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Panthers are state champs again



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Le-Win Captains show off the Class 1A State Championship trophy as the team joins in to celebrate.

By Trenten Scheidegger
SPORTSWRITER

Ric Arand and the Lena-Winslow Panthers have built one of the most perennial football dynasties high school football has ever seen. Now, with their fourth title in ten seasons, and their second in just three years, the Panthers have come out on top time and time again.

Before the game, the press box was filled with talks of this Panthers' team being the best class 1A team ever as we watched Sean Ormiston and Isaiah Bruce accept their All-State awards. With a perfect 14-0 record, Lena-Winslow outscored their opponents by a whopping 511 points this season. Time and time again, coach Arand and his Panthers were set up to face their new "toughest opponent yet", the team that would actually put Lena-Winslow to the test. That opponent never came, as even in the 2019 class 1A state championship, the Panthers won in blowout fashion.

The Panthers walked their way through their side of the class 1A bracket and were set up to face their third undefeated opponent in a row in the Central A&M Raiders. The Raiders came out fast, running their hurry up, no huddle offense and throwing the ball. The Panther defense was able to keep up, however, as they forced a punt on the Raiders first drive. Once again, Lena-Winslow got off to a hot start as even under the pressure of being on the biggest stage, the Panthers could not be stopped.

Following a pair of solid runs from Bruce, Luke Benson caught the raider defense off guard when he ran the play action and found a wide open Kade Chrisman streaking to the endzone for a 66-yard touchdown pass. Fitting that Benson and Chrisman

were ball boys on the 2013 championship team, and then connected for the first touchdown of their own championship game this year.

Ormiston was brought into the mix on the second drive where he had carries of fifteen and twenty-three yards, one of which he took in for the score. With an early 14-0 lead, the Panthers were running away with another one, even in the state championship.

The Raiders were able to answer with a touchdown pass, but it didn't take long for Le-Win to extend their lead again as Ormiston ran thirty-five yards to the endzone for his second score of the day. The big run allowed Ormiston to pass Rahveon Valentine on the NUIC rushing yards list, as Ormiston now holds both the touchdowns and rushing yards record for the conference.

Prior to the half, Ormiston got his hat trick with a short plunge into the endzone for his third score of the half. Things seemed to be getting out of hand, but the fast-working Raider offense was able to drive down the field and score just before the half, as the Panthers went into the break, up 26-12.

Getting the ball to start the second half, the Panthers had a dominating, time killing drive that ended with another Ormiston touchdown. His fourth score of the day gave Le-Win a big 34-12 lead.

Bruce was impressive on both sides of the ball and a key forced fumble that was eventually recovered by Cole Gerber allowed the Panthers to deliver the eventual dagger in what was already a large deficit. Ormiston was not finished yet, however, as he ran into the endzone for a record breaking fifth touchdown run on the morning. On the very next Raider drive, Ormiston displayed his

abilities on the other side of the ball when he snagged an interception and trucked to the endzone for the pick six. With his sixth score of the game, Ormiston holds the Class 1A record for touchdowns in a game by a single player.

Up 50-12, the sidelines and fans began to smile with joy as the state trophy was practically in the Panthers' paws already. Arand and his offense put up one final score when Benson found Chrisman for their second score of the day, giving them a 58-12 lead. With the running clock, the time quickly ticked down to zero on what turned out to be an impressive 58-20 victory for Lena-Winslow's fourth state championship.

The Panthers finished the game with 410 yards, 310 of which came on the ground. Their 58 points set the Class 1A record for most points in a title game.

Following the game Arand said "Congratulations to each of these guys beside me (Ormiston and Bruce), I come in to work every day and put my two cents in, but if it wasn't for these guys we wouldn't be sitting here. This is their second time being huge contributors on a state championship team. -They battled back from a tough loss last year to get us back here today. And the other guys, well, they did pretty darn good all year too and that's why they're sitting here."

"It feels pretty amazing. I know we all busted our butts all summer long and it definitely showed today," Ormiston said. When asked about his state records he said it means "Not much for me. It's more of my line and our running backs, plus my quarterback. Got to have all of them."

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

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax increase for the Lena-Winslow Community Unit School District No. 202 for 2019 will be held on December 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the junior high school library, 517 Fremont St. Lena, Illinois.

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

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2017 were \$4,871,287.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$5,114,177. This represents a 4.99% increase over the previous year.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2017 were \$344,952.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 are \$343,225. This represents a 0.5% decrease over the previous year.

- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$5,216,240. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$5,457,402. This represents a 4.6% increase over the previous year.

Pete Conway, Secretary

Lena-Winslow School Board

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Panthers win!

Isaiah Bruce applies pressure to the defender opening up the field to his advantage on the carry.

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The St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church Youth Choir and the Freeport School District 3rd - 4th Grade Elementary Chorus will perform holiday music. The public is welcome; the suggested entry fee is a donation of one non-perishable food item for each person attending. Barrels will be available for donations, and any monetary donations will go to area food banks, as well.

For more information on any Festival of Trees event, visit www.fhn.org/festivaloftrees.

American Legion Auxiliary meetings

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Lena American Legion Home at 6:30 p.m. We will be making tray favors for the hospitalized veterans. We will be making up care boxes for the Freeport National Guard deployed to Cuba. We will also collect food for a needy family. Dues will be collected. New members are always welcome. Junior members will be meeting Dec. 14 at 10 at the American Legion Home. They will be doing a fun project and be decorating cookies for others. Guests are welcome to attend. Susan Nicholas will be in charge of the social hour.

Fury hockey team wins big in Arrowhead



Alyssa Knauf scores a goal and racked up six assists over the course of the night.



By Susie Knauf
CORRESPONDENT

The Fury Hockey team traveled to Hartland Nov. 29-30 to compete in the Arrowhead Turkey Tourney. With a team bowing out of the tourney, three teams participated with Fury and Arrowhead squaring off first. The Fury lost 2-0 in a slow-paced first game.

In the next game vs. Brookfield Glacier, the Fury found their footing, easily defeating the Glacier 11-3. Anika Einbeck, Haley Knauf, and Alyssa Knauf lead the team in points. Anika contributed 5 goals (her second hat trick of the season) and 2 assists to the win. Alyssa tallied 1 goal, 6 assists (her second playmaker of the season). Haley earned a hat trick and playmaker with her 3 goals and 3 assists (her third hat trick and third playmaker of the season). Olivia Combs and

Amery Stuckey each added 1 goal and 1 assist in the contest. Sara Loeke recorded her second playmaker of the season. Anna Malone recorded an assist as well. Senior Goaltender Brooke Teubert stopped 16 shots while the Fury had 43 shots on Brookfield's goaltender. Arrowhead narrowly defeated Brookfield 4-2 in the next game.


In the final game of the series, the Fury again squared up against Arrowhead on Sunday. With 2:38 to go in the second period, Sarah Edler began the game scoring with a shot near the blue line with an assist to Sara Nerad. At the top of the third period, Anika Einbeck lit the lamp, assisted by Haley Knauf. Short-handed and 34 seconds later, Einbeck fired another in the back of the net giving the Fury a 3-0 lead. Less than five minutes later, Alyssa Knauf fired the puck in the back of the net, assisted by Anika Einbeck. The Fury played fierce all game outshooting Arrowhead 51-12. Goaltender Olivia Cronin earned her first shut-out of the season.

The Fury 3-1 on the season so far play their first conference game on Saturday, Dec. 7 when they travel to take on Viroqua.

(Left) Sarah Edler began the game's scoring with a shot near the blue line with an assist to Sara Nerad.



At the top of the third period, Anika Einbeck lit the lamp, assisted by Haley Knauf.




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(Right) Goaltender Olivia Cronin earned her first shut-out of the season.



(Left) Haley Knauf finds room for a slap shot.



Obituaries

LONNIE M. CHEENEY

Lonnie M. Cheeney, 54, of Stockton, IL, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019 at his home, doing what he loved, hunting. He was born on Oct. 24, 1965 to



Frank and Loretta (Moe) Cheeney in Freeport, IL. He married Tina Brinkmeier on May 23, 1987 and together they had three children. He worked for many years for Stephenson Service in Stockton as a plant sight supervisor.

Lonnie was an avid hunter, who enjoyed fishing, riding his motorcycle, playing his guitar, and in his younger years, singing karaoke. He was a man with old fashioned values, he would give the shirt off of his back to anyone, and he could fix and build anything. He was kind, and would never hold a grudge. Lonnie had a great sense of humor, and an appetite, always going through the fridge to find a "snack" or dessert. Lonnie's family was his biggest blessing, he especially loved his grandchildren.

Lonnie is survived by his children; Jeff (Jessica Dowd) Cheeney of Nora, IL, Tamra (Jason) Brown of Lena, IL and Caleb Cheeney of Pueblo, CO, grandchildren; Braelyn and Brinley Cheeney, Alyssa, Carter, and Willow Brown, mother; Loretta Cheeney of Warren, IL, brothers; Leon (Lori) Cheeney, and Troy (Mary) Cheeney, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Father Martin, brother Curtis Cheeney, and beloved dog Mickey.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019 at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL.

Visitation was on Friday, Nov. 29, 2019, and again until time of services on Saturday at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL.

Burial will be at Lena Burial Park in Lena, IL.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory.

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

HAROLD JOSEPH TRUMPY

On Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, Harold Joseph Trumpy, 99, of rural Winslow, Illinois, passed peacefully at his home, into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Harold is now in Heaven with his wife Marian, who had passed away on Nov. 5, 2019. Harold was born in Clarno, Wisconsin on Nov. 23, 1920 to Russell and Mabel (Bowen) Trumpy. He was a direct descendent of the late Joseph Trumpy and his son Henry Trumpy, who were among the Swiss contingency of settlers who founded the village of New Glarus in 1845. Within months of Harold's birth, his parents moved their family to Monroe, Wisconsin where he lived and attended school. Harold graduated from Monroe High School as the salutatorian of his class in 1938. During high school, he and classmate, Marian Zweifel, became sweethearts. On Dec. 21, 1941, they were united in marriage at St. John's United Church of Christ in Monroe.

Harold had continued his education at the University of Wisconsin Madison in the area of pre-medicine. As a result of an illness in the family, Harold left the University to help on a dairy farm in Clarno owned by his father. Marian and Harold lived there for 2 years. Harold found that dairy farming



sued him and as a result, Harold and Marian bought and moved to a farm outside of Winslow, Illinois, where they ran a dairy operation. They put down roots there and they raised four children. In 1968, Harold bought a dairy farm in South Wayne, Wisconsin. In 1975, he and Marian moved back to their Winslow farm, where they lived for the remainder of their lives.

Harold was very active in and held leadership positions in multiple church, civic, and community organizations. He was a long-time member of the Martintown Community Church where he served on the church board. He also was a member and Vice-President for the Lena Lions Club. He organized and served as the First Scout Master of the Winslow Boy Scouts, Troop #29. He served in 3 different capacities for the Winslow Township, as a Supervisor, Clerk, and later as a Trustee. One of his lasting accomplishments, was while on the Lena-Winslow Board of Education the two school districts consolidated. As a board member, Harold actively supported the capital referendums that led to the remodeling of the Winslow Grade School and the building of the present Lena-Winslow High School in Lena, Illinois. Harold was one of the founders of the Honey Creek Watershed that included Green and Stephenson Counties and served as its first President. The Honey Creek Watershed organization led the passage of clean water acts and a greater commitment on the part of farmers and townships, including the city of Monroe, towards preserving the integrity of the watersheds and water of Honey Creek.

Harold was always one to be a pioneer in soil conservation farming. While farming in Lafayette County, he received an "Outstanding Soil Conservation Farming" award for the initiatives he took with strip

farming, water management, and preservation of woodlands. Harold was known for his strong work ethic and was considered an honest and fair businessman. Always interested in agricultural real estate, he continued his education in agricultural real estate in later years. Harold loved the land he worked. He shared that it was while working in his fields, he would find it a special time to pray. He was very kind to all animals, both domestic and farm, and held a special affection for cats, dogs, and songbirds. He and Marian took in numerous stray cats and dogs over the years. He taught his children and grandchildren to hold a deep respect for all of God's creation.

Harold was very interested in genealogy and created and/or maintained records for both sides of his and Marian's families. He traveled to Switzerland, Great Britain, and Wales to learn more about their respective family histories. He was an avid reader of history; biography's, in particular, and kept current on national and international affairs. He owned several antique cars and had family buggies and surreys restored. In 2016, he and Marian were honored by the Community Bank of Winslow and rode in his Studebaker Buggy in the Lena Fall Festival Parade, celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary. It was important to Harold to preserve our heritage. He enjoyed playing Bridge and 500 with his friends and family. Harold was a great conversationalist, with a quick wit and a wonderful sense of humor. He loved to laugh.

Harold and Marian became members at St. John's Church of Christ, Monroe, WI in 1989 and in later years they attended Staver United Methodist Church. Harold deeply loved and was devoted to his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He delighted in their accomplishments and looked

out for each-and-every one through his words of wisdom, hard work, and generosity. Harold acted upon his deep faith in the Lord, through his generosity and kind heart. He always held a tender spot for those in need, whether a neighbor or even strangers. He was quick to help when trouble came or to forgive a debt if he thought it could make a difference in the life of the recipient. Harold was a treasure trove of wisdom and was deeply respected and loved by his family and those who knew him well. Harold was truly the "Salt of the Earth" and one of the last of his great generation who made such an impact in the world. He will be sorely missed by his family, but all live with the peace in knowing that Harold and Marian are in the glorious presence of the Lord, and they are together now and forever.

Harold was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 78 years, Marian; his parents, Russell and Mabel Trumpy; daughter, Marcia Bidlingmaier Saalsaa; grandsons Michael Trumpy and Neil Bidlingmaier; and sons-in law, Larry Bidlingmaier and Michael Kodrich.

He is survived by his son, Jeff (Jean) Trumpy, Waukesha; son, John (Lori) Trumpy, Winslow; daughter, Penny (Jim Stein) Kodrich, Minnetrista, MN; grandchildren, Layne (Erin) Bidlingmaier, Winslow; Tami Bidlingmaier, Winslow; Tana (Jason) Stieve, Lombard, IL; Kristie (Jeff) Reynolds, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Tim (Michelle) Trumpy, Minneapolis, MN; Kathy (Ryan) Caho, Kenosha, WI; Leslie Trumpy, Brownstown, WI; Noah Trumpy, Winslow; plus 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Monday Nov. 25, 2019 at Martintown Community Church, Martintown, WI. Burial took place in Greenwood Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at shriner111.com.

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ents are Tom & Janet Townsend of Stockton, IL and Troy & Angie Esling of McConnell, IL. Great-Grandparents are Patricia Sunderman of Lena, IL, and Norm & Linda Stilson

of Freeport, IL.

NADIA RAY-ANN RUBIO RIVERA

Mallorie and Gabino Rubio Rivera of Stockton, IL are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Nadia Ray-Ann Rubio Rivera born on Nov. 28, 2019 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL. Grandparents are Molly Thommen and Bruce Musser both of Stockton, IL. Great Grandparents are Richard and Margaret Magee of Stockton, IL. Nadia joins a brother Ian at home

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 • Reconciliation Sunday – 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.

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The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
 625 Country Lane Drive, Lena, IL 61048
Rev. Rick Bader (815) 369-4035
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 • *Sunday Worship – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
 • Blast Program at 9:00 a.m.
 • High School & Adult Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

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 • Christian Education for all Ages - 10:15 a.m.
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 • *Sunday Mass – 10:00 a.m.*
 • Reconciliation Saturday – 3:30 – 3:50 p.m.

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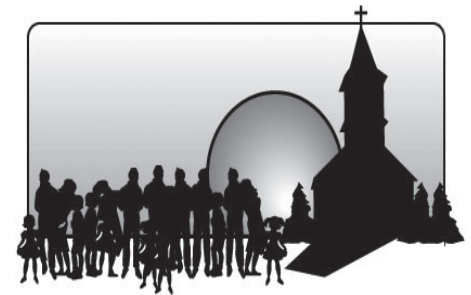
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 • *Bible Study Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.*



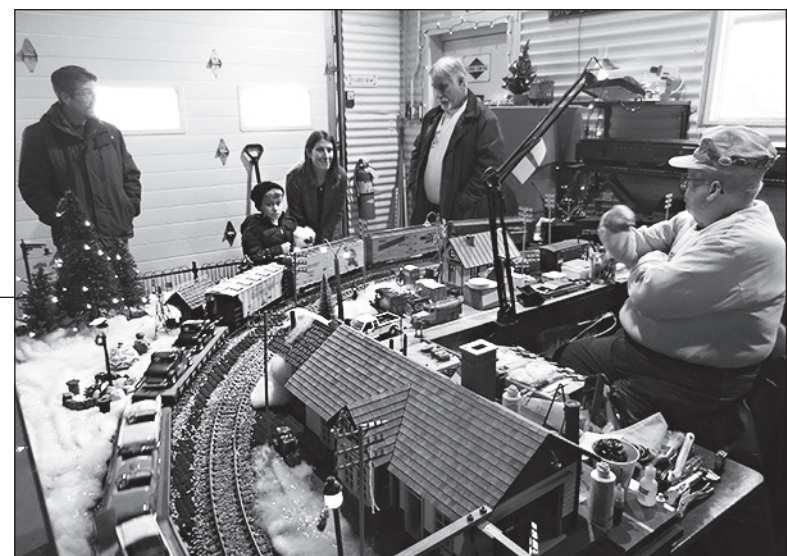
Depot Stove Gang to host Christmas Open House

The Depot Stove Gang Model Railroad Club proudly announces our 2nd Annual Model Railroad Christmas Open House on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8:30-11 a.m. The Depot Stove Gang is adding a little more fun to Lena during the Lena

Community Park District's very popular Breakfast with Santa. The Depot Stove Gang is having a "Free" Model Railroad Open House in the CW & Lena Railroad Train Barn at 406 S. Schuyler Street - Lena, which is directly across from Café 217 &

Skid Steer Specialties. Please enter in the alley doorway.

The Garden Scale Christmas Train will be making the rounds. Cookies, Hot Chocolate and Door Prizes provided too. A good time for all. The Depot Stove Gang is an Illinois not-for Profit Organization registered with the Illinois Secretary of State.



The Depot Stove Gang will host their second annual model train show Dec. 7, 8:30-11 a.m. in the CW & Lena Railroad Train Barn at 406 S. Schuyler Street - Lena in conjunction with the Christmas celebrations staged throughout Lena.

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The family of Lois Maass would like to thank everyone for their care, concern, and encouragement during her recent illness and for the outpouring of love and support at her passing and since. The phone calls, cards, notes, memorials, food and flowers each meant so much! Thank you for honoring her in so many ways! Special thanks to Pastor Rick Bader and Fawn Nolan for always keeping her informed and connected with St. John's after her move to Wisconsin and helping us with so many details along this final journey.

Many thanks to everyone involved with the service the day of the funeral; Pastor Bader, David Offermann, Pastor Matthew Mau, the pallbearers, Tom Mau, Mark Mau, Ron Lower, Doug Wybourn, and our sons, Jason, Jeff and Andrew, Lisa Lobdell for playing the organ and Jim Noller for the heartfelt solo.

We also appreciate all the care and tenderness shown to us by Aaron and everyone else at Leamon's during such a difficult time. Also thanks to Paris and DeVoe Floral for their kindness and beautiful flowers.

And again at St. John's, we are grateful for all the work of the Women's Society and the individuals who brought food for the delicious meal that they served and we all enjoyed.

Thank you to everyone who made her final memorial so very special.

And a personal note of love to Pastor Bader and Alice for their visits and support while she was ill, and all the care and love that they have shared with her and our whole family for a lifetime! We have been very blessed to have them and the whole St. John's family as part of our lives! Love to you all, Jean, Jerry and our family.

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LEGALS

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF STEPHENSON
TOTAL PLUMBING &
HEATING, LTD., an Illinois
corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs

CORTNEY J.
CHADWICK, BARCLAY
CONSTRUCTION, INC. an
Illinois corporation, FIFTH
THIRD MORTGAGE
COMPANY, ILLINOIS
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY, JESSIE
M. CHADWICK, and
UNKNOWN OWNERS, and
NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS

Defendants,

CASE No. 2019 CH 12
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 3, 2019, the Stephenson County Sheriff will at 9:30 A.M. on December 13, 2019, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois, 61032, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3840 East Winneshiek, Freeport, Illinois, 61032 and legally described, to wit:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of said Section 11, Township and Range aforesaid; thence West along the south line of said Southeast Quarter (1/4) 150 feet to a point; thence North 183 feet to a point; thence East 150 feet to the East line of said Southeast Quarter (1/4); thence South on the East line of said

Southeast Quarter (1/4) 183 feet to the place of beginning; EXCEPTING that part thereof dedicated for highway purposes; situated in the Town of Lancaster, County of Stephenson and the State of Illinois.

Property Tax Identification Number (P.I.N.): 07-14-11-400-002

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Stephenson County Sheriff. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the judicial sale fee for the Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lien or acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plain-

tiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE HOMEOWNER, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AFTER THE SHERIFF'S SALE AND SHALL HAVE A RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY WITHIN THAT PERIOD.

Attorney Thomas G. Ruud
Thomas G. Ruud & Associates
Attorney for Plaintiff
318 North 1st Street
Rockford, Illinois 61107
(815)961-9100

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's tempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION

Public Notice is hereby given that on **November 18, 2019**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons, owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **Deb's Garden Gate Floral** located at **501 Jackson St., Scales Mound, IL 61075**.

Dated November 18, 2019

ANGELA KAISER

Stephenson County Clerk
by SANDRA BLOOM
Deputy

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SOS+ schedules Annual Christmas Party

On Thursday, Dec. 12, SOS+ (Senior Outreach of Stockton and surrounding areas) will gather at Calvary UM Fellowship Hall for their Annual Christmas Potluck/Sing-a-long Party. All seniors are invited to come and enjoy the festivities. We begin at 12 noon with our annual Pot Luck dinner followed by the a good ole fashion Christmas sing-along. Good Ole St. Nick himself may just pay a surprise visit. Topping off the day will be our favorite White Elephant gift exchange. All seniors of Stockton and local areas are invited to join our Christmas Celebration. The meeting will start at 12 noon in Stockton's Calvary's UM Fellowship Hall.

All we ask you to bring is a dish to pass and a white elephant gift for the fun-filled Christmas gift exchange.

Because of the unpredictable inclement weather, there will be no SOS+ meetings in January and February of 2020. Resuming on March 12th, 2020. Watch for details as SOS+ begins its 16th year with an anniversary celebration filled with local talent; the SHS play casts will be here to give us a teaser to their upcoming play "Crazy about You" along with the singing/musical trio, Mary Berryhill, Terry O'Malley and Mary Jane Hammer in their group called "No Worries". Make sure to mark your calendar for our 16th year

kickoff in March. Stay safe and warm during January and February and join us once again as we start a new year of fun, educational, musical programs come March.

SOS+ (Senior Outreach of Stockton and surrounding areas) is a volunteered ministry providing programs and fellowship to our area seniors. There is no cost to join; a free will offering is taken at each meeting which helps in providing interesting and educational programs throughout the year.

Join us for our Dec. 12, Christmas party and make sure to mark your calendars for March 12, 2020 as we begin our 16th Year. More information about

the Anniversary Celebration will come in the new year.

The senior outreach program (SOS+) is always looking for volunteers to help us reach out to our seniors. If you are one who would like to join the planning committee team of volunteers, share your talents or have suggestions for upcoming programs, please feel free to call Mary Feltmeyer 815-297-5425, Nancy Rice 815-947-3683 or Shirley Toepfer 815-947-3639. If you are one of our seniors who are in need of a ride to the programs, please be sure to call one of these ladies. We would be delighted to accommodate you.

Church news

Lena United Methodist Church to host Holiday Cookie Walk and Chili Supper

Lena United Methodist Church, 118 W. Mason St. will be having a Holiday Cookie Walk and Chili Supper as part of the Lena Business and Professional Associations Night on Friday Dec. 6, 4:30-8. We will have holiday cookies and candies for sale and will be serving chili, ham salad or egg salad sandwiches, Texas sheet cake or pumpkin bars and beverages. Cost \$7 adults, \$4 children under 10, toddlers free. Carry outs will be available. Mark your calendars for Dec. 6 to join us and the Lena Businesses for a family night out.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, will gather for worship on Dec. 8th the second Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to the service as we await for Emmanuel in wonder and awe. Choir will sing during the service. After worship there will be time for fellowship. Sunday School children will meet at 10:45 a.m., for learning Christmas carols, prayer, and practicing for the Christmas Program. Choir practice starts at 11 a.m., and chime/handbell practice at 5 p.m.

On Tuesday Dec. 10, at 9:45 a.m. Good Shepherd will meet for Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center. Come and make a joyful nose to the Lord together.

On Wednesday Dec. 11th, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Our quilts provide warmth and love to people in our community and in the world. Materials and helping hands to tie and sew quilts are always appreciated. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a differ-

ence in the world!

On Thursday, Dec. 12, Friendship Club will meet at noon for a Potluck Dinner & entertainment with "Bobby Edler and John Waelti".

Good Shepherd will be participating in Christmas Tour of Homes on Friday Dec. 13, 4:30-7 p.m. and Saturday Dec. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

St. John's Lutheran Church (Pearl City)

You're welcome to join us for the Second Sunday of Advent at St. John's on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 9 a.m. The Joy Choir will sing and play bells during the worship service. Sunday School and Confirmation will meet immediately following worship. The Stewardship & Outreach Committee will meet after worship. The SPLAT Youth Group will meet at 11 a.m. on the same day.

Then on Dec. 15, during the worship service, the Sunday School children will present their program, "A Christ Filled Christmas."

The Women's Gathering will host their Annual Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. After the potluck, everyone is welcome to enjoy Carl Cole (singer and musician) in the sanctuary with his "Sounds of Good News." A perfect way to enjoy the holiday season.

Rich Kliman, Lake Carroll, won the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on Nov. 24, 2019.

Looking for an opportunities to give to others this holiday season? The Mitten Tree collection is for mittens, hats, scarves and sweatpants/joggers. Donations may be left by the tree at St. John's anytime. All donations will be given to the Pearl City Schools. We are also collecting for four needy families in the Pearl City area. Gift cards for food purchases and Christmas gift purchases will be

given with the donations. Monetary contributions may be left at the church office or in the secure drop box by the office anytime.

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.

Salem United Church of Christ (Lena)

On Sunday, Dec. 8, Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road, Lena, will continue the cel-

ebation of Advent by lighting the second Advent candle, the candle of Peace, during worship at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Nicholas will preach his sermon, "Chainsaw Art," using scripture from Isaiah 11:1-10. Fellowship lunch and a time of crafts will follow the service. Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:30 a.m. Remember to bring socks, mittens, gloves and warm winter caps for the collection box for veterans.

The Bookworms Reading Group will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, at Joy Gerbode's home for a Christmas party and share-a-dish dinner. The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group meets at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Big Apple, 1427 W. Galena Ave., in Freeport. Church Council will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the church.



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Sean Ormiston throws out the stiff arm blocking the defender opening a lane to find the end zone.

•Panthers (Continued from front page)

"It means the world. We've been talking about this since Elementary when our brothers won in 2010, but it's so much more emotional because it's our last game ever. He's family." Isaiah Bruce shared when asked about his long-time sports relation-

ship with Ormiston.

"I'll take these guys against anybody. - What these guys were able to accomplish and how they did it, running the football, playing physical offense, throwing in the play action pass when we needed to and putting it on the



Marey Roby gives an extra push to gain more yards on the carry for a Panthers first down.

money like Luke has. Marey and Kade on the receiving end of that, you know they just added an extra dimension to us this year." Arand said of his team.

"I'd say we have a pretty good connection; we go back to second and third grade when we were ball boys, then we were ball boys on the 2013 state team, and now he's my quarterback." Chrisman said on his connection with Benson. "I've known a lot of these guys for most of my life. I wouldn't want to do it with any other group of guys." Chrisman said.

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Kade Chrisman gets up to deflect the pass to the end zone.

• Panthers

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"Never give up. Give all I have in my heart to put it out there for my team, for my brothers every single play. It wasn't just me doing it, it was everyone on the team to help get us there." Ormiston said following this final game of football as a Panther.

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From Lena's kitchen



I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. If you are like me, now you have to deal with the leftovers. The Le-Win Panthers won their Championship game on Friday. I know that a lot of families had to postpone their holiday dinners until the weekend. It is a great reason to have Thanksgiving later. Hats off to a great team and their coaches and parents. I know others have had as good a time as I did watching them play. This week's recipes begin the countdown to Christmas cooking. The great cookie bake-off begins this week. Enjoy these recipes for the Christmas season.

I was going through some old recipes and found this one. I haven't made it for a while, but it is one of

my favorites. I plan on making it during the Christmas season. It is part of the green theme!

Lemon-Lime Refrigerator Salad

1 small pkg. lemon Jell-O
1 small pkg. lime Jell-O
2 C. hot water
1 C. milk
¾ C. mayonnaise
1 can crushed pineapple, well drained

1 C. cottage cheese
½ C. chopped pecans

Add 2 cups hot water to the two boxes of Jell-O. Put in refrigerator until almost set, then add rest of ingredients and mix well. Refrigerate overnight.

This winter casserole would make a unique side dish for the holidays. You can substitute a white onion for the yellow one. The hardest part is peeling and deseeding the squash. I told you in an earlier column that I put several slices where I would be cutting it in half; I then put it in the microwave for 5 minutes. Let it cool before you slice it open or use an oven mitt to hold it. Slice it on the slits and then remove the seeds. You can get the flesh out and cube the flesh. When it is cool, you can peel it to get the rest of the flesh out. Just be careful with the knife

because it slips easily.

Winter Squash Casserole

1 large acorn squash, peeled, seeded and cubed
1 medium butternut squash, peeled, seeded, and cubed
3 C. water
3 C. chicken broth
1½ C. chopped yellow onion
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 C. shredded white Cheddar cheese, divided

½ C. sour cream
1 egg, lightly beaten
2 C. chopped green onion
2 T. unsalted butter, melted
1½ t. salt
½ t. pepper
¼ t. garlic powder
¼ t. crushed red pepper flakes
1½ C. lightly crushed Ritz crackers, divided

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 2-quart baking dish with cooking spray. In a large Dutch oven, bring squash, 3 cups water, broth and onion to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low simmer until squash are tender about 7 minutes. Drain well. In a large bowl, stir together soup, ½ cup cheese, sour cream, egg, green onions, melted butter, salt, pepper, garlic powder and red pepper flakes. Gently fold in squash mixture until combined. Spoon half of the squash mixture into prepared pan, spreading evenly.

Sprinkle with ¾ cup crushed crackers. Top with remaining squash mixture, remaining crushed crackers and remaining shredded cheese. Bake until cheese is melted, about 25 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving. Garnish with green onions or chives.

This main dish would be great for a weeknight meal or for company. You can find a sesame dressing in most grocery stores. Kraft makes a good one.

Honey Sesame Chicken

1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into thin strips
¼ C. cornstarch
2 T. oil
½ C. Sesame Dressing
2 C. halved trimmed fresh green beans

1 yellow pepper, chopped
1 T. minced garlic
2 T. honey
1 T. apple cider vinegar
1 t. toasted sesame seed
2 C. hot cooked long grain brown rice

Pat chicken dry with paper towels; toss in small batches with cornstarch in medium bowl until all strips are evenly coated with cornstarch. Heat oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add chicken and cook 7 to 8 minutes or until done, stirring frequently. Remove chicken from skillet; cover to keep warm.

Heat dressing in same skillet. Add beans, peppers and garlic; cook and stir 4 to 5 minutes or until crisp tender. Return chicken to skillet along with all remaining ingredients except rice; mix lightly. Serve over rice.

Meatloaf is a great comfort food. I loved it when I was growing up because it always made me feel better. To this day a good meatloaf is a great way to remember days gone by. This meat loaf has a little surprise in it.

Barbecue Glazed Cheese-stuffed Meat Loaf

Topping:
1 C. ketchup
½ C. chili sauce
¼ C. firmly packed brown sugar
¼ C. balsamic vinegar

Meat
1 T. olive oil
1 C. chopped onion
½ C. chopped red bell pepper
1 t. chopped fresh thyme
½ C. dry bread crumbs
½ C. chili sauce
½ C. ketchup

1 t. salt
½ t. pepper
2½ lbs. ground sirloin
2 eggs, lightly beaten
4 mozzarella cheese sticks
Preheat oven to 350. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper. Topping: in a small bowl, whisk together ketchup, chili sauce, brown sugar, and vinegar; refrigerate.

Meat Loaf: In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add onions, bell pepper, and thyme; cook until vegetables are tender; about 10 minutes. Let cool for 15 minutes. In a large bowl, stir together bread crumbs, chili sauce, ketchup, salt, and pepper until crumbs are moistened. Add vegetables, beef and

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•Kitchen (Continued from page 12)

eggs, stirring gently with a fork. Do not mash the meat or the meat loaf; it will be dense. Shape mixture into a rectangular loaf on prepared pan. Press a well into center of meat mixture; add cheese chicks. Cover cheese with meat mixture, pinching to seal. Bake for 30 minutes. Spoon topping over meat loaf, and bake until a meat thermometer inserted in center registers 160, about 20 minutes more. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

If you are looking for a good cookie recipe for Christmas, this one is easy to make because it starts with a cake mix. It looks really pretty on a cake plate.

Red Velvet Chocolate Chip Crinkles

1 box (15.25 oz.) red velvet cake mix
 1/4 C. miniature chocolate chips
 2 t. flour
 1/3 C. canola oil
 2 eggs
 1/4 t. almond extract
 1 C. sugar
 1 C. powdered sugar
 In a large bowl, whisk together cake mix,

chocolate chips, and flour. Add oil, eggs, and extract; beat with a mixer at medium speed until smooth and well combined, about 2 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Cover and freeze until firm, about 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Place granulated sugar and powdered sugar in separate small bowls. Scoop dough into 1 inch balls. Roll balls in granulated sugar to coat; roll balls in powdered sugar to coat. Place 2 inches apart on prepared pans. Bake until surface of cookies is cracked and edges look dry, 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool on pans for 5 minutes. Remove from pans, and let cool completely on wire racks. Store in an airtight container for up to 3 days.

If you give food for presents at Christmas, this sweet bread is a good one for you to include in your "goodie" basket. Using the cranberry sauce and dried cranberries makes it extra good.

Double Cranberry Banana Bread

1/2 C. shortening
 2/3 C. sugar

2 eggs
 1 C. mashed ripe banana
 1 t. vanilla
 1 3/4 C. flour
 2 t. baking powder
 1/2 t. salt
 1/4 t. baking soda
 1 C. whole-berry cranberry sauce
 3/4 C. chopped pecans, divided
 1/2 C. dried cranberries

Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl, cream shortening and sugar until light and crumbly. Beat in eggs, banana and vanilla. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, salt and baking soda; gradually beat into creamed mixture. Stir in cranberry sauce, 1/2 cup pecans and dried cranberries. Transfer to a greased 8 x 4 loaf pan. Sprinkle with remaining pecans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 50 to 60 minutes. Cool in pan 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack.

There isn't a lot of time between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. The festivities

for the town of Lena begin this weekend. The Christmas parade and Santa and Mrs. Claus coming to town begins on Friday, Dec. 6, at 6. Stores will be open until 8:30 with treats. The Methodist Church has a chili supper and a cookie walk beginning at 5. There will be horse drawn rides around town that evening, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet children at the Citizens Bank. The Grinch will be at Sweetie Me's store on Railroad Street too. On Saturday there will be Breakfast with Santa. He will be a busy guy this weekend. Stores are offering specials, so stroll down both sides of the street to get into the Christmas spirit. I heard Sullivan's isn't selling live trees this year, but The Rafter's Restaurant is selling them. We are still looking for some good holiday recipes for salads, sides, desserts, and of course, cookies. If you have any recipes you would like to share, send them our way. You can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *Shopper's Guide* at 213 S. Center St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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Biofuel rule betrays promise to rural America

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"On the campaign trail and now as president, Donald Trump has sworn his allegiance to family farmers and ranchers and promised to uphold policies that ensure their prosperity. But actions speak louder than words — despite those promises, his EPA has repeatedly and deliberately undercut the American biofuels industry, prioritizing the needs of multibillion-dollar oil corporations at farmers' expense. "President Trump then vowed to offset all harm caused by the mishandling of small refinery exemptions — yet another promise that he hasn't kept. Though this supplemental proposed rule would make up for some of the lost demand, it does not go nearly far enough. Rather than calculate renewable volume obligations based on the actual exemptions granted,

EPA has inexplicably proposed using a much lower number that would cut hundreds of millions of gallons from the 2020 targets alone.

"At a minimum, EPA must recalculate its obligations and it must reallocate all 4 billion gallons lost to exemptions since Trump took office. Further, we strongly urge the agency to prevent future abuses by providing greater transparency on both the criteria and the process for granting small refinery exemptions."



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Blizzard pearl, 2.4L 4 cyl., auto, 136k miles.
\$7,995



Stock #391551
2012 Nissan Rogue SL
Platinum graphite, 2.5L I4 16V MPFI DOHC, CVT, 129k miles.
\$8,130



Stock #6687
2012 Chevy Sonic LTZ
Silver ice met., Ecotec 1.8L I4 DOHC VVT, auto, 92k miles.
\$8,419



Stock #200061
2003 Chevy Silverado 1500 LS Black, Vortec 5.3L V8, auto, 137k miles.
\$8,500



Stock #291861
2008 GMC Acadia SLT1
Red jewel tintoat, 3.6L V8, auto, 144k miles.
\$8,995



Stock #293342
2011 Chevy Equinox LT w/1LT Cardinal red met., 2.4L 4 cyl., auto, 100k miles.
\$8,995



Stock #65781
2009 GMC Acadia SLE1
Quicksilver met., 3.6L V6, auto, 127k miles.
\$9,412



Stock #292771
2011 GMC Terrain SLE-1
Mocha steel met., 2.4L 4 cyl., auto, 95k miles.
\$9,893



Stock #66511
2011 GMC Terrain SLT-2
Carbon black met., 3.0L V6, auto, 114k miles.
\$10,544



Stock #292822
2013 Ford Explorer XLT
Sterling grey met., 3.5L 6 cyl., auto, 163k miles.
\$10,914



Stock #300012
2014 Chevy Silverado 1500
Tungsten met., 4.3L V6, auto, 112k miles.
\$13,500



Stock #6666
2016 Chevy Cruze LT
Tungsten met., Ecotec 1.4L I4 SMPI DOHC, auto, 32k miles.
\$13,637



Stock #292001
2008 GMC Sierra Denali
Onyx black, 6.2L V8, auto, 92k miles.
\$19,993



Stock #291011
2014 Ram 1500 Big Horn Maximum steel met cc, 3.6L V6, auto, 59k miles.
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Stephenson County SWCD Tree Sale

Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District annual tree sale is underway for 2020. Each year the District sells bare root tree, evergreen and shrub seedlings to increase efforts to provide energy conservation and/or habitat cover for wildlife. These plants are for conservation purposes only and shall not be used as ornamentals or for landscaping. Deadline to order is Friday, March 13, 2020. The deadline allows us to adjust pre-ordered quantities with the nurseries. We are hoping this eliminates the "extras" at the end of the sale.

Trees are sold in bundle sizes of 10, 25 and 100.

Evergreens available include Balsam

Fir, Fraser Fir, White Pine, Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Spruce and American Arborvitae.

Deciduous Trees include Kentucky Coffeetree, Black Walnut, Quaking Aspen, Shagbark Hickory, White Oak, Burr Oak, Northern Red Oak, Pin Oak, Swamp White Oak, and Red Maple.

Shrubs available include Allegheny Serviceberry, Redosier Dogwood, Highbush Cranberry, Nannyberry and American Plum.

Quantities are limited this year; and we will be unable to order additional stock; place your order early!

Additional items for sale include marking flags, Plantskydd Animal Re-

pellent, tree mats, tree tubes and stakes along with bat houses, blue bird houses and wood duck houses.

Tree Order pick-up is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2020, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Stephenson County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Road, Freeport IL. A reminder postcard will be sent to confirm the pick-up date, time and location.

Order forms can be picked up at the District office or printed from the SWCD website www.stephensonswcd.org

Order and payment must be mailed or dropped off at the Stephenson SWCD office; 1620 S. Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL.

ELIZABETH, IL CHRISTMAS in the Village

FRIDAY
6
DECEMBER

OUTSIDE HOMES DECORATING CONTEST Judging after dusk.
Entries due by 5 pm on Thurs, Dec 5.
To enter: email Merri at msevey73@gmail.com.

VILLAGE TREE LIGHTING
6 pm. Near the circle parking lot.
Join us for caroling & win a chance to light the tree.

SATURDAY
7
DECEMBER

FREE TROLLEY RIDES
10 am - 3 pm. Stops at Train Depot, Apple River Fort, St. Mary's, Elizabeth Garage and Elizabeth Arch.
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SOUP & BAKED GOODS SALE
10 am - 2 pm. Elizabeth Garage.
Presented by Trinity Lutheran Church.

APPLE RIVER FORT CHRISTMAS
10 am - 3 pm. Step back in time to the reconstructed Apple River Fort, where historical interpreters in 1830s clothing will portray Christmas as it was celebrated then.

SANTA DASH
Registration: 11:30 am. Race: Noon.
Apple River Fort Interpretive Center.
\$5 entry fee. Donation to benefit Cats Care Closet.

MRS. CLAUS' STORY TIME
12:30 - 1:30 pm. Stoddard Building.

OUR SHOPS & BUSINESSES WILL HAVE SPECIAL HOLIDAY SALES ON SATURDAY, DEC 7!

CRAFT FAIR
9 am - 3 pm. St. Mary's Catholic Church.
Frozen Pie Sale by Altar & Rosary Society.

SANTA'S VISIT & "LETTER DAY"
10 am - 1 pm. Chicago Great Western Railway Depot. Childrens' name, address and telephone numbers should be included on letters to Santa.

KIDS CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
10 am - 2 pm. Stoddard Building, 115 N Main St. 1 per child. Build a "gingerbread" house.
Sponsored by The Three Elizabeths Guest House.
Create a Christmas Ornament.
Sponsored by Midwest Medical Center.

SUNDAY
15
DECEMBER

ANNUAL ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CONTEST 2 pm. Everyone welcome!
United Methodist Church Light refreshments will follow. Come early to get a good seat!

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Freeport Salvation Army lists 2019 Christmas goal

The 2019 Annual Red Kettle Campaign began in Freeport and will be staffed by an all-volunteer fighting force. The Freeport Salvation Army raises about 70% of their total operating funds during the first quarter of each fiscal year. This year's total Christmas goal is set at 330K slightly above last year's achievements. The local unit has made several changes this year to continue to serve well into the future and needs the increase to help launch many new self-sustaining programs.

"The Salvation Army plays a vital ongoing role in building sustaining community where ever we serve" Captain Jim Brickson, "We will continue to Fight for Good in Freeport".

The Freeport Salvation Army hosts 10 Red Kettle locations in Stephenson County, 1 in Jo Daviess County and 2 in Ogle County and represent a total of just over 2,500 hours; 664 hours are already spoken for. Monies collected in their respected counties helps to fund ongoing needs in that county.

"We are asking our community members to volunteer or make financial contributions to support your local Salvation Army's Christmas campaign. You can be part of providing for many programs and services" Cal Wescott, Advisory Board Chair

Financial support can be as easy as signing up on RegisterToRing.com sending a check to 106 W Exchange St Freeport or using iPay or Google Pay at all Red Kettle Stands. The Salvation Army is asking that the local residents consider even giving just 2 hours to ring the bell at any of the available locations. Just 2 volunteer hours can allow the Salvation Army provide meals for a family for an entire week.

Take steps to prevent respiratory illness

Northern Illinois Rockford Region – The common cold and vaccine preventable diseases such as influenza (flu), pertussis, and pneumonia, are examples of respiratory illnesses that are more common during this time of year. The nine local health departments that comprise the Northern Illinois Rockford Region want to remind residents that there are simple steps they can take to help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses.

Take These Steps to Help Prevent Getting and Spreading Respiratory Illnesses

1. GET UP TO DATE ON YOUR VACCINES, especially the influenza (flu), Tdap/DTaP, and pneumonia vaccine.
2. WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN with soap and warm water.
3. COVER YOUR COUGH, cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve or a tissue that you throw away.
4. CLEAN SURFACES OFTEN, increase cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.
5. STAY HOME, if you or someone in your household is not feeling well, stay home to keep others from getting sick.

"As you get together with friends and family, we want you to spread fun, not respiratory illness. By taking these simple steps you can help keep both yourself and others healthy," said the regional spokeswoman, Katherine O'Toole.

For information on where to get vaccines or for additional guidance on respiratory illness, contact your local health department:

- Carroll County Health Department 815-244-8855; <http://www.ccphd.org/>
- Jo Daviess County Health Department 815-777-0263; www.jodaviess.org/health
- Lee County Health Department 815-284-3371; www.lchd.com
- Stephenson County Health Department 815-235-8271; www.co.stephenson.il.us/health/
- Whiteside County Health Department - 815-772-7411; www.whitesidehealth.org
- Winnebago County Health Department - 815-720-4000; www.wchd.org

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