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Second half concerns set aside for RR/SM

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

Many things were accomplished by the River Ridge/Scales Mound Lady Wildcats already this season. As a team they came together and became Champion. But, since the championship drive things have slowed slightly. The recent streak of matches against some of the most talented teams in northern Illinois is over, for the time being. There will still be a lot of games that are even more important for the team's overall success on the season and its approach to pursuing the NUIC-West Title.

2018 opened with challenging matches on the road. It began in Lark against the West's best. The Lady Cougars came away with the 59-42 decision and moved to 8-0 in the conference. A strong defensive effort by Eastland helped secure the evening's affair.

Galena provided a different problem for the Lady Wildcats when the two team's met on Tuesday, Jan. 5. They controlled the tempo and made sure the ball remained firmly affixed. River Ridge/Scales Mound was held to four points in the opening frame. The defense didn't let the Lady Pirates rump rampant however. As the second began, it was a five-point game.

The Lady Wildcats patience proved to be a difference maker, as the half-time stats were measured. They out-scored their hosts by a basket and took a break with the one-shot game in place, 16-13.

As the third quarter began the Lady Pirates began finding a lot of looks and extra pass opportunities. They ran through their guests' defenses and captured a double-digit edge, with only the fourth to go., up 35-25.

Back and forth basketball greeted fans of the two West combatants. River Ridge/Scales Mound won the period, but fell by nine, 45-36 to Galena.

The conference is showing an inspired opportunity for development. Eastland is in current control with their unblemished West mark,

but they only held a one-game lead on challenger East Dubuque as the games began this week.

Pearl City, Stockton and Galena are two games behind in the loss column with River Ridge/Scales Mound, West Carroll and Lena-Winslow withing "shouting distance", four games back.

A shot at getting back on the winning track was offered to the Lady Wildcats on Tuesday, Jan. 9, as they played host to West rival, West Carroll. Details of that contest will be available in next week's edition. A possible break will be followed by a showdown with one of the strongest teams in the Class 1A high school sports arena, Stockton. The Lady Blackhawks, though in a three-way tie for third in the NUIC-West, are 16-2 on the season.

On Jan. 16 the Lady Wildcats travel to Warren for another shot at a needed win, before heading home for a Jan 23 position-showdown with the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers.

Stockton Heritage Museum recognizes its Festival of Trees winners

The Stockton Heritage Museum Board of Directors is happy to announce the winners of the First Annual "Festival of Trees." The first place winner was Rx Fitness, second place was Laura Noll & Cathy Jones, third place was Stockton Strong, fourth place was Hospice of Northwest Illinois, and fifth place was Kameron Dick. The top three trees received a tree topper for their tree with their placement on it.

This was the first annual "Festival of Trees" hosted by the Stockton Heritage Museum Board of Directors and we were very pleased to have 12 trees decorated by a variety of businesses, organizations and individuals. Voting was done by those that attended the Stockton Christmas walk on Dec. 2, as well as those that came into the museum



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Santa visits Warren Elementary

Santa Claus came to town! The Lions Club of Warren brought a special guest all the way from the North Pole to see the elementary students on their last day of school before break! Santa Claus had a candy cane for each student and was available for any last-minute wishes before his big night. A great big thank you goes out to the Lions Club of Warren for adding a little bit of magic to the season for our elementary students! Ho, ho, ho!



the following weekend. There was \$148.00 collected and the proceeds of the voting will be donated to the Stockton Food Pantry.

The Stockton Heritage Museum Board of Directors wants to thank everyone that participated and attended. We had a wonderful turnout at the museum during the Christmas Walk and are excited about making plans for the Second Annual "Festival of Trees" in 2018. Start planning your trees theme now and we look forward to sending out information for next year's event.



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Lena's own Torkelson Cheese celebrates the holidays with Jersey Jubilee

By John Day
CORRESPONDENT
Jamie and Lindsey White purchased the Torkelson Cheese Company from Lindsey's parents, Duane and Cheryl Torkelson, after having partnered with them in the enterprise for a number of years. Since then the Whites have expanded the business while maintaining the tradition of using the highest quality ingredients. Today, Torkelson is producing whey and lactose products in addition to

their all natural cheeses. Lindsey White is proud of the fact that Torkelson produces World Champion brick and Meunster cheeses. Every day 35,000 pounds of Muenster is turned out by their plant. Additionally, Torkelson produces a wide range of cheeses such as cheddar, apple jack, Colby and Swiss to name a few. Torkelson sells its cheese at retail and wholesale levels. The premier cheese produced by Torkelson is their Jersey Jubilee.

"Jersey cheese is not available year round," White said, "We begin making the Jersey cheese around Thanksgiving and have it on the shelf for the holidays. The Jersey Jubilee cheese is an item that grows in popularity with each passing year. The first year my family made the Jersey cheese they produced a batch of 600 pounds and it didn't sell very well. This year we've turned out 3000 pounds and it's going fast. We plan on increasing next year's batch."

when used as an ingredient in any number of dishes. It makes mac and cheese something unique. Used in a cheese sauce over crepes the Jersey cheese is smooth and silky. Jersey cheese can be used as a substitute in any appetizer recipe. Sliced and served alone as an appetizer Jersey is a perfect companion with wine or beer.

In a competitive business world, Torkelson has found ways to expand beyond just making more cheese. White said, "At the moment we have about 30 employees including our head cheesemaker, Scott Butler, who has been here almost 30 years.

We hope to create more jobs as we expand our operation. We've added powders and protein to our product list and we are also marketing lactose. Lactose is the sugar found in milk which is used in the confectionary business as well as the fermentation process in the brewing of beer."

Torkelson Cheese Company is located at 9453 W. Louisa Rd. north of Lena. Their retail shop is open from 8 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon Monday through Friday and from 8 until 1 on Saturdays. They can be contacted by phone at 815-369 4265 or on line at www.torkelsoncheese.com.

Notice of election of directors

To all Owners and Occupiers of Lands Lying within the Boundaries of The Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District:

Notice is hereby given that an Election of Directors will be held on the sixth day of Feb, 2018 from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Soil & Water Conservation District Office in Elizabeth, IL. Three Directors will be elected to each serve a two-year term on the Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of the State of Illinois.

All persons, firms, or corporations who hold legal title or who are in legal possession of any land lying with-

in the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant, or otherwise. Only such person, firms, or corporations are eligible to vote.

Absentee balloting will be available to those who are unable to attend the Election of Directors. Absentee ballots can be requested beginning Jan. 23, 2018. All absentee ballots must be completed by Feb. 2, 2018. For further information or to request an absentee ballot, please contact the Jo Daviess County Soil & Water Conservation District, located at 227 N. Main St. in Elizabeth, IL, by phone (815) 858-3418 Ext. 3, or email at mindy.pratt@il.nacdnet.net.

Explaining why the Jersey Jubilee is so popular and delightfully decadent, White said, "Jersey cheese is made from the finest high test milk. The milk is one and one half percent higher in fat and protein than other milk. This is what provides a smooth cheese with so much flavor. This kind of milk comes from the breed of cows known as Brown Swiss, Guernsey and of course, the Jersey. At present, our milk is supplied by 35 area farms."

The Jersey Jubilee cheese is great

ISP District 16 announce December monthly activities

Illinois State Police District 16 Commander, Carl Heintz, has announced District 16 enforcement figures and activity for December.

Illinois State Police District 16 Troopers issued 381 citations, 196 written warnings, eight driving under the influence arrests, and made 12 criminal arrests during the month of November. Speeding accounted for 211 citations, 11 citations were issued for occupant restraint violations and 10 citations were issued for distracted driving violations.

Troopers investigated 48 traffic crashes, assisted 87 motorists, and conducted 158 commercial vehicle inspections, 23 of which were placed out-of-service for safety reasons.

District 16, which encompasses Boone, Winnebago, Stephenson and Jo Daviess, counties had two (2) traffic crash fatalities in December.

Are you ready for some cookies?

101st year of Girl Scouts selling cookies begins with return of popular Girl Scout S'mores Cookie. Jan. 5, ushers in the next century of Girl Scouts selling cookies. The Girl Scout Cookie Program® not only teaches girls essential entrepreneurial skills but also powers amazing experiences for them across the United States. After last year's 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts selling cookies, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) is kicking off this season with the return of the much anticipated Girl Scout S'mores™, the most popular flavor to launch in the 101 years of Girl Scouts selling cookies. Consumers can now fuel leadership experiences and build the next generation of entrepreneurs by purchasing Girl Scout S'mores and other classic favorites.

Local Girl Scouts will take cookie orders from Jan. 5-28. In addition to S'mores, the cookie lineup features refreshing Thin Mints, caramel-y Samoas, peanut butter-stuffed Tag-alongs, crunchy Do-si-dos, buttery Trefoils, zesty lemon Savannah Smiles, and toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics (gluten free, too.). Cookies are on sale for \$5 per box. If you don't know a Girl Scout, email cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org to be connected to a local entrepreneur who would love to add you to her customer list.

During Girl Scout Cookie season, each G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™ sets out to sell delicious cookies while also building entrepreneurial and business skills imperative for leadership and future success. Almost 1 million Girl Scouts participate in the cookie program each year, generating nearly \$800 million in sales during the average season. All of the net revenue raised—100 percent of it—stays within the northern Illinois area. Councils use cookie earnings to power amazing experiences for girls through their programming, while girls and their troops decide how to invest in impactful community projects, personal enrichment opportunities, and more. Further, skills girls learn in the cookie program also influence later success: data shows more than half (57 percent) of Girl Scout alumnae in business say the cookie program was beneficial to skills they possess today, such as money management, goal-setting, and public speaking.

Last year, GSNI debuted Girl Scout S'mores—a crunchy graham sandwich cookie with a chocolate and marshmallow-y filling, embossed with designs honoring Girl Scouts' outdoor badges or Outdoor Badges?—which are sure to be best-sellers again. This year, girls will sell cookies door-to-door and at booth sales as well as through the Digital Cookie® platform, an innovative and educational web-based addition to the cookie program that helps girls run and manage their Girl Scout Cookie businesses online. Now in its fourth year, the Digital Cookie platform continues to bring Girl Scout programming into the future by providing girls with invaluable business and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills that prepare them for 21st century leadership.

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Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Notice of Election

An election will be held to select a client representative residing in Jo Daviess County to be a member of Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Board of Directors

Ballots will be available at the following times and locations:

Galena Illinois Bank & Trust Downtown
Jan 9th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Warren Township Library
Jan 10th 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.

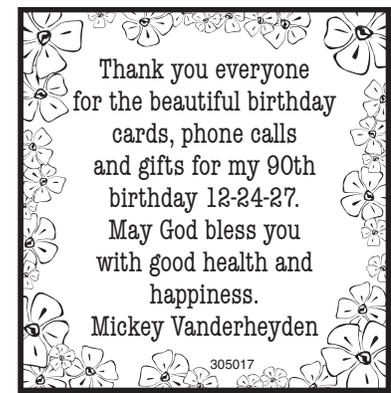
Stockton Illinois Bank and Trust
Jan 16th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

East Dubuque Public Library
Jan 17th 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Hanover Village Hall
Jan 18th 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency
27 S. State Ave., Suite 102
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Phone: 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111



Stockton Community Unit School District #206 regular BOE meeting minutes

The regular meeting of the Stockton Community Unit School District #206 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library. Members present included Roger Groezinger, Kim Mapes, Neill Cahill, Nicole Haas, Todd Vincent, and Deb Gille. Member Kirk Schubert was absent. The regular and closed session minutes for Nov. 20, were approved 6-0 following a motion by Vincent and second by Haas. Bills totaling \$119,831.63 were approved for payment 6-0 following a motion by Mapes and second by Cahill. The financial report was approved 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Mapes.

In his superintendent's report, Dr. Gilliland stated that preparation for teacher negotiations have begun. In her good news report, Principal Downey congratulated December students of the week Austin Westover, Kendra Scace, Kameron Dick, Zachary Meyers, and Echo Taylor. Mrs. Downey also congratulated the class of 2018 Illinois State Scholars Jeremiah Hermann and Hunter Houseman-Eddings, Ramsey Schulz for making ILMEA All-State Choir, NHS for sponsoring a food drive competition, and commended the band and chorus for outstanding performances at the Winter Concert on Dec. 6. Mrs. Downey also said thank you for an anonymous \$100 donation the High School received. In her administrative report, Mrs. Downey reported on staff continuing to work on curriculum alignment on

the December First School Improvement Day and that first semester finals are scheduled for Dec. 20 - 22. In his good news report, Mr. Fox congratulated the following Blackhawk of the Month: Kyla Arnold/fifth grade; Kristian Adleman/sixth grade; Lauren Kehl/seventh grade; Austin Eisfeller/eighth grade; and congratulated Middle School band and chorus students for great performances at the Winter Concert on Dec. 6. In his administrative report Mr. Fox congratulated students and staff for all their hard work in the first semester, thanked volunteers that worked in the PTO book fair, reported that the sixth grade went to Rockford University for a program by the Rockford Dance Company and watched a portion of the Nutcracker, seventh and eighth grade students viewed the movie Wonder at the Lindo Theatre, and reported that he had attended a Student Growth Academy at the ROE and attended the CTE Academy National Art Honor Society Exhibit in Freeport to see exhibits by Linzy Friedlein, Echo Taylor, and Zachary Reed. Art teacher Mrs. Ramey is a sponsor of the CTE National Art Honor Society. In her good news report, Principal Colleen Fox reported on the following: the Elementary School Concert on Dec. 14, was a great success and the fourth grade went to see the movie Wonder at the Lindo Theatre on Dec. 8. In her administrative report, Mrs. Fox commended staff and students for the great progress in all areas of

learning during the first semester, Ms. Thompson and Mrs. Offenheiser for presenting at the Raising Student Achievement Conference on Dec. 4th, Title I reading program for hosting the Pajama Reading Night on Dec. 12, and thanked all of the middle school and high school students that volunteered their help for the Pajama Night activities. Mrs. Fox reported on the CTEA minutes. The building and grounds committee reported the following information: explanation of the new heating units in the middle school and health and life safety electrical updates that are required for the High School and the Elementary School.

In new business, the board took the following action:

Approved tax year 2018 levy 6-0 following a motion by Mapes and second by Gille.

Approved Stephenson Service Company for Biodiesel and Propane fuel and Saunders Oil Company for unleaded fuel 5-0 following a motion by Haas and a second by Gille. Member Groezinger abstained.

Directed architect to draw plans for electrical updates at the High School to be completed in the summer of 2018 for 800 and 1600 service 6-0 following a motion by Mapes and second by Haas.

Approved High School stage curtain repairs with outside donations 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Cahill.

Approved Bank Resolution to remove Dr. Gilliland and Connie Hill

from the signature card and add Colleen Fox and Casey Downey 6-0 following a motion by Haas and second by Mapes.

The board voted to go into closed session under the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, performance of personnel, and matters relating to students at 7:34 p.m. 6-0 following a motion by Mapes and second by Groezinger. The board voted to return to open

session at 8:04 p.m. 6-0 following a motion by Vincent and second by Mapes.

Under continued new business, the board took the following action:

Approved contract of Superintendent/Elementary Principal elect Colleen Fox at a salary of \$112,000 effective July 1, 2018 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Cahill.

The board adjourned at 8:06 p.m. following a motion by Groezinger.



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Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist residents of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties with home heating utility costs through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), and Weatherization Programs.

No new PIPP applications will be taken after December 31, 2017. LIHEAP applications will be taken until May 31, 2018 or until funding is exhausted.

Effective December 1, 2017 all income eligible households may schedule an appointment to apply for assistance with their heating utilities.

Eligible households may call 800-883-1111 or 815-232-3141 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to schedule an appointment to apply for assistance at one of the following locations.

- NCAA Main Office- Freeport • Stockton Banking Center
- Warren Township Library • Hanover Village Hall
- Citizens State Bank of Lena • East Dubuque Library
- Illinois Bank & Trust- Galena Downtown
- German-American State Bank - German Valley

Income Guidelines: To qualify, a household must have a 30 day gross income at or below 150% of the federal poverty level shown below for 30 days prior to and including the application date.

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- 2 person household - \$2,030
- 3 person household - \$2,553
- 4 person household - \$3,075

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**** The following documents will be required to apply for assistance ****

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household.
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days including the application date including pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income.
- Current heat and electric bills issued.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services.
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt.
- Proof of homeownership, tax bill or title (for mobile home), is required for weatherization assistance.



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Stockton HS Class of '67

29 members of the Stockton High School Class of 1967 held their 50 yr class reunion at Blackhawk Run Golf course on Sept. 23.

1st row - Steve Luke, Kenny Tucker, Peggy (Kunz) Krahrmer, Phyllis (Orth)Mc Neil

2nd row: Penny (Bonjour) Anderson Cindy (Blair) Foulkes, Cathy (Pierce) Brandenburg, Nancy (Clay) Breed, Diane (Gutzmer) Ackerman, Janice (Pierce) Wilkinson, Linda (Heikens) Davies, Lynnette (Clark) Zitzke, Charlene (Schultz) Boldt, Linda (Becker) Schmitt

3rd Row: Donnie Carroll, Wayne Leitzen, Jerry Below, Mike Petsche, Randy Polhill, Bill Krahrmer, Richard Steinestel

4th Row- Bill Borsdorf, Steve Reese, Ray Croffoot, Carl Winter, Tom Stiefel, Burt Streicher, Jim Schubert, Oliver Hager

Monroe Clinic celebrates elite 5-Star Medicare Rating

Monroe Clinic caregivers are seeing stars as they greet the New Year! The newest report published on Medicare.gov revealed Monroe Clinic has achieved an overall 5-Star Rating from Medicare's Hospital Compare program—the highest possible score.

A long-time advocate for Hospital Compare's transparent healthcare quality reporting, CEO Mike Sanders recently shared the news with staff and leadership. The 5-star rating places Monroe Clinic in an elite group of healthcare performers.

"After being notified through a preview report, I was able to share the news with our board and the 1,220 employees who helped us reach this benchmark of excellence. With the arrival of the New Year, we have an added reason to celebrate our roles as care-

givers living our mission and bringing our best to the communities through God's healing spirit," said Sanders.

Sanders explained the updated data will soon be available on Medicare.gov's Hospital Compare database, which allows visitors to enter their zip code then search and compare ratings from area hospitals.

Why 5 Stars is a "really big deal." "For this period only 7 % percent of the nation's hospitals earned a 5-star rating from Medicare in all areas measured. It's a rating standard that includes the review of over 4,500 hospitals nationwide. Only 337 hospitals achieve the top, 5-star overall rating. It's a really big deal!" said Mike Sanders, Monroe Clinic President & CEO.

Sanders encourages patients to go to Medicare.gov and acquaint themselves

with Hospital Compare tool, which includes an overall star rating of the nation's hospitals, as well as individual ratings for specific quality factors including: patient experience, safety, effectiveness of care, patient re-admissions, efficient use of medical imaging, timeliness of care, and mortality.

"We've remained transparent by publicly reporting Monroe Clinic quality measures for years. It's an effective way for us to stay accountable to our mission and to our customers," said Sanders.

Medicare's system is modeled after the star rating system used by hotels, restaurants and other service industries where consumers choose higher star rating facilities to help ensure the best experience possible.

"The same concept of providing

consumers with information applies to Medicare's star rating," Sanders said. "But instead of customer reviews of who has the most comfortable bed or best continental breakfast, Medicare ratings are based on performance data that demonstrates how healthcare organizations deliver care to their customers."

Drawing back the curtain on local healthcare's quality measures

Hospital Compare was created through the efforts of Medicare and the Hospital Quality Alliance (HQA). The HQA was a public-private collaboration established in December 2002 to promote reporting on hospital quality

of care.

Even as consumers are sometimes overwhelmed by the rankings and awards, these achievement recognitions serve an important purpose in the healthcare industry. Chelsea Hardacre, Monroe Clinic Quality Director explained the Hospital Compare database has a direct and multi-dimensional impact on patients and the care they receive.

While community perception is usually the leading decider of local healthcare quality, the 5-star rating system

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Durbin speaks with CDC Director about deadly situation at Quincy Veterans' Home

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) spoke last week with Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald about the Illinois Veterans' Home (IVH) Quincy and the continued outbreaks of Legionnaires' disease, which have taken the lives of 13 veterans and residents over the past three years. During

today's call, Dr. Fitzgerald noted that CDC staff visited IVH Quincy in early December and took samples. The laboratory results from those tests will be completed in "early January" and, at that time, CDC assured Durbin they will make recommendations on what next steps are appropriate for the veterans, residents, and infrastructure at

IVH Quincy.

"What has taken place at the veterans' home in Quincy over the past three years is nothing short of a scandal and an insult to the brave men and women who put their lives on the line to fight for our freedoms. There have been a series of unacceptable errors by Governor Rauner and his Administration—including a refusal to publicly disclose, in a timely manner, confirmed cases of Legionnaire's at IVH Quincy and a refusal to engage with national public health agencies and experts sooner—and it is time for them to stop. We need solutions, not cover-ups. Our veterans and their families deserve better," said Durbin.

In early December, Durbin and Duckworth requested the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a review of Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) oversight of nursing home care across the country, including in state veterans' homes such as Quincy. Today, that request was approved.

Legionnaires' disease is a severe, often lethal, form of pneumonia. It's caused by the bacterium Legionella pneumophila found in both potable and non-potable water systems. Each year, an estimated 10,000 to 18,000 people are infected with the Legionella bacteria in the United States.

Eleven families are now suing the state for negligence.

Farm bill program supports rural businesses

By Anna Johnson
CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS

Rural entrepreneurs are often important members of their communities. The upcoming farm bill offers a significant opportunity to support those entrepreneurs and their rural businesses through the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program.

Created in the 1985 farm bill, the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program provides funds to third parties, such as nongovernmental organizations and community development financial institutions, to provide training, technical assistance, and loans to rural entrepreneurs. Many entrepreneurs served by this program are unable to access capital through traditional means.

One beneficiary of the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program is Chatterbox Brews, a restaurant in Tekamah, Nebraska, a town with a population of 1,730. Owners Cindy Chatt and Britney Hansen saw an op-

portunity to invest in Cindy's rural hometown and to give back to the community by offering a new type of establishment, a brewpub serving craft beers and homestyle food.

With support from the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, loan experts from the Center for Rural Affairs provided the two entrepreneurs with one-on-one counseling and technical assistance to secure financing and realize their dream.

Today, Chatterbox Brews is thriving with daily lunch specials and a seasonal farmers market. And, neighbors are responding. The excitement has spurred even more development in the rural community.

Chatterbox Brew's success is just one instance of a main street business gaining momentum, thanks to the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program. The farm bill program supports small businesses and helps keep rural communities, like Tekamah, vibrant.

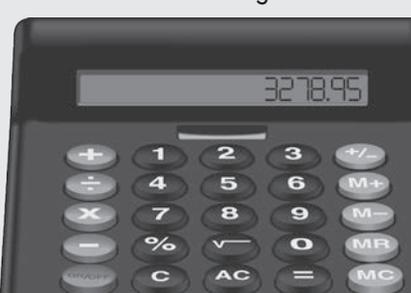
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Illinoisans give \$36 million to scholarships on First Day

Thousands of children in need in Illinois will be getting an opportunity to choose where they will be attending school thanks to the new scholarship program signed into law by Governor Bruce Rauner. The first day of donations saw a jaw-dropping \$36 million – a great start for a program that will provide quality education to children across the state.

Gov. Bruce Rauner announced Wednesday taxpayers pledged more than \$36 million for private school scholarships on the first day donors became eligible for the state tax credit.

Tuesday was the first day individuals and corporations could pledge money and apply for the tax credit, which is worth 75 percent of their donation, up to \$1 million. The state caps eligible annual donations at \$100 million.

Students who come from households with an annual income below 300 percent of the federal poverty level, or about \$73,000 for a family

of four, can apply for the scholarships beginning Jan. 24.

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School will have volunteers on hand at the school Jan. 24 to help people with the application process. The funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis, the school announced in a letter on its website.

Lawmakers have estimated it will provide scholarships for 6,000 to 10,000 students statewide to attend private schools.

Zach Wichmann, director of government relations for the Springfield-based Catholic Conference of Illinois, said the early numbers show there is a lot of interest.

"I think the fact we had such a good day on the first day of donations shows there is a real need and real desire for a program like this that can directly help low-income families," Wichmann said. "As kids get enrolled in school and are doing well, I think the program's popularity will only grow."

K-Mart to pay over \$1 million for overbilling Illinois Medicaid customers

Illinois has joined with other states and the federal government to settle allegations that Kmart Corporation, owned by Sears Holdings Management Corporation (Kmart), charged the Medicaid program more than its usual and customary charge for certain drugs. Under the Settlement Agreement, Kmart agreed to pay a total settlement of \$1,062,893.81 to resolve the overbilling allegations in Illinois. The settlement proceeds will be shared between the Federal and state governments.

In the mid-2000s, Kmart, along with many other pharmacies, began offering discounted generic drugs to their cash paying customers (typically \$4 for a thirty day supply). Kmart

began its Retail Maintenance Program (RMP) by charging \$15 for a ninety day supply. The program was later expanded to include thirty and sixty day supplies. Although some pharmacies with similar programs gave federal health care programs the benefits of these prices, it was alleged that Kmart did not. Rather, Kmart billed and received \$5 from Medicaid for a prescription that cash paying customers could purchase for \$4. As a result of Kmart's actions, Kmart received reimbursement amounts from Medicare, Medicaid and other federal healthcare programs that were higher than it was entitled to receive in violation of federal and state false claims statutes.

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CHURCH NEWS

Rockford Interfaith Council President to present musical

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m., Phyllis Peterson, President of the Rockford Interfaith Council, will be presenting her mini musical "Louis Timothy, the Giant Invisible Turtle", a one hour program with discussion about the topics of "Anger, Feelings, and Boundaries." Louis Timothy has become a giant turtle because he is stuffing all his angry feelings inside; and he's become invisible because he is afraid to tell others what he needs. Come and hear how Louis Timothy comes to a conclusion about sharing through intimate songs that express what he needs and feels;

and how he learns to set boundaries with others.

Phyllis Peterson is an accomplished storyteller and vocalist. She is an international speaker who travels the world teaching about Authority of Self (under God), Boundaries, Protective Behaviors for Children, and the Importance of the development of a Feeling Language in Children and Adults. She has been called a "Modern day Mary Poppins" by youth in Africa.

Come to the home of Ann and Dick Rundall, 413 Stiles Parkway, Rockford, 61102 for this enlightening Program.

SSM Health and CSA complete sponsorship transfer of Agnesian HealthCare and Monroe Clinic

(The Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes (CSA) and SSM Health announced today they've successfully completed a transfer of sponsorship of CSA's health care ministries. Agnesian HealthCare, based in Fond du Lac, Wis., and Monroe Clinic, based in Monroe, Wis., are now part of SSM Health. Patients and residents will continue to receive the high-quality compassionate care they've come to know and expect from Agnesian HealthCare and Monroe Clinic, but also benefit from the additional expertise, resources and extensive network of specialists provided by SSM Health.

The announcement marks the union of three highly-regarded and mission-driven organizations who share a commitment to ensuring the long-term sustainability of Catholic healthcare and providing high-quality, affordable healthcare services to meet the needs of the patients and communities they serve.

"We are excited and proud to have the talented and dedicated employees and physicians of Agnesian HealthCare and Monroe Clinic become part of SSM Health," said Laura S. Kaiser, President and CEO of SSM Health. "This partnership is a natural fit and we look forward to working together to further improve access and enhance quality of care in Wisconsin."

The decision to pursue a sponsorship transfer was initiated and guided by CSA, who established the health ministries more than a century ago. Changes in the Wisconsin payer and

provider markets, combined with the changing demographics of the Congregation, led CSA to consider how to best uphold the legacy of its healthcare ministries and maintain the level of care that patients and communities expect.

"As sponsors and partners in ministry with Agnesian HealthCare and Monroe Clinic, CSA has experienced 120 years of continuous blessings," said Sister Jean Steffes, General Superior of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes. "Sharing in the mission of Jesus with all those serving and being served through these vital and vibrant ministries has been a privilege beyond measure. We know that Agnesian HealthCare and Monroe Clinic will continue into a future of dynamic growth and depth of mission with SSM Health."

Agnesian HealthCare, Monroe Clinic and their affiliates will adopt the SSM Health brand, while also honoring their legacy names. The brand transition is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

With the completion of the sponsorship transfer, SSM Health's integrated health care delivery network in Wisconsin now extends into Northern Illinois and includes seven hospitals, 10 post-acute facilities, and more than 85 physician offices and other outpatient care sites, as well as a health plan and pharmacy benefit management company. In addition, the health system now has about 14,000 employees and physicians in Wisconsin - and more than 40,000 across the Midwest.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Jan. 14, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Second Sunday of Epiphany 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 Wednesday Jan. 17, 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! At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday Confirmation students in seventh and eighth grade will meet for learning, fun, prayer, and fellowship

On Thursday Jan. 18, Good Shepherd will be at the Friendship Center for Devotions and Dessert at 1 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the church at 815-369-5552.

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

The Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday Jan. 14, at 9 a.m. at Kent UMC. Pastor Chuck Wolbers will be bringing the Bible based message and all are invited and welcome to hear him. And also to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the Holy Bible, all are invited and welcome to this time too. Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent, IL. For more information, please call the Pastor at 262-308-2379

St. John's Lutheran Church

You're invited to join us at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City for the Second Sunday of Epiphany on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 9 a.m. for worship. Following worship, Sunday School and Confirmation will meet at 10:15 a.m. The Property Committee, Stewardship/Outreach Committee and the Memorial/Finance Committee will all meet following worship. The SPOTS Youth group will meet at 11 a.m. in the Youth and Family Center.

The Monday Evening Bible Study will resume on Jan. 8, and the Thursday morning Bible Study will resume on Jan. 11. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Jan. 9th. The Christian Education Committee will meet at 5:30 pm on Jan. 10. The Women's Gathering will hold their monthly Bible Study on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at St. John's. The morning will begin with fellowship at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Bible Study and a brief meeting. All those willing to help assemble the Annual Books should meet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18, for assembly.

Conor Flanagan from Heyworth, Illinois, won the Calendar drawing on Jan. 3. Congratulations to Conor! It's not too late. St. John's is 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 below.

Need a place to hold an event in Pearl City? The main hall at St. John's is available for rent. Call the church for more information and availability.

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.

Evangelical Free Church of Lena offers new precept Bible study

A new precept bible study will begin at the Evangelical Free Church of Lena on Jan. 15, at 9 a.m. How do you know if you're really born again? What does it mean to be holy, to love God? Find answers to these and other questions as you take a look back at the fundamentals of Christian beliefs in this study of 1 John. Books are \$15 and newcomers are always welcome. Call the church office, 815-369-5591, for more information.

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The Jo Daviess County Highway Department is seeking bids for a new 2018 tandem rear axle 6x4 Dump Truck Chassis. Bids will be accepted at the County Highway Department until 10:30 A.M., January 18, 2018, and publicly opened and read at that time.

Specifications are available at the office of the County Engineer, 1 Commercial Drive, Suite 3, Hanover, Illinois. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

CONNIE GARMAN

Connie Garman, age 70, of Rockford, Illinois, formerly of Hanover, Illinois, passed away Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 at home. A funeral Service will be held at 12 noon, Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018 at the Hanover United Methodist Church. Burial will take place in Evergreen Cemetery, Hanover. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Connie was born on Dec. 3, 1947 in Hanover, the daughter of Melvin and Lorraine (Ryder) Callahan. She attended Hanover High School, graduating with the Class of 1966. She married James Garman on Jan. 4, 1986.

Connie worked in the retail industry for most of her life. She was a board member of All Saints Episcopal Church in McAlester, Oklahoma. She enjoyed working in the yard, flower gardening, decorating her home, and shopping with her grandkids.

Connie will be dearly missed by her husband James; one son, Bryce (Mandy) Herrington of South Beloit, Illinois; three grandchildren; and one

brother, Jerry (Dawn) Callahan of Hanover. She is preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Lorraine

DUANE THOMAS KLOEPPING

Duane Thomas Kloeping Age 46, passed away suddenly from heart failure Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017. Duane was born March 11, 1971 in Freeport, IL, the son of Thomas Kloeping and Larry Bilgri Ellison. He graduated Freeport High and worked at Lender Tree Service, Park Hills Nursing Home, and Wal-mart. He was married to Sara (Kloeping) DeWall for ten years and had two children Tanika (25) and Tyler (21).

He enjoyed watching his children at Special Olympic events and he always had a smile on his face.

He is survived by his two children, Tanika & Tyler Kloeping (Freeport, IL), father Tom Kloeping (wife Deb) (Lena, IL) and mother Larry Bilgri Ellison (husband Dave) (Lena, IL), brothers: Paul Kloeping (wife



Patricia, nieces Michaella, Paisley & Parker) (Leonardtown, MD), Joshua Kloeping & Lauren Franecski (Scottsdale, AZ), sister Jennifer Kloeping & Jesse Peters (nieces Julia & Cieara)(Freeport, IL) and step-brothers Shawn Bilgri (wife Fabiola & niece Paulina) (Madison, WI), and Justin Bilgri (wife Michelle, nephews Joey & Jake) (Dallas, TX). And his Grandparents: Wayne Long (Elizabeth) and Sylvia Nelson (Freeport) and various Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins.

Duane was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Flo & Lee Kloeping and maternal grandfather, Dale V Nelson.

A memorial fund for Salvation Army has been established in his name.

A memorial service for Mr. Kloeping was held Jan. 3, with funeral services following at Burke Tubbs Funeral Home.

Please sign Duane's guestbook and share a memory at www.burketubbs.com

HAZEL F. RAAB

Hazel F. Raab, age 85 of Pearl City passed away Friday, Jan. 5, 2018 at FHN Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family. She was born Sept. 20, 1932 to the late Sherman and Abby (Holcomb) Bonnell. Hazel married Wayne Raab on Jan. 6, 1953. He died Sept. 1, 2001.

She was a graduate of Lanark High School and a longtime member of

Berremen Church of God. She enjoyed reading, playing cards with her sister, Nada and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her son, Brian (Mardi) Raab; her daughters, Rhonda (Tony) Holland, Bonnie (Jim) Kuhse, Darla (John) Korth and Tina (Joe) Flynn; her sisters, Nada Sweely, Eleanor Croffoot and Myrna Kennedy; her 11 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and one 1 great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Wayne, daughter Lorrie, 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

The funeral service was held Jan. 8, at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. Visitation was Jan. 7, also at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

JOAN KAY REITER

Joan Kay Reiter, 72, of Lena died on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017 at the Lena Living Center. She was the daughter of Waldo and Marjorie (Kleckler) Reiter. Joan was born on Nov. 4, 1945 at home near Pearl City and attended Centennial Grade School for two years and then Lena Grade



School; graduating from Le-Win in 1963. As a child, Joan was active in 4-H and enjoyed reading and painting-by-number. As an adult, Joan couldn't get enough of traveling, visiting most states including Alaska and Hawaii and countries in Europe. Joan worked in the office at Newell Companies for several years, as a pharmacy technician at Freeport Memorial Hospital, and several years at Stephenson Nursing Center before retiring.

Joan is survived by her brother Gary (Sandra) Reiter of Rockford; nephews Steve ("Sam") Reiter of Davis and Brent (Tracey) Reiter of Seward; great-nephews Codi Reiter and his daughter Mattison, and Andy and Harrison Reiter of Seward. J

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, and her parents.

Per Joan's request, there will be no visitation.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Burial will be at Lena Burial Park. A memorial has been established for the Lena Fire Department.

The family wishes to thank Shirley Wachter for her friendship, commitment, care and compassion towards our sister and aunt, Joan.

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

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LOIS JOY EHREDT

Lois Joy Ehredt, age 90, passed peacefully from this life into eternal life with her Lord Jesus Christ on Jan. 2, 2018 at Advocate Condell Memorial Hospital in Libertyville, Illinois. She was surrounded by her loving family. She will be lovingly missed by her family and those who knew her.

Lois was born on Aug. 26, 1927 to Anton and Margaretha (Randecker) Kehl in Massbach, Illinois. She was the eldest of two girls born to this family. She grew up on the farm in Massbach and attended Oakland School through the eighth grade.

She attended the Rural Youth Meetings in Elizabeth where she met and fell in love with LeRoy E. Ehredt. They were married on March 31, 1951 at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. They first lived in Massbach and later moved to the Pearl City area making their final home on Raders Road. To this marriage were added three children: Dale, Lynnette and Daryl. Lois was a caring mother, farmwife and also a cook at the Oasis Restaurant and at St. Francis School for Exceptional Children.

She is survived by her three children: Dale (Shireen) Ehredt of Du-



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Ernest and Minnie Lieb go for the gold

Ernest and Minnie Lieb will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018. Ernest and Minnie Eden were united in marriage on a snowy Friday evening at St. John Lutheran Church in Massbach, IL by Rev. Karl Kessler. They have four children: Doug (Amy) Lieb, Pam (Andy) Staver, Jen (Doug) Johnson, and Dan (Stacy) Lieb. They are also blessed with ten grandchildren.

Friends and family are invited to help the couple celebrate at an open house, which will be held on Sunday, March 4, from 1-4 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Hall in Stockton.

Jonathan C. Fitzgerald sentencing orders

Jo Daviess County State's Attorney, John D. Hay would like to inform the public of the following information. On Dec. 27, Jonathan C. Fitzgerald of Elizabeth, Illinois, was sentenced by Judge Kevin Ward to four (4) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (DOC). Mr. Fitzgerald is recommended for Impact Incarceration, also known as "Boot Camp". If he successfully completes Impact Incarceration, he may be eligible for early release from DOC. This sentence to the Illinois Department of Corrections shall be followed by two (2) years of Mandatory Supervised Release, formerly

known as Parole and will require the defendant to report to a parole officer and comply with the terms and conditions of parole.

This sentence was a result of a plea agreement for a probation violation after Mr. Fitzgerald was previously found guilty of and sentenced to probation for the charge of Residential Burglary, which is a Class 1 Felony. In addition to other conditions of this sentence, this defendant is also ordered to pay restitution to the victim of this crime.

The Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office handled the investigation of this case.

ISU Extension to stage Driftless Region Beef Conference

The upcoming Driftless Region Beef Conference will discuss possible mycotoxin issues in cattle feed, according to Denise Schwab, beef specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. The conference will be held Jan. 25-26, at the Grand River Conference Center in Dubuque.

"While weather during crop growth impacts potential mold growth, it seems we are hearing more concerns about molds and mycotoxins every year," Schwab said. "In 2016, Dairyland Labs in Wisconsin saw an increase in the number of silage samples with high levels of wild yeasts and molds. We are really excited to bring Dr. Trevor Smith from the University of Ghent to the Driftless Region Beef Conference to teach us more about mycotoxins in feed."

Smith has been a faculty member at the University of Guelph since 1977. His research interests are in

the field of feed toxicology and he has worked closely with the animal feed industry. He currently has international research collaborations with the University of Eastern Finland at Kuopio, Finland, and the University of Ghent in Ghent, Belgium.

In addition, Alison Robertson, a plant pathologist with Iowa State University, will address methods to reduce mold production on growing crops to reduce the risk of molds causing problems in feed after harvest.

The early registration fee for the

conference is \$85 per person and must be received prior to midnight, Jan. 12. The price increases to \$115 after that date. The conference website has more information on topics, speakers, lodging and registration forms.

The Driftless Region Beef Conference is sponsored by ISU Extension and Outreach, University of Illinois Extension, University of Minnesota Extension, and University of Wisconsin Extension. For more information or to receive a brochure, call Schwab at 319-472-4739.

Relax with Zentangle

Zentangle is an artistic form of relaxation. Join us as we journey through this relaxing way of drawing. No prior experience is necessary. Just come and enjoy!

The class, taught by Mary Stayner, will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 9:30 a.m. at the Volunteer Hospice of NW IL office located at 105 S Main St, Stockton, IL. We will be learning some new "tangles" and revisiting some of our favorites. All materials will be provided.

Please call us at 815-947-3260 or email at volhospice@mediacombb.net to reserve your place by Monday, Jan. 15.



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Varsity Speech Team winners

Lena-Winslow/Orangeville Speech Tournament Varsity award winners Justin Malone, John Jurkovic, and Asa Lake



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Warren CUSD 205 Newsletter January 2018 Edition

From Mr. Teske's Desk:

Happy New Year! I hope all of you were able to enjoy time with your loved ones this Holiday Season. At Warren CUSD 205, we concluded our first semester and jumped into the second semester upon our return in 2018. This quarter, our elementary school is focusing on improving our student attendance. As a school, we are aiming to have at least 97% of our students in attendance throughout the third quarter. Being present in school to learn within the classroom is vital for our students to achieve the goals that we have developed with them. We will be focusing on our students being healthy to achieve this goal by eating properly, getting enough sleep, dressing appropriately for the weather, exercising, and continuing to provide a safe learning environment that is conducive to student learning.

Additionally, students will be completing some benchmark assessments

this month as we track the progress of their academic goals and tailor our teaching to their needs. Our third through fifth-grade will also get to experience skiing at Chestnut Mountain as we look to have fun while we are learning.

As our yearly calendars flipped a new page and with many of us making healthy resolutions for the New Year, please keep our students in mind as we attempt to keep them healthy and enjoying life both inside and outside of school. I wish all of you the best in 2018, and we look forward to seeing you throughout our community.

From Mr. Knuth's Desk:

We would like to welcome everyone back from the winter break and hope that all were able to enjoy the time to relax and participate in some memorable activities with family and friends. As we move into the second half of the 2017-2018 school year, we want

to welcome any families who are new to Warren and trust that you will find yourselves to be part of an outstanding and supportive learning community.

Students returned to school on Thursday, Jan. 4 and we want to ask our families to be mindful of re-establishing the necessary routines to ensure that your students are in attendance and on-time each morning to get each school day off to a great start. The second round of MAP Testing is rapidly approaching. The Jr/Sr High students will be taking the MAP Tests during the week of Jan. 16th through 23rd. It is very important that we encourage all our students try their best on the upcoming MAP Test. The MAP testing is important because it is used to measure a student's progress or growth in school. The testing information is important to your student's teachers because it indicates a student's strengths and indicates what specific areas a student may need extra help in. The

teachers can utilize this information to help them guide the instruction in their classrooms.

In closing, we would like to wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR and

thank all of our families for all that you do in supporting our students and teachers as we look forward to an outstanding second semester here at Warren!

Join FHN's Get FiTeam Challenge and boost your health in 2018

FHN's Get FiTeam Challenge is back for 2018! For just \$25 a person, teams of four can compete with other teams in a 12-week health and fitness program aimed at helping participants develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Prizes for winning teams include gift certificates to Hibbett Sports and Shopko.

The challenge officially begins Jan. 14, after all participants have had a chance to get a baseline screening to note height, weight, BMI, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels. (Final screenings will be held Saturday, Jan. 13, and there will not be "make up" screening dates.) Participants also will receive a Get FiTeam t-shirt at their baseline screening.

Throughout the challenge, teams will have access to healthy recipes,

health-related events and trial memberships at area health and fitness clubs. Teams will earn points for exercise, drinking enough water, and eating five servings of fruits and vegetables a day.

Prizes will be awarded throughout the challenge, and at the end of the competition, up to six teams will have a chance at grand prizes. Each participant in the team that has the largest percent of weight loss will win a \$250 gift certificate to Hibbett Sports, and the team that earns the most challenge points will get a \$250 gift certificate to Shopko for each team member.

For more information on FHN's Get FiTeam Challenge or to register, visit getfit.fhn.org. You can keep up with the challenge by Liking Get FiTeam Challenge on Facebook.

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS CITIZENS STATE BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. THEODORE J. FREYTAG, JR., d/b/a BENT PROP MARINA and d/b/a WHOLE EARTH CONSTRUCTION a/k/a WHOLE EARTH CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION; SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, an Agency of the Government of the United States of America; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-captioned cause on December 14, 2017, an agent of the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office will at 10:00 a.m. on February 7, 2018, at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 North Bench Street, Third Floor, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Lot 1 of the Subdivision of Lot 7 in J.J. Jungwirth Subdivision 1 in the City of East Dubuque, (formerly Dunleith), Jo Daviess County, Illinois; and Lot 1 of North part of Fractional East Half of Southwest Quarter, Section 29, Township 29 North, Range 2 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, and Lot 1

of the Subdivision of Lot 2 of Subdivision of Lot 1 of Lot 1 of East part of Fractional West Half of Southwest Quarter, Section 29, Township 29 North, Range 2 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian; and Lot 2 of Subdivision of Lot 2 of the Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 29 North, Range 2 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Jo Daviess County, Illinois; situated in Jo Daviess County, Illinois. AND Lot 1 of Lot 1 of Lot 1 of East part of Fractional West Half, Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 29 North, Range 2 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, all in Jo Daviess County, Illinois, and all as shown on the Plat recorded December 19, 1972 as Document No. 127809 in Plat Book 12, pages 68 and 69, and on the Plat recorded May 11, 1973 as Document No. 128837 in Plat Book 12, pages 80 and 81.

Commonly known as: 770, 771, 772, 774 Harbor Drive, East Dubuque, Illinois 61025; and 780 Harbor Drive, East Dubuque, Illinois 61025.

Permanent Index Number(s): 43-05-506-510-18 and 43-05-506-460-00

The property is non-residential property.

The judgment amount was \$280,062.53 together with interest thereon at the statutory rate plus additional costs, including publication costs, court costs, attorneys' fees and expenses of sale.

Sale Terms: 25 percent down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property

is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representations as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and is "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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2018 Regional Transportation Committee Meeting notice dates

The Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) – Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) - Transportation Committee Meetings for will be held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 25, at Freeport Public Library; March 22, at Boone County Council on Aging; May 24, at Freeport Public Library; July 26, at Carroll County Senior Center; Sept.

27, at Freeport Public Library; and Nov. 29, at FHN Memorial Hospital. Human service organizations with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend as well as anyone that is interested in public transit.

For more information about NCICG, HSTP, or if special accommodations are needed, contact Kim Zimmerman at (815) 433-5830.

Warren working on winning ways

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

With about a month to go in the regular season a lot of games are going to have to be played by the Warren Lady Warriors girls' basketball team. But, they know they have a chance to fight back in the West.

This year's struggles see Warren sitting a step ahead of the West Carroll Lady Thunder, who have scored less than 133 points in conference games this year. With an 0-5 NUIC-West mark, Warren can still see things can reset, with a flip into 2018. They'll get some great chances to get together this and next week to discuss it.

Many area teams celebrate the holiday weekend with participation in area Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Invationals. Warren will get set for East Dubuque on Saturday, Jan. 13. It won't be the easiest place to make sure things go according to plan, but can be done by one of the conference's highest-scoring teams. The Lady Warriors will travel to the near-banks of the Mississippi to stare down their western-familiars, before they get a break in the action and a chance to head home for a bit.

Warren interrupts its five-game swing with a one-day stopover to host River Ridge/Scales Mound. On Tuesday, Jan.16 the also, still-searching Scales Mound/River Ridge Lady

Wildcats will pay their regards.

The two teams share a location behind many double-digit, season-total, winning programs, including 18-2 Eastland, 16-2 Stockton, 14-2 East Dubuque as well as nearly double-digit tallying Galena and Pearl City. It's a relative logjam, with everyone chasing the undefeated, 8-0, Lady Cougars.

The road swing carries Warren to Milledgeville on Tuesday, Jan. 17 before shifting focus to Stockton two days later. The Lady Missilles enter the week of games with a .500 season mark and position well behind 7-0, NUIC-North leading Freeport Aquin. Stockton is three games ahead of Warren in the loss column in the West race.

Next Saturday sends Warren back home to host Galena. It will be the start of the longest home-stand since Warren hosted Stockton on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2017. Lena-Winslow comes in after that and the evening's meeting will provide a chance to get a possibly, slightly-better seed set for the upcoming IHSA Class 1A and 2A State Girls' Basketball Championship Tournament, which begins in about a month.

Warren will travel to Eastland to close the regular season on Friday, Feb. 2. The importance of that evening's meeting could heavily influence who or, which teams are champions in the highly-competitive NUIC-West this season.

December Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing winners

Winners for the month of December in the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing are found below. Daily cash prizes between \$50 and \$250 are awarded for 365 days from Oct. 1, 2017 – Sept. 30, 2018 to those donating for a ticket. A ticket can win multiple times throughout the year.

Twelve organizations and five additional subcontracting organizations from JoDaviess, Carroll & Stephenson County sponsor the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing, a cooperative fundraiser. Sponsoring organizations include: Caring Com-

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- 5th . Tuesday . \$50 – Mio Vilalobos, Savanna
- 6th . Wednesday . \$50 – Dennis Hancock, Stockton
- 7th . Thursday . \$50 – Steve Rothscald, Pearl City
- 8th . Friday . \$50 – Dennis Story, Galena
- 9th . Saturday . \$50 – Monica Klippert, Hanover
- 10th . Sunday . \$50 – Joe Meade, Thomson
- 11th . Monday . \$50 – Michele Thoren, Elizabeth
- 12th . Tuesday . \$50 – Andrea Linden, Apple River
- 13th . Wednesday . \$50 – Scott & Anne Walker, Denver, CO
- 14th . Thursday . \$50 – Beth Schneider, Pearl City
- 15th . Friday . \$50 – Ted Richmond, Hanover
- 16th . Saturday . \$50 – Ron Farrington, Lena
- 17th . Sunday . \$50 – Ryne Plager, Freeport
- 18th . Monday . \$50 – Brandon Brown, Elizabeth
- 19th . Tuesday . \$50 – Alexander Marcure, Stockton
- 20th . Wednesday . \$50 – Neil Noller, Lena
- 21st . Thursday . \$50 – Brian & Patti Pierce, Stockton
- 22nd . Friday . \$50 – Edith Dwinells, Stockton
- 23rd . Saturday . \$50 – Lucas Bremmer, Pearl City
- 24th . Sunday . \$150 – Dean Robinson, Thomson
- 25th . Monday . \$250 – Pat Tierney, Elizabeth
- 26th . Tuesday . \$50 – Line Kuzniar, Hanover
- 27th . Wednesday . \$50 – Janet Carlson, Galena
- 28th . Thursday . \$50 – Tiffany Vorderstrasse, St Joseph, MO
- 29th . Friday . \$50 – Mary Wild, Hanover
- 30th . Saturday . \$50 – Warren United Methodist Church
- 31st . Sunday . \$50 – Michele Morrison, Freeport

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rand, IL; Lynnette (Donald) Blasing of Brimfield, IL and Daryl (Linda) Ehredt of Juda, WI. She is also survived by eight grandchildren: Jennifer and Peter Michaelides of Mundelein, IL; Jason and Ellen Blasing of Ashland City, TN; Joyelle Blasing and Jennine Blasing of Peoria, IL; Joylynn Blasing and Jamison Blasing of Brimfield, IL. There were three step-grandchildren: Richard (Shari) Curran of Monroe, WI; Eric (Candy) Curran of Shannon, IL; Jason (Jessie) Curran of Juda, WI. She also had one great-grandchild and seven step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by: her husband – LeRoy Ehredt who recently passed away on Nov. 5, 2017, her parents – Anton and Margaretha Kehl, and a sister – Lucille who died at the age of six years old.

Lois was a woman with a deep personal faith in Jesus Christ and demonstrated this through her prayers and love for her family. She lovingly cared for her husband, LeRoy, in their home during the final years of his life. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She regularly attend-

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ed the Cedarville Emmanuel Church.

There will be a visitation on Friday, Jan. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hermann Funeral Home in Pearl City. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Cedarville Emmanuel Church in Cedarville with a visitation beginning at 9:30. Interment will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport following the service. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

MARCIA HAVENS

Marcia Havens, age 59, of Elizabeth, Illinois, passed away Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018 at Mercy Medical Center in Dubuque, Iowa. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the United Methodist Church in Elizabeth. Burial will take place in St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Elizabeth. Visitation was Jan. 9, at Law-Jones Funeral in Elizabeth. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Safe Haven Humane Society in Elizabeth or University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center in Marcia’s memory. Family and friends are invited to share in Marcia’s life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Marcia was born on June 6, 1958, the daughter of Irvin L. and Dorothy (Wickler) Stadel in Freeport, Illinois. She attended Elizabeth High School. Marcia worked at the Elizabeth Nursing Home as a cook for 40 years.

Marcia enjoyed going for car rides and eating out especially when she had retired. Most of all, Marcia treasured the time she spent with family especially her two grandchildren and her cat Ozzy.

Marcia is survived by her daughter,

Kelli (Dean) Vielhuber of Columbia City, Indiana; son, Cole (Katie) Havens of Elizabeth; two grandchildren, Piper and Levi Havens; brother, Jeffrey (Connie) Stadel of Lena, Illinois; two nieces and a nephew. Marcia was preceded in death by her parents.



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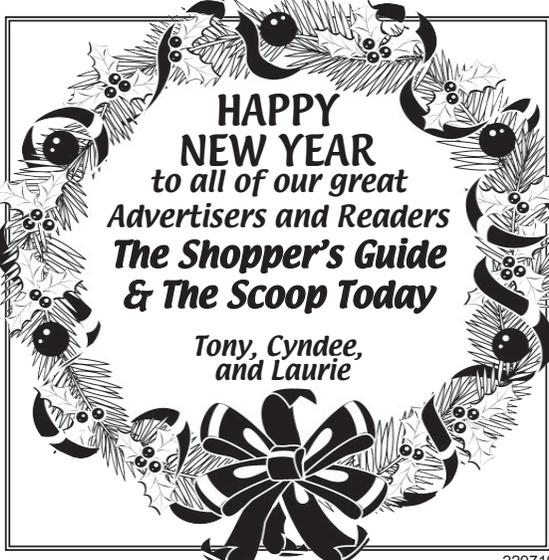
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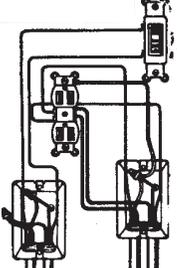
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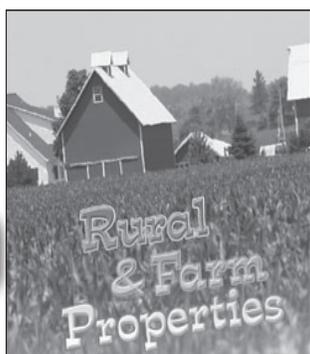
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Scales Mound CUSD #211 Dec. 18 BOE meeting summary

The following is a summary of action taken at the December 18, 2017, Scales Mound CUSD #211 School Board meeting. For more information please contact Ruth Foley or Dr. Bill Caron at 815-845-2215.

Truth in Taxation Hearing:
At 7 p.m., Board President, Paul Homb, called to order the Scales Mound CUSD #211 Truth in Taxation hearing. All Board member were present for the hearing with the exception of Mrs. Vandigo. Mr. Homb asked if any Board member had any questions on the proposed 8% tax levy increase for 2017. Seeing none, he asked members of the audience if there was anyone who would like to present evidence or had questions regarding the tax levy. Seeing none, Mr. Homb asked for a motion to close the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Presentations:
Dr. Wiederholt honored Ms. Madelyn Cocagne for being recognized as an Illinois State Scholar. Dr. Wiederholt presented Madelyn with a certificate of recognition from the Board of Education for her outstanding academic achievement. Madelyn will be officially recognized at the Senior Awards Night in May.

Mrs. Joann Schultz presented information on the foreign exchange program. Mrs. Schultz has been sponsoring foreign exchange students for a number of years and would like the District to consider increasing the number of students currently accepted by the District. The District's prac-

tice is to accept only two students per year. The request from Mrs. Schultz would be to increase this to between three and five students. Dr. Caron explained that while there is no Board policy on the number of students, the handbook does state that only two are allowed per year. Dr. Wiederholt explained that he convened the Handbook Committee to discuss the possibility of increasing the number of students accepted. Dr. Caron stated that this will be reviewed by the administration and he will bring back a recommendation to the Board to either change the District's practice or change the Board Policy to include a certain number of students.

As part of new business, Mr. Scott Johnson of Richard L. Johnson Associates/Architects, presented information on the bids received by the district for upcoming roofing and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning work. The District received four bids to replace the roof on the main gym and high school wing. Mr. Johnson and the facilities committee recommended the bid submitted by Distinctive Roofing out of Rockford to do the roofing work for a total of \$101,999.00. This is approximately \$24,000 under the expected cost for the work.

Mr. Johnson also presented information regarding the bids for the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) project. While there were a number of companies which attended the pre-bid meeting only one company submitted a bid for the proj-

ect. Loescher Heating and A/C submitted the bid out of Freeport, Illinois, included a base bid of \$1,099,000 and an alternative bid cost of \$131,000. The total bid for \$1,230,078 came in approximately \$300,000 over the anticipated cost. The Facilities committee and Architect discussed the lack of bids and presented the Board with three recommendations: (1) Approve the bid as submitted, (2) Ask the company to value engineer the project to reduce the costs by the legal limit of 10%, or (3) Re-bid the project. Based on the recommendation of the Architect and the Facilities Committee, the Board approved the bid submitted by Loescher Htg. and A/C with the request that they value engineer the project that should reduce the cost by approximately \$100,000. This project is to replace the 1950s steam heating system in the original part of the building and tie-in all HVAC systems throughout the campus.

Other business conducted:

Scales Mound Spelling Bee

On Thursday, Dec. 14, eighteen Scales Mound spellers competed in the Scales Mound School Bee. Spellers included third graders Alaina Farrey, Ellaina Kostenbader, and Halle Wiegel; fourth graders Grace Behlke, Zoie Koehler, and Jonathan Reddington; fifth graders Katherine Bilderback, Anika Stadel, and Ava Wiederholt; sixth graders Sophia Davis, Kortney Kudronowicz, and Anna Wentz; seventh graders Mickayla Bass, Isaac Heffernan and Charles Wiegel; and eighth graders Anna Cogan, Kennedy Kudronowicz, and Allison Winter.

After several rounds of spelling, Isaac Heffernan correctly spelled affirmation and vegetation to earn his way to the bee champion. Sophia Davis took second place, and Anna Wentz came in third. These three spellers will advance to the Dubuque Sectional Bee on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Clarke College in Dubuque, IA.

- The Board approved the 2017 Tax Levy as presented.
- The Board approved a memorandum of understanding with the SMEA for the Three-Circles Agriculture Grant.

- The Board approved the annual eighth grade end of the year field trip to Chicago.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Jan. 15, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the school library.

22nd Annual Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference announced for Rockford

Area fruit and vegetable growers will be able to hear about seasonal crop and pest updates this February at the 22nd Annual Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference in Rockford.

"Our regional fruit and vegetable farms depend on campus resources and information to make the right decision in preparing for their upcoming season. University of Illinois Extension specialists will join us yet again this year to provide valuable updates on diseases, insects, and production practices", states Grant McCarty, Local Foods and Small Farms Extension Educator. "We'll also be joined by Dr. Christelle Guedot from University of Wisconsin - Madison who will provide an update on Spotted Wing Drosophila, which is an invasive insect on fruits." Dr. Guedot is the Fruit Crop Entomologist and Extension Specialist who focuses on

integrated pollinator and pest management in fruit crops.

The 22nd Annual Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference will be held on Monday, Feb. 5, from 9-2 p.m. at Midway Village (6799 Guilford Road, Rockford, Illinois). The registration fee is \$40 per person, \$30 for additional employees of the same farm. This includes a keynote, choice of three breakouts, lunch, and handouts. An early-bird discount of \$5/person for all participants who register before Jan. 16th is available.

For more information or to register, please visit go.illinois.edu/StatelineGrowers2018 or call 815-986-4357.

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Around the Northern Hills with Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Manager Annette Eggers

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Annette Eggers

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Join Farm Bureaus from Northern Illinois at the Rockford Ice Hogs game at the BMO Harris Bank Center on Saturday, Feb. 17. The game starts at 6 p.m. against the Cleveland Monsters, and doors open at 5 p.m. with the first 2500 getting a Fred Van Vleet bobble head. The cost per ticket is \$15 (save \$5), and you can call the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau at (815) 962-0653 to order your tickets.

Dicamba training session added!

There was just a new training session announced closer to our area. Mark your calendars for Feb. 23rd from 10-11:30 at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau in Freeport. If you are interested in attending, please visit <https://ifca.com/Illinois-DicambaTraining> to see the complete schedule and to sign up for a session.

Ag Fun Fact: Today the US as about the same amount of land covered by trees as it had in 1907.

REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS CITIZENS STATE BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. THEODORE J. FREYTAG, JR., d/b/a BENT PROP MARINA and d/b/a WHOLE EARTH CONSTRUCTION a/k/a WHOLE EARTH CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION; SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, an Agency of the Government of the United States of America; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-captioned cause on December 14, 2017, an agent of the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office will at 10:00 a.m. on February 7, 2018, at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 North Bench Street, Third Floor, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 770, 771, 772, 774 Harbor Drive, East Dubuque, Illinois 61025; and 780 Harbor Drive, East Dubuque, Illinois 61025.

Permanent Index Number(s): 43-05-506-510-18 and 43-05-506-460-00

The property is non-residential property. The judgment amount was \$280,062.53 together with interest thereon at the statutory rate plus additional costs, including publication costs, court costs, attorneys' fees and expenses of sale.

Sale Terms: 25 percent down of the

highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representations as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and is "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

Persons wishing information regarding the real estate may contact: Edward Foltz, Citizens State Bank 102 W. Main Street, Lena, IL 61048 Phone: (815) 369-4524

Dated this 29th day of December, 2017. YALDEN, OLSEN & WILLETTE

By: /s/ Craig A. Willette
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ANTIQUES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AUCTION

507 E. MAIN ST. • LENA, IL

SATURDAY, January 13, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.

(Severe weather date: Sunday, January 14)

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: sq lamp table; ash tray stand; working traffic signal; metal road signs; stainless 12qt milk can; Master Mix egg basket; cast 'Eddy St' post top; retro TV lamp; Military items; matchbooks; sterling & gold; costume jewelry; Indian Head pennies; Buffalo nickels; misc. coins; vintage x-mas; x-mas & Shullsburg WI postcards; comic books; beer items; helicopter liquor decanter; repro cast toys; Redwing salesman sample sewer tile; Griswold corn bread mold; crock rolling pin; crock jugs; Redwing & china dishes; glassware & dishes; pop & milk bottles; nic-nacs & figurines; Stepin Tom wood toy; radio controlled & battery operated toys; Durham's Truck5 w/ box; Wolverine All Star Sports table pinball game; cap guns; airplane & car models; Fisher Price safari set; action figures (some NIP); **HOUSEHOLD & MISC. ITEMS:** pine framed living room set; book shelf unit; metal folding lawn chairs; White portable sewing machine; usual household & kt items.

TERMS: CASH or GOOD CHECK

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