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Lena finds the Spirit of Christmas by giving

By Tony Carton
EDITOR

Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting ourselves and finding time for others and folks in the Lena area are finding the Christmas spirit through their overwhelming participation in the village's annual Giving Tree and Angel Tree projects.

"Here in the District Office we have a sheet listing the people that receive free or reduced lunches, and that's how we start," said Lena Winslow District Secretary Bonnie Broge. "We have a backpack program that we work with the Illinois Food Bank. We distribute 12 backpacks of food every Friday. Then at Thanksgiving we do box meals and for Christmas we have the Angel Tree and the Giving Tree."

The Giving Tree is located this year in Fluegel's Embroidery Sports Boutique downtown and is decorated with dozens of ornaments, each listing descriptions of a family and the Angel Tree identities are distributed to all the churches.

"We collect the identities as coded numbers at the Methodist Church, make angel ornaments and then each church asks for a number a of angels," Broge said. They put them out for their members to take and they have to return the angels with their gifts by a certain date and then they are distributed to the houses."

There were about 65-70 angels this year and very near that many ornaments on the tree downtown.

"This year there were quite a few numbers on the lists," she said. "It seems to grow every year. We have families move in and out. Once they sign into the lunch or backpack programs we can move ahead. The ones that are signed in provide us with sizes and other choices and we personally call the ones not signed in with the program."

Broge said the school Guidance Counselor Leslie Price is new, already pitching in and learning the program and they are glad for her



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The Giving Tree, a joint project featured by the Lena Winslow School District and the Lena Business and Professional Association is in Fluegel's Embroidery Sports Boutique this year. Stop by and make a Lena area family's Christmas a little merrier.

help. "Beside Leslie there is only Mary Gerbode and myself that actually know who the people are, so that keeps the donors anonymous and the recipients anonymous," Broge said. "The Lena High School Chapter of Servant Leadership and the Student Council are both helping wrap and otherwise package the donations and folks are left to decide for themselves if they want to say it is from Santa or from themselves or from the Angel or Giving Tree projects."

The shopping can be a challenge sometimes, but it's a fun experience and the perfect way to honor the truest meaning of Christmas.

"Some folks want suggestions for a family of three and some

want ideas for larger families," said Broge. "We usually suggest things like gas cards or Sullivan's gift cards for the parents and it's amazing. People are so very generous here and this community is phenomenally amazing. There are so many people here that want to donate and give and sometimes it gets to the point where we are struggling to come up with enough identities to meet the numbers of folks that want to participate."

Fluegel's Embroidery Sports Boutique owner Anaslisa Fluegel said she had a customer come in last week and say her husband was having a lot of fun shopping for their Giving Tree family.

"He was bringing in bags of stuff like Santa Claus and was all excited," Fluegel said. "You will see everything from a 17 year old girl to much smaller kids when you choose an ornament or angel. They each get three gifts and the adults in

the family are not left out. We usually recommend gift cards and certificates from AJ's Lena Maid Meats are always a good gifting idea. Some folks will even go into Freeport and get gift cards from the Lindo Theatre, so the family might go see a movie. Our shoppers are only limited by their imaginations."

Her own little family will be doing their Giving Tree shopping together.

"I've taken some ornaments from the tree that are about the same ages as our kids, so we can all do some shopping over the weekend," she said. "Everything is done anonymously and it's like the clothing we send to the school. We have no idea who gets it. We only know they really need it, so we do what we can. It's not important where the clothing or gifts go. It's only important that the recipients are warm and comfortable and have a Merry Christmas."

She said its fun and over the years the project has become a real family holiday tradition with many folks saving some money over the year and then taking the opportunity to shop and bring anonymously bring joy to the hearts of their neighbors.

"The LBPA Giving Tree has been over at De Voe Floral for the last two or three years, but we have a little more open space, so it's here this year, but is still the same LBPA program," she said. "We are spreading the word that the tree is in Fluegel's this year and folks are finding us and already picking up ornaments daily. Everything should be brought back to the store by Dec. 15, and ideally it should be wrapped, but if you don't have time to wrap we can take care of that. We just want to be sure the kids have something to unwrap on Christmas morning."

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The stuff of Christmas dreams

Persy Dykstra took advantage of the opportunity to share her Christmas list with Santa and Mrs. Claus while they were meeting with children at Citizen's State Bank in downtown Lena.

Lena Park District to host Breakfast with Santa

The Lena Park District will host Breakfast with Santa, Dec. 10 from 8-10 a.m. featuring photo opportunities with Santa from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tickets for ages three and under are free, tickets for four to eight year olds are \$3, and ages nine through adult tickets are \$6.

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• Spirit (Continued from front page)

Tree participants should just tape the ornaments on to the packages, so it will be ready to deliver.

"It's all by numbers and you just bring in the packages; we sort them and send them over to the school and they distribute them," Fluegel said. "Everybody needs a little extra love for the holiday season and this is a wonderful way to fully realize the true meaning of Christmas."

Fluegel's Embroidery Sports Boutique employee Erin Barrett works through her church with the Lena Area Church Cooperative. She said her church is very small and usually receives about ten angels for distribution within the congregation.

"Most of the churches have larger congregations and take anywhere from ten to twenty angels," said Barrett. "The Giving Tree here in the store is just a portion of what folks in the Lena area do. All of the churches in the

area including McConnell and Winslow have representatives that work with the LACC. An organization like the LBPA or the LACC contacts the school and offers to remain anonymous while helping. The Guidance Counselor and Principal will recommend recipients and when it's all done, gifts are delivered to families."

She said the tree downtown and the angels in churches across the area are just a small reflection of what is needed.

"It is really super nice for families in need," she said. "Some of them are very humble and tell us to give it to someone that might need it more than they do, but they need it and it is here for them. The folks in this area are very generous and it is an opportunity to play a bigger part in our community, so the folks here always do very well."



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Ready for the holidays

Marcia and Laverne Pax and all the folks at AJ's Lena Maid Meats said the shop was unusually busy on Shop Local Saturday with area residents dropping by to shop for those luxurious cuts of meat that make a great holiday meal.

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To Our Dearest Nick

Whom We Lost One Year Ago 12-5-15

We thought of you today,
but that is nothing new.

We thought about you yesterday
and days before that too.

We think about you in silence,
we often speak your name.

All we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is a keepsake
from which we'll never part.

God has you in His arms,
we have you in our hearts.

Love and miss you!
Dad and Val

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Illinois hunters harvest 54,452 deer during first weekend of 2016 firearm season

According to statistics released by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 54,452 deer during the first weekend of the Illinois Firearm Deer Season on Nov. 18-20. Hunters took 57,870 deer during the first firearm weekend in 2015.

Illinois' seven-day Firearm Deer Season will conclude on Dec. 1-4.

Other deer hunting opportunities in the weeks ahead include:

- Muzzleloader-Only Deer Season on Dec. 9-11;

- Late-Winter Antlerless-Only and CWD Deer Seasons (first segment) in select counties only on Dec. 29, 2016-Jan. 1, 2017;

- Late-Winter Antlerless-Only and CWD Deer Seasons (second segment) in select counties only on Jan. 13-15, 2017;

- Archery Deer Season continues through Jan. 15, 2017 (archery is closed Dec. 1-4 in counties open for

Firearm Deer Season)
 • Reminder: A new rule allows hunters with a valid Illinois firearm deer permit to use archery equipment during firearm season on private land only; archery permits are not valid during the firearm season, except in those counties closed to firearm deer hunting.

For details on deer hunting, open counties, and other information, check the IDNR website at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/DeerHunting.aspx>

A table of preliminary Illinois firearm deer harvest totals by county for the first weekend of the 2016 season, and comparable totals for 2015, is below:

County	2015	2016
Jo Daviess	1368	1306
Ogle	582	538
Stephenson	521	597
Whiteside	477	390
Winnebago	219	217
Total	57870	54452



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Don't veer for deer

Attempting to avoid a deer is usually more dangerous than striking a deer and for drivers on four wheels, the odds of serious or lethal injury are lower from a collision with a deer than with another vehicle or a tree or rolling into a ditch. Don't veer for deer!

Lena Business & Professional Association Lena Money revised 2017 list

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- Lena Community Park District
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- Shoppers GuideSkid
- SteerSpirit of Lena
- St. John's Church
- Stained Glass by MickieSugar
- Bowl
- Sullivan's Foods

- Superior Heating & A/C, Inc
- Taylor-Heinkel Ins

- West Point Mutual Ins
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR LENA-WINSLOW COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 202

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax increase for the Lena-Winslow Community Unit School District No. 202 for 2016 will be held on December 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the junior high school library, 517 Fremont St. Lena, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Tom Chiles, Supt. (815-369-3100).

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2015 were \$4,651,768.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2016 are \$4,773,208. This represents a 4.99% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2015 were \$87,093.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2016 are \$367,107. This represents a 421.5% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2015 were \$4,738,861.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2016 are \$5,378,337. This represents a 13.5% increase over the previous year.

Pete Conway, Secretary
 Lena-Winslow School Board
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News from the Lena Library

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Upcoming events: Santa will be at the Library Dec. 13 and 14.

He will be here 10-11 a.m. on both days. I am sure Santa would be glad to see your little ones. Hope you can bring them by!

VIEWPOINT

From the desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

"We'll meet in the middle"

I'm going to start this column off on a positive note before we talk about some of the issues going on in Springfield. How about those Forrester Cardinals? State Champions again for the second time in three years. I don't think it's too much of a stretch to say that we have one of the best athletic conferences in the state here in North-west Illinois. We are proud of our student athletes, and we are especially proud that a local team has once again become state champions. Congratulations to Forrester High School!

Now on to some less than happy news... You all know the story of Illinois' fiscal troubles: politicians made promises they couldn't keep and now we find ourselves trying to dig out of a chasm armed with only a spoon. Our chickens have certainly come home to roost, and there's no way around the inevitable. It's time to tighten our belts just like many of you have done with your family budgets during this rough patch in the American economy.

Here are the facts: our liabilities far outweigh our assets, and right now we are threatened by a brain drain that is only worsened by an outward net migration to taxpayer-friendly states. It doesn't matter the political party with which you identify because these are irrefutable facts. We face some serious challenges, and only by taking a serious approach to the budget will we ever find our way out of this mess.

The state of Illinois needs to learn to be a responsible adult, and sometimes that means knowing when to say "No." There is never – and will never – be any shortage of good government programs that are fueled by the best of intentions, but we are past the point of funding programs that aren't absolutely necessary.

In my opinion, we need to focus our efforts on funding the most vital programs: education, healthcare, necessary human services, public safety and retirement obligations. It is imperative that we focus on maintaining as many existing programs as possible. Any

discussion of additional programs only adds complications to the most vulnerable among us who absolutely need help.

That's where I stand, and for the most part, that's where Governor Rauner stands. The other side has made their stance pretty clear. I like to think of their approach as Oprah Winfrey handing out prizes for her studio audience. "You get a car! You get a car! And you get a car!" Or in this case: "Here's a new program! Here's a new program! And here's a new program!"

So that's where the two sides stand. Are we far apart? Absolutely. Are we too far apart to where some sort of compromise can't be reached? Absolutely not. In my experience, there is always common ground that can be found.

It is paramount that we seek some form of compromise immediately. The temporary stopgap spending plan is set to expire, and there is no budget in sight. One thing that I can say

to you, my constituents, is that I have been applying pressure on my fellow members to find a long lasting solution to the budget crisis. I would hope and trust that members on the other side are doing the same with their leadership. We need a solution, and we need it now!

I was encouraged to hear that the Governor and legislative leaders have agreed to serious meetings on the budget. Unfortunately, Speaker Madigan does not appear to be taking these meetings seriously. We learned that Speaker Madigan did not attend the first scheduled meeting. Then when he was asked about the fact he missed the meeting, he inexplicably lashed out at the Senate Minority leader for spending Thanksgiving with her family and the Governor because he took a few days off. Is this really how we are going to act when the fate of our state's budget is on the line?

As I write this from Springfield, it is unclear whether these meetings will take place or whether the Speaker will

try to run out the clock with powerless working groups that have not been able to reach any sort of compromise. The practice of sending proxies in his stead needs to end immediately. I hope and trust that the Speaker will actually decide to meet and negotiate in good faith with the Governor. Our sides are miles apart, but that doesn't mean we can't find a road to compromise.

If I can share just one message with my friends on the other side of the aisle, I would share with them some folksy wisdom from one of my favorite country songs. As Diamond Rio once sang: "I'll start walking your way, you start walking mine, we'll meet in the middle, 'neath that old Illinois pine, we gain a lot of ground, when we both give a little, there ain't no road too long, when you meet in the middle."

As always, you can reach me or Sally at (815) 232-0774 or e-mail us at repstewart@gmail.com. You can also visit my website at www.reprianstewart.com or on Facebook.

Senate Week in Review

Lawmakers returned to Springfield Nov. 29, for the final week of the fall 2016 veto session.

Dominating legislative action were continued leaders' meetings to find a path forward on a full-year budget, the approval of an energy bill that would keep two nuclear plants operating, the desire to ensure the Automatic Voter Registration measure prevents fraud and complies with federal law, and the Governor's veto of a Chicago Public Schools bailout.

Budget negotiations to continue

The Governor and legislative leaders met four times during the past week in Springfield in an attempt to move forward with the framework of a balanced, full-year budget with

structural reforms. Reforms are an integral part of passing a balanced budget, which in turn would help set Illinois on a sustainable path toward prosperity. Incorporating these reforms in the budget process would provide billions in savings, while at the same time helping to alleviate the exodus of jobs leaving Illinois. Without these reforms, the state will continue down the same destructive path it's been on, which would be a disservice to the residents of Illinois.

Gov. Bruce Rauner has shown his willingness to compromise to achieve a full-year budget; however, he announced this week that he would only sign another stop-gap budget if it contained term limits and a permanent property tax freeze.

While no agreement was reached this week, the legislative leaders plan to meet over the weekend in order to work toward a balanced budget with reforms.

Energy plan advances to governor

The General Assembly passed an energy plan this week that aims to stop electric rates from skyrocketing while saving thousands of jobs throughout the state. Senate Bill 2814, would help put nuclear power more in line with current standards for other low-carbon or no-carbon energy options like wind and solar. In addition, it would help foster the expansion of the existing renewable energy sources in the state.

Supporters of the legislation noted that without this measure, Exelon would be forced to close two facilities due to market and regulatory conditions. The two plants, located in Clinton and Cordova, provide approximately 6,000 direct and indirect jobs. The entire state nuclear fleet contributes \$9 billion to the Illinois economy.

Senate Bill 2814 contains a guaranteed cap that energy prices cannot increase more than 25 cents on the average residential home, and cannot increase more than 1.3 percent on commercial and industrial users over the next ten years. Rates are projected to decrease for the first several years due to the utilities being able to amortize energy efficiency. It also guarantees the plants remain open for ten years. Exempting the bill from prevailing wage reduced the cost of the bill, as well as, eliminating billions of dollars in special interest giveaways.

Those opposed labeled the measure a bailout and stressed that Exelon is a private business operating in a free-market society and therefore they should make the necessary changes internally when revenue is down in order to maintain continuity of services

and meet their budgetary goals.

According to a study funded by electric customers, not by power companies, the closures of the Clinton and Cordova Nuclear plants would cost residential power customers \$115 million more annually, and hit businesses with \$249 million in added costs every year. The study was released by economists at The Brattle Group, a global consulting firm.

Automatic voter registration

On Nov. 29, the House of Representatives failed to override the governor's amendatory veto of Senate Bill 250, the Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) bill. There are concerns the measure, as drafted, would run afoul of federal election law, while at the same time opening the door to voter fraud. Ensuring the proper mechanisms were included in the measure was the key reason Senate Republicans supported the Governor's amendatory veto.

As written, Senate Bill 250 would have required that people automatically be registered to vote when they have contact with certain state agencies. For most, they would be registered when they obtain or renew a driver's license. Currently, a person

must agree to be registered to vote. Under the legislation, a person would automatically be registered unless they asked not to be.

CPS bailout vetoed

When lawmakers came to agreement this past June on a temporary stop-gap budget, one component of that budget included \$215 million for the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) to pay Chicago teachers' pension. In approving the measure, the Governor and four legislative leaders agreed that funds would only be allocated once comprehensive pension reform was reached after the November election, which was the request of Democrat leaders. It was in the spirit of this agreement that Senate Republicans supported this approach.

Unfortunately, Democrats denied this week that such an agreement ever existed and presented Senate Bill 2822 to the Governor for this approval. By breaking their agreement, the Governor had no other choice than to veto the measure, thereby denying CPS the \$215 million in funds.

It is time for the games to stop, and it is time to put Illinois on the right fiscal track.

The Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office requests public assistance with burglary investigation

Jo Daviess County Deputies took a report of burglary to a rural East Dubuque business in mid-November.

In the burglary, a dark colored older model Buick LeSabre enters parking lot. Unknown white male then breaks glass door to make entry to business. Unknown white male then made several trips in and out of the business removing 5 chainsaws and 5 cement saws.

Anyone with information pertaining to this incident is encouraged to call Dubuque/Jo Daviess Crime Stoppers at 1-800-747-0117, or the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office at (815) 777-2141. Persons providing information that lead to an arrest may be eligible for a monetary reward of up to \$1,000. Callers are reminded that they may remain anonymous.

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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

BETTY A. DONALDSON

Betty A. Donaldson, 66, of Polo, passed away Nov. 18, 2016, at CGH Medical Center, Sterling. Betty was born June 18, 1950, in Morrison, the daughter of Henry and O'Delia (Brinkman) Johnson. On May 9, 1970, in Lena, she was united in marriage to Deryl Donaldson (he preceded her on Feb. 27, 1997). Betty attended the Elkhorn United Methodist Church, in Polo. She enjoyed playing with her grandchildren, games on the computer and watching the Green Bay Packers and Cubs win the World Series. Given all Betty had been through she always had a positive attitude.

Survivors include sons Jeffrey (Ana) Donaldson Sr. and Patrick (Kathleen) Donaldson both of Polo; sisters Karen Rogahn of Monroe, WI, and Ruby (Dennis) Shultz of Lena; brother Mark Johnson of Rockford; grandchildren Justina Donaldson of Polo, Natalie Jensen of Appleton, WI, Deryl L., Faith, Emilee Donaldson of Polo, Karen Cazango, Jeffrey Jr. and Henry Donaldson of Polo..

She was preceded in death by brother-in-law Tom Rogahn .

Funeral services were held Nov. 22, at Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E. Dixon. Burial was at Fairmount Cemetery, Polo, immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established Village of Progress, Oregon, IL.

Visit www.polofamilyfuneral-home.com to send condolences

NORMA J. LUNDGREN

Norma J. Lundgren, aged 86, of Mt. Carroll, Illinois, passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016 at the Good Samaritan Society in Mt. Carroll. Visitation and funeral services were held Dec. 6, at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mt. Carroll. Burial took place in Oak Hill Cemetery in Mt. Carroll. A memorial fund has been established in Norma's memory. Friends and family are invited to share in Norma's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Norma was born on Nov. 23, 1930 in Freeport, Illinois, the daughter of Henry and Iva (Tamer) Ginther. She attended Mt. Carroll High School and graduated with the Class of 1948. Norma later attended Nurses Training at Moline Public Hospital in Moline, Illinois and did some graduate work at The Hague Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey; and later went to work for Savanna City Hospital, retiring in 1977. Norma continued her nursing skills, volunteering at Camp Benson as camp nurse, administering many allergy shots and general nursing duties. Feb. 20, 1954, Norma married the love of her life, Wallace Linnae Lundgren, in Mt. Carroll. Linnae passed away in 1982.

Norma was a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mt. Carroll; she was also a member

of the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed knitting, quilting, and needlework, flower gardening, and growing house plants. Norma loved music and always enjoyed playing the organ for church services, weddings and funerals for 50+ years. Most of all Norma cherished the time she spent with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Norma will be lovingly remembered by her four children, Theresa (Blake) Harrop of Downers Grove, Illinois, James (Beverly) Lundgren of Mt. Carroll, Carol (Bradley) Fritz of Fulton, Illinois, Susan (Rick) Volz of Sterling; ten grandchildren, Brian (Lisa) Fritz, Bruce (Nicki) Fritz, Di- anne Harrop, Bryce Harrop, Chelsey (Fernando) Ramirez, Garrett (Alicia) Volz, Warren Lundgren, Mason Lundgren, Haley Lundgren, Ian Lundgren; several great-grandchildren; a sister, Gloria (Merle) Horwedel of Sterling, Illinois. Norma was preceded in death by her husband; sister, Iletta Duck and her parents.

NORMAN L. NOLL

Norman L. Noll, age 94, of Stockton, IL, formally of Freeport, IL and Mesa, AZ, died Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 at the home of his nephew.

The son of Charles and Anna (Lyons) Noll, he was born in rural Stockton on April 20, 1922.



Birth

GARRETT BLOCK

Brandon and Heather Block of Pearl City, Il announce the birth of their son Garrett Wes Block Saturday Nov. 19, 2016 at Monroe Clinic Hospital, Monroe Wi

Garrett has two brothers, Hunter, age 11 and Clayton age 1 and a three-year-old sister, Lily.

His grandparents are Jim and Kim Doyle of Lena Il, Wesley and Khris Block of Pearl City Il, and Robert and Christine Gorham of Freeport Il.

Great grandparents are Kenneth and Patricia Knoup of Dakota, Il, James and Bonnie Gorham of Freeport Il, and Yvonne and Lavern Voss Pearl City Il.



**Surprise
70th Birthday
Party for
Carol Ann
(Magee) Staver
Sunday, December 11
2 p.m. - ???
at the Corner Tap
in Stockton**



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On June 16, 1945 he married Phyllis Polhill. She died Dec. 24, 2008.

Norman was a 1940 graduate of Stockton High School. He owned a milk hauling business for many years in the Freeport area and delivered parts for General Auto before retiring to Mesa, AZ in 1972. While there, he had several part time jobs. In Sept. 2007, Norman and Phyllis moved back to Stockton to live with his nephew and wife, Wayne and Donna Noll.

Norman's favorite passion in life was visiting with friends and telling stories of his life. He was a kind and gentle man with many friends.

Surviving are many nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, Phyllis, he was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, two sisters, and his beloved schnauzer, Honey-bear.

A visitation will be held at the Hermann Funeral Home on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. The funeral will be Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 11 a.m. with a visitation beginning at 10 a.m., also at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL. A memorial fund has been established for FHN Hospice. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneral-home.com.

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois participate in Before I Die project

Compiled by Tony Carton
EDITOR

"Before I Die..." is a global public art project that invites people to reflect on their lives and share their personal aspirations in a public place.

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois is joining the movement and conversation about the "Before I die..." wall and hope using this concept on our Christmas Tree will encourage people to start a healthcare conversation before it is needed and spread awareness that hospice is about how to live making it easier to talk about hard topics, like death.

Hospice volunteers have printed out chalkboard tags (courtesy of Ink & Paper in Stockton) to add as decorations on the hospice Christmas tree and want to encourage

First Birthday



COLLYNS ELIZABETH WYBOURN

Collyns Elizabeth Wybourn will celebrate her first birthday on Dec. 6. Collyns is the daughter of Nick Wybourn and Dee Petsche of Lena. Her grandparents are Darin and Tammy Wybourn of Lena, Steve and Nancy Petsche of Waddams Grove. Great grandparents are Jim and Diana Burke of Lena, Darryl and Faye Wybourn of Waddams Grove and Marvin Petsche of Scales Mound.

those visiting either the hospice office or the Warren Festival of Trees this holiday season to pick up a tag and write their "Before I die, I want to..." thoughts and then place the tag on the tree. Extra tags will be available to fill out what you want to accomplish - "Before I Die".

The tags will be displayed on the hospice Christmas tree throughout the season. We hope this project will be an inspiration to everyone and help to make it possible to share life stories, talk about future goals and dreams, and start your

healthcare conversation.

Stop by the Warren Festival of Trees at the Warren Community Center, 110 W. Main in Warren between Nov. 27 and Jan. 8, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily to see the Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois tree and pick up some tags to voice your dreams.

For more information you can contact the Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois at their office at 105 S. Main Street, Stockton, Illinois, call them at (815) 947-3260 or email them at volhospice@mediacombb.net.



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It's a small world after all

Dr. Madelon Kohler-Buscher-- Assistant Professor at UW-Platteville shares her native Germany with River Ridge students Ella Eadie, Torey Winter and Heaven Brother as they explored a variety of cultures and countries during the C.A.T.S. (Communities Active Teaching Students) workshop.



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Sixth Graders study feudalism and medieval culture

Pearl City sixth-graders in Mrs. Scott's class recently created various aspects of a castle while studying feudalism and medieval culture. Using any materials they could find, each student focused on a particular part—for example, the drawbridge, portcullis, or stained-glass window.

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Scales Mound CUSD announces PARCC test plan

Each year Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211 is required to take State assessments of learning in grades three through twelve. Prior to 2015, the State assessment was the ISAT exam, which measured if students met grade level academic standards. In 2015, the State introduced the PARCC, which is designed to determine if students are meeting expectations to be college and career ready. In 2015, students took PARCC assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and math at two points in the year, early spring and late spring. The two tests were averaged and students received a final score placing them in one of four categories:

- Meeting expectations
 - Approaching expectations
 - Partially meeting expectations
 - Did not meet expectations
- In 2016, the PARCC assessment was changed to only one test in the late spring. The score students received were then classified in one of the four categories above. Scales Mound teachers and administration use this data to determine what we need to do to help students be successful and be prepared for college and careers. Below is a comparison of the 2016 and 2015 PARCC data. To see additional data and information about the district, go to: (<http://www.illinoisreportcard.com/district.aspx?source=profile&Districtid=08043211026>)

- Exceeding expectations

This year the students only in grades 3-8 will be taking the PARCC test while high school juniors will be taking the SAT exam. Teachers and administrators have begun analyzing this data to determine how to help students meet and exceed expectations. This will be an important part of the District's strategic planning. Our goal is to increase the number of students meeting or exceeding standards on the State test and be prepared for the rigors of college or career when they leave Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211.

If you have any questions about the State test, please call Superintendent Dr. Bill Caron at 815-845-2215 Go Hornets!



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Let's build it

Community Unit School District 211 sponsored a STEM afterschool program in conjunction with Afterschool Enrichment Solutions. Students worked on engineering and physics problems through hands on activities. As part of the activity students build a Rube Goldberg "Mouse Trap" chain reaction machine featuring levers, pulleys, and other simple machines. The goal of the activity is to build problem solving skills and teamwork. At the end of the six-week program the students had a building competition and celebration.

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Fun with inflatables

The students at Lena-Winslow Elementary School successfully met their sales goal for the PTO Fall Fundraiser and so, are treated to an Inflatables Party. Every student had an opportunity to run and jump and have lots of fun!



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Community Bank empowers local students to make informed financial decisions

Community Bank announces that, as a steward of financial literacy across area schools, 57 students are being impacted this semester by providing access to EverFi Financial Literacy learning platform. This web-based program uses the latest in new media technology –simulations, avatars, gaming and adaptive-pathing – to bring complex financial concepts to life for today's digital generation. The program is being brought to the schools at no cost to the school.

"From the small rural towns to major cities across the US, EverFi technology is literally transforming how students learn, and we are incredibly grateful for the public-private partnerships that make this possible," said EverFi CEO Tom Davidson. "Community Bank is critical to the success of our mission to ensure that these cutting-edge tools reach all communities."

About Community Bank

Community Bank has four locations in Lena, Orangeville, Warren and Winslow. Established in 1915,

Community Bank was a cornerstone of the Winslow community before expanding to Warren in 1994 to serve an expanding customer base. The bank would continue to grow, establishing offices in Orangeville and Lena. For more information, visit <https://www.cbcommunitybank.com>

About EverFi

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Volunteers needed for 57th Annual Mid-Winter Bald Eagle count

The Eagle Nature Foundation (ENF) is seeking volunteers to help with its 57th Annual Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Count to be conducted on Jan. 28 and 29, 2017. This annual mid-winter bald eagle count is being conducted throughout the Midwest from Northern Minnesota to Louisiana. To eliminate duplication the count is actually a three hour count on Saturday, with Sunday being used only if weather, or health, does not allow a person or organization to count the bald eagles in their own locality on the official count day. At least 90% of the eagles will be counted before 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28. Each year some counters start the day by counting the bald eagles that can be seen leaving their nighttime roosts, while it is still so dark that the birds are only silhouettes flying overhead. Some conservation organizations use teams to count the bald eagles as a project for their club. Counters have used cars, boats and airplanes to count the bald eagles during past counts.

This annual count was started and coordinated for 20 years by the late Elton Fawks from Moline, IL. Terrence Ingram, President of ENF, from Apple River, has been the coordinator of the count for the past 36 years. Mr. Ingram states, "This count has been the most important bald eagle count in the nation for many, many years. It was the results of this count in the early 1960's that truly documented the decline of the bald eagle in the nation. Now this count is the only accurate record of how our eagles are reproducing in the Midwest. Since the USFW removed the bald eagle from the Endangered Species List in 2007, there has been no funding for agencies to be involved in monitoring the bald eagle's reproduction. Most all of their reproduction records are just estimates, or extrapolations, of how many young have been raised. This count helps document what percentage of these birds have survived."

The last few years have documented a low percentage of immatures being seen during this count. This is actually lower than the same

low percentage that the count had recorded in the mid to late 1960's. The cause for this low percentage of documented immatures on this count is unknown and any suggestions about a cause have been purely speculative. It could be that the immatures are living somewhere else, or something could actually be affecting their survival: such as starvation; poisoning by chemicals, perhaps as Roundup or Neonicotinoids; or a disease, such as West Nile Virus; or many of the young may be getting killed by vehicles or wind turbines.

Organizations and volunteers for this count are needed all across the Midwest. ENF would like to document the bald eagles that may be found all along the Mississippi River, from Minnesota to Louisiana, as well as along the Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Rock, Pecatonica, Iowa, Maquoketa and Wisconsin Rivers, as well as many of the historic inland wintering areas, which the bald eagle still uses.

Anyone interested in helping with the research to document our changing bald eagle population by counting the bald eagles in their own area on Jan. 28 or 29, should contact Mr. Ingram at ENF, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001 or phone (815) 594-2306 to get the necessary count forms and to receive their area assignment. Contacting Mr. Ingram and getting your area assigned must be done in advance of the count date, Jan. 28.

For more information contact: Terrence N. Ingram, Exec. Director, Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory St., Apple River, IL 61001 Phone (815) 594-2306

National board pass rate at 96 percent for Highland Nursing graduates

Statistics released from the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), the nationwide examination for the licensing of nurses, shows a pass rate of 96 percent for Highland Community college nursing program graduates from April to September of 2016. With 28 graduates taking the board exams, Highland's pass rate is well above the national average, which is 84.5 percent.

Jennifer Grobe, interim associate dean, Nursing and Allied Health, said the high NCLEX pass rate is a culmination of more than five years of extensive curriculum revision and hard work by the nursing faculty. She adds, she has been tracking the trends as the students came through the program, but did not know how high the Highland graduates would test until the statistics were released in November.

"What makes me most proud of our program is the hard work of our students and faculty mem-

bers," Grobe said. "We have a unique environment at Highland. We care so much about each student and we want them to succeed. Highland continues to trend higher than other nursing programs in the area."

For those interested in the concept-based nursing program curriculum, contact Jennifer Grobe at ((815) 599-3688 or e-mail her at jennifer.grobe@highland.edu.



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Lena Hometown Christmas Parade

Members of the Lena American Legion formed the color guard leading Friday evening's Hometown Christmas parade in downtown Lena.



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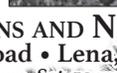
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CHURCH NOTES

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship Dec. 11, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd on this Third Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion. 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, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

On Wednesday Dec. 14, 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. 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.

On Thursday Dec. 15, at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Miho will lead devotions at the Friendship Center and at 2 p.m. Good Shepherd Faith and Hannah Circle will host a Birthday Party at Lena Living Center. We will sing Christmas songs, provide birthday gifts, bring treats and wish Happy Birthday to some very special people. Please join us for fun and fellowship in sharing Christ's love.

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Dec. 13, at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message and all are welcome and invited and then to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the Holy Bible; all are welcome and invited to share in this study time.

Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent IL; for more information, please call (815) 601-6742.

Pearl City First UMC

Please join us on Dec. 11, at 8:30 a.m. for worship led by Pastor Matthew Smith. Do you need help with your holiday baking? On Dec. 10, join us for a cookie walk and buy an assortment of your choice of homemade cookies, candies and breads. We will provide a box for you and you may walk around and pick out all of your holiday goodies for \$5 per pound. Become "Star Struck" and join us On Dec. 18, for our Christmas program at 8:30 a.m. For more information about these and other events at Pearl City First UMC, visit our website at www.pearlcityumc.org

St. John Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church will hold their Sunday morning service on Dec. 11, for the Third Sunday of Advent. The service will begin at 9 a.m. and will include the Chancel Choir and the Youth Christmas Program, "Hoity, Toity Angel." Members of the Church Council will be available at Coffee with Council after worship to address any questions or concerns. The Property Committee and the Stewardship and Outreach Committees will all meet after worship. The SPOTS (fifth and sixth grades) will meet at 11 a.m. SCRIP orders will be due on Dec. 11.

The Fifth Quarter Youth group (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, followed by the

Genesis youth group (high school) at 7:30 p.m. Both groups will meet in the Youth and Family Center.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl, City, now has a Saturday Evening Worship at 5:30 p.m. in our Nave/Sanctuary. The service will be led by Pastor Ekstrand and will be about 30-35 minutes in length and will include communion and a sermon. Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in the Saturday evening service.

Anyone is interested in walking for exercise is welcome to walk at St. John's on Monday and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Lower Level. Everyone is welcome to join the walk (members and non-members are welcome)!

Bible Studies continue to be held at St. John's in the Conference Room on Mondays at 7 p.m. and on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Members and non members alike are invited to join the Bible Study discussions. The East door to the Lower Level is open for your convenience.

St. John's will host Christmas Eve Candlelight worship services at 5 and 9 p.m. on Dec. 24. A Christmas Day worship service will be at 9 a.m. on Dec. 25.

St. Paul's

On Sunday Dec. 11, 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. Connie Smith will read the scriptures, and Deb Winning will play the organ. A solo, "Mary's Song" by Buryl Red, will be sung by Pastor Andres. The sermon will be "Blessed Art Thou among Women," based upon Luke 1:26 -38.

Holy Communion will be celebrated. 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, please call (815) 232-4010.

Wesley United Methodist Church

Wesley United Methodist Church will be having the Connections Christmas program during the 10:45 worship service on Dec. 11. Join us and enjoy what the young people have prepared for us. Everyone is welcome. Dec. 24, will be our Christmas Eve candle light service. Please come and share this special service with us. Dec. 25, - The community Christmas dinner will be at Holy Cross. Come by yourself or bring a friend or your family and join us for a delicious meal prepared and served by volunteers from Stockton churches. Good fellowship is enjoyed as we share the joy of Christ's birth.

Visit our face book page: Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church to check out current events, photos and prayer postings. You can also visit our website; www.stocktonwumc.org or call (815) 601-6742 for information.

Wesley is located at the corner of Hudson and Benton Sts and is handicap accessible. Regular worship times are Spark Sunday School at 9:30 and worship at 10:45.



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Santa's receiving line

Folks representing Saint John's Lutheran Church of Lena greeted hundreds of holiday celebrants as they entered Citizen's State Bank to meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

McConnell United Methodist Church to host free movie day

McConnell United Methodist Church will be holding a fun afternoon and evening of free Christmas movies for the entire family on Sunday, Dec. 11. We welcome everyone

to join in the activities of the day.

The fun starts at 2 p.m. with Bing Crosby in the classic "White Christmas." Then, at 4 p.m. the new family favorite, "Elf"...with a pizza dinner is provided. And finally, we "wrap up" the evening with "The Nativity Story" at 6 p.m.

All films will be shown in the gym of the church. Concessions will be available during each movie.

McConnell UMC is located at 211 N. Hulbert Rd, one block north of Main St., in the heart of McConnell.

Neverly Brothers return to Holy Cross in Stockton

The Neverly Brothers are coming back, as promised, on Dec. 10 to Holy Cross Parish in Stockton. The festive evening begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing from 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets cover food and drinks and are \$15 per person and available now. Please call (815) 947-2545. Blue suede shoes are recommended.



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Pearl City grabs early season honors over Le-Win

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

A good match appeared on the schedule as the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers and the Pearl City Lady Wolves prepared to lace them up for the NUIC showcase. Each team has its own plan in place as it approaches the season but it is known the survivor from the early-season contest seems to find ways to get a "leg-up" on much of the competition.

Some parity exists in the NUIC, but some very good programs do play weekly. Lena-Winslow and Pearl City can both claim that honor. On Friday night, Pearl City came away with the win 40-29. They will meet up again.

It wasn't so much that the game was decided early, Each team still

struggled to run its offense as it does in practice. Into the start of the second quarter, Pearl City was in front, 9-5. Four players scored for the Lady Wolves in the opening period. Brisa Hinojosa, Maddy Brenner, and Tia Clark had two points each. Tyra Clark scored once from the field and converted one of four chances from the line.

Lena-Winslow was stronger in the second quarter as they more than doubled up their first period total. Their eleven points put on the board brought the game back a little bit closer. At the half Pearl City still led, but that advantage was down to just three points, 19-16.

Into the third period, Tia Clark began guiding the shot in from beyond the arc. She connected twice.

Brenner found her shot from "three-point-land" as well. With the 13 points added to their total, the Lady Wolves moved into the fourth quarter in a little more comfortable position, in front 32-26.

The Lady Wolves' defense and pressure on the ball held the Lady Panthers to six points in the final frame. Pearl City finished the night with eight points in the fourth and

held on for the 40-29 win.

Following a 35-16 win over River Ridge/Scales Mound on Saturday, Dec. 3, Pearl City prepared for a match on the road against Ashton-Franklin Center on Monday, Dec. 5. Details of that contest are unavailable at this time. The Lady Wolves wrap up the 2016 portion of their NUIC schedule on the road at West Carroll on Friday, Dec. 9.

The Lady Panthers fell to the Stockton Lady Blackhawks on Saturday, Dec. 3, 54-17. They returned home on Tuesday, Dec. 6 to face the Galena Lady Pirates. An NUIC meeting at Pecatonica has been scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 21. Lena-Winslow returns home from the winter break to face River Ridge/Scales Mound on Jan. 4, 2017.

Stockton's season still settling in

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Over the past two seasons Stockton Boys' Basketball Head Coach John Hammann has helped oversee his team as it worked its way to 36 total wins. During the 2014-2015

season, the Blackhawks finished 13 games above .500, crossing the 20-win plateau for the first time since they claimed the Regional Championship following completion of the 2007-2008 regular season. Prior to that, Stockton experienced two ad-

ditional 20-win seasons under former Head Coach Gary Timpe as his team finished 28-5 in 2004 and 25-5 one season later.

This season is still to unfold. The 2015-2016 season pushed Stockton back below .500, as they completed their play with a 13-19 mark. With conference matches against Dakota and Warren already in the books, a picture is starting to set-up for Stockton and they are starting to see how they might fit in, when talk of a conference chase surfaces.

This Thursday, Dec. 8, Stockton plays at Scales Mound. It's a good match-up and one the Blackhawks will have to pencil as important, in the plan to influence how things may go.

A good test is issued this Saturday as the Blackhawks join with many other programs from across northern Illinois in a battle with the AFC Raiders in the Fulton-Rt. 84 Tourney. On Monday, Dec. 12, Stockton faces Scales Mound in the Rt. 84 Tourney. Stockton will take on the host Fulton Steamers Wednesday, Dec. 14 before they prepare to close the annual get-together with a game against Unity Christian on Friday, Dec. 16.

Game play ceases until after the Christmas Holiday is celebrated. Stockton sets up the week of Dec. 26 with game play at the Erie Invitational Tournament. Matches in Erie run through the end of the year, with no additional action taking place for Stockton until the Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017 match at home against River Ridge appears on the schedule.

It's back to West Carroll Saturday, Jan. 7 as the Blackhawks begin their final push towards finding out how much their time spent on the court is going to affect how things work out in late February.

The Lady Blackhawks host Polo on Wednesday, Dec. 7 before they leave for a visit with the co-op of River Ridge/Scales Mound this Friday, Dec. 9. As the Lady Blackhawks frosh/soph team plays in the Galena Invitational beginning this Tuesday, Dec. 13, their varsity counterparts ready for their own visit to Galena, on Thursday, Dec. 15.

Similar to the boys' schedule, the Lady Blackhawks take time off for Christmas before they jump back into the tournament swing as a participant in the annual Erie Invitational Tournament beginning Monday, Dec. 26 and running through Friday, Dec. 30.

2017 opens with the Lady Blackhawks on the road against Big Northern "trouble-provider" Stillman Valley on Jan. 4. Stockton sees its first home action of the second half of the winter sports season at home, on Friday, Jan. 6, in a game against Warren.

Warren hoping to reset season following tournament play

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Warren has been running into a few problems as they attempt to work through the early season NUIC schedule. The matches haven't been favorable to start and more tough matches are still waiting.

Outside of an opening night win over Orangeville, 52-51, the wins have been tough to come by. Durand won on night two. They are favored to go a long way this season. Galena

and East Dubuque put up 55 points apiece in wins over Warren and the Pecatonica Lady Indians, who many feel are also a much-improved program, won to close down November. A physical match against West Carroll followed.

The Lady Warriors saw the Ashton-Franklin Center Lady Raiders find holes in their defense during the Thursday, Dec. 1 match. The 60-22 score highlighted the team's challenges stopping the inside play.

AFC exploited the opportunities given to them early in the game. There was a feel that the match was well-over, even after just one period of play. Warren struggled to score. One basket is all they could muster in the opening minutes. The Lady Raiders scored 23 points.

In the second quarter it felt like more of the same. This time around Warren couldn't work around the AFC defense and scored four points as a result. The Lady Raiders were kept a little more in check, but following the ten-point quarter win, the half-time score leaned heavily towards the home team. AFC was in front 37-6.

In the third quarter a few more looks opened for Warren, but they could still only put six points on the board. AFC was held to 13. After three the Lady Warriors trailed 50-12.

In the final period additional players saw quality minutes. The two

NUIC combatants scored ten points each. AFC claimed the win with the 60-22 margin. On Saturday, Dec. 3, Amboy-Lamoille paid a visit to Warren and on Monday, Dec. 5, West Carroll played host. A day later, on Tuesday, Dec. 6, Warren traveled to River Ridge/Scales Mound.

A schedule featuring a non-conference showdown with Dixon waits this Saturday, Dec. 10 before Warren opens the Christmas holiday games beginning Dec. 12 against Milledgeville. Additional matches against West Carroll, Pearl City and Orangeville will all have to be played before the Lady Warriors close out 2016 and welcome 2017 in with a game at home against the Eastland Lady Cougars on Jan. 4, 2017.

Warren travels to Stockton on Jan. 6 and moves to Galena on Jan. 9 as the second leg of the NUIC season kicks-in full force.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR PEARL CITY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 200

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax increase for Pearl City Community Unit School District No. 200 for 2016 will be held on December 21, 2016 at 6:20 p.m. in the high school library, 100 S. Summit, Pearl City, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Timothy Thill, Supt. (815/443-2715).

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2015 were \$2,134,599.71.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2016 are \$2,238,178. This represents a 4.85% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2015 were \$567,827.45.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2016 are \$595,000. This represents a 4.79% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2015 were \$2,702,427.16.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2016 are \$2,833,178. This represents a 4.84% increase over the previous year.

Nikki Keltner, Secretary
Pearl City School Board

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Public Notice

Nominating Petitions for the April 4, 2017 School Board Election, Lena-Winslow School District, are currently available at the

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Pet Talk: Veterinary technicians

Most pet owners have visited the veterinarian's office at least once. Although veterinarians play an important role in treating and caring for pets, they are not the only people involved in pet care. Veterinary technicians, the people who provide the technical support for patient care, assist veterinarians with many responsibilities. D'Lisa Whaley, veterinary technician at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explained her responsibilities as a veterinary technician.

"Veterinary technicians have such a wide range of responsibilities such as restraining a patient for a physical exam, checking vital signs, administering medications, obtaining diagnostic samples, monitoring a patient under anesthesia, or assisting a veterinarian during a surgical procedure," Whaley said.

Technicians are also trained to operate and troubleshoot all of the equipment in a veterinary hospital or clinic, including monitoring equipment, anesthesia machines, and radiology equipment, Whaley said.

Although veterinary technicians can be trained on the job by shadowing a veterinarian, the landscape of the profession is changing. Whaley said many practices are hiring formally educated technicians over those without training or education in veterinary medicine.

"In order to receive a degree in veterinary technology, one must attend and complete an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited technician program," Whaley explained. "Many of these programs are offered at junior or community colleges. Some programs even offer a '2+2' program in partnership with a four year college so that the student is able to earn a bachelor's degree in animal science. After completing the veterinary technology program, the student can take a national exam and a state exam to earn the title of licensed or registered veterinary technician."

Though Whaley said there are many things she loves about being a veterinary technician, her favorite aspects of her job include a challenging and fast-paced work environment, interacting with patients and finding the best treatment options, and obtaining diagnostic samples. Additionally, Whaley enjoys interacting with Texas A&M veterinary students.

"Since I work at a teaching hospital, my situation is pretty unique," she said. "I enjoy working with our senior veterinary students on the best ways to train future technicians. I also like developing long-term relationships with patients and clients. Snuggling with puppies and kittens is a pretty great part of the job as well."

Although veterinary technicians help provide care for furry patients and save animal lives, there are challenges veterinary technicians may face, such as comforting an owner about their sick pet.

"One of the most challenging aspects of being a veterinary technician is compassion fatigue," Whaley said. "Whenever our patients are in pain, we do everything we can to help make them more comfortable. When we lose a patient or comfort an owner as they make the difficult decision to euthanize their beloved pet, we grieve along with the family."

Despite this challenge, Whaley said, "The great things about this job far outweigh the bad, and I wouldn't trade it for the world." Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the Web at vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk.

U of I Extension announces Annie's Project Course

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Annie's Project: Managing for Today and Tomorrow will be held locally at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office, 204 Vine St., Elizabeth, IL. The program will be comprised of six sessions: Jan. 17, 19, 24, 26, and 31 and Feb. 2 as a snow date. The sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch may be provided some of these sessions.

Pre-registration is required to attend Annie's Project: Managing for Today and Tomorrow. Registration cost is \$50. Registration can be completed by calling the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 858-2273, (815) 235-4125, or on line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw.

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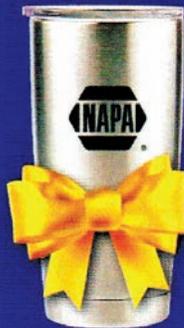
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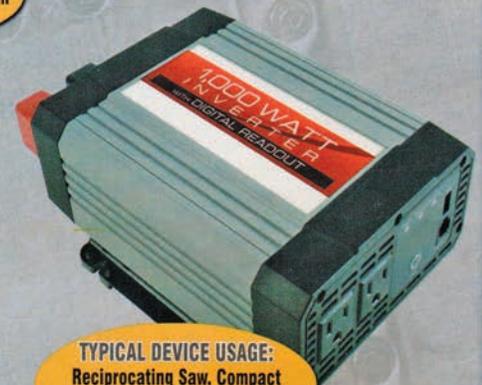


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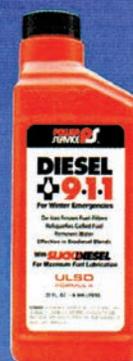
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Lena-Winslow places third in section Agronomy CDE

Three teams of FFA members traveled to Eastland on Nov. 30, to compete in the Section One Agronomy CDE. At this CDE students were required to identify 25 different crop seeds, judge rings of silage, hay, oats, corn, beans, wheat, and identify weeds. This Career Development Event is a great way for students to learn about the field of agronomy and how this knowledge can be used in real life working at their own farm or in a local agriculture business. Lena-Winslow placed third as a team at the contest with a team consisting of all freshmen: Hannah Milliken, Bailey Leamon, Grant Fiedler, Beau Linden and Ashlyn Enck. We are especially proud of our two individuals that placed in the top ten as individuals: beau Linden was seventh overall and Grant Fiedler was tenth.



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Fourth Graders study the Industrial Revolution

Mrs. Brouhard's fourth grade class at Pearl City has been studying the Industrial Revolution. They learned about several important inventions, including the assembly line. They simulated an assembly line to create Henry Ford's Model T out of candy. Each student was responsible for one part of the car. They worked in three groups and each group assembled 8 cars.

Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing lists November winners

Twelve sponsoring organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County comprise the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing (a cooperative fundraiser). Daily cash prizes between \$50 and \$250 are awarded for 365 days from Oct.

1, 2016 – Sept. 30, 2017 to those donating for a ticket. A ticket can win multiple times throughout the year.

Sponsoring organizations include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boost-

ers, Eastland Athletic Boosters, Galena ARC, Galena Music Boosters, Hanover Alumni Association, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, River Ridge Education Association, Stockton Strong, Warren Athletic Boosters, West Carroll Sports Boosters and West Carroll Yearbook.

NWILDD November 2016 Winners

- 1st. Tuesday. \$50 – Jen Sullivan, Savanna
- 2nd. Wednesday. \$50 – Fried Green Tomatoes, Galena
- 3rd. Thursday. \$50 – Elizabeth McCormick, Westchester
- 4th. Friday. \$50 – Adria Ramey, Galena
- 5th. Saturday. \$50 – Joan Peters, Galena
- 6th. Sunday. \$50 – Adam & Marcie Stephan, Roselle
- 7th. Monday. \$50 – Beaver Miller, Savanna
- 8th. Tuesday. \$50 – April Glazier, Thomson
- 9th. Wednesday. \$50 – Jack & Mary Stayner, Stockton
- 10th. Thursday. \$50 – Francis Bergfeld, East Dubuque
- 11th. Friday. \$150 – Dave & Maggie Richmond, Hanover
- 12th. Saturday. \$50 – Stacey Rogers, Lanark
- 13th. Sunday. \$50 – Anne Anderson, Freeport
- 14th. Monday. \$50 – Eric Offenheiser, Stockton
- 15th. Tuesday. \$50 – Paula Gerke, Kent
- 16th. Wednesday. \$50 – Josh Miller, East Dubuque
- 17th. Thursday. \$50 – Aaron Heim, Galena
- 18th. Friday. \$50 – Bretlyn Decker, Central City, IA
- 19th. Saturday. \$50 – Taegen Ertmer, Elizabeth
- 20th. Sunday. \$50 – Diane Heller, Galena
- 21st. Monday. \$50 – Tom Jones, Stockton
- 22nd. Tuesday. \$50 – Joyce Krohmer, Elizabeth



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Celebrating Thanksgiving

The Pearl City first graders enjoyed putting together a teepee and creating pilgrim hats and Native American vests complete with symbols as part of their Thanksgiving Week activities.



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Candy Cane Christmas



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Stockton Banking Center sponsored the Silkkrug Stable horse and wagon rides on Saturday afternoon in conjunction with Stockton's Candy Cane Christmas celebration.



By mid afternoon Saturday, Mary Stayner was just about sold out of the garlands and wreaths she was promoting to benefit Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois.



Emily June Gothard and her grandma Laurie carefully shopped the silent auction held in the museum annex Saturday afternoon.

Annual Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 10

1 - 4 p.m.



Visit with Santa
2 - 4 p.m.
Bring the kids

McCConnell Area Historical Society
202 E. Main Street



Specials Good

Thursday, Dec. 8th - Tuesday, Dec. 13th

MEAT

Feature Meats

- ~ Whole Beef Tenderloin • \$6.99/lb. • Fillets \$7.99/lb.
- ~ USDA Choice Black Angus Boneless Beef Top Round Steak • \$3.49/lb.
- ~ USDA Choice Black Angus Boneless Beef Top Round Roast • \$2.99/lb.
- ~ Pork Loin Assorted Chops • \$1.29/lb.
- ~ Center Cut Stuffed Pork Loin Chops • \$1.99/lb.

- Farmland Sliced Bacon • 16 oz. • \$3.99
- Oscar Mayer Lunchables Fun Pack • 2/\$4.00
- Oscar Mayer Chopped Ham, Ham & Cheese, Smoked or White Turkey Breast • 16 oz. • 2/\$5.00
- El Monterey Breakfast Burritos • 4.5-5 oz. • 99¢
- Individual Quick Frozen Cod Fillets • 16 oz. • \$4.69
- Sea Best 41-50 ct. Cooked Shrimp • 16 oz. • \$7.49

DELI

- Shurfine Deli Roast Beef • \$6.99/lb.
- Shullsburg Ha-lo Diet Swiss Cheese • \$4.99/lb.
- Shullsburg Sharp Cheddar Cheese • \$4.99/lb.

PRODUCE

- Iceberg Head Lettuce • \$1.29 each
- Cherub Tomatoes • 10.5 oz. • \$2.99 each
- Broccoli Crowns • \$1.49/lb.
- California Navel Oranges • 4 lb. • \$2.69
- Michigan Apples Asst. Varieties • 3 lb. bag • 2/\$5.00

FROZEN/DAIRY

- Hot Pockets • Asst. • \$1.99
- Westpac Stir Fry Vegetables • 16 oz. • \$1.69
- Shurfine Cream Cheese • 8 oz. • 99¢
- Shurfine Pie Crust • 15 oz. • \$1.99
- Shurfine Sour Cream • 16 oz. • 99¢

GROCERY

- Shurfine Apple or Cherry Pie Filling • 20-21 oz. • 2/\$3.00
- Shurfine Pumpkin • 15 oz. • 99¢
- Shurfine Light Corn Syrup • 32 oz. • \$2.49
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
PENNYMAC LOAN SER-
VICES, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.

JAMES KOESTER; SHERRY
ZACK, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED
MORTGAGOR, DOLORES
KOESTER A/K/A DOLORES
ELAINE KOESTER; JULIE
CROTHERS A/K/A JULIE
ANN CROTHERS, A/K/A
JULIE CROTHERS; DEB-
RA SUE KOESTER A/K/A
DEBRA KOESTER; KEN-
NETH KOESTER; BRIAN
KOESTER; JULIE CROTHERS,
GUARDIAN OF
THE PERSON OF DEBRA
KOESTER, A DISABLED
PERSON; UNKNOWN OWN-
ERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN
HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF
DOLORES KOESTER, IF
ANY,
DEFENDANTS.

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308 NORTH FREMONT
STREET, LENA, IL 61048
JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT
OF FORECLOSURE UNDER
ILLINOIS MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-
BY GIVEN that pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale entered by the Court in
the above entitled cause on
September 6, 2016, Sheriff of
Stephenson County will on De-
cember 22, 2016, in Stephenson
County Courthouse 15 N.
Galena Ave (West Door), Free-
port, IL 61032, at 9:30 AM, sell
at public auction and sale to
the highest bidder for cash, all
and singular, the following de-
scribed real estate mentioned in
said Judgment, situated in the
County of Stephenson, State of
Illinois, or so much thereof as
shall be sufficient to satisfy said
Judgment:

LOT ONE (1) AND TWO (2)
IN BLOCK TWO (2) OF PICK-
ARD'S ADDITION TO THE
TOWN OF LENA.

TAX NO. CURRENT PIN:
11-07-33-402-009; ORIGINAL
PIN: 09-11-07-33-402-009
COMMONLY KNOWN
AS: 308 NORTH FREMONT
STREET LENA, IL 61048

Description of Improvements:
SINGLE FAMILY HOME
WITH ATTACHED 1 CAR
GARAGE.

The Judgment amount was
\$109,400.54.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS"
sale for "CASH". The success-
ful bidder must deposit 10%
down by certified funds; bal-
ance, by certified funds, within
24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject
to general real estate taxes, spe-
cial assessments or special tax-
es levied against said real estate,
water bills, etc., and is offered
for sale without any represen-
tation as to quality or quantity
of title and without recourse
to plaintiff. The sale is further
subject to confirmation by the
court.

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

The property will NOT be
open for inspection. Prospective
bidders are admonished to
check the court file to verify all
information.

The successful purchaser has
the sole responsibility/expense
of evicting any tenants or other
individuals presently in posses-
sion of the subject premises.

If this property is a condo-
minium unit, the purchaser of
the unit at the foreclosure sale,
other than a mortgagee shall
pay the assessments and the legal
fees required by The Condo-
minium Property Act, 765 ILCS
605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORT-
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PURSUANT TO THE FAIR
DEBT COLLECTION PRAC-
TICES ACT, THE PLAIN-
TIF'S ATTORNEY IS
DEEMED TO BE A DEBT
COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING
TO COLLECT A DEBT AND
ANY INFORMATION WILL
BE USED FOR THAT PUR-
POSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not re-
quired to provide additional
information other than that set

forth in this notice of sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

QUICKEN LOANS, INC
Plaintiff,

-v.-

TIPTON J. GILLEY (DE-
CEASED), et al
Defendants

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-
BY GIVEN that pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale entered in the above cause
on September 20, 2016, the
Sheriff of Stephenson County
will at 9:30 AM on January 19,
2017, at the Stephenson County
Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave.,
(West Door), FREEPORT, IL
61032, sell at public auction to
the highest bidder for cash, as
set forth below, the following
described real estate:

ALL OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 OF
MELITA LEETS ADDITION
TO THE TOWN OF LENA;
SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE
OF LENA IN THE COUNTY
OF STEPHENSON IN THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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CAMP STREET, Lena, IL
61048 Property Index No. 11-
07-33-177-001 The real estate
is improved with a single fam-
ily residence. The judgment
amount was \$71,337.57. Sale
terms: 10% down of the high-
est bid by certified funds at the
close of the auction; the bal-
ance, including the Judicial sale
fee for Abandoned Residential
Property Municipality Relief
Fund, which is calculated on
residential real estate at the rate
of \$1 for each \$1,000 or frac-
tion thereof of the amount paid
by the purchaser not to exceed
\$300, in certified funds, is due
within twenty-four (24) hours.
The subject property is subject
to general real estate taxes, spe-
cial assessments, or special tax-
es levied against said real estate
and is offered for sale without
any representation as to quality
or quantity of title and without
recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS
IS" condition. The sale is fur-
ther subject to confirmation by
the court. Upon payment in full
of the amount bid, the purchaser
will receive a Certificate of Sale
that will entitle the purchaser
to a deed to the real estate af-

ter confirmation of the sale The
property will NOT be open for
inspection and plaintiff makes
no representation as to the con-
dition of the property. Prospec-
tive bidders are admonished to
check the court file to verify all
information. If this property is a
condominium unit, the purchas-
er of the unit at the foreclosure
sale, other than a mortgagee
shall pay the assessments and
the legal fees required by The
Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)
(4). If this property is a condo-
minium unit which is part of a
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NOTICE

Lena-Winslow School Dis-
trict #202 is accepting bids for
resurfacing of the high school
track. Bid specifications may be
picked up at the Lena-Winslow
School District, Office of the
Superintendent, 401 Fremont
St., Lena, IL between the hours
of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Bids
are due at the Superintendent's
Office by 2:00 p.m. on Fri-
day, December 16, 2016. Le-
na-Winslow School District re-
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your favorite not-for-profit with a
visit to the FHN Community Festi-
val of Trees, on display free at the
Freeport Public Library from Sun-
day, Dec. 4 through Saturday, Dec.
31.

This year's FHN Festival of
Trees theme is a reminder to enjoy
the small joys of the season: "Take
time to admire and appreciate glit-
tering lights on snowflakes." This
year's Community Festival of Trees
has 21 entrants. Organizations in-
cluding schools, churches, service
groups and clubs from across the
area participate in the Community
Festival of Trees, decorating a tree
to compete for cash prizes awarded
by a panel of judges and the pub-
lic. The Freeport Public Library is
located at 100 E. Douglas Street in
Freeport.

The public is encouraged to vote
for the People's Choice Award win-
ner through Dec. 17. The top vote-
getter for People's Choice will
take home \$500. The second-place
award for People's Choice is \$200
and the third-place People's Choice
award is \$100. Ballots are available
at the library and votes will only
be taken through the end of the li-
brary's operating hours (1 - 4 p.m.)
on Saturday, Dec. 17.

A formal panel of judges will
award three prizes, as well: First
prize is \$500, second prize is \$300
and third prize is \$150.

In conjunction with the Commu-
nity Festival of Trees, the Highland
Community College Youth Choir
will present a holiday performance
at 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5. Like the
Community Festival of Trees, the
performance is free to attend.

Children are invited to listen to a
holiday story or two in Santa's vis-
iting area at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Dec.
6. Check Santa's visiting schedule
at the library or online at [www.fhn.
org/festivaloftrees](http://www.fhn.org/festivaloftrees).

The Community Festival of
Trees will be on display at the li-
brary through Saturday Dec. 31.
For more information on the Com-
munity Festival of Trees or any of
the FHN Festival of Trees events,
visit www.fhn.org.

**A little levity to
lighten your day**

One frigid night, a drunk walks
out of a bar and takes a shortcut
through a cemetery. Stumbling
along, he falls into an open grave.
A few minutes later, as he is call-
ing out for help, a second drunk
leaves the bar and takes the same
shortcut. Hearing cries for help, he
staggers towards the sounds and
comes upon the first drunk stuck
at the bottom of the grave. "Help
me out," the first drunk says, "I'm
freezing down here." The second
drunk considers this for a moment
and replies, "Of course you're cold,
silly. You kicked all your dirt off."

Stockton Police Department report for Nov. 18 to Dec. 1

On 11/18 at approximately 4:06 p.m., Stockton Police were dispatched to an address on South Main Street in reference to allegations of fraud. On arrival, Police met with the complainant, who stated that he was told by a friend, that another acquaintance of his was stealing his money without his knowledge. Through investigation it was learned that the alleged offender was actually a lawful caretaker for the complainant. The investigation showed that no fraud had taken place.

On 11/19 at approximately 5:07 a.m., the Stockton Police were dispatched to assist the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's with a burglar alarm. The alarm company advised the county dispatch that the code key was attempted numerous times. Officers cleared the outer buildings, but were unable to make contact with someone at the residence. The Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office Dispatch was finally able to make contact with the owner of the residence, who advised his mother was the one who attempted to gain entry and that there was no problem for the police.

On 11/19 at about 9 a.m. Stockton Police were dispatched to meet with a complainant about a theft on South Main Street. The complainant stated that a package containing Christmas related items was being stored on a rear porch of the address. The items were not in a secure location. The complainant advised that the items had arrived the day before. The items were then discovered missing on this date. The total value of the items taken is \$105.00 USC.

At approximately 10:33 a.m. on 11/19, an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to an address on Benton Street in reference to a complainant about several dogs not being cared for and possibly being mistreated. On arrival, the officer observed the two dogs, which are kept in an outdoor cage/kennel. Food and water was available to the dogs and they appeared to be in a healthy condition. The officer spoke to the owner about the complaint. No further action taken at this time.

At approximately 12:25 p.m. on 11/20, the Stockton Police were dispatched to an address on Stockton Street in reference to a domestic related argument. On arrival, the officer observed a father and son in an argument at the front of their residence. Through investigation it was learned that the son was caught doing something he shouldn't have, and the father was reprimanding him for this act. There was no physical fight involved and police presence

was not required.

On 11/21 at approximately 12:28 a.m., the Stockton Police were dispatched to assist the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's on a call involving a violation of an Order of Protection. This call was a recurrence of the same incident which had occurred earlier in the week, and the husband was arrested on Domestic Battery related charges by the Sheriff's Office. The offender then returned to the same location. At this time the offender was captured at the scene and was placed under arrest by the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Deputies.

At approximately 2:38 p.m. on 11/23 an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to the Shell Gas station in reference to found property. An employee at the Shell gas station located a female's wallet that had accidentally been left behind at the station. Through some investigation, police were able to determine who the owner of the wallet and subsequently contacted her. The female knew that her wallet was missing, but had no idea where she left it; the female, who is from Geneva, Illinois, later returned to Stockton to retrieve her property.

On 11/24 at approximately 2:50 a.m., the Stockton Police received information on a wanted person. The information was that the person was currently at the Nora Bar. The Stockton Police, along with the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Officers went to the Nora Bar. The wanted subject was, in fact, found at the bar, placed under arrest for the warrant and was transported to the Jo Daviess County Jail for processing.

On 11/25 at approximately 12:28 a.m., while on routine patrol, an officer of the Stockton Police observed a suspicious vehicle, a White Sedan Van bearing Kansas registration, parked in the middle of the Family Dollar parking lot. The vehicle had coolers and luggage cluttered around it. The officer engaged the passengers of the vehicle and through investigation found that they had valid identification from the State of Kansas. The passengers stated that they were just passing through and could not drive anymore, and could not afford a motel. The passengers stated they were just going to sleep in their van for a few hours. As they were not wanted for anything, no further police action was required.

On 11/25 at about 9:30 a.m. an Officer of the Stockton Police Department was on routine patrol when he observed a male subject walking eastbound in the middle of the 200 block of West Maple. The subject

looked in the direction of the officer and then quickly looked away. As the officer came abreast of the subject he walked around a parked car and ducked down out of sight. The officer stopped in the middle of the street and the subject then walked back around the back of the car and began to cross the street. Due to the nature of the subjects' suspicious actions, the officer asked him to stop. The subject continued walking across the street and glanced away when he was asked to stop. The officer walked towards the subject and requested him to stop once again. The subject tried to walk past the officer, and at this time he was physically detained by the officer. The subject attempt to escape but was restrained by the officer. The officer could smell the odor of cannabis coming from the subject. The subject, at first, refused to identify himself, but after talking with the subject for several minutes, the subject produced an identification card from out of state. It was also determined during this initial investigation that the subject was in need of medical or family intervention. Through further investigation and questioning, the officer was able to learn the name of the person that the subject was visiting in Stockton. The officer was familiar with the person that the subject was visiting, and then went to their residence to find out the nature of the subject's problem. On arrival, it was determine that the

subject is slightly challenged and that no one in the house knew that he had left. It was then determined that since the subject had not broken any laws and had only been acting in a suspicious nature, that no further police assistance was necessary and the subject was turned over to his family members.

On 11/26 at about 9 a.m. an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to an address on Carpenter Street in reference to a theft from a residence. On arrival, the officer met with the complainant who stated that sometime between Nov. 24 and Nov. 26, persons unknown removed a prescription item from their residence. There was no sign of forced entry into the residence. This case is still under investigation and several leads are being investigated by the Stockton Police Department.

On 11/26 at approximately 8:11 p.m., while on routine patrol, an officer of the Stockton Police Department observed a Grey 2012 Chrysler 200 bearing Indiana registration travelling westbound on Rt. 20 at the intersection with Pearl Street at a high rate of speed. The officer then performed a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was identified and was able to provide her drivers' license, but was unable to provide any insurance or registration materials for the vehicle. She stated that she had recently purchased the vehicle from a male subject via craigslist, and all of the vehi-

Woman sentenced in drunk driving crash which seriously injured state trooper

The Illinois State Police (ISP), announce the sentencing of Leslie Thurow, female age 61 of Mount Prospect, Illinois, in a drunken driving crash that critically injured ISP Trooper Michael Cokins. Thurow was sentenced to 13 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for causing the crash that sent Cokins and four others to the hospital.

On Sept. 6, 2014, at 2:45 p.m., Trooper Cokins was conducting a traffic stop on I-294 northbound at North Avenue. Trooper Cokins was on the right shoulder of the roadway when he was struck by a vehicle driven by Thurow. The impact of the collision hurled Trooper Cokins over the hood of the vehicle he had pulled over. Thurow continued to travel northbound on I-294, where she struck an SUV carrying a family of four. The SUV rolled over as a result of the crash, and Thurow's vehicle crashed into the concrete median. Trooper Cokins suffered 15 broken bones, underwent 8 surgeries, and 17 months of therapy.

Thurow, who was found to be intoxicated at the time of the crash, was charged with several counts of aggravated driving under the influence, leaving the scene of a personal injury crash, and aggravated reckless driving. Thurow's blood alcohol concentration was over twice the legal limit, and her driver's license was revoked for previous driving un-

der the influence convictions. Thurow has spent the last two years in the custody of the Cook County Sheriff's Police while she awaited trial dates and sentencing. On December 1, Thurow was formally sentenced to 13 years for the crime.

On May 1, 2016, Trooper Cokins was medically cleared to return to full duty and returned to his original assignment with the ISP, patrolling the north Tri-State.

"Drinking and driving is a dangerous choice that can lead to deadly consequences," said ISP Director Leo P. Schmitz. "Driving under the influence is never a good option and can be very costly both financially and criminally. Always designate a driver before consuming alcohol," he stressed. In addition, the ISP would like to remind motorists about the Move Over Law, often referred to as "Scott's Law," which requires motorists to yield to stationary emergency vehicles. It is the law in Illinois that when approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, other drivers shall yield the right-of-way by making a lane change and reducing speed and proceeding with due caution if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe. Violators of Illinois' Move Over Law can be fined \$10,000 and have their driver's license suspended for up to two years.

cles' paperwork was at her residence in Indianapolis, Indiana. The officer ran a check on the registration on the vehicle and it came back to another car. In running the Vehicle Identification Number through the National Computer, it was found that the vehicle had been reported stolen, and the driver was immediately placed under arrest for Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, handcuffed and placed into the squad car. The officer then identified the passenger in the car. This person was found to have a valid identification and was not wanted and had not committed any criminal act. This person was released with no charge. The vehicle was towed and held for further investigation. At this time, The Stockton Police have been contacted by an investigator with the Indianapolis Police Department to assist in the investigation. The woman was transported to the Jo Daviess County Jail for Processing on criminal charges. This case is still under investigation by the Stockton Police Department and the Indianapolis, Indiana Police Department.

At 7:56 p.m. on 11/27, a person involved in a domestic related incident called Riverview Center looking for assistance in finding another residence. The Riverview Center worker called police because she heard yelling in the background of the phone call. The officer arrived on the scene at the residence and advised and found that there was an argument, but no physical confrontation. The complainant was advised of domestic violence rights under the law, and the subject requested no further assistance at this time.

On 11/28 at approximately 12:48 p.m., officers of the Stockton Police Department were dispatched to assist the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's on a residential burglar alarm. On arrival, the officer found that the residence had, in fact, been broken into. A search of the residence did not reveal any offenders on the scene. This case is still under investigation by the Jo Daviess County Sheriff.

On 11/29 at approximately 7 p.m. a person who is known to the Stockton Police, came to a Village Hall meeting and was acting unusual by wearing a coat with hood up and staring at Village Board Members. The subject was observed by police, until he left the building without incident. Officers did contact the subject outside the building, and he was not in need of medical or police assistance.

On 11/30 at approximately 1800 hours, an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to assist a vehicle which had struck a deer on Rt. 78 North. Upon arrival the officer spoke with the driver, who had minor damage to his vehicle. It was observed however, that the deer was still alive but was badly injured. The Stockton Police Officer was forced to destroy the animal.

Chief Tom Sheehan of the Stockton Police Department would like to remind everyone, that persons charged with crimes or violations of Illinois Statutes are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Illinois State Police – District Sixteen fatal crash update

On Nov. 29, at approximately 7:36 p.m., Illinois State Police District 16 Troopers responded to a two-unit, head-on crash on Illinois Route 26 just south of Oneco Road in Orangeville. Driver Tim Vorwald, 22, of Freeport, was killed in the crash. Driver Justin Brinkmeyer, 30, of Orangeville, was airlifted to a Rockford

hospital with injuries not believed to be life-threatening. Each was the sole occupant of their respective vehicles. No charges have been filed at this time.

This crash remains under investigation by the Illinois State Police Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit and District Sixteen.

FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

The weather has now turned to typical December weather. We are waiting on our first snowfall; the weather people say it will only be a dusting. I certainly hope they are correct. Snow will get us in the mood for Christmas; in my opinion, December is the only month to have snow. My opinion doesn't really count for much. As one of my friends says, it will be what it will be. She is one of those great people to be around. She also is a good cook, and we share many recipes. If you have a good friend who likes to cook, you can make some of the good eats featured in this column. This week will feature two appetizers—one hot and one cold. We also will have a good salad and veggie side. There will be two main dishes, and then we continue with our month of cookie recipes.

This simple appetizer cheese ball is tasty and will be one you will love to serve all year round. I have one that is made with the Old English Cheddar Spread from Kraft, and it is a staple for me. Everyone loves it. If you like blue cheese, you will love this simple appetizer.

Classic Roka Cheese Ball

½ lb. (8 oz.) Velveeta cut into ½-inch cubes

1 jar (5 oz.) Kraft Blue Cheese Spread
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese softened
½ t. garlic powder
¼ C. chopped pecans
¼ C. dried cranberries

Mix the Velveeta, Blue Cheese spread, and cream cheese until well blended. Refrigerate for 2 hours. Shape into a ball and coat with pecans and cranberries. Serve with crackers.

Need a hot appetizer that will be a hit for the men in your group? This dip can be made and put in the crock pot or served in the original pan. You can use Ragu instead of Prego; use the traditional one without meat or vegetables. A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats have great sausage that is not greasy.

Cheesy Lasagna Dip

½ lb. sausage
1½ C. Prego
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 C. ricotta cheese
1 clove of garlic, minced
1½ C. shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
½ C. grated Parmesan cheese, divided
¼ C. chopped fresh basil, divided

Preheat the oven to 350. Brown the sausage on medium heat 6-8 minutes or until done, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and stir in 1 cup of pasta sauce.

In a bowl, mix the cream cheese, ricotta, garlic, ½ cup mozzarella, and half each of the Parmesan and basil until blended; spread onto the bottom of 9-inch square baking dish sprayed with cooking spray.

Top with sausage mixture. Combine remaining cheeses; sprinkle over dip. Top with spoonfuls of the remaining pasta sauce.

Bake 20-25 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Sprinkle with remaining basil. Serve with pita chips or cubed crusty Italian bread.

This salad is a take-off on the Seven Layer Salad. It is an easy salad to feed a crowd. The dressing is light, and puts a great taste on spinach, mushrooms, eggs and bacon.

Grandma's Spinach Salad

½ C. sugar
½ C. canola oil
¼ C. white vinegar
½ t. celery seed
10 oz. fresh baby spinach
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
½ lb. sliced fresh mushrooms
5 hard-cooked large eggs, sliced
8 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

Whisk first four ingredients until sugar is dissolved. In a 9 x 13 dish, layer half of each of the following: spinach, onion, mushrooms, and eggs. Repeat layers. Drizzle with dressing and top with bacon.

Do you need a great side dish for the holidays. The bourbon makes a great flavor addition to plain carrots. The bourbon could catch on fire when you add it. Be careful and have a lid ready. Enjoy this great addition to your holiday meal.

Bourbon-Glazed Carrots

½ stick of butter
2 lbs. carrots, peeled and cut into ½-inch pieces
¼ t. salt
½ C. bourbon
½ C. packed brown sugar
¼ t. pepper
Pinch of red pepper flakes—optional

Melt the butter in a heavy, lidded skillet over medium-high heat until foamy. Stir in carrots and salt and cook, covered, stirring occasionally, about 4 minutes. Uncover the skillet and continue to cook, stirring until carrots are browned, about 2-3 minutes.

Reduce the heat to medium-low and carefully pour in the bourbon—stand back when pouring because the bourbon may flame. Be ready to put a lid on the skillet. Cook, stirring, until the bourbon is almost evaporated, about 2 minutes. Add the brown sugar and cook, stirring, until carrots are tender and glossy, about 5 minutes. Increase heat to medium-high heat to thicken the glaze slightly, about 15 seconds. Sprinkle with black pepper and add pepper flakes if wanted.

Many people are frightened to tackle French Onion Soup. This recipe is made in the slow cooker. The

hardest part is toasting the bread for the top. Enjoy this restaurant favorite in your own home.

Slow-Cooker French Onion Soup

6 T. unsalted butter
4 large yellow onions
1 T. sugar
2 cloves, garlic, minced
1 t. sea salt
7¼ C. low-sodium beef broth
¼ t. dried thyme
1 bay leaf
8 diagonal slices French bread, cut ½-inch thick
½ C. Swiss cheese, shredded
¼ C. shredded parmesan cheese
2 T. shredded mozzarella cheese
Heat the butter in a large, heavy pot over medium heat. Cook onions, covered, stirring frequently, until translucent, about 10 minutes. Sprinkle onions with sugar and continue cooking, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until onions are soft and browned, 20-25 minutes.

Add the garlic and cook, stirring until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add ¼ cup beef broth and salt and cook, stirring and scraping up browned bits from the bottom of the pot, 1 minute. Transfer the onions to a slow cooker and stir in rest of broth, thyme and bay leaf. Cover and cook on Low for 6 hours.

About 10 minutes before serving, set broiler rack about 8 inches from the heat source and preheat the broiler. Arrange the bread slices on a rimmed baking sheet. Broil bread until toasted, 1-2 minutes per side.

Toss together cheese in a bowl. Top each toast with 2 tablespoons cheese mixture and broil until cheese is lightly browned and bubbling, 1-2 minutes. Ladle 1 cup of soup into each bowl, then float a bread slice in each bowl.

I made this stroganoff recipe about a month ago, and it was delicious. The flavor is great, and it was easy to assemble. I use the Amish Kluski noodles, but if you are a wide noodle lover, they will work just as well. I like having noodles as a side because sometimes I get tired of potatoes. This is a great recipe to put together the night before and then put it in the crock pot in the morning; it is an easy main course that you have done ahead of time.

Slow-Cooker Beef Stroganoff

2 lb. beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch cubes
10 oz. fresh mushrooms, halved
1 onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1 C. beef broth
2 t. paprika
1 C. sour cream
2 T. flour
1 T. Dijon mustard
1 pkg. (16 oz.) egg noodles, uncooked
2 T. chopped fresh parsley
Place meat, mushrooms, onions and garlic in slow cooker. Add the broth and paprika. Cover with lid. Cook on LOW 7-8 hours.

In a bowl, mix the sour cream, flour, mustard. Stir into slow cooker until blended. Cook, covered, on Low for 15 minutes. Cook the

noodles on the stove according to package directions, omitting the salt. Drain noodles and place in a large serving bowl. Add the meat mixture and mix lightly. Sprinkle with parsley.

Sometimes on Christmas Cookie Trays you want to have something that is really different. This bar cookie (actually you cut it into triangles, so it is even more interesting) will be a great addition to any Christmas cookie plate.

White Chocolate Cranberry Blondies

¾ C. unsalted butter, cubed
1½ C. packed light brown sugar
2 large eggs
¼ t. vanilla
2¼ C. flour
1½ t. baking powder
¼ t. salt
1/8 t. cinnamon
½ C. dried cranberries
6 oz. white baking chocolate, coarsely chopped

Frosting:

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 C. powdered sugar
1 T. grated orange peel, optional
6 oz. white baking chocolate, melted
½ C. dried cranberries

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large microwave-safe bowl, microwave butter until melted; stir in brown sugar. Cool slightly.

Beat in the eggs, one at a time, add vanilla. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon; stir into butter mixture. Stir in the cranberries and chopped chocolate (batter will be thick). Spread into a greased 9 x 13 pan.

Bake until golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean (do not overbake), 18-21 minutes. Cool blondies completely on a wire rack.

For the frosting, beat cream cheese, powdered sugar, and if desired orange peel until smooth. Gradually beat in half of the melted white chocolate; spread over blondies. Sprinkle with cranberries; drizzle with remaining melted chocolate.

Cut into triangles. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

I have made coconut pecan squares for years. My recipe is in an 8 x 8 pan, so when I found this one that makes a 9 x 13 pan, it made sense to not have to make a double batch. These are like little mini pecan pies in a bar form. You will love their taste!

Old-Fashioned Coconut-Pecan Squares

12 T. unsalted butter, softened
2½ C. packed brown sugar
1½ C. flour
Salt
5 large eggs (3 separated; 2 whole)
1 T. vanilla
1 C. pecans, toasted and chopped
1 C. sweetened shredded coconut
toasted and chopped fine
1 T. powdered sugar
Preheat the oven to 350. Grease a 9 x 13 baking pan. Using a mixer

with a paddle, beat butter and ½ C. brown sugar on medium speed until smooth, about 1 minute. Add the flour and ½ teaspoon salt, and continue to beat until dough begins to form, about 2 minutes longer. Press dough evenly into the bottom of prepared pan. Bake until light golden brown, 12-18 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool for 15 minutes.

Using a clean, dry mixer bowl fitted with a whisk, whip 3 egg whites on medium low speed until foamy, about 1 minute. Increase speed to medium high and whip until stiff peaks form, 1-2 minutes. Transfer whites to separate bowl; set aside.

Return now empty bowl to mixer still fitted with whisk and whip vanilla, remaining 2 cups brown sugar, 2 whole eggs, remaining 3 egg yolks, and ½ teaspoon salt on medium-high speed until thick, about 2 minutes, scraping down the bowl as needed. Fold in pecans, coconut, and reserved whipped egg whites by hand until fully incorporated.

Spread mixture evenly over cooled crust. Bake until top in deep golden brown, 24-26 minutes. Transfer pan to wire rack and let cool completely. Run the paring knife around the edges of the pan to release bars. Cut into 2-inch squares and dust with powdered sugar. Serve.

If you were around on Friday evening, you were part of a special night as Lena officially opened Christmas. Santa and Mrs. Claus came to town in a horse drawn wagon. The Legion Color Guard, the fire trucks, and the ambulances escorted them down Main Street and then down Railroad Street. There were floats and kids from two local day cares, by the 4-H Club, and local businesses. Santa and Mrs. Claus officially lit the town Christmas tree which had hand made ornaments from the Lena Elementary School. When the lights went on, you could hear the excited expressions coming from the many children and adults who had watched the parade. Santa and Mrs. Claus listened to requests and gave out treats. Main Street was a buzz as people strolled through the shops, buying and trying out the snacks that were provided. Café 217 Espresso and Bakery sold hot drinks and gave away cookies. There were many people who took the house tour of four beautifully decorated homes in Lena. The Methodist Church did a brisk business with their chili and the cookie walk. The evening was a little chilly, but there was plenty of warmth all over the town. Mark your calendar because this Saturday there will be Breakfast with Santa at the Fire Station. Remember to support your local merchants and shop small town!

As a side note, we are asking for cookie recipes or any other Christmas time recipes. If you have some new or favorite recipes, 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.

American Legion Auxiliary schedules December activities

The December meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Dec. 14, at the Lena American Legion Home at 7 p.m. We will be making tray favors for the hospitalized veterans and wrapping Christmas presents for the veterans in the nursing home. We will also be collecting nonperishable food for the homeless shelter. Dues will be collected. New members are always welcome. Marsha Tessendorf is in charge of the social hour. The Sons of The American Legion will host their annual pizza party at Coach's on Sunday, Dec. 11. Social time is at 4:30 and pizza will be served at 5. All members of the American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion and their families are invited to attend.

Junior members will meet with the members of The American Legion Auxiliary on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1 in Warren at the Legion Home. We will meet at the Legion

Home in Lena and car pool at 12:30. Please call 369-4684 and let us know if you will be able to make it or for more information.

• **Winners** (Continued from Page 14)

- 23rd. Wednesday. \$50 – Scott Woodley, Lanark
- 24th. Thursday. \$250 – Allen Hendren, Apple River
- 25th. Friday. \$50 – Adam & Brooke Brinkmeier, Altoona, IA
- 26th. Saturday. \$50 – Judy VenHuizen, Stockton
- 27th. Sunday. \$50 – Terri Cox, Lena
- 28th. Monday. \$50 – Diane Bradley, Stockton
- 29th. Tuesday. \$50 – Henry & Carol Saavedra, Lena
- 30th. Wednesday. \$50 – Alex Montgomery, Galena



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Lena House Walk

Dozens of Lena area residents turned out in Pat Brown Realtor's parking lot Friday evening to experience a ride in a horse drawn wagon through the downtown and into nearby neighborhoods that featured beautifully decorated homes.



Teresa Joranlien who owns Hawks Mill Winery in nearby Browntown with husband Ric were at the Coffee House in downtown Lena greeting folks that were participating in the Lena House Walk.



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Experiencing Shop Local Saturday

Nicholas Schleich, a pharmacist technician with the Lena Drug Store said the folks in Lena have always been very supportive of small businesses.



Café 217 owner Ruby Shultz and crew were set up downtown Friday evening serving warm beverages to Lena Hometown Christmas "Christmas Past" participants.

Hometown Trophies owner Sam Fryer is sporting a full selection of gift items for the discerning holiday shopper and the shop is ready to customize those items.

McConnell Area Historical Society to hold Christmas Cookie Walk and Holiday Open House

The McConnell Area Historical Society will hold its Christmas Cookie Walk and Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the museum located at 202 E. Main St. in McConnell from 1 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.

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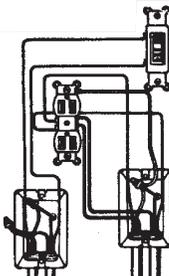
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Candy Cane Christmas

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Dick Bergman, Bill Lucke, and Ann Coppernoll check the layout for the trains on display in the Stockton Heritage Museum.



Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived via fire truck at Stella's Café and Catering to the delight of dozens of excited children of all ages during Stockton's Candy Cane Christmas festivities



Members of Stockton Boy Scout Troop 31 use their new Rocket Stove to make the chili for their soup and sandwich fundraiser held in conjunction with the Stockton Candy Cane Christmas celebration.

REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. JAMES KOESTER; SHERRY ZACK, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED MORTGAGOR, DOLORES KOESTER A/K/A DOLORES ELAINE KOESTER; JULIE CROTHERS A/K/A JULIE ANN CROTHERS, A/K/A JULIS CROTHERS; DEBRA SUE KOESTER A/K/A DEBRA KOESTER; KENNETH KOESTER; BRIAN KOESTER; JULIE CROTHERS, GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON OF DEBRA KOESTER, A DISABLED PERSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DOLORES KOESTER, IF ANY, DEFENDANTS.

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308 NORTH FREMONT STREET, LENA, IL 61048
JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on September 6, 2016, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on December 22, 2016, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. CURRENT PIN: 11-07-33-402-009; ORIGINAL PIN: 09-11-07-33-402-009

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 308 NORTH FREMONT STREET LENA, IL 61048

Description of Improvements: SINGLE FAMILY HOME WITH ATTACHED 1 CAR GARAGE.

The Judgment amount was \$109,400.54.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without re-

course to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only – McCalla Raymer Pierce LLC., Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 2205

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS QUICKEN LOANS, INC Plaintiff,

-v.-
TIPTON J. GILLEY (DECEASED), et al Defendants

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 20, 2016, the Sheriff of Stephenson County will at 9:30 AM on January 19, 2017, at the Stephenson

County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave., (West Door), FREEPORT, IL 61032, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 112 CAMP STREET, Lena, IL 61048 Property Index No. 11-07-33-177-001 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$71,337.57. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: POTESIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number C15-31620. E-Mail: ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com 1709453

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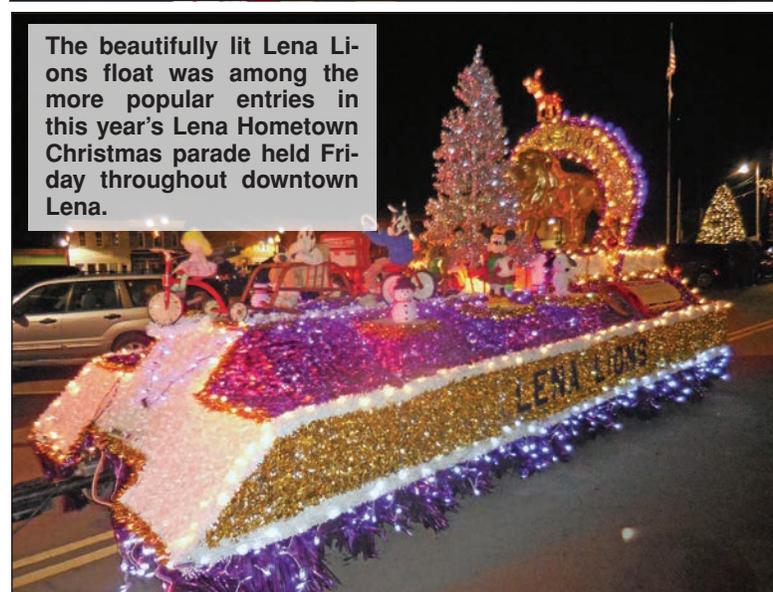
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Lema Hometown Christmas

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in downtown Lena via horse drawn wagon before settling in to chat with area children at Citizen's State Bank during Friday night's "Christmas Past" festivities.



The Polar Express entry in Friday night's Lena Hometown Christmas "Christmas Past" parade was filled with excited children ready to cruise to Santa's Workshop at the North Pole.



The beautifully lit Lena Lions float was among the more popular entries in this year's Lena Hometown Christmas parade held Friday throughout downtown Lena.

Lena Live Wires list holiday activities

By Krista Keene
REPORTER

The Nov. 14, Lena Live Wires 4-H meeting was held at St. John's Church in Lena IL. The meeting began with the business details.

A tree decorating meeting was Sunday Nov. 27, at 6 p.m. at Kathy's house. We put a tree up at the Lena Living Center.

The Penny Carnival was Nov. 20, at the Lincoln Mall in Freeport from 3-5 p.m.

We participated in the Lena Holi-

day Parade which was Dec. 2.

Our next meeting is Dec. 11, at the Skate Station from 1:30-4 p.m. Please bring food to share at the next meeting. Also bring a nonperishable food item or paper or hygiene product for the Adopt a Family. Remember to bring a gift to exchange with one another. There were no talks or demos.

Make sure to get enrolled before it is too late. Sam Pecoraro made a motion to end the meeting and Garrett Sutter seconded it.

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