share their knowledge, skills and expertise with the middle school students. Using kits borrowed from the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau thanks to Annette McLane and under the guidance of Ag teacher, Ed Curry, 30 high school students chose Ag topics of interest.

After planning the lesson and preparing instruction, the 30 students became teachers and taught their prepared material to small groups of middle school students. A variety of topics were introduced and many hands-on activities were prepared. Some students learned the parts of a tractor, by identifying them on toy tractors provided by high schoolers--Wy-



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River Ridge students Brandy Invergo and Jared Krug instruct fellow students Riley Finn and Bryton Engle on food processing during the school's twenty-fifth anniversary of participation in the Communities Actively Teaching Students (CATS) program.

att Potter and Brady Haring. Middle schooler, Clay Winter, learned the value of conserving water after determining how much water is wasted while brushing teeth. This lesson was learned in a water conservation class taught by high schooler, Brandon Smith.

Not only did the middle schoolers learn about the topic of Ag, but did so through the

guidance and modeling of learning from the high school students. The high school students learned the value or preparation, the role of teacher, and gained a new respect for their own educations. The program's mission has come full circle as the high school students who were the C.A.T.S. presenters had once been middle schoolers attending these CATS workshops.

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CHURCH NOTES

Good Shepherd Lutheran schedules Advent Worship and Christmas Caroling

By Reverend Miranda Klosterboer
Pastor

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on December 13 at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this the Third Sunday of Advent with special music from the Men's Chorus and Holy Communion.

The service will begin by singing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and the lighting of the Advent wreath. Pastor Miranda Klosterboer will share the children's message and sermon and lead worship along with Tena Rackow who will lead on the Piano. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship.

All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning. In the afternoon the congregation will meet the church at 2 p.m. to go Christmas Caroling. The community is invited to join in on the fun and service. Please dress warmly to bring the joyful sounds of the Christmas Season to others in our community.

After caroling, enjoy a hot bowl of soup back at Good

Shepherd. Bring finger foods to share.

On Wednesday December 16, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

The After School Program for fourth through eighth graders will meet at the Hangout downtown on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. for the last After School Program of 2015. Each day there is worship with music and a Christian message; pizza; homework help; and lots of time for all sorts of games, challenges and play.

At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday Confirmation students in seventh and eighth grades will meet for a special Christmas Party with snacks, games, prayers, and white elephant gift exchange.

On Thursday December 17 from 2-3 p.m. Good Shepherd WELCA will host the December Birthday party at Lena Living Center with cookies, music, and fun.

Wesley United Methodist Church youth to stage 'Unfrozen' Christmas program

STOCKTON — The youth at Wesley United Methodist Church invites everyone in the area to attend this year's Christmas program "Unfrozen", a spinoff of the Disney movie "Frozen". The program includes the song "Do You Want to Meet a Savior"! The children and youth will present a collection of skits, songs, and readings to transform the same old "Once upon a time" into a morning of joyful worship, playful presentation and fresh

examination into the story of Jesus' birth! We don't want to forget the power of the Christmas story: how the baby born in a manger is our Prince of Peace, how King Jesus established a kingdom that will never end and how He restores the frozen hearts of people and gives them new life! Join us on Sunday, December 13 at 10:45 a.m. at 127 E Benton in Stockton for a fun-filled Christian approach to this popular movie!

St. John's Lutheran Church of Pearl City to host Christmas family program

PEARL CITY — You're invited to join us at St. John's to celebrate the season of Advent on December 13. The worship service will be led by Pastor Ekstrand and the 3rd candle or the Candle of Joy will be lit. The Joy Choir will bless us with their music including a song with bells. Whirl Sunday School and Confirmation will meet at 10:15 a.m.

after worship. The Property Committee will meet at 10:15 a.m. on December 6. The final Scripture orders for the holiday gift giving season are due on December 13.

St. John's will host a Family Christmas Program on Sunday, December 13th immediately following worship. The Chancel Choir will sing and the Sunday School youth will perform in "The Mouses' Tale," a Christmas pageant. You're welcome to join St. John's celebrate the Christmas season with Christmas Eve services at 5 and 9 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 9 a.m.

The SPOTS youth group will meet on Wednesday, December 9 at 3:15 p.m. The 5th Quarter youth group (7-8 grades) will be meet from 6-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 13 followed by the Genesis youth group (High

School) will meet from 7:30- 9 p.m. Both groups meet upstairs in the Youth and Family Center. The SPLAT youth group will have Christmas Cookie Plates available for a donation after worship on December 13 and 20.

All are invited to donate hats, mittens and scarves for the Mitten Tree. The Mitten Tree will be on display in the Narthex at St. John's until December 13. Then all items donated will be given to the Pearl City Schools to be distributed to kids in need.

Plan ahead to celebrate the Christmas at St. John's. Candlelight Christmas Eve services will be held at 5 & 9. A Christmas Day worship service will be held at 9. Then enjoy a service of carols and readings featuring the "Characters of Christmas" on Sunday, December 27 at 9 a.m.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

STOCKTON — Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday Dec 13 at 9 a.m. at Willow UMC. This is the third Sunday of Advent Lighting the first, second, and third candle. ("Be Joyful") Zephaniah 3:14 20 and Luke 3:7-18. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message and all are invited and welcome. Also to stay for the fellowship following..

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the lessons in "The Upper Room" Devotional using the Holy Bible for all references. All are invited and welcome to this time too..

Willow UMC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow Rd. For more info call; 815-601-6742.

St. Paul's in Kent to observe week three of Advent

KENT— On Sunday, December 13, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1334 N. Sunnyside Road, in Kent will light the candle of Joy, the third candle on the Advent Wreath, during their 10 a.m. family worship. Sherri Brown will read the scriptures, and Deb Winning will play the organ. Holy Communion will be celebrated. The sermon's title is "That Crazy Wild Man," based on Luke's account of John the Baptist.

This is also Food Pantry Sunday. We invite each person to

bring at least one item for the Food Pantry.

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. Join us at the Little Church with the Big Heart in the suburbs of Kent at 1334 N. Sunnyside Road. For more information, call 232-4010.

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Derek and Carissa Bradt brought Devin and Megan down to the old depot in Elizabeth to visit with Santa. They agreed it was pretty exciting to see the old elf and Star Wars accessories, an electric scooter and anything Frozen was on the family list.

Scales Mound announces 2015 Spelling Bee winners

SCALES MOUND — On December 4, Scales Mound students in grades three through seven participated in the annual Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211 Spelling Bee. This year 16 students participated in the finals with a chance to move on to the Sectional Spelling Bee in Dubuque. Students were presented with words from the National Spelling Bee list by eighth grade teacher Keri Werner. After four rounds eleven students in grades three through seven continued to challenge

each other to become the champion of Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211. This year's top five finishers entered the eighth round of the bee with the final two emerging after round ten. The top three finishers were Tom W., Taylor K. and Ben V. This year's Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211 Champion is Benjamin V. won this year's Spelling Bee after 19 rounds. He will be joined by Tom W. and Taylor K. at the Sectional Bee Championships in Dubuque, at Clarke College.



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Christmas Walks

Tracy Siegner photos

Much to the delight of everyone gathered, the Elizabeth Community Band put on a lively Christmas show in the Bishop's Little Big store on Saturday afternoon



The dealers at Antiques Etcetera have set aside one whole room in the restored old farmhouse for holiday season goodies. Don't miss it.



Antiques Etcetera is a multi-dealer store offering toys, foodstuffs and everything from glassware to primitives to vintage clothing

Santa speaks during Stockton's annual Christmas Walk

By Tony Carton
Editor

STOCKTON — A child sat cautiously on Santa's lap in the front window of Stella's Café on Stockton's Main Street during the village's annual Christmas Walk. The two were deep in serious discussion comparing toys and clothing and deciding who had been naughty and nice when Mrs. Claus reached over to the nearby candy bowl and chose just the right piece. The child hopped down and said a polite thank you and was gone, only to be replaced by another and another.

We had an opportunity to sit and chat with Santa and Mrs. Claus between visitors Saturday, and of course we discussed which items are showing up most often on Christmas lists.

"The remote control cars where you push a button and a helicopter pops out are very popular," he said. "And, the girls are asking about doll houses."

According to both the jolly old elf and his wife, there seems to be a resurgence of interest in doll houses.

"We're hearing a lot about American Girl dolls and houses," said Mrs. Claus. "The children are asking for doll houses with two levels, an upstairs and a downstairs, and I have to say it's been a quite while since we've been hearing so much about doll houses."

Of course, they said bicycles are always popular and tractors, particularly ones with green paint, and Santa and his Missus agreed the children are mostly nice and very very few are turning up on the naughty list again this year.

"The parents are doing a wonderful job," said Santa. "That makes all the difference."

He said they look for certain personality traits when children approach them to talk.

"Well, when the girls come up and are just a bit shy, but still sweet and friendly that's really nice," he said. "They can be a little shy, but they still want to talk to you and are



Tracy Siegner photo

Santa and Mrs Claus had their hands full when six-year-old twins Haley and Hanna Leitzen dropped by Stella's Café during Stockton's Christmas Walk to discuss their holiday wishes.

friendly."

He said boys are a little different.

"The boys aren't sweet too much," he said, with a signature belly laugh. "We like the boys when they are polite, but still have a touch of devilishness to them."

The Claus couple said the current warm weather is causing them difficulties with transportation.

"There is no snow yet this year and that is really hard on the reindeer," said Santa. "We waited as long as we could, but had to leave them home and actually rent a vehicle so we could come down south here and talk with the children."

They are expecting that will change by Christmas Eve.

"We are certainly hoping for snow by Christmas," said the jolly old elf, with a twinkle in his eye. "I think it will happen."

And, in response to that question we all want to ask, Santa said he had been sitting and listening to children all day long and not a single child had pulled his beard.

Stella's owner Andy McGovern was working back in the kitchen, but said the café had been busy all afternoon.

"We have a number of things going on for the kids today," said McGovern. "We have cookie decorating and a show of gingerbread houses. This is a good community project.

There are a lot of people out walking around. The weather is great and it's just a good day to come rediscover downtown Stockton."

Maryann Elmer was working the register at Antiques Etcetera.

"We've been very busy," said Elmer. "This is a dealer owned shop and I'm one of those ten dealers. We are having our annual holiday affair. That involves cookies and cider. We have drawings for gift certificates all day long

and we've had ads in The Scoop where folks could bring in the ad and get \$25 off their purchase."

She said the beautiful weather was bringing out the crowds.

"It should be March, but this is really great," Elmer said. "Our selection is very strong right now. We have nice cheeses and glass and vintage clothing, tools and toys and more. We are doing a lot of Christmas related stuff too. This type of event is always great for the village and for us as well."

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A little levity to lighten your day

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sent him over to see why they were catching so many fish. That day the Cheeseheads caught 300 fish and the Vikings caught none. When he returned to the Vikings, they asked "What's the deal, are they cheating or what's going on?" The quarterback said "You bet they are, they are drilling holes in the ice!"

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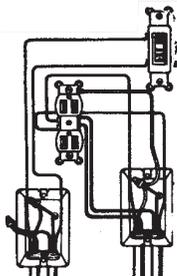
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Lena Live Wires host November meeting

By Krista Keene
Reporter

LENA — The Lena Live Wires held their November meeting on the 9 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena. The meeting began at 6:05 p.m. Pledges were led by Hannah Pecoraro. Casey Crain took roll call and read the Secretary's Report. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Michael Sutter. Then the Clover Buds went to their area.

Under old business we discussed the new award application which is due in early

January. Re-enrollment forms and t-shirt money are due to Kathy before December 15. County Achievement Day is Sunday, November 15 at the Eagles Club in Freeport.

Under new business we were told that there are sign-up sheets for committees, talks and demonstration. For the Adopt-a-Family we should bring food and \$5 per family to the December meeting. There is a fundraiser for the 4-H Foundation at Papa Murphy's on Tuesday, December 1. The Stephenson County Nursing Home is wondering

if we can help with a birthday party. This is still being considered.

Under other business we turned in our yard signs and were told that the Dairy Days parade will be in June. A motion was made by Asa Lake and seconded by Emma Bower to change the bank signature cards. Parliamentary procedure cards were handed out and we practiced. The president, Della Crain, gave a presentation on the role of club president.

A talk was given by Asa Lake on "Making a Motion".

Debbie Crain will text members and parents to remind about the meetings. Kathy Baumgartner will also send reminders through email and Facebook. The next meeting will be on Sunday, Decem-

ber 13 at Spare Time Lanes in Lena. The club will pay for the first game of bowling, the shoes and pop. Members should bring a snack to share and their contribu-

tions for the Adopt-a-Family. Nicole Moest made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Emma Bower seconded it. The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

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NARFE to hold December meeting

SAVANNA — NARFE (National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees) Palisades Chapter 604 will meet Thursday December 17, at 12 p.m. (noon) at Manny's Pizza in Savanna, IL for their monthly luncheon and meeting.

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Six juniors; Analiesa Harbach, Hayley Smith, Emma Riedl, Zach Sperry, Hannah McGivney, and JoAnna Dillon. And 4 seniors; Jessie Williams, Meagan Cosgrove, Zach Vondra, and Morgan Krupke are named to the Warren High School Servant Leadership program

Warren Servant Leadership program names student participants

WARREN — The Servant Leadership program hosted through Highland Community college pushes students to be the best leaders they can by emphasizing community volunteerism and leading by example. Ten students have been chosen to be on the program for the 2015-2016 school year. The team consists of six juniors; Analiesa Harbach, Hayley Smith, Emma Riedl, Zach Sperry, Hannah McGivney, and JoAnna Dillon.

It also has 4 seniors; Jessie Williams, Meagan Cosgrove, Zach Vondra, and Morgan Krupke.

Through the year, the team finds ways that they can help others. So far this year, the team has helped with a church dinner in Apple River at the Methodist Church dinner, St. Joseph's fish boil, the Memorial Service, Firemen Chicken Barbeque, The Lion Pancake Breakfast, and made jars filled with cookie and soup mixes to be sold at a benefit. We have also hosted a blood drive producing 40 pints of blood to go to the Red Cross.

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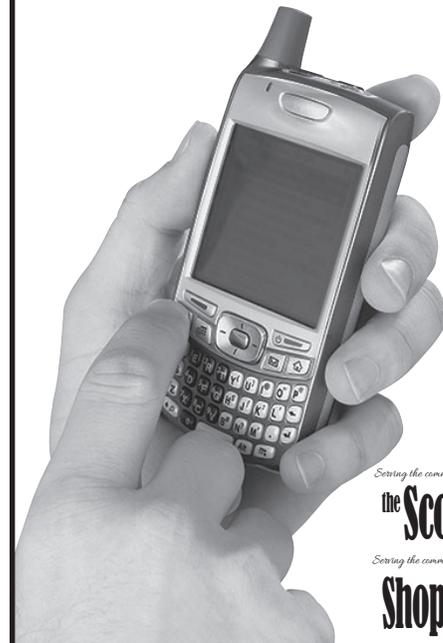
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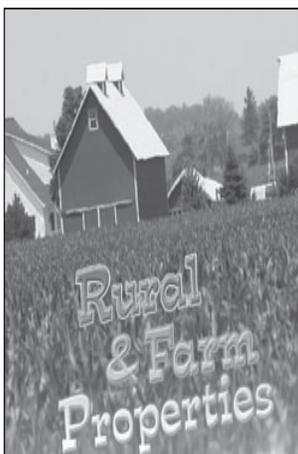
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Pearl City FFA member earns FFA's highest degree

By Meg Tessendorf,
Pearl City FFA Chapter Reporter

PEARL CITY — On October 31, at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky; Justin Lott became the 21st Pearl City FFA member to receive their American FFA Degree. The American FFA Degree is the highest degree offered by the National FFA Organization. In order to qualify for this degree, Lott had to meet several qualifications. He

had to first earn his State FFA Degree, be an active member for at least 3 years, complete at least 3 years of ag education, maintain an outstanding supervised experience program, participate in community service projects, and earn or invest at least \$7500.

Lott graduated from Pearl City High School in 2014. During high school, he conducted 4 supervised experience programs which included Beef

Production, Beef Placement, and two different Dairy Placement projects. Justin will graduate from Highland Community College this spring with an Associate's Degree in applied science with an emphasis in dairy and beef cattle management. He then plans to transfer to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and enroll in agricul-

ture management and finance.

When asked what advice he would give FFA members planning on pursuing their American FFA Degree, he replied: "Keep up on your records as it can become easy at times to fall behind which will make it more difficult to get your numbers to match in the end".

Everyone at Pearl City is

extremely proud of his accomplishment. Justin has set an example for younger FFA members to follow. We hope more Pearl City FFA members will live up to the traditions of our chapter and also pursue their American FFA Degree. The last Pearl City Member to earn this Degree was Stanley Bruegger in 2012.

Cardinals pester Panthers in conference win

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

FORRESTON — The Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers fell to the Forreston Lady Cardinals in NUIC crossover action, 52-46, on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

The offensive output generated, in comparison to the early season loss to the Pecatonica Lady Indians, 45-29, showed a marked improvement.

Person's influence on her Cardinals teammates kept pushing the Lena-Winslow defense away from the boards, as she dropped in 20 points.

Teammates Kloepping and Bondele scored nine points each

in the win.

For Lena-Winslow, Bri Haight performed well, as she knocked down 19 points. Nicole Moest added ten.

On Thursday, Dec. 3, the Lady Panthers were on the road, for a game against the Pearl City Lady Wolves and opened the night with an offensive barrage, leading to twelve points scored in the period and a two point first quarter lead.

Things changed in the second period, as the host Lady Wolves began controlling the flow of the passing lanes, leading to multiple inside looks and plenty of chances to score, even from the line.

After only putting six points on the board, the Lady Panthers faced a six-point deficit, 24-18, at the half.

Back and forth play in the third and fourth periods allowed Lena-Winslow to stay within striking distance.

After scoring twelve points in the third period and seeing Pearl City best them by a bucket, the third quarter lead favored the home team, 38-30.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Panthers found their best offense of the night, scoring 13 points.

Pearl City responded, scoring 16 of their own and claiming the 54-43 win.

Tori Clark led the Lady Wolves with 17 points, as Tyra Clark scored 16 points of her own.

Tia Clark contributed eight points with Kylie Fransen kicking in six.

The Lady Panthers regular season game play comes to a stall over the next few weeks of the winter sports season, with game play returning in January, as Lena-Winslow faces River Ridge/Scales Mound in Hanover on Jan. 6.

On Jan. 12, the Lady Panthers return home to face the always dangerous, Dakota Lady Indians.



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