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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



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.

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 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."

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• **WALK**

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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 weath-

er 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."



Tracy Siegner photos
Esther Fry of Lena and Jessica Prenot of Warren toast the season with mulled cider during the holiday celebration at Antiques Etcetera in Stockton

Testimonial



Meet the Jankovec family. John "Jack" Jankovec is here for rehab and is very excited to let everyone know he really likes the compassionate, kind and caring staff of Lena Living Center that provides great care. The therapy is second to none. We love the remodel and the soon to open addition.

"They treat Jack like a King" Says Joyce, "and we love the remodeled Medicare wing the soon to open addition."

"It's like a hotel. adds his daughter Sandy.

Pictured are Joyce, Spouse and Sandy, daughter of John "Jack" Jankovec current rehab resident of Lena Living Center.

Christmas Open House

Friday, December 11 ~ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
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Raiyn Dauphin (6) and Adaleigh Pierce (4) both of Stockton had an opportunity to sit and talk holiday wishes with two of their favorite characters at the new Creativations store in downtown Stockton



Photo provided

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

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-



Photo provided

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.

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 Tessendorf, 4-H 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.

Come have breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus

LENA — Once again we will hold Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus at the Lena Fire Station on Dec. 12, 2015. We had a great turnout last year, serving more than 425 meals to children, moms, dads and grandparents. It was a very special time for the children; visiting Santa, playing games and sharing family time.

The breakfast menu will be the same as last year consisting of a full breakfast of eggs, pancakes, hash browns, sausage, juice and

milk. Each child at the breakfast will receive an opportunity to play a variety of games in a kid-friendly atmosphere. Cost is \$5 for anyone age 8 and over, \$2.50 for children 4-7 and free for those 3 and under and breakfast is served from 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand for the perfect holiday photo. Don't have time eat? Santa will remain at the fire station from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. for additional pictures.

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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.

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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.

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 Gledoris 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.

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.

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.

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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.

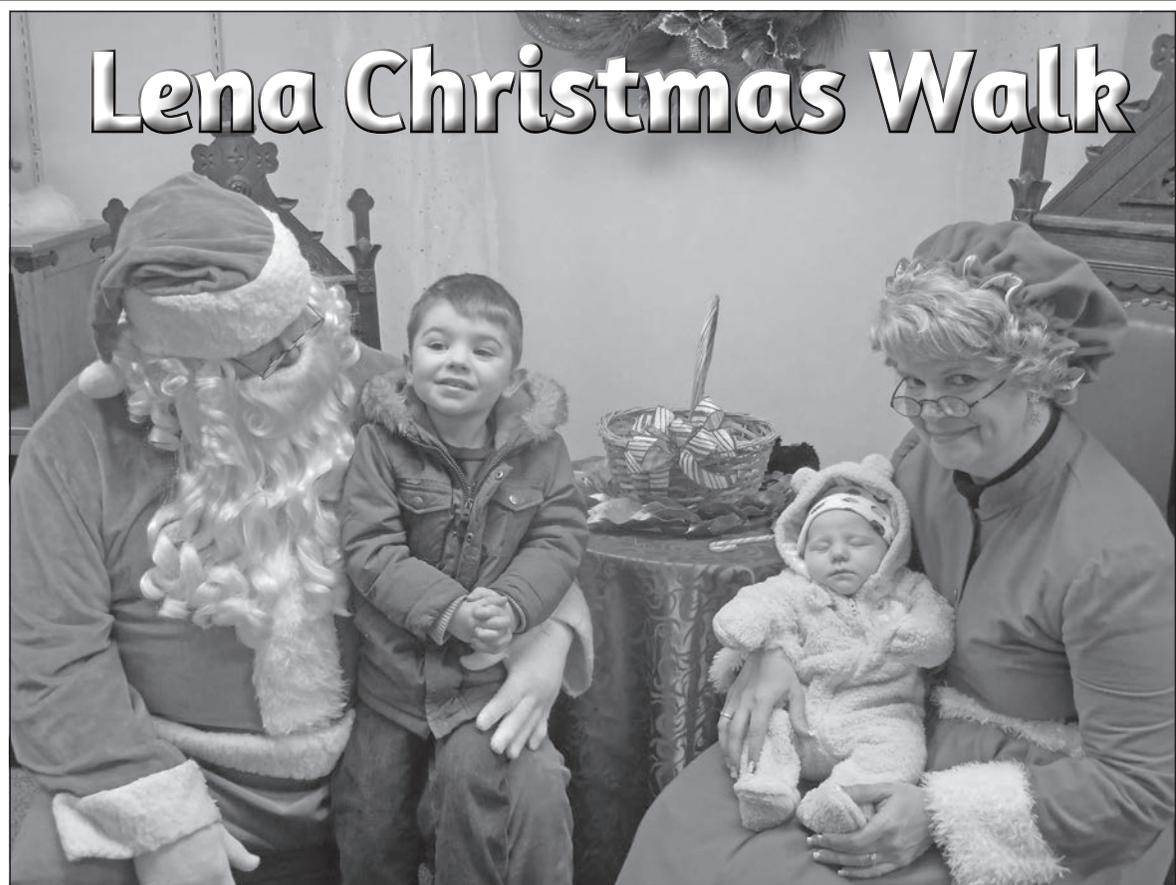
The phone scam is a phone call informing individuals that the Internal Revenue Service filed a lawsuit against the individual and they need to make immediate payment over the phone.

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.

Elizabeth announces village board date change

ELIZABETH — The Village of Elizabeth's December Board Meeting's date will change from Wednesday, December 16 at 7 p.m. to Tuesday, December 15, at 7 p.m.



Tracy Siegner photos

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



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

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



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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 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."



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

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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 Scrip 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 Mit-

ten 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.

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.

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!

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..

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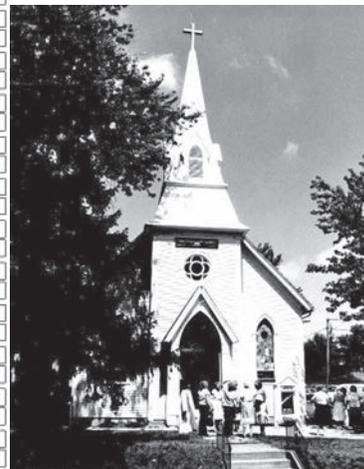
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This year's Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211 Champion is Benjamin V., who won this year's Spelling Bee after 19 rounds. He will be joined by Tom W. and Taylor K. at the Sectional Bee Championships in Dubuque

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.



Christmas Walk

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



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Elizabeth Christmas Walk



Marilyn Wurster, Judy Wilson and Norma McLean of the Trinity Lutheran in Derinda were kept busy working the bake sale tables most of Saturday afternoon during the annual Christmas in Elizabeth celebration



Tracy Siegner photos

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.



Kollins and Kenley Patterson of Elizabeth came down to the Old Train Depot Museum Saturday afternoon to visit with Santa and still found time to make a Lego train

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Stockton Christmas Walk

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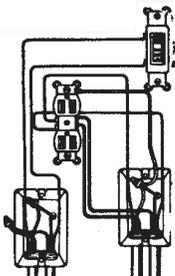
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JAMES HENKLE A/K/A JAMES C. HENKLE; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JONATHAN SCHUSTER A/K/A JONATHAN P. SCHUSTER, IF ANY; JOSEPH N. SCHUSTER; JUDITH A. ZICKMUND; PATRICIA L. SCHUSTER; DIANNA R. SCHUSTER A/K/A DIANNA STAIR; DEFENDANTS

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120 WEST MAIN STREET ELIZABETH, IL 61028

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TRACT I: LOTS NUMBER FIVE (5) AND SIX (6) IN BLOCK NUMBER NINETEEN (19) OF THE VILLAGE OF ELIZABETH, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS. TRACT II: A PART OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK 19, IN THE ORIGINAL VILLAGE OF ELIZABETH, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE NORTH 08 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 38.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 15.34 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 08 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 38.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT

4; THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 15.34 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID TRACT SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RECORDED EASEMENTS AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS, ALL BEING SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF ELIZABETH, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS - GALENA, ILLINOIS DUBUQUE BANK AND TRUST Plaintiff,

vs. CATHERINE DUDACK AKA CATHERINE ROBERTS AKA CATHY ROBERTS; BRIAN DUDACK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants,

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THENCE SOUTH 84°55'40" WEST ON AND ALONG LAST NAMED LINE A DISTANCE OF 506.08 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MONUMENT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF SAID FRACTIONAL SECTION 18; THENCE NORTH 05°21'20" WEST ALONG THE LAST NAMED LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1,672.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SAID PREMISES RECORDED IN THE RECORDERS OFFICE OF JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK 10 OF PLATS ON PAGE 109. SITUATED IN JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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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.

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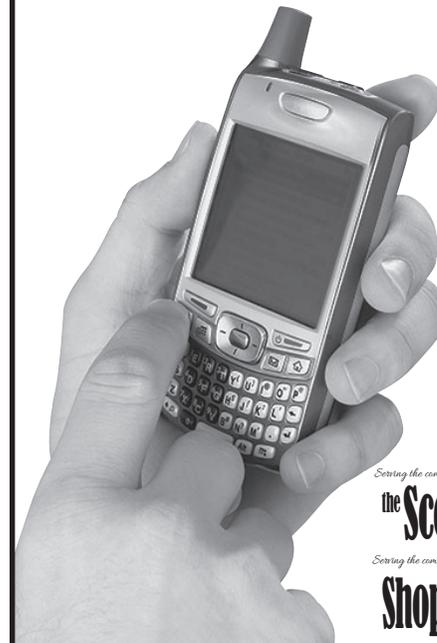
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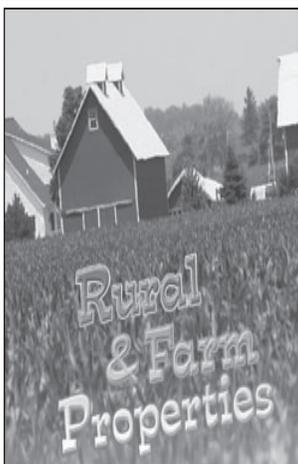
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tioned I want to bake sometime this week. I have one day that is free, and I hope that I can get something done. This week's recipes are holiday oriented. There are two appetizers, a vegetable dish, a main dish, and some cookies. I hope you enjoy these recipes sometime this season.

The first two recipes use

crab as the main ingredient. The first one uses the prepared phyllo cups that you can buy in the grocery store. You can buy the frozen ones or at this time of the year the grocery store has packaged cups. The second recipe is a slow cooker appetizer. It is a good one for a crowd. I substitute 6 ounces of imitation crab meat for the canned lump crab meat. I think the taste is just as good.

Phyllo Crab Cups

6 strips bacon, cooked and diced

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 C. shredded pepper Jack cheese

1/3 C. chopped green onions
1/4 C. mayonnaise

1 T. fresh lemon juice
2 t. Worcestershire sauce

1 t. minced fresh garlic
1 t. Tabasco sauce

6 oz. crabmeat
45 phyllo shells

Preheat the oven to 400. Combine the cream cheese, pepper Jack, green onions,



The not so skinny cook

mayo, lemon juice, Worcestershire, garlic, and Tabasco; gently stir in crab and bacon.

Fill phyllo shells with crab mixture and arrange on a baking sheet. Bake shells until cheese melts, 18-20 minutes; garnish with chopped parsley or green onions.

Slow Cooker Crab and Green Onion Dip

3 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, cubed

2 cans (6 oz. each) lump crabmeat, drained

4 green onions, chopped
1/4 C. milk

2 t. prepared horseradish
2 t. Worcestershire sauce

1/4 t. salt

In a greased 3 quart slow cooker, combine the cream cheese, crabmeat, green onions, milk, horseradish, Worcestershire sauce and salt. Cook, covered, on low 3-4 hours or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Serve with vegetables, Melba rounds, or butter crackers.

Are you looking for a stocking stuffer for Christmas? St. Ann's Parish in Warren has published a cookbook. They sold out of the first printing, but have around 100 more to sell. They are going quickly. The recipes are home tested as is the case with most church cookbooks. The books sell for \$10.00; you can contact Mary Hartzell at the grocery store in Warren or call the parish office for information. I recommend this book as a great Christmas present for those people on your list who are like me—we read cookbooks like a lot of people read novels! This vegetable casserole was in the cookbook and will go great with the main entrée which follows.

Broccoli Casserole

1 pkg. chopped broccoli, cooked

1 can cream-style corn
1 egg beaten

1 T. onion, grated
1/2 C. bread crumbs

1 T. butter, melted

Combine the first 4 ingredients and put into a greased casserole dish. Cover with bread

crumbs. Dot with butter. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes.

Are you looking for a neat way to serve a group with something that is economical but really tasty? This next recipe is a comfort food recipe. The meatloaf is made with Stove Top Stuffing mix and placed in muffin tins. Served with mashed potatoes on the mini loaves, you have a great way to feed a group of people for a small amount of money. (They look really neat on a platter too!)

Potato Topped Mini Meatloaves

1 lb. ground beef
1 pkg. Stove Top Stuffing mix—choose your flavor

1 C. water
2 T. A.1 Original Steak Sauce

6 oz. cream cheese, cubed
1-2 cloves garlic, minced

3 C. mashed potatoes (warm)
1/4 C. chopped fresh parsley

1 jar Beef Gravy, warmed

Preheat the oven to 375. Mix the meat, stuffing mix, water, and steak sauce; press into 12 muffin cups sprayed with cooking spray. Bake 20-25 minutes or until meat thermometer reads 160.

Potatoes: Add the cream cheese and garlic to potatoes and stir until cream cheese is melted. Stir in parsley. Scoop the potatoes over the meatloaves. Serve with gravy.

The next three recipes are some great cookie recipes for your platter. They are easy to make—the first is a drop cookie with peppermint flavoring. This recipe is great for those people who need to bake something for people with an egg allergy—no eggs! The second recipe is for an almond bark; you have to like almond for this recipe. It is easy to make and looks great if you cut it into longer pieces because it gives your plate texture. The last one is for a great dessert cookie. It melds the flavor of chocolate, mint, and whipped cream into a delicious bar. Enjoy these unique cookie recipes this holiday season.

Peppermint Meltaways

1 C. unsalted butter, softened

1/2 C. powdered sugar
1/2 t. peppermint extract

1/4 C. flour
1/2 C. cornstarch

Frosting:
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ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: oak hi-boy; refinished oak drafting desk; barn wood coffee table; 1920's car doors; antique windows; vintage ornamental iron fencing; Industrial wood molds; 3' break for tin; cast floor grate; nail kegs; antique automotive parts; lighted beer lights/signs; DeKalb seed sign; Brodhead Lumber sign; pictures; Civil War G.A.R. 1883 flagpole stand; 1879 bayonet; Harley Davidson leather coat; many old & new toys incl. Structo, Tonka & Hubley; Marx pinball games; Marx metal buildings; toy tractors, cars, trucks & construction vehicles; National Motor Museum Mint die-cast cars; 1933 Goudey baseball cards; Crossman air BB pistol; vintage board games; Viewmaster reels; Lien's clock; Wagner cast iron; anvil hardy; brass tire gauge; oil cans; vintage metal deer tags; license plates; 1930's pen/pencil set; knives incl. Case & Keen Kutter; vintage x-mas; Black Americana ash tray; ash tray collection; 1955 Evanston IL metal tray; advertising items; sterling silver pedestal candy dish; Aladdin lamps; milk bottles; beer glasses; beer can collection; liquor decanters; 1920's Monroe WI theater posters; WWII era Univ. of WI Political poster; 1898 framed/mated poster; postcards; vintage valentines; Richard Nixon autographed book; comic books; 1940's Fur Fish Game magazines; 1917-26 Needlecraft magazines; 1960's Political magazines; 1960's car manuals & brochures; sheet music; records; Franklin Mint coin set; jewelry boxes; costume jewelry; NEW fish tackle; Canon MP180/NP160 printer; HP computer monitor; many sm antiques & collectibles not listed. Check web site for pictures. **TERMS: CASH or GOOD CHECK**

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RALPH HALBIN ESTATE TOOLS, ANTIQUES & MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AUCTION

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SATURDAY, December 12, 2015 - 10:30 A.M.

NOTE: Auction held in heated warehouse on corner of Spring & Benton Streets, just south of Rawleigh building. Auction arrows off S. Galena Ave. For more info call Roger at 815-297-4586. **SNOW PUSH, TOOLS & MISC. ITEMS:** Bonnell Push n Plow 12' snow push, model BHP 3600-12; wood work bench w/storage & bench vise; metal welding table & supplies; alum & wood ladders; painter's plank; torch w/cart & tanks; Chicago UNO MIG welder; Twentieth Century welder; McCulloch FHH18A & L&A Products elec pressure washers; wheelbarrows; anvil; tin cutter; dent puller; battery testers; air tools; Rockwell 1/2" drill & other power tools; hand tools incl. Craftsman wrenches; tap & die; gear puller; 6T jack stands; hyd jacks; tow straps; log chains; NEW air hose; gas hose; stump cutter, plow & truck parts; 4' section of snow plow blade; spinner for sand/salt spreader; automotive supplies; assorted garage & shop supplies; oils & oil treatment; hardware; alum storm windows; steel for welding; **ANTIQUÉ ITEMS:** vintage Aquin manual score board; 3-section locker unit; stainless toilet/sink from Freeport jail; (2) 2'x5' thick marble pcs; cast cream separator frame; metal ammo boxes; implement seat; steel wheelbarrow wheel; vintage creeper; truck & auto manuals; brass nozzle; vintage car items—Chevy dash board, hub caps, etc; light bars & caution lights for vehicles; '38 Chevy truck running boards. **TERMS: CASH or GOOD CHECK**

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REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS -

GALENA, ILLINOIS

DUBUQUE BANK AND TRUST Plaintiff,

vs. CATHERINE DUDACK AKA CATHERINE ROBERTS AKA CATHY ROBERTS; BRIAN DUDACK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants,

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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 Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., James J. Nack, 106 North Main Street, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 591 East Charles Mound Road, Scales Mound, Illinois 61075.

P.I.N. 16-000-142-10. The improvement on the property consists of a 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: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg Oliver LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. For Bidding instructions visit www.fal-illinois.com 24 hours prior to sale. F15010318 1678191

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1 ½ C. powdered sugar
 ½ C. crushed peppermint candies
 In a small bowl, cream the butter and powdered sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in peppermint extract. In another bowl, whisk flour and cornstarch; gradually beat into the creamed mixture. Refrigerate, covered, 30 minutes or until dough is firm enough to handle. Preheat the oven to 350.

Shape dough into 1 inch balls; place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake 9-11 minutes or until bottoms are light brown. Removed from pans to wire racks to cool.
 In a bowl, beat butter until creamy. Beat in milk, peppermint extract and food coloring. Beat in powdered sugar until smooth. Spread over cookies; sprinkle with crushed candies. Store in an airtight container.

Almond Bars
 ½ C. unsalted butter, softened
 1 C. sugar
 1 large egg
 ½ t. almond extract
 1¾ C. flour
 2 t. baking powder
 ¼ t. salt
 1 T. milk
 ½ C. sliced almonds, chopped
 Frosting:
 1 C. powdered sugar

¼ t. almond extract
 1-2 T. milk
 Preheat the oven to 325. In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and extract. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt; gradually beat into creamed mixture.
 Divide dough into four portions. Roll or pant each portion into a 12 x 3 inch rectangle. Place 5 inch apart on a greased

baking sheet. Brush with milk and sprinkle with almonds.
 Bake 18-20 minutes or until firm and edges are a light brown. Cool on pans for 5 minutes. Cut diagonally into 1-inch slices. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.
 In a small bowl, mix the powdered sugar, extract and enough milk to reach desired

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consistency; drizzle over the bars.

Crème de Menthe Squares

- 1 ¼ C. finely crushed Oreo cookies (about 14 cookies)
- 2 T. unsalted butter, melted
- 1 t. unflavored gelatin
- 1¾ C. milk, divided
- 20 large marshmallows
- 3 T. green crème de menthe
- 3 oz. cream cheese softened
- 1 pkg. (3.9 oz.) instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 C. heavy whipping cream

In a bowl, mix crushed cookies and melted butter. Reserve 3 tablespoons for topping. Press remaining mixture on bottom of a greased 8 inch square baking dish. Refrigerate 30 minutes.

In a large microwave-safe bowl, sprinkle gelatin over ½ cup of cold milk; let stand 1 minute. Microwave on high

for 30-40 seconds. Stir until gelatin is completely dissolved. Add the marshmallows and cook 1-2 minutes longer or until the marshmallows are puffed; stir until smooth. Stir in crème de menthe. Refrigerate 15-20 minutes or until cold but not set, stirring often.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. In another bowl, whisk the pudding mix and remaining cold milk. Gradually beat into cream cheese.

In a large bowl, beat the cream until soft peaks form. Fold the whipped cream into the marshmallow mixture. Spoon half of the mixture over the prepared crust and refrigerate 10 minutes. Layer with pudding mixture and remaining marshmallow mixture and top with reserved crumbs. Refrigerate 2 hours or until set.

One of these days I need

to do some Christmas shopping. (I wouldn't want to start too early.) I know that I have some cheese and sausage gift boxes coming and some gourmet popcorn, but there are some things I need to get to go with them. While you are buying for friends and family, take a moment to think about some folks who won't have a Christmas this year. If you are looking for a way to make a difference in a person's life, the Lena Business and Professional Association is sponsoring a Giving Tree. You can pick up an ornament for a child or adult who needs a little cheer this season at DeVoe Floral. The gifts need to be back to the flower shop by December 12. There are still some ornaments left. I know that your participation will make a difference.

We are looking for some good recipes for Christmas

and New Years. If you have some that are favorites of you family, let us know. Remember we continue to look for some Christmas cookie recipes. If you have some recipes

to share, you can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.



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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.

We have discovered a fantastic program called Operation Christmas Child. It helps give children internationally a holiday gift filled with toys and necessities. They receive a shoebox filled with toy, school supplies, non-liquid hygienic items, and accessories such as socks, hair clips/pony tails, and flashlights.

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