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You need to know about the batch of new Illinois laws that could directly affect you

By **Tony Carton**
Editor

STATELINE — Regardless of your political ideology the rapid growth of laws and regulations has grown to the point where no single person can keep track of them all. This means that no matter who you are or what you do, it's impossible to go about your daily life without breaking some onerous and vague rule.

According to the Office of the Federal Register, which keeps track of government agency rules and public notices, 81,611 pages of regulations and proposed rules were created in 2015. All told, about 3,378 rules were finalized, and 2,334 regulations are at some stage of consideration.

Illinois will ring in the new year with more than 200 new laws. Here are a few worth mentioning.

1. Numerical locking devices will be placed on opioid pharmaceutical prescription bottles. This new lock will have a combination. Your pill bottle has an extra layer of protection against those who shouldn't be taking your prescribed medication in the first place.

2. Another new law prohibits tow services from removing a commercial vehicle under the vehicle's own power without law enforcement authorization. It also requires law enforcement responsible for patrolling highways to maintain at least one tow rotation list.

3. People with 4 DUI convictions, that maintain a drug and alcohol free lifestyle for three years, can drive again. Those who qualify will still be required to have a breath igni-

tion-interlock device in their vehicle.

4. Gone are the days of 'zero tolerance' suspensions and expulsions for school rule violations. School districts will be required to try every outlet before expelling or suspending a student for more than three days.

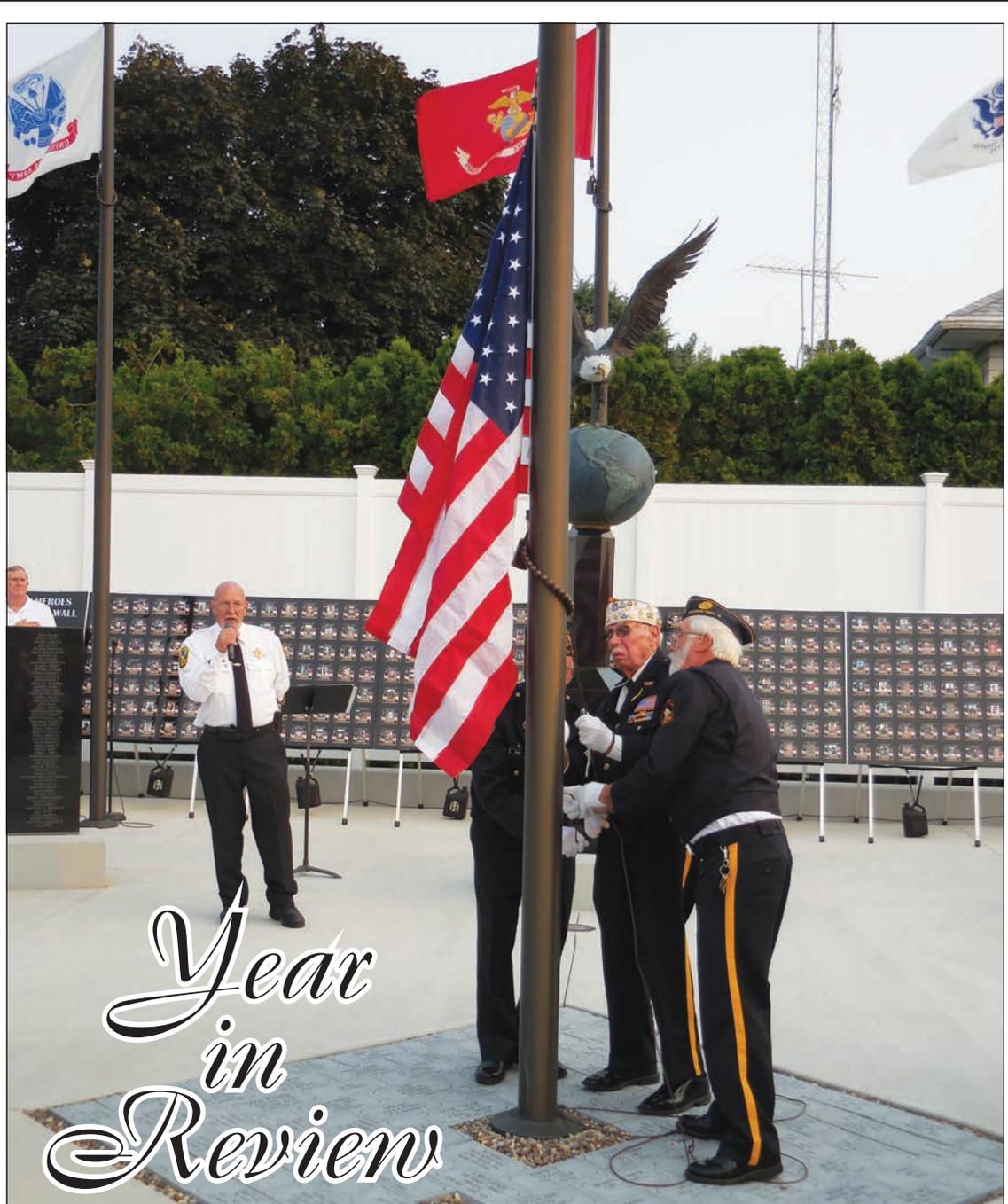
5. Another new Illinois law makes it illegal to leave pets in extreme heat or cold. Specifically, the law reads: "No owner of a dog or cat that is a companion animal may expose the dog or cat in a manner that places the dog or cat in a life-threatening situation for the prolonged period of time in extreme heat or cold conditions that results in injury to or death of the animal. Owners found guilty could face a year in jail or a \$2,500 fine.

6. Illinois is doing away with custody and visitation rules in divorce. Parental responsibilities will now be broken into categories such as education, health, religion, and extracurricular activities. The issue of stipulating visitation will remain separate.

7. It will be illegal to be in possession of, distribute or manufacture synthetic marijuana or synthetic drug "K2." Any compound that contains the analog of K2, but is modified to not have the exact chemical composition or structure of K2, will also be illegal.

8. All boaters born after January 1, 1998, operating a boat with a 10-hp engine or greater, must obtain a boating safety certificate approved by the DNR.

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Stockton Veteran's Memorial dedicated

John Vaupel and World War II veterans Mason Beard and Don Bradley raise the American flag as the dedication ceremonies for the Stockton Veteran's Memorial drew to a close.



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Year in review: Learn to do by doing

Jo Daviess County 4-H Youth and Development program coordinator Angela Miller and Chelsea Busy Bee member Olivia Kepner take a minute from their fair duties to admire the projects entered in the 4-H general projects competition held annually at Terrapin Park in Elizabeth.

• LAWS

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9. The only grounds for divorce will be No Fault. If you want a divorce, you must show irreconcilable differences caused the irretrievable breakdown of the marriage, efforts to reconcile have failed, and future attempts to reconcile would be impracticable and not in the best interests of the family.

10. If you have a loved one in a long-term facility, families and skilled nursing residents will now be able to use their own recording devices

and cameras to monitor what happens in their own resident rooms.

11. Underage drinkers calling for help to have immunity. Let us say you are under 21 years old, and you and your friend drink too much alcohol. Your friend gets extremely ill and needs medical attention. This new law provides legal protection for any person needing medical help and the person who called for him or her.

12. To help police pay for new equipment, like body cam-

eras, traffic tickets are upped by \$5, not including parking, registration, or pedestrian offenses.

13. If your student athlete suffers a concussion on the field, a new law mandates all Illinois schools to have a concussion oversight team that will develop a return to learn and play protocol.

A little levity to lighten your day

Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning."

"I don't believe you," says Dolly.

"It's true, no bull!" exclaims Daisy.

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A BIG THANKS
to all for making my 80th birthday a great success. It's a day I'll remember for a long time. Thanks for all the cards, mail and greetings that day and since. A big thanks to my kids for putting things together.

Johnny O'

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Year in review: The magic of bubbles

Chasing bubbles is a big part of every Stockton Strong Movie in the Park and this scene from one of those events proved that point.



Tony Carton photo

Year in review: Stockton's annual Great Jean Giveaway

Stockton resident Darlene Lloyd has been collecting and distributing jeans through her Great Jeans Giveaway for six years.

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The Stockton Heritage Museum will host 'A walk through the Ladies Union Cemetery'

In honor of the 10th anniversary of the Ladies Union Cemetery Society

Thus organized a noble band
Of ladies, brave and true,
Who started forth without the cash
And things looked rather blue.

Trials and troubles were many
They met us on every hand:
Now came the thought of money;
We wanted to buy some land.

The cost "five hundred dollars" he said
For five acres of his farm.
Of course if we couldn't buy it
He said it would do no harm.

So we thought the matter over,
And soon our friends were found,
Who said they could loan us the money
To buy five acres of ground.

So we accepted their kind offer,
And purchased ground for our cemetery,
And today it stands as an emblem
Of our success and prosperity.

Thanks to the noble people,
Who so kindly have helped, we confess,
And today we are known far and near,
As the brave L. U. C. S.

Ten years we have journeyed onward,
Yes ten years tomorrow;
At times our sky has been cloudless
And at times grown dark with sorrow.

But let us press nobly onward,
Our duty to do evermore,
Until we are all safely anchored,
On the bright celestial shore.

By Mary Peters

STOCKTON — A warmer venue will be the location for the January 9, program at the Stockton Heritage Museum.

A "Cemetery Walk" was held in October, but for those who could not make the program held at the Ladies Union Cemetery, the Museum will present the program at 2 p.m. on January 9, at the Museum. The cemetery was founded in 1890 as the village was incorporated and ladies of the village decided that there needed to be a resting place for the citizens of the new village.

Using slides and stories, program presenters

will talk about early Stockton residents and their role in the early village. Villagers highlighted are the Hermann Brothers, businessmen in Stockton, Marvin Carpenter, co-founder of Stockton, early pioneer Mittie Moore, first banker Peter Rindesbacher, and entrepreneur and poet Mary Pitcher Peters, originally from Pitcherville. The history of Ladies Union Cemetery will be shared as well as information on the Civil War Statue.

The Museum will be open from noon to 4 pm with the program starting at 2 p.m. Join us.

Courtesy photo
Mary Peters wrote this poem honoring the tenth anniversary of the Stockton Ladies Union Cemetery Society. Peters will be among the featured presenters at a January 9, event hosted by and located at the Stockton Heritage Museum.

Quote

"Wise men speak because they have something to say; fools because they have to say something." - Plato

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Year in review memo:

Bustos steps into leadership role for Illinoisans in second term

STATELINE — This past year has been a time of transition and growth for Congresswoman Cheri Bustos. Entering into her second term representing Illinois' 17th District, Bustos has continued her focus on growing our local economy, playing a watchdog role to ensure our veterans get the care they deserve and working across the aisle to achieve bipartisan victories for working families. In total, Congresswoman Bustos hosted or attended 174 events across the 17th district and held 47 meetings or discussions with constituents in 2015.

Effective Leadership

During the last year, Bustos has taken on leadership roles in several key areas to continue advocating for our region.

In November, Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer recognized Congresswoman Bustos' "determination and tenacity to get results" and appointed her to a leadership role as a Senior Whip in the Democratic Caucus. This new post gives our region a seat at the table in the highest levels of Democratic House Leadership. In response to this new appointment, Bustos said: "Whether it's passing common sense policies to generate new American manufacturing, providing our workers with the skills they need to compete for 21st century jobs or rebuilding our roads and bridges, we need to work together to ensure that work-

ing families can Make It In America."

Investing in our Roads, Bridges and Railroads

As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Bustos played a central role over the past year in the effort to secure the first long-term highway funding bill in a decade. In May, with another short-term patch on the horizon, Bustos took to the floor of the House to push for the passage of a bipartisan, long-term highway bill to create jobs that can't be outsourced while providing economic certainty to states and manufacturers. Later in July, Bustos led a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers in Washington to reiterate the importance of getting the job done. It didn't happen overnight, but her perseverance paid off. In October, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee came together to mark up a six-year highway bill which later passed the House in early November. After sending the bill to the Senate, a five-year compromise agreement was reached this December and has been signed into law.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, this critically important legislation is projected to invest more than \$7.5 billion in Illinois, roads, bridges, rail and other infrastructure priorities during the next five years. These funds will put Illinoisans to work,

rebuilding our infrastructure while spurring manufacturing purchasing from companies like Caterpillar and Deere & Co.

On March 5, the Galena community was devastated when a BNSF train carrying crude oil derailed, leaking 110,000 gallons of oil, which caught fire. In the immediate aftermath, Bustos was on the scene, working to make sure our first responders had all of the resources they needed to clean up. Later, Bustos held community meetings to learn how families were impacted by the Galena disaster and help connect them with the services many of them needed. After gathering input from the community and learning about the root causes of the Galena derailment, Bustos took several actions to try to avert future accidents like this.

First, she pushed the Administration to implement new safety standards for rail transport. This led to the adoption of new safety standard rules by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Later, Bustos worked with U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) to include additional funding in the recently passed Omnibus bill that will provide first responders with additional tools to prevent rail accidents from becoming full scale disasters.

Fighting for our Rural Economy

As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, Congresswoman Bustos understands the importance of getting results for family farmers and renewable energy producers in Central and Western Illinois. Last year, Bustos played a central role in passing a five-year Farm Bill which is providing economic certainty to farmers across our country.

This year, Bustos focused her agricultural efforts on two top priorities: Strengthening our

rural renewable energy economy and increasing exporting opportunities for Illinois' agricultural producers.

This past summer, Bustos undertook a rural renewable energy tour with stops at the Bishop Hill Wind Energy Project in Henry County, Spoon River Solar Farm in Astoria, Acciona's EcoGrove Wind Farm in Lena and a discussion of the Wind Turbine Technician Program at Highland Community College in Freeport. A strong supporter of American energy independence, Bustos has made it a priority to keep an open line of communication between her office and our rural energy producers to fight for policies that create an economic environment where they can grow and succeed. In December, Bustos voted for a five-year extension of solar and wind tax credits in the Omnibus bill.

Then, in October, Bustos traveled to Cuba on a Bipartisan Agricultural Trade Mission, sponsored by the Illinois Cuba Working Group, to establish new economic development and export opportunities for Illinois farmers. Since 1960, the Cuban embargo has prevented most American trade with Cuba. However, there are exemptions for agricultural exports. According to the Illinois Cuba Working Group, Illinois corn and soy exports to Cuba reached approximately \$66 million in 2008. However, in 2014, it was just \$24 million, a 63 percent decrease. Seeking to discover the root causes behind this decline, Bustos learned that a significant barrier to increasing trade is the embargo imposed restriction on Cubans accessing credit to purchase American agricultural products. After returning, Bustos held roundtable with farmers across the 17th District, held meetings with the Cuban Ambassador to the United

States and ultimately signed on to co-sponsor the Cuba Agricultural Exports Act, which would cut through the red tape and make it easier for Illinois farmers to sell their goods in Cuban markets.

And this fall, when a late night backroom deal in Washington threatened to undermine the federal crop insurance program negotiated in the Farm Bill, Bustos pushed back and secured an agreement to protect family farmers.

Serving as a Watchdog for our Veterans

Congresswoman Bustos was deeply disturbed by the scandal that rocked the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2014. Since that time, she's made it a top priority to take on a watchdog role to ensure our veterans get the care they have earned.

A former investigative journalist, Bustos made her first "Undercover Congresswoman" stop at the Bob Michel VA clinic in Peoria to hear directly from veterans about the care they are receiving. While the folks she met that day gave largely positive reviews, Bustos continued monitoring the data released by the national VA and made a follow up visit in November after wait times continued to be a problem. Since then, a new Acting Director has taken over and Bustos is committed to working with her team to develop solutions that will drive down wait times.

Cutting Government Waste to Protect Social Security and Medicare

Despite serving in the minority, Congresswoman Bustos worked to get a bill designed to cut waste, fraud and abuse of federal tax dollars signed into law this month. The law, the Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act, seeks to rein in improper payments made by the federal government, and the figures are staggering. According to the Office of Management and Budget, the federal government made \$125 billion in improper payments in 2014, a 15 percent increase from the \$106 billion the year before. In all, \$125 billion could pay for four years of tuition at Rockford University for more than 1 million students, 650,000 students at Augustana College,

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ON THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

Donald Meyer

MILES, IA — Donald Meyer loved farming in Jackson County, telling stories and cooking for family and friends. He always went "all-out" when he set his mind on accomplishing something. On December 31, 2015, Donald passed away at home in the care of his loving family. A private Celebration of Life will be held at the family farm. Friends and family may share in Donald's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com

Don was born February 15, 1931 near Sabula, Iowa, the son of Gus and Minnie (Gregerson) Meyer. He grew up on the family farm and is a 1949 graduate of the Sabula High School. On March 20, 1952, Don married Marjorie Cram. Together they raised six children. She passed away April 11, 1990. He later married Nancy Brightwell on February 20, 1999.

Mainly Don farmed grain and raised livestock. He loved running a combine and enjoyed custom combining for other farmers. One of his greatest loves was planting and tending his mega-garden from which he raised vegetables and pumpkins. In earlier years he could be found selling his fruits and vegetables at his road-side stand, while later he was happy to share his produce with family and friends. His daily routine would include visiting his son's farm shop to have coffee and tell stories with the boys. Don also operated a butchering poultry shop for several years. He trained himself to be an auctioneer and loved working farm and household auctions. Don loved working with animals, and his dog, Tina, was his close companion. In younger years, he enjoyed fishing, hunting and trapping. He always liked country music and would often visit Mooney Hollow to hear the bands. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family, whom he loved and took great pride in.

Don will be dearly missed by his wife, Nancy Meyer of Miles; six children, Brenda Hackett and Jim Wiese of Miles, Sharleen (Ron) Tracy of Miles, Owen (Rori) Meyer of Sabula, Jody (Kevin) Pannell of Marion, Iowa, Eric Meyer of Sabula, and Dr. Gena (Dr. Jason) Benoit of Port Byron, Illinois; nineteen grandchildren; twenty-one great grand-

children; four step children, Lorie (Brian) Vogel, Kevin Cheney, Allan Cheney, and Christie (Greg) Anderson, all of Clinton; and fifteen step-grandchildren. Don is preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Marjorie; two granddaughters, Cassie and Emily; two brothers, Albert and Eugene; three sisters, Lillian Cheney, Gladys Giddings and Martha Rixen.

The family would like to honor his special friends, Jeff, Amonte and Warren Koch, who were always there for him.

Don's family wishes that close friends and family will plant a tree or something in the garden, in his memory, during the spring of 2016.

Eugene C. Basara

LENA — Eugene C. Basara, age 90 of Lena, IL, passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2015.

He was born September 17, 1925 in Chicago, IL, the son of Jakob and Antoinette Basara. Eugene was a member of the 3rd Army Unit, serving in World War 2. He enjoyed polka music along with building rock gardens, bird houses, and cartoon characters out of wood.

Eugene is survived by his wife Phyllis M. Basara of Lena; son Curt (Christine) Basara of Lena; grandchildren- Paul (Laura) Basara of CA, Gloria Basara of Lena, Kim Basara of IL, Peter Basara of Lacrosse, WI, and Zackery (Amber) Basara of Lena; step-children- Susan Wilson of Carpentersville, IL, Steven (Donna) Creek of Eagle Rock, MO, Robert Creek of Roll-

ing Meadows, IL, and Ronda Reynolds of Carpentersville, IL; numerous great grandchildren; brother Daniel (Adrian) Basara of Mchenry, IL; and nephews Bruce and Brent.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Caroline, parents, brother Stanlie, sisters- Stella, Leona, Margie, Janette, and Gusty.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Interment will take place at Dundee Township Cemetery.

Janet E. Hildebrand

ORANGEVILLE — Janet E. Hildebrand of Freeport, IL (formerly of Orangeville, IL) went to be with the Lord on December 27, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital at Freeport, IL.



She was born on November 6, 1924 in Rockford, IL. She graduated from East High School in Rockford, IL in May of 1942.

She married the love of her life, Neal Hildebrand on September 10, 1948 at The Cherry Valley Methodist Church in Cherry Valley, IL. Together they raised five in Orangeville, IL, residing in Orangeville for 46 years. She worked for the Orangeville School District for many years.

Janet loved her large family. She enjoyed reading (especially her Bible), cooking, knitting, and crocheting. Through the years she made many afghans for her family and friends. She was a faithful member of the

Orangeville Methodist Church and also the Grace Evangelical Free Church of Orangeville, IL, where she enjoyed teaching Sunday School.

She is survived by her son Steven (Marilyn) Hildebrand of Orangeville, IL; daughters- Susan (Jene) Eberle of Monroe, WI, Nancy (Steve) Rodebaugh of McConnell, IL, and Bonnie (Jeff) Clark of Freeport, IL; son-in-law Dennis Nolan of Lena, IL; twelve grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Janet was preceded in death by her husband Neal, daughter Sally Nolan, her mother Ella Shelden, sister Dorothy Shelden, brother Richard Shelden, brother Robert Shelden (in infancy), and grandson-in-law Jeremy McNutt.

Funeral Service and visitation were Thursday, December 31, at the Grace Evangelical Free Church in Orangeville, IL.

Officiating was Rev. Allen Lambert.

Cremation rites to be accorded.

A luncheon will follow the funeral service at the Grace

Evangelical Free Church in Orangeville.

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

Madeleine P. Van Hamme

Died: Dec. 26, 2015

STOCKTON — Madeleine was born in Moerbke, East Flanders Belgium on Jan. 24, 1926 to Benoit and Bertha (DeSchryver) Van Hove. She graduated from Lokeren, Belgium High School with High Honors at age 16 in 1942 and spoke four languages: Flemish, French, English and German. After graduation she worked as a private secretary in the Commerce District of Brussels. During the liberation she worked as a translator for the RAOC British Army of the Rhine, where she met her husband August



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STATELINE — Child-Care Employee Vaccination Requirement (SB 986/PA 99-0267 – Sen. Christine Radogno): Mandates any child-care facility that cares for children ages 6 and younger to require child-care employees to provide proof of two doses of the Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine or provide proof of immunity. Also requires child-care employees to show proof of having received the tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine (Tdap).

Home Kitchens (HB 2486/PA 99-0191): Provides that a home kitchen operation does not include a person who produces or packages non-potentially hazardous baked goods for sale by a religious, charitable, or nonprofit organization for fundraising purposes.

Breastfeeding **Airport**

Accommodations (SB 344/PA 99-0228): Requires airports that have more than 1,000,000 enplanements a year to provide a location, by Jan. 1, 2017, at each terminal behind the security screening area for women to express breast milk in private. The location must include a chair and an electrical outlet and be outside the confines of a public restroom. Requires smaller airports that have fewer than 1,000,000 enplanements a year to comply with this requirement upon new terminal construction, expansion or renovation. Upon construction of a new terminal, expansion or renovation, the airport must provide a sink in any room designated for nursing mothers.

Adoption Registry-Grandparents (HB 3967/PA 99-0345): Amends the Adoption Act to give birth grand-

parents access to the Adoption Registry and a confidential intermediary.

DCFS Notification (HB 2543/PA 99-0340): Provides that when DCFS first assumes custody of a child, in placing that child, the Department shall make reasonable efforts to identify, locate, and provide notice to all adult grandparents and other adult relatives of the child.

Foster Children's Bill of Rights (HB 3684/PA 99-0344):

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Van Hamme. They married on April 12, 1947, he died in 1996. They came to America in May of 1948. During the years they farmed and she worked at Attwood's in Stockton. Her greatest love was spending time with her family and loved knitting, crocheting and sewing for all of them. Along with her husband they built their last home in Stockton and they traveled throughout the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bahamas and of course through Europe many times. She also loved poetry and writing, having many stories published in the Gazette of Detroit MI, a Belgium Paper. She also loved going to the Casino with her many friends. She was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton.

She is survived by four children, Lillian (Gary) Townsend, Robert (Jane) Van Hamme, of Stockton, Cindy (Tom) Sigafus

Provides that children in the care of DCFS who is placed in foster care have certain rights.

Conversion Therapy (HB 217/PA 99-0411): Prohibits mental health providers from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with a person younger than age 18. Prohibits advertising that represents homosexuality as a mental disease, disorder or illness, and provides that violation is an unlawful practice under the Consumer Fraud and Decep-

tive Business Practices Act. Codifies that a provider who engages in sexual orientation efforts may be subject to discipline by the licensing entity or disciplinary review board with competent jurisdiction.

A little levity to lighten your day

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The Ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

of Monroe WI and Tim Van Hamme (Beth) of Bradenton FL.

Nine Grandchildren: Scott (Joann) Townsend, Freeport, Nicole (Scott) Cook of Port Washington WI., Alex Van Hamme of St Louis, Erica (Jared) Wagner of Thornton Co., Shawn (Kathy) Sigafus, New Glarus WI. Ben (special friend Margie) of Madison WI. Jackie (Michael) Garchie, Orangeville Il., Kaitlan and Madeleine Van Hamme of Freeport. Step grandchildren Michele (special friend Matt Weiland) Carroll, Surprise AZ and Jacob (Minh) Carroll of Portland OR.

Nine Great Grand Children Ashley, Anthony Townsend, Lillie, Madalyn, Ben Cook, Trent and Tyra Sigafus, Alyana Hellig Christy, Leighton Garchie and Warren Carroll.

She is also survived by one brother Lucien (Annie) Van Hove, St Truiden Belgium

Cremation rites were performed at Walker Mortuary, Freeport.

Funeral Mass was January 2, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Stockton with the Rev. Michael Morrissey officiating. Interment to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Stockton. A luncheon following at the church hall.

BIRTHS

Carter Ford

STOCKTON— Marissa Cook and Andrew Ford of Stockton, Ill. are the parents of a son Carter Allen Ford born Sunday December 27, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandmothers are Mary Cook of Rock falls, Ill. and Lorrie Schoenegge of Galena, Ill.

Mary Thyberg

LENA — Andrew and Nicole Thyberg of Lena, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Mary Elizabeth Thyberg born Tuesday December 29, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Mary joins four sisters Haley, 9, Gracie, 7 Brooklyn, 5 and Delyla, 4 and a brother Brayden, 2. Grandparents are Daryl and Terri Thyberg, Jon

and Penny Bawden and Hank Euler. Great grandparents are Helen Fullerton, Marvin and Sandy Wiemka, John and Penny Euler and Marie Bawden.

Skyler Trombatore

STOCKTON — Shannon Enright and Sam Trombatore of Stockton, Ill. are the parents of a son Skyler Shawn Trombatore born Sunday December 27, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Skyler has a sister Novalee, 1 and a brother Silas, 5. Grandparents are Pat Enright and Tracey Enright both of Stockton and Merry Lockwood and Michael Strohecker of Lena, Ill. great grandparents are Leonard and Bernieta Klaas of Stockton and Elizabeth Enright of Elizabeth, Ill.

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Attorney General opinion: daily fantasy sports are illegal in Illinois

STATELINE — Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has issued an opinion that the operations of daily fantasy sports wagering sites such as those operated by Draft Kings, FanDuel and Yahoo! are illegal in the state of Illinois.

Attorney General Madigan said the games are not legal, her opinion noting that "all games of chance or skill, when played for money, are illegal gambling in Illinois, unless excepted."

Her opinion stated that Illi-

nois "exempts only those who actually engage in a bona fide contest for the determination of skill, speed, strength, or endurance, and not a daily fantasy sports contest participant who pays a fee to build a 'team' and who may win a prize based on the statistical performance of particular athletes. In this regard, persons whose wagers depend upon how particular, selected athletes perform in actual sporting events stand in no different stead than persons who wager on the outcome of any

sporting event in which they are not participants."

Fan Duel and Draft Kings have both filed suit against Madigan, asking a court to declare that the games are not illegal and authorized under Illinois law.

Our advice to IPA members at this point, given that the litigation has been filed, and no court decision has been

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illegal puts advertisers at risk of criminal charges.

IPA will provide more information and updates as they become available.

For questions, please contact: Josh Sharp, IPA director of government relations, at jsharp@illinoispress.org or Don Craven, IPA legal counsel, at don@cravenlawoffice.com.

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or more than 700,000 primary care physicians at our nation's VA hospitals.

This law seeks to stop wasteful spending by encouraging the sharing of data between federal agencies and state governments to root out patterns of abuse; repairing a dysfunctional "do not pay" system to prevent improper payments from going to known abusers and; implementing reporting requirements to track progress in improving the system. This bill doesn't impact anyone's Social Security or Medicare benefits; it simply goes after improper spending.

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Illinois enacts new Driving Under the Influence (DUI) laws effective January 1

STATELINE — DUI-related Safety Provisions (SB 627/PA 99-0467): Makes several recommendations based on the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. Changes include the following:

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CHURCH NOTES

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Gift of Hope

By Gary Rich, Lay Servant
Lena United Methodist Church

LENA — It is 2016: The start of a new year. With his birth, Jesus brought us the gift of Hope. It is my prayer that everyone reading this will be able to find a new hope in Christ this year. There is so much going on in the world today that we all have the need of Hope. When we get separated from the message of Christ we forget he is there for us and offering us this much needed Hope. So many things pull us in different directions and usually those directions are away from Jesus and not toward him. Sometimes we just need to stop and ask ourselves, "Where is Jesus sending us?" Starting this Thursday evening at 6:30 at the Lena United Methodist Church we will start a new study based on the book *Sent* by Jorge Acevedo. This series tries to help us answer this question. The author gives us the following statement for us to ponder. ("Sometimes when you do something you don't normally do, you see something you don't normally see.") We all know the story of the Angel coming to the shepherds out in the field and telling them of the birth of Christ. Who do you think God would tell first if the birth of Jesus would have happened today?

The After School Program that meets on Wednesday afternoons will start up again on January 6. Anywhere from 40 to 60 young kids from fourth

grade to eighth grade will meet at the hangout for some fun and snacks. There is time set aside to remind them of the Hope of Jesus. Pastor Miranda has been one of the leaders of the ASP and she will be missed. She has moved and will be serving a church in Iowa. She was a wonderful leader and was loved by the kids. We know she will continue to share the message of Christ in her new church. So, if you are not sure where God is sending you stop by the ASP on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30, it might just be your answer.

Food and Fun will get started again on January 7, at 6 p.m. Come and enjoy a meal and afterwards enjoy some fellowship and activities.

New Year resolutions

By Sid Kemmis
Lay Minister, St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena

LENA — So many aspects of our culture are annual. Finance, contracts, weather stats, sports seasons, and many other things are tracked annually. How many times have you heard people say, "This year wasn't so great, but there's always next year." We Cub fans say that a lot!

An old tradition involves a new start—the New Year's Resolution. The top new year's resolutions, by far, are: weight loss, exercise program, smoking cessation. Also popular are resolutions dealing with responsible alcohol use and better money management.

The problem is most of us have a hard time keeping those resolutions. When we make that sincere vow on New Year's Eve, it seems so solid. But by the middle of January those pledges may begin to wane. Statistics show that by the end of January only 64% of resolvers are still hanging in there; six months later, that number drops to 44%. So how do we succeed?

Usually our resolutions involve habits. Have you gotten out of the habit of attending church? It's easy to let it happen. "We were out late Saturday night, and I needed my sleep. The kids have sports games on Sunday morning. We missed church a couple times, and nobody seemed to notice; so skipping once more is no big deal." Then there's the classic, "Sunday is the only day we have for family time."

God speaks of worship throughout the Bible, including the Ten Commandments. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God." (Ex. 20:8-10) In *Philippians 2:9-11*, Paul says, "Therefore God has highly exalted him [Jesus] and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." In *Romans 12:1*, he says, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mer-

cies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

Jesus, himself, frequently spoke of worship. "And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve." (Luke 4:8) For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matt. 18:20) Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord

your God and him only shall you serve." (Matt. 4:10)

Have you made a new year's resolution to spend more time with God? Even though we can resolve to make a change any time during the year, it does have a stronger practical impact if we associate it with a new start, a new year. We're still in the first week of 2016, so it's not too late. Do it now; resolve to worship God regularly.

James 4:8--Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...

St. John's Lutheran Church to celebrate First Sunday of Epiphany

PEARL CITY — You're welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 10 for the First Sunday of Epiphany. Pastor Ekstrand will lead the First Sunday of Epiphany or the Baptism of Our Lord worship service starting at 9 a.m. Following worship, Whirl Sunday and Confirmation will be held. The Property Committee will meet at 10:15 as well as Coffee With Council. The SPOTS (fifth and sixth grades)

youth group will meet at 11 a.m. Scrip orders will also be due on January 10.

The Fifth Quarter (seventh and eighth grades) youth group will meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 10 followed by the Genesis (high school) youth group will meet at 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the Youth and Family Center. Junior High and High School youth are invited

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Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

WILLOW/KENT — Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday Jan. 10 at 9 a.m. at Willow UMC. 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 the lessons from "The Upper Room" devotional using the Holy Bible for all references. All are invited and welcome to join in.

Willow UMC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton, IL for more info: call 815-601-6742.

GET FITTEAM CHALLENGE



Feeling stuffed?

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Year in review: Downtown Lena officially celebrates its renovation

Lena city officials, engineers, members of the Lena Business & Professional Association and interested residents gathered downtown for a ribbon cutting marking the end of the summer-long renovation project and a new beginning for downtown Lena.



Tracy Siegner photos

Year in review: Goin' fishing

Doc Best is trading his tool belt and belly mower for a fishing pole and a honey-do list after serving as a Site Tech for 37 years at Lake Le-Aqua-Na



Year in review: The little guy loves the tunes

Mason Brown, 16-month-old son of Anthony and Kelsea Brown of Elizabeth came to the fourth Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Music in the Park Saturday evening to rock out a bit and enjoy a sippee cup (or two) before bedtime.



Year in review: Playin' it forward in Stockton

The Stockton fine arts department received a check Thursday from Sam Stoddard of Woodbine Bend Golf Course and Bridget Stocks of Scout magazine. The monies were raised through the annual Play It Forward golf tournament which set a goal of raising funds for the Jo Daviess County Schools' Arts and Music Programs.

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Year in Review: Marching to a fall tune

The Warren High School band marched with almost perfect precision and the crowd showed its appreciation during the Pumpkin fest parade



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Year in Review: Sunrise at Kellogg's Grove

The monument at Kellogg's Grove was erected in 1887, stands 34 feet tall and is made of native limestone. It is on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.



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Year in review: Riding to glory

Dozens of elementary school kids decorated and rode their bikes in the 2015 Stockton Homecoming Parade

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From Lena's Kitchen



The not so skinny cook

LENA — A new year has arrived, and now we all must practice writing 2016 for the date. The cold weather has come, and we are in traditional January mode. Sports will take over the month of January; we have had bowl games that just wouldn't quit, and the National Championship is still to come. I can't quite get into that particular game. Super Bowl play-offs will begin also—just think for those of you who really don't like football, it will soon be finished. However, we will be featuring some recipes for the parties that will crop up as football winds down. There are also some good winter recipes also because I think we will be in need of them.

The first recipe is one that will use that leftover New Years or Christmas ham. This soup is a great way to warm up on a cold night. The green chilies give it just a little kick. If you have people who are allergic to poultry, you can substitute the chicken broth with vegetable broth or ham stock. Enjoy this great way to use leftovers.

Fiesta Ham Soup

2 T. butter
 ½ C. chopped onion
 ¼ C. chopped celery
 1½ lbs. potatoes, peeled and cubed
 2 C. cubed fully cooked ham
 1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chilies
 2 T. dried parsley flakes
 1/8 t. pepper
 2 C. chicken broth
 1 can (4 ¾ oz.) cream style corn

1 C. milk
 1 C. shredded cheddar cheese
 Sour cream (optional)

In a large saucepan, heat the butter over medium heat. Add the onion and celery; cook and stir 3-4 minutes or until the onion is tender. Add the potatoes, ham, green chilies, parsley and pepper; cook and stir for 1 minute.

Stir in the chicken broth; bring to a boil. Reduce the heat; simmer, covered, 15-20 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.

Stir in the corn, milk, and cheddar cheese; heat through. If desired, serve with sour cream.

This salad combines fruit with the greens unlike the usual layered salad that layers vegetables. You can substitute spring mix lettuce for the romaine lettuce. Granny Smith or Gala apples would be a good choice for the apple layer because they are crisp. The blue cheese adds just the little kick needed to make this salad extra special.

Layered Waldorf Salad

6 C. chopped romaine lettuce
 1 lb. seedless red grapes, halved
 4 stalks celery, chopped
 ½ C. mayonnaise
 ½ C. creamy poppy seed dressing
 2 apples, chopped
 ½ C. crumbled blue cheese
 1 C. chopped walnuts, toasted
 Layer the lettuce, grapes, and celery in a large bowl. Mix mayo and dressing in a small bowl. Toss with the apples. Spoon over celery layer; spread over salad to seal. Refrigerate several hours. Top with cheese and nuts before serving.

Still have some of that ham leftover? This next recipe is a great crock pot dinner. You put it together and let the cooker do its magic. All that is needed before serving is to cook and drain the spaghetti.

Ham Tetrazzini

2 cans cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
 2 C. cubed fully cooked ham
 2 C. sliced fresh mushrooms
 1 C. evaporated milk
 ¼ C. white wine or water
 2 t. prepared horseradish
 1 pkg. multigrain spaghetti
 1 C. shredded Parmesan cheese

In a 5 quart slow cooker, mix the first six ingredients. Cook, covered, on low 4-5 hours until heated through.

To serve, cook spaghetti according to package directions; drain. Add the spaghetti and cheese to slow cooker and toss to combine.

If you are tired of ham, this next recipe is an easy skillet recipe for dinner. The longest part of the recipe is browning the ground beef and chopping the vegetables. Serve this main course with a salad and some good crusty rolls, and it will become a favorite.

Cabbage Roll Skillet

1 can (28 oz.) whole plum tomatoes, undrained
 1 lb. ground beef
 1 large onion, chopped
 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
 2 T. tomato sauce
 2 T. cider vinegar
 1 T. brown sugar
 1 t. dried oregano
 1 t. dried thyme
 ½ t. pepper
 1 small head cabbage, thinly sliced

1 medium green pepper, cut into thin strips

4 C. hot cooked brown rice
 Drain the tomatoes, reserving the liquid; chop tomatoes. In a large nonstick skillet, cook beef and onion over medium-high heat 6-8 minutes or until the beef is no longer pink, breaking into crumbles. Stir in the tomato sauce, vinegar, brown sugar, seasonings, and tomatoes and reserved liquid.

Add the cabbage and green pepper; cook, covered, 6 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cook, uncovered, 6-8 minutes

longer or until the cabbage is tender. Serve with rice.

Do you like tiramisu? If you do, you will like this knock off recipe that has some of the same flavors. It is easy to make because you can use a prepared angel food cake—if you want, you could make your own. This dessert makes a pretty presentation on pedestal cake plate. People will think you spend hours in stead of just a short time. Enjoy the taste of tiramisu in an easy recipe.

Cherrimisu

1 jar (10 oz.) maraschino cherries
 ½ C. ricotta cheese
 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
 2 T. powdered sugar
 ¼ t. cherry extract
 1½ C. heavy whipping cream
 1 prepared angel food cake (8 to 10 oz.)

1 T. baking cocoa
 Drain the maraschino cherries; reserving ¼ C. juice. In a large bowl, beat the ricotta cheese, cream cheese, powdered sugar and cherry extract until blended. Gradually beat in the heavy whipping cream and reserved maraschino cherry juice until stiff peaks form.

Using a long serrated knife, cut the cake horizontally in half. Place one cake layer on a serving plate; spread with 1 cup whipped cream mixture. Arrange the maraschino cherries over the cream layer. Top with remaining cake layer. Frost the top and sides of cake with remaining cream mixture. Dust with baking cocoa.

This next recipe is also easy to prepare—you use a white cake mix. The layers of the cake—the fudge and mousse—make this dessert a great end to any meal. It is also a great dessert to serve at the end of a meeting.

Fudge-Filled Vanilla Cake

1 pkg. white cake mix
 1¼ C. water
 1/3 C. canola oil

2 eggs
 1 t. vanilla
 ½ C. white baking chips, melted
 Fudge filling
 1 C. semisweet chocolate chips
 3 T. butter
 2 T. milk
 ¼ C. powdered sugar
 2 T. light corn syrup
 1 t. vanilla

Mousse Topping

1½ C. cold milk
 1 pkg. (3.3 oz.) instant white chocolate pudding mix
 1 carton (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
 1 t. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 9 x 13 baking pan. In a large bowl, combine the white cake mix, water, oil, eggs, and vanilla; beat on low speed 30 seconds. Beat on medium 2 minutes. Stir in the melted white chips until combined.

Transfer the cake batter to the prepared pan. Bake 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, melt the semisweet chocolate chips and butter with the milk over low heat. Stir in the powdered sugar, corn syrup, and vanilla until smooth. Spread over warm cake. Cool cake completely in the pan on a wire rack.

Mousse topping: in a large bowl, whisk the cold milk and white chocolate pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes or until soft-set. Fold in whipped topping and vanilla until combined. Spread over the cake. If desired, top with chocolate curls. Refrigerate leftovers.

We are done with the celebrating, and now it is time to put the house back into some kind of order. One of my friends said she hates it when everything is so bare. One good thing about taking down the decorations is that everywhere gets a good cleaning out. I plan to go through some of my decorations and weed out what I didn't use. I do have a hard time parting with some of my treasures even if they are not displayed any more. Basketball games and wrestling meets will be in full force this coming week. School is back in session, and we all have to put on our work clothes and dig in. We will be looking for Super Bowl recipes and some red recipes for next month. If you have some recipes to share for either of those occasions, 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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New Year's Resolutions & New Laws for Illinois

FREEPORT — Happy New Year! I hope 2015 brought you and your families love and joy and that 2016 brings good health and prosperity for everyone. The change of the calendar year symbolically closes out a period in our lives and begins anew another chapter yet to be written. As tradition holds, it is proper to partake in establishing New Year's resolutions to work towards throughout the year. Instead of heavily weighting short term goals, I've always found "working goals" to be more effective guidelines for myself because they allow me to track my progress all year long. I've made several goals this year and I am resolved to improve upon our results from years past.

First, I want to further my office's constituent outreach efforts. Since I have taken office, just over two years ago, we have responded to thousands of constituent inquiries. The office phones can ring off the hook, and when a hot button issue comes to a vote, my email can amass a few hundred new emails in under an hour.

That passive approach to constituent service was not the legacy of my predecessor



Brian Stewart

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

nor shall it be for me. Last year alone, I and the Stewart staff canvassed dozens of municipalities and over 7,500 households throughout the 89th District. After soliciting your feedback and talking to thousands of constituents throughout 2015, I believe this effort should only be expanded. Look out for the Stewart staff and myself in your area throughout the year.

Another goal for our office is increasing our education outreach efforts. This includes connecting the right entities to state grants and programs, helping businesses navigate incentive programs for expansion or relocation, and informing the public about State resources available to themselves or family members.

For example, the Illinois Finance Authority administers approximately 25 bond, loan, and guarantee programs for businesses. Many of these relate to the agribusiness

industry, which is an economic powerhouse across the 89th District. Think of it this way: If I can help one person by informing them of a program and it allows them to start a new business or create even one job more – I believe that's good government in action. You can't ask the right questions if you're not involved or informed, so as you hear from us this year, please keep the feedback rolling in.

Finally, my goal for constituent involvement is to increase our Internship Program and increase the overall participation in state and local government. I don't care if we agree, disagree, or agree to disagree, but having the conversation is the start of changing the status quo and after talking to so many of you, I know you want to help and have solutions to offer. I will be increasing the number of town hall meetings I conduct and the number of households we canvass throughout 2016. I look forward to hearing from all of you, and furthering our dialogue.

January 1 also brings new laws that passed in 2015 which will take effect. You may find a complete list at www.rep-brianstewart.com Here are a

few.....

Limitations On Creation Of New Units Of Government (P.A. 99-0353, HB 228) Prohibits the creation of new forms of local government in Illinois and prohibits the General Assembly from dividing units of government. This does not affect the creation of local special districts such as road districts, water districts, sanitation districts, school districts and park districts. This law will sunset in 4 years.

Creation of "Scott's Law Day" (P.A. 99-0146, HB 246) Designates December 23 as "Scott's Law Day" to honor public safety workers and to remind motorists to slow down, change lanes away from a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, and proceed with due regard to safety and traffic conditions.

Expansion of Timeframe for Criminal Prosecutions of Sexual Assault Cases (P.A. 99-0252, HB 369) Amends the Criminal Code of 2012 to provide that the period within a prosecution must begin does not include the time period during which sexual assault evidence is collected, submitted and analyzed

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Disabled (P.A. 99-0272, HB 1588) These enhanced protections enable elderly or disabled victims of financial exploitation or abuse to promptly proceed in court with a civil case, rather than first awaiting the outcome of a criminal case. It also provides for victims to recover three times the actual financial loss along with reasonable attorney and court fees.

Long-Term Care Facility Electronic Recording (P.A. 99-0430, HB2462) Allows for residents of long term care facilities to use an audio or video surveillance system in his or her room at the resident's expense.

I wrote earlier of resolutions and it reminded me of quote from Abraham Lincoln who said "Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other." And for you fans of the latest release of the Star Wars movies, "May The Force Be With You" in 2016.

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Year in Review: Not your dad's idea of mowing the lawn

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to the LYO Ski Trip on January 18th at Chestnut Mountain. Please let Beth Schneider know by January 10 if you are able to go. See the January newsletter for costs and times.

The Epiphany season begins on January 6. Pastor Ekstrand will lead an Epiphany of Our Lord worship service on Wednesday, January 6 at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Pastor Ekstrand will host the monthly Men's Breakfast at Little John's (Pearl City) on Wednesday, January 6 at 7:30 a.m. Take a few moments from your busy schedules and have breakfast together.

All reports for the Annual Book are due on January 5. The Annual meeting of the St. John's Congregation will be on January 31. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January

6. The Worship & Music Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 7.

Bible studies will resume on Monday, January 4. Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in two different Bible Studies at St. John's. The Monday evening bible study is at 7 p.m. and features a discussion titled "The Psalms". Join us on Monday evenings as we come to understand more vividly the cries and celebrations expressed through the Psalms, and how they intimately relate to our lives even today. The Thursday morning bible study is held at 9:30. The discussion continues to focus on "Genesis:" A Narrative from the Mouths of the Hebrew People of God. You are welcome to join in on any or all of the bible studies! Both bible studies are held in the Conference Room of the Lower Level. The door on the east side of the building will be open for the bible studies

Upcoming Dates: St. John's will host a Community Grace Meal on January 17 at Noon. The monthly Women's Gathering bible study and fellowship will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19.



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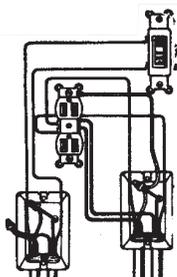
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SOS+ schedules January Game Day in Stockton

STOCKTON — Mark your calendars and be sure to join the fun on Thursday, January 14 at 2 p.m., for “Game Day” at Calvary United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Bingo and cards along with any other game of your choice will be packed with fun and prizes at the 1st meeting of the new year.

On a cold winter’s day, come join in fellowship with the area seniors of Stockton and surrounding areas(SOS+). All are invited. The meeting will start at 2 p.m. in Stockton’s Calvary’s UM Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments made by the seniors will conclude the day’s activities. SOS+(Senior Outreach of Stockton & Surrounding Areas) is an active outreach ministry with its main purpose to provide interesting programs, entertainment and fellowship to our area seniors. SOS+ is made up of area volunteers from all denominations who work diligently to bring fun and educational programs each month. An array of fun and exciting programs for 2016 are being planned, all in celebration of SOS+ 11th year of ministry. All seniors are invited. A freewill offering is taken to offset program costs.

For more information on SOS+, please feel free to call Mary Feltmeyer 815-297-5425, Nancy Rice 815-947-3683 or Shirley Toepfer 815-947-3639. If you are in need of a ride to the church, we would be more than happy to accommodate you. please call

A little levity to lighten your day

A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named “Ahmal.” The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him “Juan.” Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, “They’re twins! If you’ve seen Juan, you’ve seen Ahmal.”

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him: a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/PLANNING COMMISSION JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Public notice is hereby given pursuant to a petition on file in the Zoning Administrator’s office of Jo Daviess County, that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse at 330 N. Bench Street, Galena, Illinois, to hear the petition of James Wolff, owner, (address: 12856 E. Winslow Road, Warren, IL 61087) of the following real estate:

Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 29 North, Range 5 East of the 4th Principal Meridian, containing 2.5 acres more or less, situated in Warren Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

The common Location: 12856 E. Winslow Road, Warren, IL 61087

The applicant/petitioner is requesting the following: A Variance from the required Road Right-of-way setback of 110 feet from the centerline of the roadway to 90 feet from the centerline of the roadway. Requesting a 20 foot variance. Property is located in the AG Agricultural District.

The petition, plan and complete legal description are available for examination at the Building and Zoning Department at 1 Commercial Drive, Suite 1, Hanover Illinois, (815) 591-3810.

All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Respectfully submitted,
Mel Gratton, Chairman
Jo Daviess County Zoning Board/Planning Commission
(Published in The Scoop Today Jan. 6, 2016)

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF LETTING Jo Daviess County Building & Zoning Department 1 Commercial Drive, Suite 1 Hanover IL 61041

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read at that time. Bid specifications can be picked up at the Building & Zoning Office or by calling 815-591-3810 or by e-mail request to buildingand-zoning@jodaviess.org.

The Jo Daviess County Planning and Development committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY -
GALENA, ILLINOIS
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Jared M. Junk; Sara J. Junk;
Mt. Vernon Association, Inc.;
Unknown Owners and Nonre-
cord Claimants

DEFENDANTS
15 CH 00045
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Jared M. Junk
Unknown Owners and Nonre-
cord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
204 Jule Avenue
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and which said Mortgage was made by:

Jared M. Junk
the Mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, as Document No. 376554; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

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Jo Daviess County Court-
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PRAYER OF SAID COM-
PLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES,
P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Our File No. 14-15-14710
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Schedule of Meetings for 2016

Village of Stockton

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month (unless indicated) at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Village Hall at 155 West Front Avenue in Stockton, Illinois.

January 12
February 9
March 8
April 5 (1st Tuesday)
May 10
June 14
July 12
August 9
September 13
October 11
November 8
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