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Mitigation grant monies finally flow into Pearl City

By Tony Carton
EDITOR

While the Illinois governor and legislature haggled for years over a state budget a number of Pearl City residents were held in proverbial "Limbo" waiting for the flood hazard mitigation funds promised them by state and federal governments four years ago. It appears the wait has ended.

"We've received a mitigation grant from the federal and state governments to buy out homes from the floods and that money is beginning to arrive," said Pearl City Mayor Bob Knoup. "We've been working on it for four years now and the money is finally coming through."

Pearl City suffered repetitive structural flood losses in 2002, 2008, 2010, 2011, and again in 2017 when significant flooding occurred on the Pecatonica River causing extremely high water levels on the Yellow Creek as well as tremendous backwater conditions on the Goldmine Tributary. Even though not all structures included in the project are mapped into either the Goldmine Tributary or Yellow Creek floodplain, due to these backwater conditions from the River, structures outside of the 100-year floodplain still experienced significant water levels. Historically, many residents, as well as a few commercial prop-

erty owners, were forced to evacuate their homes and businesses each time flooding occurred.

Knoup said the village of Pearl City closed on five of the houses last week and will continue until all the homes qualified under the grant program are demolished.

"We hope to begin demolishing homes in the first week of October," Knoup said. "We are letting out bids and after our next regular monthly meeting which is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 2, we will know exactly when we will be starting with demolition."

Under the Pearl City Flood Hazard Mitigation agreement the federal government will provide 75% of the \$2.1 million needed to acquire and remove those floodplain properties designated as affected by repetitive flooding and the State of Illinois would provide the remaining 25%. The \$2.1 million will fund demolition of 22 real property structures including clearing of the properties acquired, and reshaping the properties to safe and manageable conditions.

Knoup said the process is moving slower than originally expected because of the way the grant monies are being distributed.

"We were originally supposed to get the total amount of money in, but now we have to tear a house down, take a picture of it making sure it is all down, and then we send the picture to the government offices so they send us the money for that house. At that point we will be able to move on to the next house."

The Village of Pearl City will use its own funds for the first phase of the project, but will recoup that money as the mitigation checks arrive making the process slower and challenging for the community, but over time Knoup expects the venture to be completed.

"State Bank of Pearl City is giving us a line of credit so we can proceed and we are very grateful for their help," Knoup said. "With that help from our bank we are going to do as many of these houses as we can as fast as we can."

The work will include tearing down and covering a structure then landscaping the properties before photographing the land and waiting for government approval and a check, before the village can begin the next house.

"We don't know how long all this is going to take," said Knoup. "We have to approve the bids for demoli-

tion at our regular meetings, but we will move as fast as possible."

There is some question as to what will happen with the land after the demolition.

"We will have to deal with all that once we get them down and cleaned up," Knoup said. "We are trying to figure out what to do with them and we have some ideas, but we want

input from our citizens before we make any decisions. We are going to put something together and deal with the situation in the best way we can."

The village is collecting ideas for future implementation and can be reached at /www.villageofpearlcity.com or on Facebook by searching Village of Pearl City.



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Lena-Winslow activates robotics project

Students at Lena-Winslow Elementary School are excited about the new robotics activities they will be enjoying thanks to a generous grant from the Meemic Foundation. Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. Chrisman are enthusiastically making plans for lots of fun learning.

Lena Farmers Market extends season

The Lena Farmers Market will be open on Wednesday, Oct. 4 and 11. Due to the wonderful fall weather, there is lots of produce to offer at the market including tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, onions, cabbage, radish, squash and more. Do not forget we have a nice variety of fall decorations including pumpkins and gourds, corn shocks, mums, and mini straw bales. Be sure to join us at the Lena Farmers Market on Oct. 4 and 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the downtown Lena parking lot for all your fresh produce needs.

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Lena Library News

By Brittany Gaulrapp
DIRECTOR

We've been busy here at the library with all of the little readers bringing their parents in to sign up for Story Time and Afterschool Programs. Just quick reminders to parents Story Hour classes begin on Tuesday Oct. 3, at 10:30. The Afterschool program will not start until Monday Oct. 16, at 3:30. If you haven't signed your child up, but would like them to attend call us for more information or stop in and see us. Mrs. Kathy has a lot of fun ideas for the kids this year. You won't want to miss out. Our story hour room is almost complete. I can't wait to see how it looks once Mrs. Kathy gets all of her decorations up. I think the kids will be quite surprised. She is very excited to have all of the kids back in class.

Our next adult coloring night will be Monday Oct. 9, at 5:30, plan to join us. Our book discussion group met last Wednesday and there were a lot of great titles discussed: Two for the Dough-Stephanie Evanovich, The Undoing of Saint Silvanus-Beth Moore, Put a Ring On It-Beth Kendrick, The General's Women-Susan Wittig Albert, Take Me With You-Catherine Ryan Hyde, Before We Were Yours-Lisa Wingate,

Threading the Needle-Marie Bostwick, and A Child Called It- Dave Pelzer. It's a great way to get out of your comfort zone and read something new. We have a very fun group. Most of the titles discussed this last meeting we have here in the library, but don't forget about Encore, where patrons can go and browse our materials and other lending libraries materials right from their homes. The next group will meet Wednesday Oct. 25, at 9:30; we hope to see you there. Check us out on Facebook or call the library for more information or questions regarding any of our children and adult programs.

We will be ordering new books in the next week so keep an eye out for new titles by your favorite authors.

New Large Print: Indecent Exposure by Stuart Woods, and Defectors by Joseph Kanon



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Leukemia awareness

On Sept. 21, the Lena-Winslow Junior high held a Hat Day And Orange Day for leukemia awareness. All proceeds from the Hat Day were donated to UW Madison Children's Hospital.

Northwestern Illinois Stand Down and Welcome Home 2017

The seventh annual Northwestern Illinois Stand Down and Welcome Home for area Veterans and their families will be held Oct. 7, from Noon to 3 p.m. at Read Park, Freeport.

The purpose of the event is to provide Veterans with information about their benefits and services at the

local and national level. This event is intended to help our Veterans of all eras as well as our active duty, Reserve and National Guard service members. Special emphasis focuses on alternative care and treatment of mental health issues such as Post Traumatic Stress (PTS), Military Sexual Trauma (MST) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). It is also a time to say to all our Veterans: "Welcome home and thank you for your service."

Stand Down is a military term referring to a brief respite from combat. During this Stand Down, assistance will be provided to homeless or at risk of being homeless Veterans. Local and national agencies and service providers will

assist Veterans in need of medical, mental health, employment and vocational rehabilitation counseling, V A and Social Security benefits claims, clothing and haircuts.

The Freeport Office of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and the V AC of Stephenson County Office have partnered with several dedicated service providers, volunteers, military service organizations, community-based organizations and representatives from city, county, state and federal agencies in a collaborative effort to assist our nation's Veterans.

The opening ceremony will take place at Noon outside the Read Park pavilion. NJROTC members from Freeport area high schools

will present the colors. Guest speaker will be Jeff Willis, a Gulf War Veteran. Special presentations will be provided by Kare-9 Military Ministry and Guitars for Vets. Other activities include a "Kids Zone" and a group balloon release.

All Veterans and their families are invited to this free event. Veterans in Stephenson County who need a ride should call the Allied Veterans' Van Service at 815-233-5284 by Oct. 2.

For further information, please contact event coordinators:

Tina Paggi, Veterans' Service Officer, IDVA, 815-233-5092

Maryna Misiewicz, Superintendent, V AC of Stephenson County, 815-233-7282

Mark Davis Benefit Weekend

Let's help Mark continue his fight against cancer!

**Saturday, October 14th at the
Orangeville Fire Station
8 a.m. - Noon**

- Pancake Breakfast • Bake Sale
- Rock River Valley Blood Center on site
- Schedule you appointment at www.rrvbc.org or call Toni Koester at (815) 291-0057

**Sunday, October 15th
at Brush Creek Golf Course
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

- Golf Outing • Pulled Pork Dinner
- Silent Auction • 50/50

Mark Davis, a life-long Orangeville resident and 25-year member of the Orangeville Fire Department, was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) on July 28th, 2017. Since then he has been receiving treatment as an inpatient at SSM Health - St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. His partner in life and best friend, Mary Pat Herbst has been by his side every day.

The Orangeville Fire Department has set up an account in Mark's name to help offset his medical and personal expenses. Checks may be written out to The Orangeville Fire Department, C/O Mark Davis and dropped off at any Community Bank location or given to any Orangeville fireman. If you would like to help with the benefit, please call Bill Kruse (815) 238-4288, Stephanie Kruse (815) 238-6422 or Herman Koester (815) 297-2992.



Thank you for finding it in your heart to help a man who has helped so many.

Keep Fighting, Mark!!

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University of Illinois Extension and Midwest Medical Center to host I on Diabetes

The University of Illinois Extension and Midwest Medical Center are teaming up to offer a four-part program called, I on Diabetes, in Jo Daviess County. I on Diabetes program is a four part series, consisting of 3-hour sessions, designed for anyone interested in preventing or managing diabetes.

This dynamic program provides information on understanding the fundamentals of diabetes, establishing healthy goals, and the importance of self-management. Participants gain an understanding of how

meal planning plays a vital role in the management of diabetes and increased knowledge of how key nutrients such as carbohydrates, fat, sodium and cholesterol affects their diabetes management. In addition to learning about diabetes, participants receive tasty recipes, watch cooking demonstrations and receive delicious samples.

The goal of the, I on Diabetes, program is to help you improve your diabetes care and overall wellbeing. This program will complement the recommendations of your health care

provider, and help you and/or your loved one better manage diabetes.

I on Diabetes, will meet on the following dates: Wednesday, Oct. 25, Wednesday, Nov. 1, Wednesday, Nov. 8 and Tuesday, Nov. 21, from 1-4 p.m. at the Midwest Medical Center, 1 Medical Center Drive, Galena, IL.

Pre-registration is required to attend the I on Diabetes program. To register, call the Jo Daviess County Extension office at 815.858.2273 or register online <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/>.

The registration cost is \$40 per person (includes four sessions) or \$65 per couple (with one set of handouts).

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FHN endows scholarship at U of I College of Medicine — Rockford

The University Of Illinois College Of Medicine Rockford is pleased to announce the establishment of the FHN Rural Medical Education (RMED) Program Scholarship Fund, thanks to a \$30,000 endowment from the FHN Foundation. This fund will help selected medical students in the college's RMED Program to reduce their burden of debt and may increase the likelihood of students returning to practice in rural, underserved communities after completing their medical education and training.

"We are delighted about this generous gift and the continued support FHN provides," said Alex Stagnaro-Green,

regional dean of the College of Medicine Rockford. "This endowed scholarship will greatly impact our ability to recruit and retain future physicians to our RMED Program. Last year, we welcomed our largest RMED class in our history – 30 students – representing over 50 percent of the first-year medical students. Having scholarships available to offset the burden of debt will be critical for our students and will allow them to focus on being the best scholars and physicians they can be."

Scholarships will be awarded annually, based on available funds, to selected RMED students with financial need from the Illinois counties of

Winnebago, Stephenson, JoDaviess, Ogle and Carroll beginning in the fall of 2018.

"FHN truly values the high-quality medical education that the RMED Program delivers that focuses on meeting the specialized patient needs of rural families throughout the communities in which we are privileged to serve," said Mark S. Gridley, president and chief executive officer of FHN, which is one of RMED's teaching sites and has been a long-standing partner to the program.

The RMED program is a supplement to the College of Medicine Rockford's Doctor of Medicine Program. FHN and 29 other rural hospitals and health centers across Illinois collaborate with the RMED Program to train health professions students in a rural environment. Through this collaboration, RMED plays a key role in help-

ing health care partners successfully recruit talented physicians.

Recognized nationally as a leader in training rural physicians, RMED's educational delivery method has been designated a best-practice model, used in the development of new rural medical education programs around the world. Since its founding in 1992, the RMED Program, part of the National Center

for Rural Health Professions, has graduated more than 250 physicians and over 70 percent have returned to practice in rural areas throughout Illinois.

For more information about the RMED Program or the FHN Rural Medical Education (RMED) Program Scholarship Fund, contact RMED director Dr. John Plescia at plescia@uic.edu.

Area industry and occupational information available through NCI works

NCI Works; the local workforce board for Bureau, Carroll, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Putnam and Whiteside Counties, has industry and occupational information available for all interested parties. Youth looking to decide on a career, parents/teachers/guidance counselors advising youth and students, industry decision makers, economic development professionals, community leaders and anyone else interested in finding out which industries and occupations have the best hiring outlook can obtain basic information

by logging onto www.nciworks.org/business-services/labor-market-info. Information is updated quarterly and represents an overview of the outlook for the eight counties served by NCI Works.

Detailed customized information, by county or even zip code, can be obtained by contacting Dianna Schuler at 815-640-9406, Mary Katos at 815-777-6177, or Joel Torbeck at 815-640-9409. Real time information on who is hiring in a specific occupation is also available upon request.

Fricke announces candidacy bid for 89th District State Representative

Friends of Steve Fricke gathered Oct. 2, in the Freeport/Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Center to see Fricke announce his bid to be the next State Representative of the 89th District.

Fricke, who will run as a Republican is a graduate of Highland Community College and Southern Illinois University, is a Stephenson County Board Member and President of the Stephenson County Farm Bureau.

Born in Freeport, Illinois and raised in rural Freeport, Fricke is a third-generation farmer, licensed realtor, and retired Freeport High School Ag teacher. Fricke has a long history of civic and community in-

volvement, including serving as the current Chairman of the Farm Bureau District 2 Activator Committee. Fricke has previously held positions as President of the Dairy Heard Improvement Association, Chairman of the Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, and serving as the Secretary of the Stephenson County Beef Association.

Fricke has resided in the German Valley/Freeport area his entire life. He and his wife of 37 years, Kim Fricke, also a retired Freeport High School teacher, have raised two children, Kali and Cassandra. They also share their love with four wonderful grandchildren.

HCC's monthly Ag Club meeting showcases career opportunities for students

career options, and general company information.

Twenty-five agriculture students listened to Pennie Groezinger, Human Resources Manager and Credit Manager, and Ed Shau, Office Manager, from Pearl City Elevator, who spoke about career opportunities at the business located in Pearl City.

"It is very exciting that local businesses like Pearl City Elevator offer great career opportunities and are actively recruiting Highland Community College students," said Justin Ebert, Agriculture instructor at Highland.

Pearl City Elevator (PCE) is a successful cooperative that offers a quality product line that includes chemicals, fertilizer, feed, petroleum, and propane that helps increase the profitability of farming in this area. PCE serves northwest Illinois and southern Wisconsin with offices in Pearl City, McConnell, Dakota, Warren, Baileyville, and Lena.

Learn about healthcare careers at special FHN event

There is a huge variety of careers in healthcare – learn more about all of them at FHN's Healthcare Career Fair, a special free event for interested community members of all ages.

The Career Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 in the lower level conference rooms at FHN Memorial Hospital, 1045 W. Stephenson Street in Freeport.

Representatives from area col-

leges and universities will be available to talk about their programs and curriculum, and FHN practitioners will be on hand to discuss nursing, physical and occupational therapy, imaging, laboratory, pharmacy, behavioral health, respiratory, healthcare information technology, and Medical Assistant programs.

The event is designed for high school and college students as well as any individuals considering a healthcare career; the public is invited to attend.

For more information on careers at FHN or the Healthcare Career Fair, call 815-599-6706 or visit www.fhn.org.

FHN Family Healthcare Center – Lena offering Walk-In Flu Shot Clinic

The staff of the FHN Family Healthcare Center – Lena is pleased to offer a walk-in flu shot clinic this year.

The clinic will be held at the Lena office, 160 W. Main Street in Lena. It is open to the public, and scheduled for 8 a.m. – noon Wednesday, Oct. 11

Immunizations may be paid for by cash or check payable to FHN, or clinic staff will process insurance paperwork. Because of federal guidelines to prevent identity theft, everyone must present a photo ID to receive an immunization.

Persons with allergy to eggs or the flu vaccine, those with an illness accompanied by a fever or depressed immune system should not receive the flu immunization at this clinic.

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Local food served on school lunch trays nationwide

By Sandra Renner
CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS

October is National Farm to School Month, a time to recognize the importance of improving child nutrition, supporting local economies, and educating communities about the origins of their food.

In 2016, the Center for Rural Affairs joined more than 220 organizations nationwide to promote farm to school throughout October. This year marks the seventh year for National Farm to School Month, designated by Congress to bring awareness to the growing importance of these programs in child nutrition, local economies, and education.

What makes farm to school special? The program helps students learn where their food comes from and provides healthy access to more fruits and vegetables. It is an avenue for rural schools to keep spending in their communities with purchases made from local farms and food businesses.

Educators can also weave farm to school into math and science curriculum. The program is a great addition to business and entrepreneurship classes, as well as cooking classes. Imagine learning culinary skills using seasonal, local ingredients and how to buy them.

According to the 2015 U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm to School Census, farm to school programs have invested more than \$789 million in local communities; offered 17,089 salad bars with healthy options to students and staff; and grown 7,101 school gardens. Approximately 1,039 school districts serve local foods during the peak season in the summer months and 1,516 school districts start farm to school early in their pre-K programs.

The numbers don't lie. Farm to school is a win for students, farm, food businesses, and communities. For more information on National Farm to School Month, visit our online toolkit at www.cfra.org/f2smoth.

Landmark law shows bipartisan support for ensuring access to basic healthcare

By Ilyse Hogue
PRESIDENT, NARAL

After Gov. Bruce Rauner (R-IL) announced he will sign into law a bill passed by the Democratic legislature to expand access to abortion care in Illinois, NARAL Pro-Choice America President Ilyse Hogue issued the following statement:

"We applaud Gov. Rauner for announcing he will sign HB 40 and, in doing so, affirming that freedom, equality, and justice are higher values than dogmatic partisanship. Today is a great reminder of our history as a nation where women's rights are considered human rights by elected officials regardless of party affiliation.

"This bipartisan law is a great step forward for women and families across Illinois, and proves that everybody wins when we come together to expand basic healthcare, including abortion access. The broad support for HB 40 reflects a belief shared by 7 in 10 Americans that abortion should be both legal and accessible. This groundbreaking law removes dangerous and medically unnecessary obstacles to abortion care so the state's un-

deserved communities can finally access their right to essential reproductive health care.

"At a time when our basic rights and values are under constant attack, this law cements Illinois' leadership role in protecting the constitutional right to access abortion. While Donald Trump and Congressional Republicans continue their vendetta against Roe v. Wade, we applaud Illinois for standing by women and our reproductive rights.

"We know that protecting our reproductive freedom allows women to better plan for their own lives, families, and futures. NARAL members across Illinois are proud to have fought alongside so many other organizations to play a role in this historic moment. Thanks to Gov. Rauner and the persistent

efforts of Democratic leaders throughout the state, women and families across Illinois will now have greater ability to control their own destinies, and we will all be stronger and healthier as a result."

HB 40 lifts regulatory restrictions on abortion access, allowing Medicaid recipients and state employees to receive the care they need. The bill strikes down Illinois' so-called "trigger law," which previously allowed the criminalization of abortion should Roe v. Wade be overturned. It also lifts severe restrictions on abortion coverage for public employees and overturns medically unnecessary restrictions that prohibited abortion coverage except in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the woman was threatened.

Rauner signs HB40, protecting a woman's right to choose

Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner made the following statement concerning his decision to sign House Bill 40:

"I understand abortion is a very emotional issue with passionate

opinions on both sides. I sincerely respect those who believe abortion is morally wrong. They are good people motivated by principle.

"But, as I have always said, I believe a woman should have the

right to make that choice herself and I do not believe that choice should be determined by income. I do not think it's fair to deny poor women the choice that wealthy women have.

"That is why I am signing HB40.

"This is not a new position - I campaigned on this principle in 2014 and it is a principle I have tried to live up to throughout my life.

"I have spent the past couple of months talking to people on both sides of this issue. I have also spent a lot of time meeting with women across Illinois and listening to their personal stories, particularly low-income women who do not have the same luxuries that many of us have. Their stories and their struggles are real and they have touched me in a very personal way. They deserve to have a choice as much as anyone else.

"I know there will be many people who disagree and I respect their opinions. I respect their passion. It is my hope that good people can disagree respectfully and can come together on other important issues that affect our state."

Lt. Governor Sanguinetti's statement on Governor's decision to sign HB 40

The following statement is attributed to Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti in response to Governor Rauner's decision to sign HB 40.

"As a pro-life Republican, I disagree with the Governor's decision to sign HB 40. I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for a 15-year-old

refugee who chose to have me and keep me.

"I realize this bill is a political ploy to divide the people of Illinois. While I disagree with the Governor on this, we must focus on our areas of agreement - enacting real reforms we need to turn Illinois around."

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Bryan Farr, founder and president of The Historic US Route Association will present "Historic US Route 20: America's Longest Highway" on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at The Lena Historical Society located at 427 Grove Street, Lena.

Lena Historical Society to host Historic US Route 20 presentation

Bryan Farr, founder and president of The Historic US Route Association will present "Historic US Route 20: America's Longest Highway" on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at The Lena Historical Society located at 427 Grove Street, Lena.

In 2010, Farr took an adventure on Route 20, following the Black and white US 20 shields from Boston to Newport, Oregon - a total of 3365 miles. Upon his return, a book was written detailing his adventures with amazing photographs and a brief story to go along with the pictures.

Farr started the nonprofit organization in 2012 to promote travel and tourism on the original 1926 alignment of Route 2 - the year it was designated.

Mr. Farr's presentation will offer the history of Route 20 which started as a series of Native American Trails in New England and eventually followed the railroad west. He will include personal stories of people he met on his trip.

The program will take place at 7 p.m. and is free to the public.

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Obituaries

GLENN R. "DICK" AMES

Glenn R. "Dick" Ames, age 86 of Freeport, IL, passed away Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017 at Presence St. Joseph Center with his wife by his side. He was born Jan. 27, 1931 in Flo-



ra, IL; the son of the late Rev. Glenn E. and Lois F. (Haycock) Ames. He attended grade school in Flora and Evanston, IL. He graduated from Stockton High School in 1949 where he played football and basketball. He married Irma Ruth Dittmar on June 4, 1950; she died on April 6, 1988. Dick later married Virginia Gorham Hutmacher on March 19, 1998.

He had worked for Micro Switch, Freeport Insurance Company, Northwestern Telephone Company, and at Sundstrand Aerospace where he retired in 1993. He then started his own construction company and was active in that until 2002. Dick and Virginia were both pilots and together owned a 1973 Cessna 172. They enjoyed flying together, taking turns being pilot and co-pilot. He was a former member of the Freeport Pilot's Association and took part in giving rides to young people through the EAA Young Eagles Program. He was also a member of the Airplane Owners and Pilot's Association. Dick was an active member of the Cedarville United Methodist Church. He was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge, NRA, and of the Elk's Foundation 1000. He was a Boy Scout Master of Troop 6 at First Methodist Church for several years, and leader of a cub pack at the church. Dick was on the Highland Community College

Foundation Board and he and Virginia gave as many as five memorial scholarships a year to both students and graduates.

Dick's hobby was woodworking, making furniture and roll top desks. He and Virginia loved to travel together and enjoyed spending winters at their home in Mesa, AZ and their summers at their home in Lake Summerset. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle and was a member of ABATE of Illinois. He loved playing tennis and riding his quad in Arizona.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Ames of Freeport; children, Steven Ames, Richard (Mary) Ames, Michael Ames, and Debra (James) Helsell; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; great great grandchild; and his dog, Boots. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Irma; and a granddaughter.

A visitation was held Sunday, October 1, at Walker Mortuary in Freeport with a Masonic Service. The memorial service and visitation were held October 2, at the Cedarville United Methodist Church in Cedarville, IL. Interment took place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Highland Community College Foundation, Cedarville UMC, and FHN Hospice. Condolences may be shared with his family at www.walkermortuary.com.

CLARENCE ROY VAN SICKLE

Clarence Roy Van Sickle, "Smokey" as known to his friends, was born Jan. 24, 1925 and passed on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017. Born in Lena, he lived his life in Freeport.



Roy worked at Myers Ford Sales for over 45 years. He enjoyed anything to do with trains and was a member of the Stephenson Society of Model Trainsmen.

Roy is survived by his sister, Maude "Mikki" Judd (Jack) of Aledo, Texas, his brother Robert Bone (Jessie) of Freeport, nieces Dania Wolf (Jerry) and Kerri Judd Sawyer (Willard), three great nieces, a great-great nephew and three great-great nieces. For the last nine years, he was affectionately cared for by his

close companion Mary Thomas and her dog Daisy Lou. Jan Hefner, his former co-worker and friend, also supported Smokey for over 45 years. His family is greatly appreciative of their dedication to him.

A service and visitation were held Saturday, Sept. 30, at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. A private, family interment at Lena Burial Park will follow. A memorial fund has been established in his name. Condolences may be sent in care of his sister at www.leamonfh.com.

LARRY JOHN COPPERNOLL

Larry John Coppernoll, 71, of Linden, North Carolina, passed away Friday, Sept. 8, 2017. He was born on Jan. 5, 1946, to the late John and Mildred Coppernoll of Stockton, IL. Larry graduated from Stockton High School in 1964. He was a graduate of Bradley University and began his career as a mechanical engineer with The Kelly-Springfield Tire Company in Freeport, IL.



Including relocation to Fayetteville, NC, Larry's career with The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company spanned 38 years. An avid pilot of more than 50 years, Larry was the owner of the Linden Air Service and a member of the Cape Fear Aero Association.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Diana Coppennoll; daughters, Allison McKamey of Greensboro, NC, and Adrienne Turner of Durham, NC; sister, Penny Coppennoll-Blach of San Diego, CA; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton on Monday, Oct. 9, at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends at the funeral home beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pleasant Valley Church of God in Mount Carroll. Condolences may be shared with his family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com

SUSAN E. SLOATMAN

Susan E. Sloatman, 77, of Freeport, passed away from Alzheimer's, a disease that robbed her of her dignity, at her home on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017,



surrounded by her family. She was born on April 23, 1940 in Monroe, WI to Albert and Marianna (Schmid) Leibfried. She attended Winslow High School. Susan married Terry Sloatman on March 23, 1969 at the Nora Community Church. She owned and operated Susan's Country Beauty Shop,

out of her home. Susan was also employed at the Lena Continental Manor and JoAnn Fabrics. She attended Martintown Community Church. Susan enjoyed needlework, quilting, and crocheting. She also enjoyed going for rides with Terry in his semi, going shopping, cooking, watching television, especially the TLC channel. Susan liked anything that sparkled and spending time with her family. She always had a smile for everybody.

Susan is survived by her husband Terry of Freeport; children- Katharine (Craig) Edler of Browntown, WI, Kathleen (Frederick) Hagen of Winslow, IL, Lori (James) Goonan of Manitowoc, WI, Stacy (Randy Rowley) Sloatman of Apple River, IL, and Chad Sloatman of Freeport; 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and sister Lynn (Bob) Lyvers.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Martintown Community Church, in Martintown, WI.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, at Martintown Community Church.

Burial will be at Lena Burial Park in Lena.

Pastor Kevin Cernek will perform the services.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

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

Births

Mercedes Jean Heid

Nick and Jericho Heid of Fulton, IL are the proud parents of a daughter Mercedes Jean, born Sept. 25, 2017. She weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces and is 20 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her siblings; William (8), Gemma (6) and Warren "Zeke" (4.)

Grandparents are Thomas and Pam Stevenson of Moscow, Idaho, and William & Kim Heid of Thomson, IL Great Grandparents are Betty Gallentine of Thomson, IL, Dean and Ruth Wright, and Linda Heid of Stockton.

Derrick J Lomas

Brad and Kathy Lomas of Warren, Ill are the parents of a son Derrick J Lomas born Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Derrick has a sister Austin E.M. Lomas and a brother Josh L. Beightol. Grandparents are Teresa A Last and John and Sue Digiovanni all of Freeport.

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Senate & House Democrats unveil 'A Better Deal: universal high-speed internet

The U.S. Senate and House Democrats today unveiled one of the critical tenets of their new economic agenda – “A Better Deal: Universal High-Speed Internet.” The Senate and House Democrats said that far too many Americans – many of them located in rural and inner-city communities – lack access to the high-speed, high-quality internet they need to succeed in a 21st Century economy. This vital component of the Democrats’ A Better Deal agenda proposes to bring high-speed, affordable internet to every American by investing \$40 billion in federal dollars to build the kind of broadband infrastructure that will finally connect communities that have been left behind by the big internet service providers. The Democrats’ plan would also upgrade the nation’s critical safety infrastructure and create accurate maps of areas that lack adequate internet access in order to ensure rural Americans are not left out. The Democrats made clear they will fight for this funding in any infrastructure or appropriations package moving in 2017 or 2018.

U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Jon Tester (D-MT), Joe Manchin (D-WV), and Ed Markey (D-MA) joined U.S. Representatives Cheri Bustos (IL-17), Terri Sewell (AL-07), Rick Nolan (MN-08), and Ann Kuster (NH-02) to introduce the Democrats’ proposal. To highlight the importance of overhauling access to rural broadband, the Democrats were joined via video conference by Dr. David Charles, Medical Director of Vanderbilt Telehealth and Professor and Vice-Chairman of

Neurology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN, who relies on high-speed internet access to save patients’ lives and bring health care to rural communities.

“Too many people in small towns and rural communities do not have access to high-speed Internet,” said Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI). “In Michigan’s rural areas, 37% of the population lacks high-speed internet access. That’s why we’re here today to introduce our plan to make high-speed internet accessible to all Americans. The American people deserve to know that someone has their back – that’s what our Better Deal is all about!”

“It’s unacceptable that in the year 2017, 23 million rural Americans still don’t have access to high-speed broadband,” said Representative Cheri Bustos (IL-17), Co-Chair of the House Democratic Policy & Communications Committee. “With so many small towns and rural communities struggling to compete with big cities to attract job creators and entrepreneurs, this is a major problem. That’s why we’re proposing a Better Deal to deliver reliable and affordable high-speed broadband access to all Americans.”

“I know it’s hard to believe, but there are places in rural America where there is no internet access or really slow broadband,” said Senator Jon Tester (D-MT). “There are places where students can’t download the latest biology research, where first time home buyers have to physically deliver paperwork to their lender instead of email it, and where doctors can’t FaceTime with their

patients. Rural Americans deserve a better deal than that.”

“Universal high-speed internet is not only possible, but it is necessary to the survival of rural America,” said Representative Terri A. Sewell (AL-07). “I come from the Black Belt of Alabama, an area that is rich in culture and history, but one which faces an infrastructure crisis that has handicapped families, workers, businesses and communities. Without reliable access to internet services, my constituents in Alabama are being starved of 21st century opportunities. Our plan to make high-speed internet available to all Americans takes an important step towards connecting every American with the tools and opportunities they need to live out their dreams.”

“It’s time for big ideas and solutions worthy of our great Nation and its history of solving problems,” said Representative Rick Nolan (MN-08). “It’s time to put the same energy and determination into providing high-speed broadband for rural America as Franklin Roosevelt applied in establishing the Rural Electrification Administration and the Rural Telephone Administration during the New Deal.”

“A Better Deal: Universal High-Speed Internet” will connect all of America to fast, affordable internet. Specifically, the plan would invest at least \$40 billion in direct federal funding using the following principles:

1. Provide Direct Federal Support for a Universal Internet Grant Program to Close the ‘Last Mile’ Gap: These new funds would be used to bring high-speed internet infrastructure to areas most in need of quality, affordable service. Support would

be distributed on a technology- and provider-neutral basis, and would be designed to secure high-speed internet at levels sufficient for the 21st Century in the most efficient and cost effective means possible. The program would also have broad eligibility so that partners like rural co-ops, local governments, or other alternative entities could compete on an equal playing field with private sector providers.

2. Create Accurate Maps of Areas that Lack Adequate Internet Access: To ensure success and that resources are well spent, we must have an accurate understanding of the high-speed internet gaps that currently exist in the country; we cannot merely rely on providers’ representation of the service they deliver. Complete and reliable service maps that accurately represent the real-world consumer experience are a necessity to ensuring every American gets efficiently and effectively connected to adequate, affordable high-speed internet service.

3. Deliver Internet Speeds Needed to Compete in the 21st Century: Americans should have access to high-speed internet regardless of where they live and those speeds must be sufficient for them to be competitive in a changing world. That means achieving universal high-speed internet coverage that provides speeds fast enough to surpass modern challenges like rebuilding main street, completing homework assignments, precision agriculture, access to health care, classrooms and other business applications. We won’t pursue solutions that provide yesterday’s internet service; rather we will deliver high-speed internet access that empowers

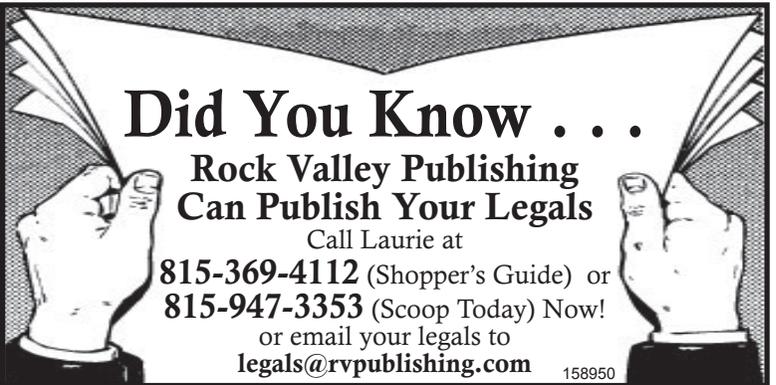
communities both big and small to compete and prosper for years to come.

4. Upgrade the Nation’s Critical Safety Infrastructure: Grants would be made available to states and localities to upgrade critical public safety infrastructure – most importantly, the nation’s aging 9-1-1 systems. Modernizing 9-1-1 is a public safety imperative. Next Generation 9-1-1 will ensure that text, data, video, and other essential digital information can flow seamlessly from citizens to first responders through an integrated, interoperable 9-1-1 system.

In the 1930s, President Franklin D. Roosevelt understood that every American needed reliable and affordable electricity to succeed in the new economy. But utilities had only delivered electricity to big cities, leaving millions of Americans behind. As a result of the 1936 Rural Electrification Act, FDR’s New Deal brought jobs, productivity, opportunity, and growth to all corners of the Country.

The electricity of 2017 is high-speed internet. Our pledge in A Better Deal is to connect every American to high-speed, reliable internet by providing direct federal investments to deliver the highest quality internet access at the lowest price. Read the full “A Better Deal: Universal High-Speed Internet” plan here.

This announcement follows a number of Democratic proposals made over the last six months that would offer all Americans A Better Deal, including: new economic security measures to stop countries that cheat on trade from buying American companies or flooding our markets with cheap goods that lead to American job losses and lower wages; a trillion dollar infrastructure plan to rebuild America’s roads, bridges, and other critical infrastructure while creating 15 million good-paying middle class American jobs over the next 10 years; legislation to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 by 2024; and major paid family leave legislation to provide up to 12 weeks of paid leave for workers who need time to care for a newborn or adopted child, a seriously ill family member, or their own serious health condition.

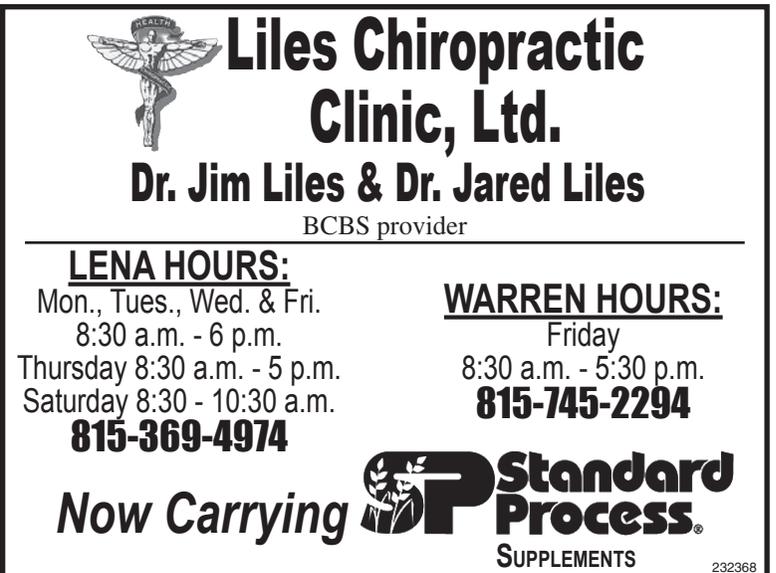


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Woodbine Bend Golf Course to host stargazing event

Looking for a fun activity to do that won’t cost any money. This will be the last of this year’s stargazing events. Come join the Planetary Studies Foundation (PSF) as they explain the beauty of the skies and the mesmerizing constellations. Woodbine Bend Golf Course is best known to have one of the darkest skies locations in Jo Daviess County. This stargazing event is on Saturday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy the evening by bringing your

folding chairs, blankets and your imagination as we explore the wondrous skies at dusk. Do not hesitate to bring your own telescope, bug spray, friends and family. If it is raining, this event will be cancelled. These events are free and opened to the public. The Woodbine Bend Golf Course and Restaurant is located at 3500 E. Center Road in Stockton, IL. For more information about this event please contact PSF at (630) 670-3088 or (815) 858-2014.



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CHURCH NEWS

First Presbyterian Church of Apple River to stage Gospel Night

The First Presbyterian Church of Apple River, IL will be hosting Michelle and LuAnn on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Michelle and LuAnn have been singing and entertaining for 18 years. They are a duo that is easy to listen to and blend well together.

The second portion is open to anyone who may wish to share their talents.

The evening closes with a sing-along, giving everyone an opportunity to choose their favorite hymn.

For more information, please contact Pastor Kathy Linn: 815-858-5410

Annual Autumn Craft Fair

Come on out and join us for our Annual Autumn Craft Fair, sponsored by the River Ridge Parent Teacher Organization on Columbus Day Weekend

The 24th Annual Autumn Craft Fair will be held inside the River Ridge School, 4141 Route 84 South, Hanover, IL, Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Over 100 crafters and artisans from the tri-state area and beyond will bring unique crafts for everyone. Shop two

gyms filled with baskets, pottery, jewelry, dried flowers, folk art, furniture, children's items, Christmas decor and so much more.

The Autumn Craft Fair also boasts delicious goodies including: turkey and dressing sandwiches, taco boats, pumpkin rolls, caramel apples and handmade candy.

All of the money raised by the River Ridge PTO Autumn Craft Fair benefits students of the River Ridge school district.

St. Paul's in Kent welcomes guest musicians

On Oct. 8, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1334 N. Sunnyside Road in Kent, will welcome guest musicians during their 10 a.m. family worship.

Brian and Sharon Lieb will lead us in a worship service of song. The

Lieb's are well known in this area for sharing their musical gifts with various churches and congregations throughout the year.

Join us for worship this Sunday as we sing along with the Lieb's in joyful praise for all God has done for us. We are located in the suburbs of Kent. For more information, please call 232-4010.

Wesley UMC to host 'Big White Church Auction'

Mark your calendars for Stockton's Wesley United Methodist Church Twelfth Annual "Big White Church Auction" and Luncheon.

Members' "From the Heart" donated household items and furniture items that are offered at silent auction this year from 12:30-3 p.m. with a full luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m.

Births

Jonathon Swanson

Chad and Jamey Swanson of Stockton, Ill. are the parents of a son Jonathon Bryce Ray Swanson born Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Jonathon has three sisters Miranda, 14, Hallie Jo, 11 and Janna, 8 and four brothers Zachary 16, Jaden, 15, Brendon, 13 and AJ, 6. Grandparents are Steve and Denise Swanson of Stockton and Deborah Arrasmith of Flemingsburg, KY. Great grandparents are Raymond and Betty Harwick of Scales Mound, Ill.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Oct. 8 at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45am followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

On Monday Oct. 9, Parkinson Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker Mark Harling, owner/director of Visiting Angels of Rockford, topic will be "Visiting Angels. Flu Shots will be available after the meeting from 2:30-4:3 p.m. from the Flu Clinic.

On Tuesday Oct. 10, at 9:45 a.m. Good Shepherd will meet for Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center. On Wednesday Oct. 11, 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 Lena 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.

At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday Confirmation students in the seventh and eighth grades will meet for learning, fun, prayer, and fellowship.

On Thursday Oct. 12, Friendship Club will meet at noon for a Potluck Dinner and entertainment with Del Heim.

If you have any questions, please call the church at 815-369-5552.

Kent Willow United Methodist Churches

Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday, Oct. 8, at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Chuck Wolbers will be giving the message all based on the Holy Bible; what "JOY" and all are invited and welcome to hear him; and then to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the Holly Bible; you all are invited and welcome to this time too.

Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent, IL and for more info; please call Pastor Chuck at 262-308-2379

St. John's

You're welcome to join us at worship on Sunday, Oct. 8, at St. John's. The worship service will begin at 9 a.m. and will be led by Pastor Ekstrand. The Good News Sunday School and Confirmation will meet at 10:15 a.m. The Property Committee meet after worship in Luther Hall. The SPLAT Youth and Parents will meet at 11 a.m. in the Youth and Family Center.

The Fifth Quarter Youth group (Junior High) will meet at 6 p.m. on Sundays upstairs at the Youth and Family Center. The Genesis Youth group (High School) continues to meet on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. All youth groups are open to all area youth and held in the Youth and Family Center.

St. John's Youth Groups will host a Craft and Vendor Fair on Sunday, Nov. 5, with their annual Spaghetti Lunch. Contact the office below if you are interested in having a booth at the craft and vendor fair.

All those interested in playing Mexican Train Dominoes are welcome to join the fun at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3. The Christian Education Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The Women's Gathering will meet on Oct. 17, at St. John's at 9:45 a.m. for fellowship followed by a bible study and meeting. Everyone is welcome to stay for a Sit N' Sew and a baked potato bar lunch. The events will wrap-up at 3 p.m. Come and work on any project (your own projects or prayer shawl ministry projects) and enjoy the fellowship of others.

St. John's has embarked on a fundraiser selling 2018 calendars with an opportunity to win a \$200 drawing each week. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar for \$30, please contact the church office or any member of St. John's. Phone and email information are listed below.

The Monday evening bible study is meeting at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room and will focus on the Gospel of John. The Thursday morning bible study will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays in the Conference Room beginning on Sept. 24, and will focus on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. All bible studies are open to nonmembers and members of St. John's alike. The east door will be open for easy entrance near the conference room or come in the front door and take the elevator to the lower level.

St. John's Lutheran Church is at 229 S. First Street, Pearl City, Illinois. The office phone number is 815-443-2215(mornings). All are invited to our weekly worship services and youth to our Sunday School and youth ministries. You may also email at prshadmin@gmail.com.



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Ernie Lieb, a Vietnam Vet will be here to speak to our seniors and to honor all veterans and especially those who served in WW II and had the honor of being part of the Honor Flight. The SOS+ (Senior Outreach of Stockton and Surrounding Areas) invites all veterans to its Oct. 12 meeting. If you were a part of an Honor Flight, we send a special invite to you to come and share your experiences. Among those who went and will be present to share are Bob Kappes, Norman Binns, Eric Thomasson, Jim Krohmer, all of Stockton. Ernie will share his experiences with serving the vets as a Hospice volunteer. Stockton students, under direction of Lana Crandall, will honor the vets thru song.

Please join us on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 2 p.m. at Calvary for our SOS+ solute to our Vets. Following the program, the group will enjoy delicious refreshments provided by the seniors along with some good fellowship

time. All seniors of the area are cordially invited to this informative meeting. SOS+ is an outreach ministry with the purpose of providing educational and entertaining programs and a time of fellowship that are free to all seniors of Stockton and surrounding areas (SOS+). We extend a cordial invitation to all. The meeting starts at 2 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall. In its 13th year, SOS+ is made up of area volunteers from all our area churches. Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to be a part of the committee that plans the monthly programs or if you have a program or talent you would like to share, please let us know.

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

Train Day grand opening at the Stockton Heritage Museum

The Stockton Heritage Museum invites you to visit our new train display and join in our grand opening of the train display, the Rausch Family Annex and all the displays at the Museum on Oct. 14.

Our train crew of Dick Bergman, Bill Lucke, Ed Marcure and Woody Wilson have been working very hard over the past 18 months to set up a new display, train tracks, buildings and landscaping. While the total set is not completed, the train will take you from Woodbine east through downtown Stockton, to East Stockton, where there was a round house and cottages, and a hotel.

The train track of the Minnesota and Northwestern Railroad preceded Stockton, with the first train through in 1888 and was the reason Stockton

was incorporated in 1890, at the high point of the rail line. In 1892 the line became the Chicago Great Western. Although not much is left of rail beds and buildings, the depot, the bridge, and daily trains, the Chicago Great Western has left a great impression on Stockton. Livestock shipping, the location of the cheese plant, and manufacturing are a result of the proximity of the railroad.

One of Stockton's prominent citizens, Ralph Hanson, called Stockton home as his father Peter, who was an immigrant from Sweden and one of many immigrants who helped construct the rail line, settled in Stockton.

Stop in on Oct. 14; the museum is open from 10-2; ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 11 a.m.

County fair board lists At-Large Board of Director Seat and Officer Seat openings

The Stephenson County Fair Association will have an opening for an At-Large Seat on the Board of Directors. Interested persons should submit a statement of interest not to exceed 100 words to the Stephenson County Fair Association by mailing to SCFA,

PO Box 630, Freeport, IL 61032 or by emailing to info@stephenson-countyfair.org by Wednesday, Oct. 11.

The positions of Vice-President and Treasurer will also be up for

re-election. Interested parties do not need to submit a letter, but do need to attend the meeting and be prepared to give a brief statement. The Vice-President and Treasurer positions are two-year terms. Each will be elected at the Stephenson County Fair Association Annual Meeting held on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau.

Any questions may be directed to Amy Maggio, Executive Director, at the Stephenson County Fair Office.



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Hoo Haven "residents" go to school

Lena-Winslow Third Graders had the special privilege of experiencing wildlife provided by Hoo Haven. The students were able to see up close and personal the different adaptations a Barn Owl has compared to a Red Tailed Hawk. This opportunity was made possible from the generous donations by Adkins Energy, Lena Veterinary Clinic, and Pearl City Elevator.

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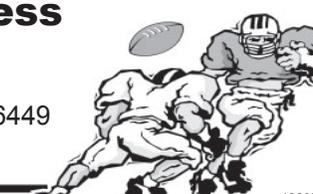


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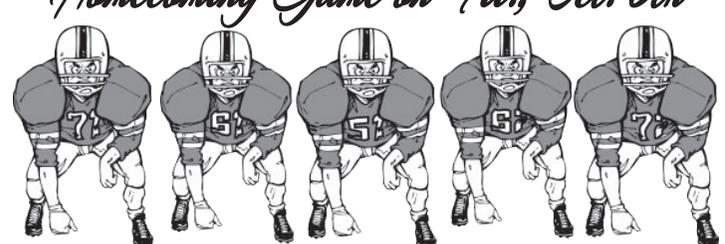
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How to find your pet's condition score

We all know that body weight is not the only factor to determine whether we are too thin or too heavy. Muscle mass and body fat also come into play, which is why doctors often measure our Body Mass Index, a measurement that takes these factors into account in addition to the number on the scale. The same is true for dogs. Regularly weighing them is important, but to determine if your dog is under- or overweight, you will want to calculate his Body Condition Score (BCS).

This is a visual, hands-on assessment of your dog's levels of lean muscle and fat and is an important measurement of his health, said Dr. Matthew Rooney, owner of Aspen Meadow Veterinary Specialists in Longmont, Colo. "Just as people need to maintain a good healthy body weight and condition [...] a healthy BCS means that your dog is not too skinny or fat."

This score adds much-needed value and context to what is otherwise just a number on a scale, agreed Dr. Susan O'Bell, staff veterinarian at the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal's Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston.

Here, find out how to understand how the scoring works and how to take this measurement at home.

How Does BCS Determine if a Dog is Over or Underweight?

A BCS is based on four criteria: how easily felt the ribs are, how obvious the waist and abdominal tuck is, how much excess fat is beneath the skin and how much muscle mass is present. For a dog to score in the healthy range, the ribs should be easy to feel (but not see) and a defined waist, or "abdominal tuck," should be evident when your dog is viewed from the top and side respectively, O'Bell says. Depending on the thickness of your dog's coat, you might have to feel for a defined waist or tuck if it is not readily visible.

An overweight dog would have a visibly sagging stomach, no discernible waist, ribs that are difficult to feel under fat and a back that is flat and broad. On a very underweight dog, ribs, spine and other bones would be visible from a distance. The higher the BCS, the fatter and less healthy the dog is, Rooney says, and conversely, the lower the score, the thinner the dog is. A too-thin dog can also be unhealthy.

Scoring is based on either a five or nine-point scale. The Associ-

ation for Pet Obesity Prevention offers guidelines with descriptions and images based on a five-point system, while O'Bell uses a nine-point system to score her patients. Using the nine-point scale, an ideal score is a four or five, with lower numbers (one to three) being too thin and higher numbers (six to nine) being overweight or obese, she says.

In general, a dog's age does not come into play when measuring body condition, Rooney says. However, spaying or neutering your pet greatly influences metabolism, so you might need to discuss dietary changes with your vet to keep your dog in the healthy range after they have had this procedure. Also, aging pets tend to have more chronic health issues, which can reduce their amount of lean muscle mass and activity levels and can also require dietary changes to maintain health, O'Bell says.

How Can Pet Parents Measure Body Condition Score at Home?

Ask your vet for the scoring system he or she prefers or find a detailed scoring chart online. Your dog should be standing during the assessment. O'Bell describes how to assess your dog using the chart as guide:

To begin, gently press your hands over the rib cage. Individual ribs should be evident without having to press hard, but they should not be readily felt. There should be no overlying fat, and they should not be seen readily.

There should be a nice, seemingly proportionate "abdominal tuck" or "hourglass" when palpating your dog's waist from the side or along his back. Physically palpating is particularly important in dogs with excess fur. Dogs that are too thin will have bony prominences, particularly over the hip bones, shoulder blades and ribs. Dogs who are obese will have excessive soft or fatty areas that are evident, and it will be more difficult or impossible to feel their ribs or hip bones.

Remember, measuring your dog's BCS at home should not replace a veterinary visit. "Stay in close communication with your veterinarian if you think your dog's body weight and/or BCS is changing at all," O'Bell says.

What Should Pet Parents do if Their Dog's Score is Unhealthy?

"A very useful way for me to help clients know the ideal weight of their dogs is to see if we have a weight range in his history that matches up to a perfect four or five

score on a nine-point scale," O'Bell says. This can guide whatever steps are needed.

If your dog is overweight, Rooney suggests asking your vet about switching to diet dog foods or cutting back on the amount your dog is eating. "Introduce exercise gradually if your dog has been a couch potato, starting with a brisk walk of 10 to 15 minutes," he adds.

Pet Talk: Does your pet have a hot spot?

Have you ever noticed your pet excessively licking, biting, or scratching a specific area on their body? This behavior can lead to an infection in the upper layer of the skin otherwise known as pyotraumatic dermatitis, or a "hot spot."

Dr. Alison Diesel, clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explained what commonly causes these areas of raw, red skin.

"Hot spots are typically caused by an inflammatory insult, including allergies, insect bites, or other causes of itch in dogs and cats," Diesel said. "We most commonly see hot spots on the back or rump of dogs due to flea-allergy dermatitis and behind the ears, due to underlying and unaddressed ear infections."

While hot spots can occur in just about any breed of dog or cat, dogs with longer hair coats seem to be more prone to this skin condition, especially during warmer months, when it is humid.

To keep your pet's itching and scratching from causing an even deeper skin infection, Diesel said it is best to have a hot spot evaluated by a veterinarian right away.

"Treatment often relies on breaking the itch-scratch cycle, addressing the infection, and keeping the pet from further traumatizing the wound," Diesel said. "This may involve a combination of anti-inflammatory medications, topical antiseptics, and a local treatment for the wound. In addition, some sort of mechanical barrier, such as an e-collar or T-shirt, can help stop the pet

"It often takes two to three months for a dog to lose noticeable weight, so don't try to rush it too much."

If your dog is underweight — perhaps he is a new rescue who was underfed — consult your vet about a healthy way for him add weight. For example, Rooney says, higher-calorie diets are available. A dog that is too skinny might also be having difficulty eating, from teeth

or jaw problems, Rooney added, or have problems with digestion or underlying illness. Always consult your vet to rule out illness.

Maintaining your dog's healthy weight is a perfect balance of scientific recommendations and common sense, O'Bell says. Rely on your veterinarian and monitor your dog's diet between weigh-ins and BCS measurements.

from causing a deeper infection."

While there is a possibility that hot spots will recur, the best chance for prevention is to address the underlying cause.

"This would include consistent flea prevention, treatment of ear infections, and identifying and managing allergies under the direction

of a veterinarian," Diesel said.

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. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.



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Senior Resource Center Rocking 50 & Beyond Expos set in Freeport and Galena

A new name and new attitude are infusing the annual Senior Resource Center expos, planned this year on Oct. 12 at the Eagles Club, 1200 W. Galena Ave., Freeport, and on Oct. 19 at Crossroads Community Church, 900 Galena Square Drive in Galena. Both expos run from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Rocking 50 and Beyond Expo – Changing the Way We Age focuses on the options and opportunities available for adults 50 and beyond and their family members. The presenting sponsor

this year in Freeport is State Bank. "Every seven seconds, someone turns 50 years old in the United States," said Susan Lambert, Senior Resource Center executive director. "The expo is a great way for people to learn about the many services and programs available for those Rocking 50 and Beyond." Freeport: The expo will feature two rooms including a large exhibitor area with wider aisles, on-site health screenings by FHN, flu shots by the Stephenson County

Health Department, Advance Directive Signups by Monroe Clinic, University of Illinois Extension Service nutrition talks, smartphone assistance by the Computer Tutor, door prize raffles, Illinois Secretary of State license plate and driver's license renewals, Illinois State Treasurer I-Cash and a giveaway for the first 250 attendees provided by Jewell Insurance and Financial Services.

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Galena: The expo on Oct. 19 will feature exhibitors, flu shots by Hartig Drug, bingo and trivia games,

a door prize raffle, and making appointments for Medicare Open Enrollment. Bronze Sponsor for the Galena expo is 24 Hour Care.

Proceeds from both expos help support the Eight Pillars of Service the Senior Resource Center provides and the people who count on those programs.

For more information about either expo, people may contact Julie at the Senior Resource Center, 815-235-9777, ext. 254

River Ridge Wildcats held back by Marcos

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

River Ridge has a team that fits perfectly in the NUIC-Upstate. A smaller school nestled within the hills of northern Illinois supported by a loyal fan base that is willing to travel. Friday night games are an event by themselves. During the week six match, the game didn't turn out as well as the traveling Wildcats' fans had hoped as the Polo Marcos kept their faint hopes towards pursuing a conference crown alive with the 29-8 decision.

River Ridge has been streaky this season. They opened the year with back to back losses and followed it up with back to back wins. They've beaten some of their nearest neighbors and had to travel some distances after collecting losses.

During their season-opening streak the Wildcats' defense stood strong. They held Northwest representative Ashton-Franklin Center to less than 20. Orangeville barely got a score beyond that same mark. In their wins they've had to manufacture opportunities and found ways to do it beginning with an 8-3 victory over Galena in week three. The week four win over Warren 32-12 was the high point of the season so far for River Ridge. They moved to 2-2 on the season after

taking down the Warriors.

Since the week four win the Wildcats have run into a couple teams with a lot on the line and the accompanying attitudes working for them. Stockton caged the 'Cats 34-0 two weeks ago, before Polo took the win this past week.

The schedule doesn't let up for the Wildcats unfortunately. This week's meeting against Aquin will be very important for the visiting Bulldogs. A win will help them secure post-season placement with their qualifying fifth win of the year. Even though six wins guarantees placement in the playoffs, based on who the Bulldogs already ran into and who they will still face, the playoff points should be enough. Five teams on the Bulldogs' schedule carry above .500 marks heading into the week seven games this Friday.

The Wildcats have to deal with five-win Milledgeville next week and will close the season on the road at Mooseheart.

Time is running out for Polo though and Stockton and Aquin don't appear to be slowing down, but the chance does still exist, mathematically, for the Marcos to have a shot at the crown.

Polo's defense held the Wildcats to a single score and two-points more, but they have been scored upon this

season. They fit in the middle of the pack with their points-per-game allowed average, which is better than the Wildcats and even Aquin's. But not quite as strong as Orangeville's and Milledgeville's. The Marcos offense fit the same parameters, with their middle of the pack placement.

Kick-off for the varsity match is against Freeport Aquin is scheduled for around 7 p.m. this Friday night.

Lena Women's Slowpitch Softball League ends season

Lena Women's Slowpitch Softball League ended the 2017 season on Aug. 10.

After coming from behind, GT Auto-the third place team took home the tournament trophy winning the championship game against the fourth place Lena State Bank team. The two teams earned their way to the championship game only after winning two previous games in the tournament.

The league would like to thank the sponsors who contributed to 31 successful years of women's slowpitch in Lena. This year's sponsors included Ten Star Massage & Reflexology, Iron Horse Tap, GT Auto, Lena State Bank, Honey Creek Mill, and The Comer Tap.

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Sponsoring organizations include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, 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.

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Protect yourself from robocalls

The Federal Communications Commission has been asked to look into the issue of robocalls, the automated phone messages favored by political campaigns, charities and scammers. At issue is whether phone companies can do more to protect consumers from fraudulent calls.

Here are five things to know about robocalls:

1. Sales robocalls are almost always a scam. Robocalls are never allowed on cellphones, unless you give them prior written consent or it's an emergency. Robocalls to your landline are only allowed from political campaigns, charities, debt collectors, survey takers and information services such as your pharmacy or school. So if you get a robocall selling a product or claiming that a product has been purchased for you, hang up immediately.

Don't press "1" Engaging the call in any way will just lead to more calls.

2. The scam. Scammers like to pretend they are conducting a survey or representing a charity before connecting you with a live operator who will try to sell you something. That's still illegal. Some also pretend to be from the IRS or Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, rambling off fake badge numbers and trying to

scare people into thinking they will be audited or deported unless they pay a fee or divulge banking information.

3. Don't press "1." Pressing any number, even if it suggests that doing so will take you off their list, only confirms your number is working and that they have reached a live person. Engaging the call in any way will just lead to more calls.

4. Caller ID means nothing. It's called "spoofing," and it prevents you from knowing where the call is really coming from. You can ask your phone company to block a particular number. But by the time you do that, the same scammers will probably move on to a different number. Your own phone number can even appear on the caller ID, whereas the call might be coming from overseas.

5. Register your number on the "Do Not Call" list. But don't expect much. Scammers ignore the registry so it's unlikely to stop the problem. But at least then you'll know that every time you get a call, and it's not a political campaign, survey or charity, it's a scam. Under the rules, a company can only call you if you have an "established business relationship." Even in that case, it has to be a live sales call and not a robocall.



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PLAINTIFF
Vs.

James Thompson a/k/a James A. Thompson; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

16 CH 00054
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/25/2017, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on November 7, 2017 at the hour of 9:30AM at Stephenson County Courthouse

15 North Galena Avenue
 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 737 IN SECTION FOUR (4) OF THE FINAL PLAT OF LAKE SUMMERSET, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED IN BOOK 'G' OF PLATS ON PAGE 88 AND REVISED PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 'H' OF PLATS ON PAGES 1 THROUGH 7, INCLUSIVE IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN STEPHENSON COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS
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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: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-16-02172.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF

THE ABFC ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-NC1

Plaintiff,
 -v.-
NORMAN R. CARPENTER, et al
Defendant

13 CH 00070
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 23, 2017, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave. (West Door), FREEPORT, IL 61032, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

THE NORTH 10 FEET OF THE EAST 105 FEET OF LOT 7 AND THE SOUTH 40 FEET OF THE EAST 105 FEET OF LOT 6, ALL IN BLOCK 3 OF MAYER'S SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 3 TO 14 INCLUSIVE OF BLOCKS 5 AND 6, RESPECTIVELY, AND BLOCK 7 AND 8 OF MAYER AND SEELEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT. SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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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.

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-13-06484.

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Students helping students

Stockton Elementary School students raised \$1083.26 for students and families affected by hurricanes in Texas and Florida.

The students raised the money by holding a "penny drive" in the week of Sept. 18. On Monday the students brought in pennies, Tuesday they brought in nickels, Wednesday they brought in dimes, Thursday they gave quarters, and on Friday students brought in a dollar bill or more change.

The money will be divided and donations sent to the Houston Independent School District in Houston, Texas and to the Florida Disaster Fund.

Hospice Holiday Evergreen fundraiser

Summer is almost over and fall is just beginning. Most people aren't thinking about Christmas yet, but we here at Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois are gearing up for our "Holiday Evergreen Fundraiser"!

The volunteers of Volunteer Hospice are marketing wreaths, sprays, table décor, garland and other greenery products again this year, for the Christmas holiday season. These festive holiday evergreens are supplied by a family company called Mickman Brothers, Inc. located in Ham Lake, MN. Each evergreen product is being hand made from fresh evergreens and shipped to us so they are ready to deliver to you the week before Thanksgiving. Everyone decorates for the Holiday season, either at home, their place of business, their church or elsewhere. We would be honored to help you do that as simply, as inexpensively and as beautifully as possible. We also have gifts available for that distant relative or that "hard to buy for" person.

We are now taking pre-orders and will be placing our final order with Mickman Brothers by the 1st of November.

"Holiday Evergreen Fundraiser" will be earmarked to enhance the Volunteer Hospice Bereavement Program and expand our monthly Community Education Programs.

If you would like to schedule a certain date for one of our volunteers to come and share our products with you, please contact the Hospice office at 815-947-3260 or feel free to stop in at 105 S. Main Street in Stockton to see a sample of one of the beautiful wreaths offered.

The Holiday Season will be here very soon and we look forward to providing your evergreen decorating needs.

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois is an all-volunteer, community based organization which never charges for any of our services and receives no funding from any government agency.

Our volunteers can assist with the care of patients and their families who are dealing with a life-threatening illness or grief, visit with the patients, write letters, do light housekeeping, run errands, walk the dog, play cards, provide emotional support and companionship, play music, read books and much more.



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Northern Illinois Greenhand Workshop

Members of the freshmen class of the Lena-Winslow ag department and FFA Chapter including Maya Curtis, Cole Gerber, Braden Baldauf, Owen Kempel and Connor Edge. recently attended the Northern Illinois Greenhand Conference held at Highland Community College. At this conference the first-year FFA members met up with over sixty other Greenhands from other chapters in the area to participate

in a hands-on workshop. The students were broken up into small groups and rotated around to several sessions to learn FFA trivia, opportunities available in their chapters and about agriculture in general

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Attorney General Madigan files brief in U.S. Supreme Court to defend voting rights

Attorney General Lisa Madigan joined a coalition of 13 Attorneys General in filing a new amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in defense of voting rights under the National Voter Registration Act.

The brief, filed in *Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute* (No. 16-980), argues that Ohio's practice of deregistering voters under a "Supplemental Process" — which relies only on a registrant's failure to vote during a two-year period as the basis for subjecting the voter to a removal process -- violates the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA), as amended by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). Ohio has justified its reliance on voter inactivity on the ground that a failure to vote is evidence that the voter has moved away and is thus no longer eligible to vote. But the amici States argue that many eligible voters do not vote for reasons having nothing to do with changing residence; that a deregistration process triggered by a failure to vote will disproportionately exclude certain voters — particularly minorities, low-income, and disabled voters; and that there are more direct and reliable ways to

identify voters who have moved. **The brief states in part:**

"Like Ohio, amici States of New York, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawai'i, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, and the District of Columbia are responsible for maintaining accurate and up-to-date statewide voter registration rolls in a manner consistent with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). These federal statutes were enacted to ensure that the States administer the voter-registration process for federal elections in a manner that 'enhances the participation of eligible citizens as voters,' rather than serving as a barrier to voting. In particular, Section 8 of the NVRA, while recognizing that States should remove ineligible persons from the voter rolls, prohibits any maintenance procedure that 'result[s] in the removal . . . of any person from the official list of voters registered to vote . . . by reason of the person's failure to vote.'"

"Amici States submit this brief to explain, on the basis of their experience, that States have a broad

array of other, better tools to identify voters who have changed residence. In light of these other available options, reliance on voter inactivity during only a two-year period to target registrants for potential removal poses unacceptable risks of disenfranchising eligible voters and thus undermines rather than enhances the accuracy of voter registration rolls," the brief continues.

"Voter inactivity is a poor measure to identify ineligible voters. Ohio presumes that a registrant who has failed to vote in a single federal election has likely moved outside his registration jurisdiction. But in any particular election, many people decline to vote for reasons having nothing to do with changing their residence. And voter turnout among particular demographic groups—including racial minorities, young voters, poor voters, uneducated voters, and voters with disabilities—historically has been even more depressed than in the general population. Targeting nonvoters for a State's deregistration process thus threatens to disenfranchise many eligible voters, particularly in populations with lower rates of voter turnout."

Joining Madigan in filing the brief were the attorneys general from: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawai'i, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Washington, and the District of Columbia.



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The brown marmorated stink bug is an invasive pest that is showing up in this area. The species is native to Asia and was introduced into the United States in the mid-1990s, possibly stowing away in a shipping container.

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

Compiled By Tony Carton
EDITOR

The brown marmorated stink bug, *Halyomorpha halys*, is an invasive pest that is present throughout much of the United States. The species is native to Asia and was introduced into the United States in the mid-1990s, possibly stowing away in a shipping container. The presence of this stink bug is concerning for farmers because it feeds on a large number of high-value crops and ornamental plants in its immature and adult life stages.

In the United States they have been identified in 38 states and the District of Columbia. They cause major economic damage to fruit, vegetable, and field crops in the mid-Atlantic region.

In addition to plant damage, brown marmorated stink bugs are a nuisance to people because adult stink bugs often seek shelter to overwinter inside houses and other buildings. While large infestations can be a nuisance, they do not bite people or animals, nor do they damage buildings. When disturbed or squashed, the stink bugs release an unpleasant odor from scent glands on their abdomen.

Identifying Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs

The adult brown marmorated stink bug is shield shaped with brown mottling. It is between 14 and 17 mm long, roughly the size of a U.S. dime. Its abdominal edges and last two antennal segments have alternating broad light and dark bands.

From May through August, adult females lay clusters of 20-30 light green or yellow, elliptical-shaped eggs on the undersides of leaves (figure 2). They usually produce one or two generations per year in cooler climates.

Agricultural Significance

Managing this pest species is challenging because there are currently few effective pesticides that are labeled for use against them. Researchers are looking into additional ways to effectively control this stink bug species.

If you suspect you have seen brown marmorated stink bugs, contact your State Department of Agriculture, University Diagnostic Laboratory or Cooperative Extension Service for further advice on effective treatment and control recommendations.

Nuisance in Homes and Businesses

In early autumn, adult brown marmorated stink bugs look for wintering sites. During this time of year, they can often be found on the outsides of

buildings or inside near doors, windows, and other entry points. They can also be found in leaf litter and vegetation outdoors. In areas where they are established, they can enter structures by the hundreds or thousands.

Once inside, they may congregate almost anywhere, including bookcases; under beds and sofas; in cracks under or behind baseboards, window and door trim; and in attics. These pests will not cause structural damage or reproduce in homes.

They do not bite people or pets and they are not known to transmit disease or cause physical harm. However, some people may be sensitive to allergens given off by the stink bugs.

Adult brown marmorated stink bugs, like other pests, can enter homes through cracks and crevices. A few simple tips to help keep them from entering homes are:

- Caulk windows inside and out.
- Weather strip entry doors and/or install door sweeps if daylight is visible around the perimeter of the door.
- Rake away all debris and edible vegetation from your home's foundation to keep from attracting pests.
- Inspect for and seal foundation cracks to block a potential point of entry.
- Secure crawlspace entries.
- When insulating exposed plumbing pipes around the foundation or the crawlspace of your home, caulk small gaps and fill larger ones with steel wool.
- If your home has a fireplace, cap or screen the top of the chimney to keep out pests.
- Contact a pest control professional to treat surrounding vegetation near your home's foundation, which can harbor large populations of stink bugs, with products registered for residential outdoor uses.

Both live and dead brown marmorated stink bugs can be removed from interior areas by using a vacuum cleaner; however, the vacuum may smell of stink bugs for a period of time. Also, traps made using a metal pan filled with soapy water and a light source are attractive to stink bugs, but additional tactics must be used for complete control of brown marmorated stink bugs. Aerosol and fogger type insecticides labeled for use against domestic stink bugs will kill these pests in living areas, but they will not prevent more of the insects from emerging from cracks after they dry. Use of these insecticides is not a solution for long-term management of stink bugs.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We certainly have been on a roller coaster of temperatures; fall was here for a few days. It is one of my favorite times. However, summer is returning, and we still don't have any rain. I am ready for a shower of rain so my mums can be lower maintenance. I guess we will take what we get! This week we have several interesting recipes—some salad, some vegetables, some main dishes, and a great dessert.

The first recipe is for a raisin salad. It is made with yogurt and honey instead of an all mayonnaise dressing. You can use either regular raisins or golden raisins or a combination of both. The pineapple and pecans give it a unique flavor. You can get carrots at the farmer's market for two more weeks. They are sweet and fresh, and you can tell the difference between store bought and fresh.

Carrot Raisin Salad

¼ C. plain yogurt
2 T. honey
1 t. lime zest
2 t. fresh lime juice
1/8 t. salt
4 C. shredded carrots
¾ C. raisings
½ C. diced fresh pineapple
1/3 C. toasted chopped pecans
2 T. mayonnaise

In a large bowl, whisk together the yogurt, honey, lime zest, juice and salt. Stir in carrots, raisins, and pineapple until well combined. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Stir in pecans and mayo and serve immediately.

My butternut squash friend continues to give me recipes using this vegetable. Like zucchini, you seldom have just a few butternut squash.

Roasted Butternut Squash-Garlic Lasagna

3 lbs. butternut squash
1 T. oil
1¼ t. salt
¼ C. butter
2 T. minced garlic
¼ C. flour
4 C. milk
1 t. pepper
1 C. whipping cream
1 pkg. (8 oz.) no boil lasagna noodles (12 to 15)
1 1/3 C. finely grated parmesan cheese

Preheat the oven to 450. Line a 10 x 15 baking pan with foil. Cut a 1-inch piece from squash's neck, peel and halve crosswise, and thinly slice each half. Halve remaining squash, removing and discarding seeds. Brush cut sides of squash halves with oil and sprinkle with salt.

Roast squash cut sides down, in pan until golden and easily pieced with a knife, 45 to 50 minutes. Let cool 15 minutes, then scoop flesh into a food processor and process until smooth.

Melt butter in a 4-quart saucepan over medium-low heat. Add the garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Stir in flour and cook, stirring, 3 minutes. Whisk in milk until smooth. Bring to a simmer until slightly thick, about 10 minutes. Stir in squash, pepper and 1 teaspoon of salt.

Reduce the oven to 375. Grease a 9 x 13 baking dish.

Beat the cream in a large glass or metal mixing bowl until soft peaks form. Pour 1 cup butternut sauce into prepared baking dish and arrange 4 noodles, spread on remaining sauce, and sprinkle with ½ cup parmesan. Layer on remaining noodles, then spread on whipped cream, covering completely and sprinkle with remaining 1/3 cup of cheese. Cover tightly with foil. Bake 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake 15 minutes more or until the top is bubbly and golden brown. Let stand 30 minutes before serving.

This simple acorn squash recipe mixes maple syrup and pecans with the brown sugar to make for a great acorn squash flavor. The addition of the ginger gives it just a little kick. I hadn't tried using ginger, but it is good. I suggest you try it for a different flavor.

Sweet "N" Saucy Baked Acorn Squash

2 large acorn squash
½ C. coarsely chopped pecans
1/3 C. butter
½ C. firmly packed light brown sugar
¼ C. pure maple syrup
½ t. salt
½ t. vanilla
¼ t. ground ginger

Preheat the oven to 350. Using the tip of a sharp knife, pierce the squash several times on all sides. Place squash directly on middle oven rack. Bake the squash for 40-50 minutes or until tender. Remove from oven and let stand until cool enough to handle. In a small nonstick skillet, heat the pecans over medium-low heat, stirring often, for 3-6 minutes or until toasted and fragrant.

Spray 2 rimmed baking sheets with cooking spray. Cut each squash in half and remove the seeds and stringy fiber. Cut each half into 2 wedges, and place on baking sheets.

In a saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the brown sugar, maple syrup, salt, vanilla and ginger; cook, stirring constantly, just until sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and stir in pecans.

Spoon pecan mixture over the squash wedges and bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until tender.

Tired of your run of the mill stuffed peppers? Try this Mexican stuffed pepper recipe. It has some meat, some corn, and a lot of peppers. If you are a true Mexican food lover, you will like this recipe.

Mexican Stuffed Peppers

2 t. ground cumin
2 t. ground coriander,
2 t. chili powder,
2 t. granulated garlic
2 t. salt
½ t. cayenne pepper
1 lb. sirloin steak, trimmed
2 t. olive oil
4 red bell peppers, halved and seeded
2 poblano chilies, halved lengthwise and seeded
2 ears corn
2 small red onion, cut into ½-inch slices
2 T. olive oil
Salt and pepper
¼ C. crumbled blue cheese
Sauce:
2 large tomatoes, halved
1 jalapeno, halved and seeded
1 avocado
¼ C. fresh cilantro
2 t. fresh lime juice
1 t. garlic, minced

Combine the cumin, coriander, chili powder, garlic, 2 t. salt and cayenne in a small bowl. Rub the sirloin with 2 t. of oil, and then thoroughly rub with spice mixture. Toss bell peppers, chilies, corn and onion with 2 tablespoons of oil and season with salt and pepper.

Grill the bell peppers and chilies, cut sides down, covered over low heat until tender, about 10 minutes. Grill steak, covered, over medium high heat, 5 minutes per side for medium, longer for well done. Grill corn and onion, covered, over medium high heat until tender, about 6 minutes. Cut the corn from the cob. Thinly slice the steak against the grain. Dice the steak, chilies, and onions; toss with corn and blue cheese, then divide among the pepper halves. Top the peppers with the remaining blue cheese.

Sauce: Grill the tomatoes and jalapeno, cut sides down, covered over low heat until tender, about 3 minutes per side.

In a blender, puree the tomatoes, jalapeño, avocado, cilantro, lime juice and minced garlic and season with salt and pepper. Serve the sauce over the stuffed peppers.

This apple pie recipe uses some melted ice cream in the filling. It really makes it rich. I opt out of the raisins because I am a purist. If I am going to have apple pie, it isn't going to include raisins. For those who are raisin lovers, you will be in apple and raisin heaven.

Dutch Apple Pie

Pastry for a 9-inch pie; make your own or use Pillsbury.

Filling:
2½ lbs. apples, peeled, cored, halved and sliced ¼ inch thick
½ C. melted vanilla ice cream
½ C. raisins (optional)
½ C. sugar
1 T. lemon juice
1 t. vanilla
1 t. cinnamon
½ t. salt
Topping
1 C. flour
½ C. light brown sugar

6 T. unsalted butter, melted
½ t. salt

Toss all the ingredients in a large bowl until apples are evenly coated. Let sit at room temperature for at least 1 hour or up to 2 hours.

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and heat the oven to 350. Roll dough into 12-inch circle on lightly floured counter. Loosely roll dough around the rolling pin and gently unroll it onto a 9 inch pie plate, letting excess dough hang over the edge. Ease the dough into the plate by lifting the edge of the dough with your hand while pressing into plate bottom with your other hand. Trim the overhang under itself; folded edge should be flush with edge of the plate. Crimp dough evenly around the edge of the plate using your fingers. Wrap the dough lined plate loosely in plastic and refrigerate until dough is firm, at least 30 minutes.

Stir all the ingredients for the topping in a bowl until no dry spots remaining and mixture forms clumps. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Place dough lined pie plate on parchment paper lined rimmed baking sheet. Working with 1 large handful at a time, distribute the apple mixture in the plate, pressing into even layers and filling in gaps before adding more. Take care not to mound apple mixture in center of plate. Pour any remaining liquid

from bowl into the pie. Break topping (it will harden in the refrigerator) into pea-size crumbs and distribute evenly over the apple mixture. Pat topping lightly to adhere.

Bake the pie on the sheet until top is golden brown and paring knife inserted in the center meets no resistance, about 1 hour and 10 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through the baking. Let pie cool on a wire rack for at least 4 hours or overnight. Serve

Homecoming at Le-Win was a success; the game was won. A large group of alumni came to sing the National Anthem with Mrs. Stich, as this year is her last Homecoming. The corsages bought, the dresses and good pants were at their best, and a festive air was prevalent. It is hard to believe that we are in October already. Barb Wire called and said the Farmer's Market will be on Wednesday nights for two more weeks. The time is shortened from 4:00 to 7:00. It is getting dark earlier, and it cools down. Stop by and get your last supplies of fresh vegetables and fruits while you can. As we coast into fall, we continue to look for recipes that feature black or red raspberries, onions, corn, zucchini, apples and tomatoes.

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Panthers perfection produces post-season promise

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

A lot of guarantees were put in place on Friday night as the Lena-Winslow Panthers sank the Amboy-LaMoille Clippers 54-0 to move to 6-0 on the season and earn the automatic post-season placement.

If a machine is maintained it will function at the level that is needed for optimal efficiency. That's how the Lena-Winslow Panthers are acting this year. They have been unstoppable. They have been disciplined and now they have been rewarded with a seat at the late October table.

Before kick-off in the week six match between the Clippers and Panthers there wasn't much doubt that the Clippers wouldn't have the firepower to try to match up. The Panthers offense has operated at a level few in the conference can claim. They've scored at a clip of a field goal shy of 50 per

game, on average. The defense has allowed less than eight points a game. The line is providing time and opening holes and the first downs are falling for the following backs.

The State of Illinois' top ranked Panthers aren't quite running away with the NUIC-Northwest yet. Forreston and Dakota continue to hang around, just a game back. But Lena-Winslow does appear to be getting ready to run towards another win this Friday night over winless Warren.

The Warriors have not "been" in any game this year. Only the newly-cooped Pecatonica-Durand Rivermen have suffered more from scheduling within the State's most talented small-school conference, than Warren has.

This Friday night, Warren will struggle to find offense. It's something they have searched for all season. They opened the season with a 43-0 loss to Stockton. They followed it up with a

four-touchdown loss to Freeport Aquin in week two. The week three loss to Orangeville 46-0 marked their second shutout loss of the season.

River Ridge knocked back Warren in week four by 20 points, 32-12. It was the closest the Warriors had been all year. Polo won the week five meeting 41-8. Warren fell to Milledgeville this past weekend and dropped to 0-6 on the season.

Lena-Winslow will roll over Warren in the week seven game and work towards securing a first round, home game, in the Class 1A Tournament the following week when they face the Pecatonica-Durand Rivermen in Durand. With an 8-0 mark the home game will be secured in the opening round.

The week nine match-up will be for a seat at the top of the IHSA Class 1A Table, if the Panthers can get past the Dakota Indians. If they enter the final game of the season with the 8-0 mark, the 9-0 record with the win over Dakota will mean they will be the top seed, in the upper bracket of the Class 1A Tournament. That will mean the chance to host more often, hopefully on their way to Champaign, will appear in front of the Panthers, as they work their way through the Class 1A field, knowing their warm-up period was their weekly matches within the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference.

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Football

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Polo 29 River Ridge 8
Stockton 45, Ashton-Franklin Center 6
Eastland-Pearl City 40, Galena 0
Lena-Winslow 54, Amboy-LaMoille 0
Touchdowns against Cancer Game-Benton Scales Mound Highland
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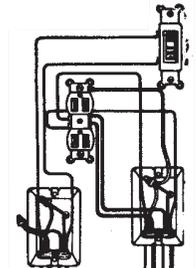
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Orangeville loss still provides opportunity

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

Orangeville took the loss in their week six meeting with the Freeport Aquin Bulldogs, but haven't truly hurt their chances to secure a spot in the post-season. There will still be some work to do, following the 27-6 decision, but the opportunity is still there to get a few things back in place.

The host Bulldogs started strong as they found ways to exploit the Orangeville secondary. Quarterback Zac Cummins was able to scan the field and spot his open man. He connected twice in the opening period. The first touchdown was on a 32 yard pass. The second was from nearly double

the distance. The Broncos couldn't recover from the opening barrage, but they fought to slow down the plan Aquin tried to work through. After one period of play the score was 14-0 in favor of Freeport Aquin.

Neither team could score in the second period and at the half the lead remained 14-0 in favor of the host Bulldogs. In the third period Orangeville still struggled to get its offense going and Cummins kept connecting. He ran the offense to six additional points and led his team into the final period up 20-0.

The talented quarterback found one more receiver in the final period as he put one across from twelve yards out. With time winding down

in the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs had stretched their total.

Garret Rodebaugh did not want his team to be registered with the shut-out loss and he took advantage of his window of opportunity as he worked past blockers and raced down field for a 36 yard score. Orangeville went for the two-point shot and came up short. As time prepared to expire the lead was locked in at 27-6 in favor of Freeport Aquin. The night would close with the final score registered.

With a 3-3 season mark, Orangeville is faced with a situation of having to win at least two of the final three games of the season. They can do it. They will have to go out of conference this week to attempt it tough

as they face Kirkland-Hiawatha on the road. A loss would drop the Broncos to 3-4 and make the week eight match against East Dubuque absolutely essential. A 4-4 mark heading into the closer against Stockton would be for the right to get an invite to the post-season party. They will have to do it with defense and a continued enhancement on the offensive side. They are in the position to try it.

Orangeville had the staunchest defense in the Upstate Conference as they entered the week six match.

They gave up 58 points all season. Through the first five games of the year. That's about eleven points a night. They put up 132 points this season on offense, before Friday's match. Milledgeville had scored eleven points more and Aquin had scored less than 20 more.

A win over Kirkland on Saturday pushes the Broncos to 4-3. A win the following week over East Dubuque gives them the qualifier and makes the Stockton game in week nine a little less influencing.



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FFA Trap Shoot

Stockton FFA members Aidan Cahill and Bryce Smith competed at the Section 1 FFA Trap Shoot CDE on Saturday, Sept. 16.



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Stockton 39ers

Stockton 6th grade 39ers had a very hot game against Ashton/Franklin Center on Saturday. #50 Wesley Logemann, #5 Jerett Gillen (ball carrier) and #65 Michael Haas, helped to gain the 30-0 victory.



8 Garrett Luke and # 3 Hunter Ernst make a great tackle to help come up with a 24-0 victory over Aquin on Sept. 19.



#77 Owen Logemann and #18 Austin Chumbler help to hold off Aquin and gain a 36-0 victory. on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

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Warren School District cultivates new greenhouse

By Tony Carton
EDITOR

The Warren CUD #205 School Board and Administration, at the suggestion of many people in the rural community, believed it would be a good idea to re-instate an Agriculture Program into the district's curriculum. Classes were first offered in the 2014-15 school years, and since that time, the Warren FFA Alumni formed to support that program and raise funds to support Warren Ag students and their activities as well as the organization's first major project – building a greenhouse.

As the greenhouse project nears completion, the school's administrators, teachers, many donors, parents and students gathered in the facility Saturday, Sept. 23 for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

"This is an extremely proud day for Warren schools," said Warren CUSD 205 Superintendent Shawn Teske. "It is another opportunity to expand and give our students other opportunities to grow."

Teske said the Warren schools' Ag program is in its fourth year and growing.

"Over the past year we've really focused on building the greenhouse," he said. "We acquired the land about two years ago and demolished the building that was on it, but the project has been on our minds for three or four years now."

Teske hinted at the possibility of a future farm-to-table event and discussed more uses for the "fruits" of their Ag Program labors.

"It is all kind of tied to the different standards we have within our lunch department," said Teske. "We've actually had a school garden over by our football field for a while, but because of barriers we haven't been able to do everything we want to do. We are working to figure out those barriers and at some point we are hoping to have something go from our greenhouse to our garden and get something out on our lunch line."

He said the Warren Ag program is an exciting idea brought to reality.

"The kids are super excited," Teske

said. "Obviously the high school students involved in the Ag Program and our FFA are excited and working toward expanding the process, and we are excited to see the reactions of our elementary students when they get in the greenhouse too."

Teske recognized the efforts and generosity of the many folks that worked tirelessly to see the project grow.

"We would like to thank everyone that has contributed in any way toward our goal, including our teachers: Sydney Groen, Brenda Welbes, and Stephanie Aves, and to those contractors that built the greenhouse, including Brett Janecke, along with the teams he sub-contracted to do specific areas including, Mike Knebs and Joe McGivney, Damon Pax, and Matt Wiene," he said. "Also, the district extends a special thank you to corporate donors: The Cargill Company, the Renk Seed family, and the Apple River State Bank for having passed the \$10K threshold in donations."

There have been numerous fund raising projects including three silent auctions hosted by the Warren FFA Alumni at the Jo Daviess County Fair that yielded \$44,000 or 30% of the total cost of the structure. And, there are a number of community members as well as area businesses that contributed generously to the success of the school's greenhouse project.

"We are planning on having plants in the greenhouse for educational purposes for our students to learn how to grow plants and how to take care of those plants," said Agriculture Instructor and FFA Advisor Sydney Groen. "We also intend to use the facility to raise funds by having a plant sale in the spring. I would also like to see it used for our Ag Science class where we do experiments with different crops, soil types, and plants."

She said her students are anxious to get started.

"They ask me every day if they can come down here and see it even though there is not much to do yet," she said. "They are really excited. We are all thrilled."

Enter your child in the Stockton Chamber of Commerce Miss Merry Christmas and Jack Frost Contest

Enter your child, age four to eight in Stockton's holiday tradition. On Dec. 1, and 2, the Stockton Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 29th annual Christmas Walk. The theme this year is Walking In a Winter Wonderland. Two lucky children, one boy and one girl, will be selected to be our Miss Merry Christmas and Little Jack Frost. They will be crowned on Friday, Dec. 1, before the tree lighting ceremony and on Saturday will help Santa and Mrs. Claus as they greet all the good little boys and girls in town. Each winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate.

A committee from the Chamber will select the finalists from all the entrants. Finalists' pictures will be published in The Scoop and The Flash the middle of November, along

with a ballot for voting. The readers will choose the winners. Remember, you can vote as often as you like.

It's easy to enter. Just follow the instructions and give your child an opportunity to be crowned Miss Merry Christmas or Little Jack Frost.

The deadline for photo submission is Oct. 26. Provide the following information along with a photo: child's name, age, birthday, parent's name, address, and phone number. We prefer the pictures be emailed to us at stephaniemm22@yahoo.com or you may mail to Stockton Chamber of Commerce, P O Box 3, Stockton IL 61085. If you have any questions please call 815-275-0481.

Photo entry deadline is Oct. 26. Entries received after that date will not be eligible to participate.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY -
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

MTGLQ Investors, LP
PLAINTIFF
Vs.

James Thompson a/k/a James A. Thompson; et al.

DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/25/2017, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on November 7, 2017 at the hour of 9:30AM at Stephenson County Courthouse

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PIN 06-10-12-277-020

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-16-02172.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF THE ABFC ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-NC1
Plaintiff,

-v.-

NORMAN R. CARPENTER, et al
Defendant

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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 23, 2017, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave. (West Door), FREEPORT, IL 61032, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Property Index No. 18-13-36-479-024.

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Warriors fall to Missiles on Friday night

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

The Warren Warriors offense hit a new level on Friday as it put up 30 points, which would have been good enough on most nights. On Friday night, it wasn't though, as the Milledgeville Missiles put up four-scores more to win 58-30.

The victory pushed Warren down the ladder in the Upstate and promoted Milledgeville to serious contender for a conference title. They are 5-1

this year. Their only loss came in the week three meeting with Stockton. The Blackhawks pulled out the win 22-20 on Sept. 8.

Warren's 30 points surpassed their season total. They put up eight points in a loss to Aquin in week two. They scored twelve points against nearby-neighbor River Ridge in week four and tacked on eight two weeks back in a loss to the Polo Marcos.

When the offense is clicking, like it did on Friday night, the Warriors

can often find themselves in the hunt down the stretch. This year it is a little different. The mid-season stretch against three teams with a combined mark of 15-3 makes offensive exploration a more serious challenge.

The schedule does lighten up for Warren next week as they get to head home to face the South Beloit Sobos in a non-conference match. The following week they stay home for game nine of the season against Ashton-Franklin Center. The Warriors

influence on the Upstate ended this week with the loss to Milledgeville. They do have one conference foe left to deal with and that is Ashton-Franklin Center.

At this point there are five teams with three or more Upstate wins. Each of those programs, Polo, Milledgeville, Orangeville, Stockton and Freeport Aquin appear to have designs on the post-season lined up. Orangeville's path may be the most threatened though. They fell to 3-3



this past weekend.

Both Aquin and Stockton are undefeated in the Upstate, even though both teams have suffered at least one regular season loss so far. Milledgeville with it's one conference loss makes it's pursuit of NUIC hardware still fathomable.

There will be a few things that have to happen in front of Milledgeville to see if that occurs, but the possibility exists and at this time the road is open, if the two conference leaders slip.

If the playoffs were to start today, once again the Upstate would be well-represented with Aquin, Stockton, Orangeville, Milledgeville and Polo in. AFC's recent loss pretty much took them out of any equations that equals post-season participation.

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They are accepting teams of four to six people. A raffle will also be held throughout the night for great prizes. The winning team gets a cash prize.

If you reserve your table early, you will receive one free answer for your team.

The theater will use this fundraiser to help upkeep their historic building and also help with production costs for next year's shows.

Come on out and have some fun! Call 815-819-1310 to make reservations for your team.

Jo Daviess County Board of Health schedules October meeting

The Jo Daviess County Board of Health will hold a regularly scheduled meeting in the conference room of the Health Department, Galena, IL on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m.