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Lady Wolves fall to Durand

By Trenten Scheidegger
SPORTSWRITER

It was a bit of an up and down regular season for the Pearl City Wolves girls' basketball team. They began the year on a three-game losing streak, and then suffered a five-game losing streak toward the middle of the season. They fought through the face of adversity and continued to compete when everyone had counted them out, however. With a pair of two-game win streaks, both of which included wins over Orangeville, the Wolves were able to gather some momentum as they moved on through the season.

At the end of January, they were able to defeat Orangeville by a score of 41-31 as they completed a three-game sweep over the Broncos. They picked up another win

the following day when they faced off with Hiawatha in the Aquin shootout with a score of 35-16. They found themselves ending the season with two tough opponents in the Lena-Winslow Panthers and the Forreston Cardinals, however. They went on to lose those final games of the season, which left them set up to face off with Durand in the Class 1A Lena-Winslow Regional.

The Bulldogs came in with a record of 18-8 and had already defeated Pearl City three times prior by scores of 43-22 and 35-18. Those matches were early in the season, however, and Pearl City had a much-improved team as they neared the end of the season. In January, the Wolves kept it close with the Bulldogs until the very end, but Durand won that third matchup by a score of 48-41. Still, it was some-

thing for the Wolves to be proud of as they prepared to face a very familiar playoff opponent.

Durand proved to be too much for the Lady Wolves, however. The Bulldogs had become very familiar with Pearl City's squad and they were able to keep the Wolves out of reach in the end. Durand went on to win the regional game by a score of 48-31.

The Wolves finished their season with an overall record of 7-24, including tournament and playoff play. They graduate a tremendous group of seniors who have had an impact on this program for a long time now in Sarah Pena, Kayla Runkle, and Nicki Adolph. The loss of these three will be tough to fill, especially the leadership role of Pena. The Wolves are in good shape, however, as their young squad developed a lot of experience this season and can take what they learned from their graduating seniors and implement it into their own game next season.



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Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to the Lena Lions Citizen of the Year - Coach Ric Arand!

'Blithe Spirit' cast with area talent

Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater (MRPDT) Director Kim McIver is excited to announce her cast for the upcoming comedy "Blithe Spirit."

The show roster includes Cole Duvall as Charles Condomine, and Emily Duval as his wife, Ruth. They are friends with Dr. and Mrs. Bradman, played by Ron Pallek and Sandy Sweitzer, respectively. Medium Madame Arcati is portrayed by Mary Jo Frederick. The Bradman's maid is Melanie Frederick. And the ghostly Elvira is Keisha Leehan.

"We have audience favorites returning to the stage for this "spirited" show," remarked McIver. "I'm confident we are going to have an exceptional show due to the talent gathered for the March play."

Blithe Spirit is set at the house of writer, Charles Condomine, and his wife, Ruth. He invites local eccentric medium, Madame Arcati, to hold a seance at his house. Despite initially thinking the seance has been a failure, it soon becomes clear that Madame Arcati has unwittingly brought back Charles' first wife, Elvira, to haunt him. Once in his house, Elvira is unable to leave and causes all kinds of mischievous trouble between the married couple. When Elvira unwittingly causes Ruth's death in her attempts to bring Charles over to be with her, Charles becomes haunted by both of his now-deceased wives. Frustrated by their odd situation, Madame Arcati is summoned once more to send Elvira and Ruth back to the other side. However, Charles gets an ending he was not expecting.

The show, to be presented at the MRPDT Theater at 203 W. High St. in Orangeville, IL, is scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights March 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m., March 22. Doors open one-half hour before curtain. Tickets for the dessert theater are \$20 each and can be purchased by calling 815-819-1310, or emailing mightyrichlandplayers@gmail.com.

2020 election of SWCD Directors held

The Stephenson County Soil & Water Conservation District held their annual election of Directors on Feb. 6, at the U.S.D.A. Service Center in Freeport. Three directors' terms were available for the 2020 elections. Re-elected to a two-year term were current board members SethWenzel and Dan Diaz. New to the board is Matt Schlachter.

Seth, Dan and Matt will join the District Board Members Jim Hutchison and Barb Klinger, for the upcoming year beginning in March.

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Learning history first hand

96 year old Berry Williams visited Mr. Johnson's eighth grade social studies class at Pearl City Jr. High. Mr. Williams lived through the Great Depression and fought in WWII. Mr. Williams informed the class of his experiences as a youth and a soldier. He answered questions from the class to help give the students a better understanding of life during this period of American history.



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Pearl City Spelling Bee

The Pearl City Elementary School Spelling Bee contestants. Congratulations for all of your hard work!



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FFA 212° conference

Six Pearl City FFA members, Destiny Haugh, Addison Bremmer, Aaliyah Whitney, Jordan Johnson, Brooklyn Schreck, and Jack Fischer, attended the annual 212° conference in Decatur, Illinois, on Feb. 7 - 8.



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Lena Library news

By Brittany Gaulrapp
DIRECTOR

The kids had a great couple of weeks getting ready and celebrating Valentine's Day. All of the kids made their own Valentines to give away. The Story Hour kids decorated bags to collect all of their Valentine's Day party treats. They read Elmo Loves You. , and sang "The Love Bug", "The Winter Pokey", "We Dress Like That", "It Is Snowing", and "Snowman".

To celebrate the After School kids played Valentine's Day BINGO. Everyone wins here when they play BINGO, and most of the kids left with an armful of goodies. The Story Hour kids had parties as well. They had so much fun passing out all of their cards and other treats to all of their friends. After they each had a chance to pass out of their cards, they enjoyed their treats and drinks and read Froggy's First Kiss. Mrs. Kathy let all the kids pick out a Valentine's Day treat from her as well. It gets pretty exciting here on party days, and it sounded like everyone had a great time. You can check out pictures all of the fun on our Facebook page.

Our book club will meet again on Feb. 26th at 9:30. Come join us for good conversation, hot coffee, and snacks.

New books just came in. Golden In Death-JD Robb, The Museum of Desire-Jonathan Kellerman, and Fifth Avenue Story Society-Rachel Hauck. Stop by or call us to request your favorite titles.

Pearl City Spelling Bee winners

Spelling Bee winners (Left) runnerup, Ayden Hayes and our Champion, Miles Corbin who will be advancing to the Regional Spelling Bee that will be held at the Pearl City Elementary.

Thank you for the beautiful cards sent to us on our anniversary. It was greatly appreciated.

God Bless you all
Glenn & Nancy Broje

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

I hope everyone had a special "heart" day. It had to be one of the coldest in history, but hopefully it was warm in everyone's heart. We also had a little more snow that annoyed a lot of people, but made the people who plow happy. I always feel sorry for those who make their living seasonally. This week's recipes will make you want to cook, and remember it is a good way to keep warm! At the end of the column, I am rerunning the Cherry Bar recipe because I left out an important ingredient—it was definitely a brain break.

The first salad is for a really healthy bean salad. If you can't find the Persian cucumbers, you could use regular ones. The hardest part of the recipe is opening cans and slicing vegetables.

Mediterranean Bean Salad

1 can (15 oz.) cannelloni beans, drained and rinsed
 1 can (15 oz.) garbanzo beans (chickpeas), drained and rinsed
 1 C. cherry tomato halves
 2 small Persian cucumbers, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced (do not peel)
 ¼ red onion, thinly sliced
 1/3 C. roasted red peppers, roughly chopped
 ½ C. black olives, halved
 ½ C. stuffed green olives, halved
 1 C. assorted colorful bell peppers, diced
 ½ C. crumbled feta cheese
 ½ C. chopped marinated artichokes
 10 large basil leaves, shredded

Dressing:

¼ C. extra virgin olive oil
 4 T. red wine vinegar
 1 t. dried Italian herb seasoning
 1 garlic clove, minced
 Salt and pepper to taste

Whisk the dressing ingredients together and taste to adjust any of them. Add more vinegar if you want a tangier flavor.

Put beans in a large salad bowl. Add the rest of the ingredients and toss with a generous amount of the dressing. The salad will keep, well covered, for several days in the refrigerator. Give a quick toss before serving.

If you are looking for a good side, this is an upgraded green bean casserole just in time for Easter dinner. You can use any kind of mushrooms in this casserole.

Creamy Green Beans and Mushroom Casserole

½ C. unsalted butter, divided
 2 pkg. (8 oz.) sliced mushrooms

4 medium onions, thinly sliced
 1 clove garlic, minced
 ¼ C. flour
 ¼ C. chicken broth
 1 C. half-and-half
 ½ C. grated Parmesan cheese, divided
 1 t. salt
 ½ t. pepper
 3 pkgs. (14 oz.) frozen whole green beans, thawed

2 C. French-fried onions
 1/3 C. sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 350. In a large skillet, melt ¼ C. butter over medium heat. Add mushrooms, onions, and garlic; cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. In a large Dutch oven, melt remaining butter over medium heat. Whisk in flour; cook for 1 minute. Whisk in broth; cook for 1 minute. Whisk in half-and-half; cook until thickened. Stir in cheese, salt and pepper until smooth. Stir in mushroom mixture and green beans until well combined. Pour into a 2 ½ quart baking dish. Top with fried onions and almonds. Bake until hot and bubbly, about 25 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

This next recipe is for a really good vegetable soup which happens to be really healthy too. If you wanted to make it vegetarian, you could omit the hamburger and substitute vegetable stock for beef stock.

Italian Beef Vegetable Soup

½ lb. hamburger
 ¼ C. chopped onion
 2 C. chopped cabbage
 2 medium carrots, chopped
 1 C. Brussels sprouts, quartered
 1 C. chopped fresh kale
 1 celery rib, chopped
 1 T. minced fresh parsley
 ½ t. pepper
 ½ t. dried basil
 ¼ t. salt
 4 C. beef stock
 1 can (12 ½ oz.) Italian tomatoes, undrained

In a skillet, cook and crumble lean ground beef with onion over medium-high heat until meat is browned, 4 to 5 minutes. Transfer beef mixture to a 3 or 4 qt. slow cooker. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cook, covered, on low until carrots are tender, 5 to 6 hours.

I have never eaten or made chicken chop suey; however, one of my friends loves to make chop suey with chicken rather than beef. Try it and let us know what you think of this unique main dish.

Chicken Chop Suey

4 t. olive oil
 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch cubes
 ½ t. dried tarragon
 ½ t. dried basil
 ½ t. dried marjoram
 ½ t. grated lemon zest
 1 ½ C. chopped carrots
 1 C. unsweetened pineapple tidbits, drained
 1 tart medium apple, chopped
 ½ C. chopped onion
 1 C. cold water, divided

3 T. unsweetened pineapple juice
 3 T. reduced-sodium teriyaki sauce
 2 T. cornstarch
 3 C. hot cooked brown rice

In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add chicken herbs and zest; sauté until lightly browned. Add next fire ingredients. Stir in ¾ cup water, juice and teriyaki sauce; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until chicken juices run clear and carrots are tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Combine cornstarch and remaining water. Gradually stir into chicken mixture. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Serve with rice

If you are into coconut, you will like the dessert recipes for this week. You can buy cream of coconut and coconut extract at Wal-Mart. You can also get the bittersweet chocolate chips at Wal-Mart. To toast coconut, place coconut in a nonstick skillet and warm it up on medium heat. Stir frequently until the coconut turns slightly brown and becomes very fragrant. You can toast nuts the same way. The first recipe is for a beautiful cheesecake.

Coconut Cheesecake

1 2/3 C. crushed Oreo cookies (about 17 cookies)

2/3 C. sweetened shredded coconut, toasted
 ¼ C. butter, melted

Filling

4 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened, divided
 1 C. sugar
 ¾ C. cream of coconut
 2 t. coconut extract
 3 eggs, lightly beaten
 ¼ C. chopped maraschino cherries
 1 C. bittersweet chocolate baking chips, melted and cooled

1/3 C. cherry preserves, finely chopped

Topping

½ C. bittersweet chocolate baking chips, melted and cooled
 1 C. sweetened whipped cream

1/3 C. sweetened shredded coconut, toasted
 16 maraschino cherries with stems, patted dry

Preheat the oven to 375. Place a greased 10-inch springform pan on a double thickness of heavy-duty foil. Wrap foil around pan. Place on a baking sheet.

In a small bowl, mix crushed cookies and coconut; stir in butter. Press onto bottom and ½ inch up the sides of the prepared pan. Bake 10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Reduce oven to 325.

In a bowl, beat 3 pkg. cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Beat in cream of coconut and extract. Add eggs; beat on low just until blended. Stir in chopped cherries. Pour 3 cups of batter into the crust. In another bowl, beat remaining 8 oz. cream cheese until smooth. Beat in chocolate and cherry preserves. Drop by tablespoonfuls over coconut batter. Spoon remaining coconut batter over the top. Place springform pan in a larger baking pan; add 1 inch hot water to larger pan.

Bake until center is just set and top appears dull, 80 to 85 minutes. Remove pan from water bath. Cool cheesecake on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Loosen sides from pan with a knife, leaving rim in place; remove foil. Cool 1 hour. Refrigerate overnight, covering when completely cooled. Remove rim from pan. Top with cooled chocolate, whipped cream, toasted coconut and cherries.

The second coconut dessert is for an old-fashioned poke cake. The small packages of Jiffy work well in this recipe; I like the fact that it makes a 9-inch square pan. You won't have any leftovers.

Coconut Cream Poke Cake

2 pkg. (9 oz.) yellow cake mix (Jiffy Golden Yellow Cake works great)

2 eggs, beaten
 1 ½ C. whole buttermilk, divided
 1 can (15.5 oz.) cream of coconut
 1 container (16 oz.) whipped topping, thawed

1 C. sweetened flaked coconut, lightly toasted

Preheat oven to 350. Lightly spray a 9-inch square cake pan with cooking spray. In a large bowl, stir together cake mixes, eggs, and 1 cup buttermilk until well combined. Spread batter into prepared pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 25 minutes. Using a fork, poke holes all over the top of the warm cake.

In a medium bowl, whisk together cream of coconut and remaining ½ cup buttermilk. Slowly pour mixture all over the cake, letting it absorb. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight. Just before serving, spread whipped topping onto cake, and sprinkle with toasted coconut.

This is last week's **cherry cookie bar recipe**. If you tried to make it, you probably noticed I forgot the flour. I really do try to proofread my column carefully; however, sometimes I get interrupted or my brain just skips. I hope you try these again and have good bars because they now have flour in them! I am sorry for any inconvenience you had.

Cherry Cookie Bar

1 ½ C. sugar
 1 1/3 C. salted butter, softened (2 sticks plus 5 T.)

½ orange, zested
 2 eggs
 1 t. vanilla
 4 C. flour
 1 T. baking powder
 ½ t. salt
 2 T. whole milk
 1 can (30 oz.) cherry pie filling
 Glaze:

1 C. powdered sugar
 1 T. whole milk
 1 lemon, zested

Preheat the oven to 375. Cream together the sugar, butter and orange zest in the bowl of a mixer until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing in between, then add the vanilla. Mix until fully incorporated. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add half the dry ingredients to the butter-sugar mixture; after mixing the dry and wet ingredients, add half of the milk. Add the remaining dry ingredients followed by the remaining milk and mix until the dough comes together.

Press two thirds of the dough into the bottom of a 9 x 13 glass baking dish. Pour the cherry pie filling over the dough and spread it out evenly. Drop by spoonfuls the remaining dough over the pie filling. Bake until the edges and top are golden and the center is set, 35 to 40 minutes. Let the bars cool and set, 15 to 20 minutes.

Glaze: add the powdered sugar, milk and lemon zest to a bowl and stir until smooth. Drizzle over the bars. Cut into bars in the baking dish and serve.

Hopefully the arctic blast is behind us, and we can have some fun and some nice winter weather. I guess I will start to put the snowmen away, and it might hurry along the last vestiges of winter. We are looking for St. Patrick's Day and green recipes; it is also time to be thinking about meatless recipes for Lent.

We continue to feature some soups this month, so if you find a good one, please pass it on. If you have any recipes you think we would like, 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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State Police director backs FOID fingerprinting

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The Illinois State Police director said this week that his department has stepped up illegal firearm ownership enforcement methods, but it needs

greater resources to continue the job — including fingerprints of Firearm Owner Identification Card applicants.

During a news conference Thursday, ISP Director Brendan Kelly gave an update about enforcement efforts

and announced support for Senate Bill 1966, a measure that would increase FOID card fees and mandate fingerprinting of applicants.

The House passed the bill in May, but a Senate measure to agree with that final language stalled before a vote. It remains in the Senate assignments committee but could be taken up this legislative session.

Under the bill, sponsored in the House by Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, new applications for FOID cards and renewals — which would be required every five years — would cost \$20, up from the current cost of \$10. The fees would fund law enforcement revocation efforts for those not legally allowed to own FOID cards or guns.

Gun advocacy groups such as the Federal Firearms Licensees of Illinois and the Illinois State Rifle Association oppose the bill, and have argued fingerprinting and increased fees hinder Second Amendment rights.

In a news release Friday, Assistant House Republican Leader C.D. Davidsmeyer, of Jacksonville, called the plan “an overreach” by lawmakers and the ISP.

“Director Kelly is pushing legislation that will require all legal gun owners in Illinois to give their fingerprints to the State Police when requesting or renewing their FOID card,” Davidsmeyer said in the release. “This is a continued attack on law-abiding gun owners and it puts undue financial burden on many citizens just trying to protect their families.”

While Kelly was questioned about the constitutionality of fingerprinting

gun owners at the news conference, he said ISP’s main consideration is public safety — lawmakers and judges will decide constitutionality.

“We will be able to do a much more thorough, effective and quicker background check, even for law-abiding citizens, if we have that fingerprint,” he said.

Kelly’s briefing came one year after a shooting at an Aurora warehouse left five people dead and others injured. That shooter, Kelly said, should not have had a gun because there was a 1995 felony aggravated battery conviction on his record.

The ISP director also said there are several instances similar to this one in which criminal background information is not included in key national databases. There are “over 7 million firearms ownership-prohibiting records in this country which are not readily available in background check databases,” he said.

The information does show up when a person is fingerprinted — and it did when the Aurora shooter was fingerprinted for a concealed carry permit in 2014 — but he had already purchased the gun used in the shooting by that time because he lied on his FOID card application, Kelly said.

At the time, police only sent a letter to the shooter demanding he turn in his guns, but took no other action.

“Because a form letter sent only at the time of revocation is not enough, we committed to sharing FOID revocation data with any law enforcement agency at any time. That is done,” Kelly said.

Now there is a web portal accessible to any criminal justice department

in the state, he said. It includes the reason for revocation, new convictions and other prohibitors, as well as firearms transaction histories.

Kelly said before the Aurora shooting, ISP was “only incidentally” confiscating guns from those who were not legally allowed to own them as part of “other types of investigations.” There was no concerted, coordinated effort.

“Enforcement has improved,” he said, noting the ISP’s criminal investigation division conducted more than 200 revocations since May 2019 that resulted in retrieved guns.

Kelly said the fund supporting police background checks has “been affected by budget crisis after budget crisis,” but recent stability from the current administration has been beneficial, “allowing the ISP to build out multi-year hiring and service plans.”

While 90 percent of about 300,000 new FOID applications in the past year were processed within the mandated 30 days, Kelly said, it took police a total of 13,877 hours of overtime. Gun rights advocates have sued over alleged FOID and concealed carry permit delays, however.

“Even with the incredibly hard work of the men and women in justice services, and with the incredibly hard and sometimes dangerous work of the men and women serving in the division of criminal investigations, there is still much more to be done,” Kelly said in backing SB 1966. “Without additional resources for both state and local law enforcement to ensure illegal firearms are not possessed by potentially dangerous individuals, the odds still remain too high that more tragedies will occur.”

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency announces the PY20 LIHEAP, PIPP, and Weatherization Assistance Programs

Program Year October 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020

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 (gas, propane, electric) through the Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) and Weatherization Programs.

Effective January 1, 2020, LIHEAP clients may apply for the Direct Vendor (DVP) one time payment assistance only. **No new PIPP applications will be taken after December 31, 2019.**

All income eligible households may schedule an appointment to apply for assistance with their heating utilities. LIHEAP applications will be taken until May 31, 2020 or until funding is exhausted.

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.

NICAA 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

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

1 person household - \$1,561 2 person household - \$2,114
3 person household - \$2,666 4 person household - \$3,219
Add \$553 for each additional person in the household

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

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household. **No other document is accepted as proof of social security number.**
- 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
- Complete current heat and electric bills and disconnect notices received.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt
- Proof of Homeownership (Title for Mobile Homes) and tax bill are required for weatherization assistance.

PY 20 LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program

An Emergency Furnace Assistance Program is available for LIHEAP households of Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties who are homeowners and whose existing heating systems are not functioning or have been red-tagged by their utility.

The purpose of the LIHEAP Furnace program is to restore heat to the household and is available from October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 or until funds have been exhausted.

All income eligible homeowners may apply for emergency furnace assistance.

To qualify for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program, the household must first apply for and be approved for LIHEAP assistance.

The household must have active service with both primary and secondary heating utilities. Households and disconnected utilities are not eligible for this assistance.

In addition to LIHEAP documents, the following homeownership documentation must be provided:

1. Copy of real estate tax bill
AND
2. One or more of the following:
 - Copy of warranty deed, contract for deed, or quit claim deed (all of these must be stamped and registered with the county clerk)
 - Copy of current mortgage statement
 - Copy of the original Mobile Home title

Please call 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 to make an appointment for assistance.

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Illinois strengthened its gun safety laws, raising its grade on Annual Gun Law scorecard

In the latest edition of the Annual Gun Law Scorecard, Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence graded and ranked each state on the strength of its gun laws, showing that states with stronger gun laws have lower gun death rates and save more lives. Illinois raised its grade in 2019, from a B+ to an A- after passing comprehensive gun dealer regulations.

Illinois has stronger gun laws than the majority of the country. The state has the 20th-lowest gun death rate in the country and imports crime guns from other states at the third-highest rate. To save lives from gun violence, lawmakers could strengthen the state’s licens-

ing requirement and increase funding to community violence intervention programs.

“For decades, state lawmakers have an established track record of following the NRA’s orders. But this era is over as state leaders are now charting a different course, passing hundreds of laws that have brought countless communities increased peace and safety,” said Robyn Thomas, executive director of Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. “The rise of gun safety laws, which accelerated after Parkland captured the nation’s attention and crystalized demands for action, shows leaders on both sides of the aisle are taking action. Looking to

the states that made improvements over the past year demonstrates that more legislatures are awakening to the fact that the time to act is now. However with 21 states still earning F grades, it’s clear we have work to do. The light we shined on trafficking this year proves that as many states move forward, it’s time for the federal government to step up and do more to protect residents of every state from the risk of gun violence. Year after year, it is our intention to show legislators, activists, and citizens that progress is possible. We hope they use the Gun Law Scorecard to evaluate the safety of their state and make informed choices that will lead to a safer America.”

HCC Foundation scholarship applications are open for 2020-21 school year

The Highland Community College Foundation has officially opened its scholarship applications for the 2020-21 school year.

Highland awarded \$482,262 scholarships to more than 200 students for the 2018-2019 academic year. Highland-bound student scholarships are available for traditional and non-traditional students in more than 17 areas of study, including undeclared majors.

Pat Dunn, director of operations for the Highland Foundation, emphasizes that scholarships aren’t just for academic achievement.

“Highland has over 350 scholarships based on where you live, fields of study, special interest, financial need and academic performance, so there is something for almost everyone,” Dunn said. “The Foundation is always happy to help students find the specific opportunities to apply for.”

Applicants can view the list of scholarships by accessing highland.edu/scholarships. The deadline for most scholarships is April 1.

For more information on Highland Foundation scholarships call 815-599-3413.

ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

KELLY SUZANNE ADKINS GUERRERO

Kelly Suzanne Adkins Guerrero, 45, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Stockton, Illinois on Monday, Feb. 10, 2020. Kelly was born Jan. 10, 1975 in Decatur, Illinois to Richard Adkins, Rockford, IL and Paula Wolfe Adkins (Fulton), Stockton, IL.

Kelly spent most of her childhood in Ottawa, IL and graduated from Ottawa High School in 1993. Kelly lived in Stockton, Illinois with her three sons and her dog Gibson. She worked at Country Roads Real Estate for seven years, operated a daycare in her home, helped start Forever Green Lawn Care, worked at Stockton Schools, and this last year she was a tax preparer for HR Block in Stockton, IL. Kelly was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton, IL where she was admired for her strong faith and spiritual soul.

Kelly's smile lit up a room and the hearts of all who loved her. Her kind heart and wonderful sense of humor could bring a laugh from everyone. She dedicated the last 20 years to being the best mom to her three boys. Kelly loved animals and volunteered at Noah's Ark in Rockford. Art was her passion whether she was painting signs and boards for her home or doing crafts and sidewalk chalk with her boys.

Kelly is survived by her parents, her three sons, Chaz, Seth, and Druce and their father, Craig Guerrero, her sister Erica Adkins Grabbe (Clark) all of Stockton, half-brother Ricky Todd, Ft. Myers FL, step-sister Cymi Fulton Nappe (Tony) Mansfield, Illinois, step-brother Doug Fulton (Audrea) River Forest Illinois her aunt Vicki Adkins, Uncle Packey Adkins both from Rockford, Uncle Les Wolfe (Linda), Ramona, CA, nieces and nephews Lexie Bartolucci, Zach Grabbe, Jordan Ryan, Jack and Lilli Fulton, and her loving dog Gibson.

Kelly was preceded in death by her sister Aimee Leigh Adkins, maternal grandparents, Robert and Patricia Wolfe, her paternal grandparents Kenneth Adkins and Frances Adkins and her stepfather Darrel Fulton.



The memorial service was held on Friday, Feb. 14, at Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton. There will be a visitation on Thursday, Feb. 13, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with Kelly's family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

MARY L. ALBRIGHT

Mary L. Albright age 60, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020 at FHN Memorial Hospital. She was born on July 5, 1959 in Freeport, IL to Lyle and Margaret (Timmerman) Scheider. She married Wayne Albright on June 18, 1977 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lena. Mary enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and watching them at their sporting events.

Mary is survived by her husband Wayne of Orangeville; 3 children; Jason (Susan) Albright of Freeport, Craig (Shannon) Albright of Lena, and Tiffany (Joe) Tamborello of Indianapolis, IN; 6 grandchildren- Shayleigh, Khayne, Bethany, Layton, Grayson and Annabelle; siblings- John Scheider of McHenry, IL, Jim (Mary) Scheider of Springfield, IL, Karl (Karon Shippy) Scheider of McConnell, Beth (Daylon) Becke of Cedarville, and Kevin Scheider of Eustis, FL; sisters-in-law- Carol Wenger of Lena and Sherri (Dennis) Ackerson of Winslow; brother-in-law Harold



Janicke of Lena and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son Brandon, sister Marsha Richardson, sisters-in-law- Marj Scheider, Janice Janicke and Lori Scheider, and brother-in-law Joe Wenger, mother-in-law and step father-in-law.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 17, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Officiating was Rev. Schwichtenberg.

A luncheon followed at the Evangelical Free Church in Lena.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

MELVA RUBY LAW

Melva Ruby Law, age 94 of Stockton, IL passed away Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020 at Lena Living Center. She was born Oct. 3, 1925 in Stockton to the late Herman and Ruby (Wilcox) Pohl. Melva mar-

ried Burdette (Butch) Wenziker on Dec. 23, 1942. He passed away on June 7, 1996. She then married Blendon Law on Oct. 3, 1998 and he passed away on March 23, 2005.

Melva attended Stockton Schools and completed Beauty School Training in Sterling, IL. She was a hairdresser for 55 years, doing business as "Melva's Woodland Acres" and was an election judge for 22 years. She played guitar with Butch's band "Butch and the Buckaroos" and Blendon's band "The Blendonairens". Melva loved to dance and was a member of "The Stockton Twirl-A-Ways" square dance club. She was also a member of the "Rock River Restorers Antique Car Club". Melva and Butch



were farmers, did fancy work, and belonged to Horse Club. Melva had her own horse "Buttercup" which she raised from a baby up.

She is survived by her daughter, Sally (Robert) Foley; her granddaughter, Megan (Kenneth) Huckabee; her great granddaughter, Gracie; her brother, Clyde (Janice) Pohl; her daughter-in-law, Jane Law; her sister-in-law, Pat Pohl; her step sons, Bob (Ginger) Law and Jerry Law; and her step granddaughter, Debbie (Richard) King. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, sister Jean Breed, twin brother Melvin, brothers Joe and John, and step son Herb Law.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 15, at Hermann Funeral Home. Interment took place at Ladies Union Cemetery. There were no graveside services. A memorial fund has been established for Calvary United Methodist Church and Hospice of Northwest IL. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Criminals use State Police numbers to scam victims

Illinois State Police (ISP) officials have received multiple calls from the public concerning suspected scam calls. Various ISP districts throughout the state have received reports from citizens stating they have received calls from individuals with a foreign accent claiming to be members of the Illinois State Police seeking their personal information. It has also been reported the callers claim there is some police matter that needs to be resolved which requires the would-be-victims' personal information (full name, date of birth,

social security number, etc.). Concerned citizens have also reported the telephone number where the call originated, matched the ISP District telephone number.

This type of scam is a common technique known as "spoofing." Spoofing occurs when a telephone number is manipulated and disguised to look like an alternate telephone number of a person's choosing. Usually the number is disguised to match the telephone number of a government agency that would typically gather personal information in the performance of their duties.

A few factors to consider:

- Always ask the caller to identify himself/herself by name.
- If an ISP Trooper needs to collect personal information from you, they will usually collect the information during an in-person interview.
- Although there are certainly times when an incident will require a follow up telephone call by an ISP Trooper to gather additional infor-

mation, e.g. a traffic crash investigation, an ISP Trooper will never ask for your social security number over the phone. The Trooper will also have knowledge of the incident you were involved in and your specific role in that incident.

Scammers can be very aggressive in their techniques. One of their most common used techniques is to create a sense of urgency and fear in their potential victims in order to gain their personal information.

If you receive a call from an ISP Trooper claiming to be calling from an ISP District, request the name of the caller and advise the caller you will call them back. Look up the ISP District phone number they claim to be calling from, then call the number and ask to speak to the Trooper whose name you were given. If there is not a Trooper by that name, please advise the call taker of the incident that just occurred. ISP District telephone numbers can be found on the ISP website: www.isp.state.il.us

Cancer Relay for Life Kick-Off

To help teams get ready for the upcoming Relay season the annual Cancer "Relay for Life Kick-Off" has been set for Sunday, March 1! "Fishing For a Cure" is this year's theme and the event will be held at Manny's in Savanna, from 4 - 7 p.m., and will feature their pizza/taco buffet at a cost of \$8/person. Denise MacLaren, from the American Cancer Society, will be speaking on what their organization does in the fight against cancer. "No Worries" will entertain us with music. We will end the evening with a dessert/craft silent auction.

This Kick-Off is for everyone from Carroll or JoDavies County whether you are a team member, a volunteer, a cancer survivor, or someone who is new to the Relay and wants to get more information or get involved for the first time.

YOU are invited to attend the Kick-Off on March 1 and join us in our fight against cancer!

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Sealed bids will be received March 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., for separate tracts, any combination of tracts, or the entire acreage. For information about the real estate and the sale procedure, please visit www.ruftrust.com. You may call 815-988-3062 or e-mail Ruftrust@faist.org with questions about the real estate. For questions regarding sale procedure, please contact Nicole Bauer at Plager, Krug, Bauer, Rudolph & Stodden, Ltd. at 815-235-1212 or nbauer@plager-law.com.

CHURCH NEWS

Stockton Unitarian Universalist to display area art

By Leone Anderson
CORRESPONDENT

The walls of the Stockton Unitarian Universalist church are brightened with beauty. Artists of Jo Daviess County and beyond may make a request to display their work for a period of three months. It's our pleasure during the month of February to have the impressionistic oil paintings of Charlene Price of Galena.

Char, as her friends know her, has been passionate about painting since growing up in Iron River, Wisconsin. As a child she sub-

mitted drawings to the Superior Telegram which published them weekly, giving an award of a book or a dollar. She pursued her passion throughout her school years despite lack of art classes. Not finding encouragement in the abstract art being taught at the college in Superior to which she had won a four-year scholarship, she transferred to UW-Milwaukee. She graduated with a degree in Special Education, but continued to follow her love of painting. After marriage to Bob Price and raising their three children, she now works from her

home studio. Her depiction of nature, in natural settings or still life, is in her preferred medium of oil paint. A member of Galena Arts Alliance, she has exhibited in Hello Galena, Galena Center for the Arts, and in more distant areas such as Skokie and Barrington.

You may view Charlene Price's work at Stockton's U.U. Church, 219 N. Pearl St. before or after the Sunday services, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Coffee Hour follows in the Patterson Room. Everyone is welcome.

We believe "the beauty of God's earth" is conveyed not just with words or music but also through the medium of art. For questions, contact the U.U. Art Committee, Mark Haman, Chairman, 815-777-0493.

Willow United Methodist Church to host Circle Jam

Come join us for Circle Jam! Friday, Feb. 21, 6:30-9 p.m.

Bring your instrument or just yourself. Music warms the soul.



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Pie and Soup competition

The American Legion Auxiliary held their annual Pie Judging and Soup Tasting at the Lena American Legion Home. There were 24 pies entered and the winners were:

First Place-Shelby Clark, Lena, for her cherry pie.

Second Place-Vee Clair, Pearl City, for her pear pie.

Third Place-Barb Wire, Winslow for her rhubarb pie.

The pie judges were Barb Curry from Pearl City, Maxine Dittmar from Lena, and Deb Winning from Lena.

There were 21 soups and the ones selected by the over 100 people attending were:

First-Taco by Bonnie Campbell of Orangeville.

Tied for Second-Broccoli Cheese by Lillian Seffrood of Warren and Potato by Rose Bruegger of Ridott.

Tied for Third-Rotisserie Chicken Noodle by Judy Oellerich of Lena and Hearty Southwest Turkey & Black Bean Chili by Judy Shippee of Lena.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

Concerned Women of America schedule February meeting

The Concerned Women of America, Stockton group, will meet on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. Please note that this month the group is meeting at Christ Lutheran Church on Main Street. Please enter at the back door. The CWA is an interdenominational group of conservative Christian women who meet to be informed, pray, and act. New members are welcome to join.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason Street, Lena, will gather for worship with Holy Communion on Feb.23, at 9:30 a.m. This is Transfiguration Sunday. Children will bury Alleluias during the service. Choir will sing in the service. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

On Wednesday Feb.26 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!

Feb. 26, is Ash Wednesday. Lena area Lenten luncheon will be at Lena UMC hosted by McConnell UMC and Lena UMC. Lunch will start at 12 p.m. followed by a short devotion. Lena UMC and Good Shepherd will be having Ash Wednesday services with imposition of ashes. Afternoon service will be at Lena UMC at 1 p.m., and evening service will be at Good Shepherd 7 p.m.

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

Salem United Church of Christ (Lena)

Join us at, 8491 W. Salem Road, Lena, on Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 23, for Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. The sermon by Pastor Randal Nicholas for the Sunday worship service is titled "Appropriate Sharenting" and is based on Matthew 17:1-9. A potluck lunch will follow at noon, with an afternoon of fellowship, crafts and games. Sandwiches and snacks will be provided, but you are invited to bring salads, side dishes, and desserts to share. Bring any kind of crafts you would like to work on...knitting, model building, simple crafts, scrapbooking...your choice. Or...play board games. Several will be at the church, or you're welcome to bring one of your own.

On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, communion will be served at the 7 p.m. service at Salem.

The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group will eat at the Big Apple Restaurant, 1427 W. Galena Ave., in Freeport on Feb. 26 at 8 a.m.

McConnell United Methodist Church to host Annual Soup and Sandwich Lunch

McConnell United Methodist Church will be hosting their Annual Soup and Sandwich Lunch on Sunday, March 1st from Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the church located at 211 N. Hulbert Rd. in McConnell. The menu will include all-you-can-eat chili, vegetable beef soup, cheese sandwiches, celery/carrot sticks, dessert and beverage. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (5-12 yrs old). Funds made at this event are used for our new youth ministry and mission projects.

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Story Hour joys

Participants in the Lena Community District Library Wednesday Story Hour also had some fun making Valentine's.



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Coins for Koalas

Have you seen the devastating Australian wildfires on the news? Le-Win Junior High Student Leadership and Mallory Shepard decided something needed to be done and staged a fundraiser to help care for the koalas displaced by the fires.

Area schools participate in speech sectionals

In a few days, hundreds of high school kids will converge upon Peoria, Illinois to participate in this year's edition of the Illinois High School Association's State Speech Tournament. One of those kids will be from Pearl City High School.

Torey Leverton won third place in the Dramatic Interpretation category at Saturday's Freeport Sectional Speech tournament, which was good enough to allow her to capture what everyone in the competitive speech community considers as the proverbial "gold ring": State.

Torey, nor anyone else who endured the two-week preliminary competitions, had an easy time of it. The process began when her coach, Jamie Graf, selected her to be on the State Series team. For ordinary tournaments, a coach may send two or three kids in a particular category, but for a State Series team, she or he may select only one. The first level of competition is called "Regionals." A student must place in the top four to advance to Sectionals. Torey captured the Regional poetry championship from a field of ten, securing her place in Freeport.

Said Coach Graf, "We had six polished entries make it to Sectionals. We look forward to State next week in Peoria. I am very proud of our entire Regional and Sectional Teams!"

In order to "polish" a performance, students and coaches alike need feedback from judges during the season. The comments kids receive need not always be glowing, but they should be consistent, a problem that has plagued probably every speech team in the state at one time or another. As an example, one particular student at the Sectional competition, who was "triple judged" in the final round, received scores of "1", "1", and "6". 6? As every speech would probably say, "How did that happen?." Concerning this issue, Graf

stated, "This was a speech season with very inconsistent judging across the board which made it difficult to know what to tweak with each competitor on our team. What won a tournament one week had the student not breaking finals the following week. Frustrating!"

At Sectionals, the competition gets a little more "interesting." The tournament is bigger and much more competitive, with two hundred and six students from three Regionals at the Freeport Sectional contest. Not only is the competition stronger and more plentiful, but only the top three can advance to State. By winning the third spot, Torey beat out kids from much larger schools such as DeKalb, Rochelle, and Hononegah.

Even though other local schools made a good run in the State Series, they fell just a little short, and no one knows this better than Kierra Lynn Schulz of the Lena-Winslow/Orangeville team during her Sectional competition. Kierra Lynn, who did not begin participating in Speech until her junior year, came in a heart-crushing

fourth in not one but two categories, Humorous Duet Acting and Humorous Interpretation.

The only other local student to participate in the final competitive round was Stockton/Warren's Kimberly Raab in the Oratorical Declamation category.

Another local team who did not advance to State but is definitely on the rise is the squad from River Ridge. Describing her team's efforts this season, head coach Judy Tippett said, "Even though we didn't get anyone into finals, we had 5 individual events and PIR (Performance in the Round) qualify for Sectionals, the most we ever had qualified. No matter what the results, I'm proud of every one of these kids. They gave it their best and I can't ask any more than that. Speech teaches you skills that you will use for the rest of your life. I am proud to have been a part of it."

The State Speech tournament will be held at the Peoria Civic Center this Friday and Saturday. It is free and open to the public.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
TAMMY M HERAL A/K/A TAMMY M STAHL;
ROBERT W HERAL;
EVELYN M STAHL A/K/A EVELYN MARIE STAHL,
A/K/A EVELYN STAHL;
ASSOCIATED BANK, NA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO FIRST FEDERAL CAPITAL BANK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.

2019 CH 54

111 WEST NORTH STREET DAKOTA, IL 61018
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU,

Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

Evelyn M Stahl a/k/a Evelyn Marie Stahl a/k/a Evelyn Stahl defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOTS 3 AND 4 IN BLOCK 5 OF THE TOWN OF DAKOTA, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF DAKOTA, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 111 West North Street Dakota, IL 61018

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Tammy M Heral a/k/a Tammy M Stahl, Robert W Heral, Evelyn M Stahl a/k/a Evelyn Marie Stahl, a/k/a Evelyn Stahl

Mortgagor(s), to First Federal Capital Bank

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stephenson County, Illinois, as Document No. 200900105969; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before March 6, 2020, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp, or talk to your local circuit clerk's office.

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

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Attorney for Plaintiff
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
HSBC Bank USA, National Association as trustee for Deutsche Mortgage Securities, Inc. Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2004-5
PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Tammy Tobin; Andrew Collier; Lynette Hernandez; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Janice Collier; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Janice Collier (Deceased)
DEFENDANTS

2019CH46

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Lynette Hernandez
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Janice Collier
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
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and which said Mortgage was made by:

Janice Collier the Mortgagor(s), to Express Home Mortgage Company, as

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stephenson County, Illinois, as Document No. 200400054683 Book 84 Page 1340; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Nathan A. Luy
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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on or before March 20, 2020, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

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Loran Township Annual Meeting Agenda

Notice is given that March 1, 2020 is the last day for any 15 or more registered voters in Loran Township to request an agenda item for consideration by the electors at the annual meeting. This is done by giving written notice to:

Deb Foust – Township Clerk
215 E. South Street Pearl City IL 61062

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367709

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
Fifth Third Bank, National Association
PLAINTIFF

Vs.

City of Freeport; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Lois A. Moore; Unknown Owners

and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Lois A. Moore (deceased)

DEFENDANTS

2019CH33

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 01/28/2020, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on April 3, 2020 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse

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

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common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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Stockton FFA Chili Cook-off

The Stockton FFA Chapter held its Second Annual Chili Cook-Off at the Bottle Shed on Feb. 16. There were 15 incredible entries and the judges choose the variety entered by Hambone as their favorite. The People's Choice award went to Joseph Brudi and Lizzie Eisfeller with the Mac and cheese chili, and Larry Mc Peek won the TV raffle.

Warren Women's Club update

Welcome back after the Holidays; I Hope everyone has had a great Holiday.

Our guest was Dan Stevens of the speech team at Warren/Stockton High Schools. He brought one of his students Jacob Ven Huizen to perform a segment of a play, doing the parts of six different people and did an excellent job. We would like to thank, Stevens and Jacob Ven Huizen for their participation at the Women's Club.

At the meeting the club decided that putting up a Christmas tree was too short a notice, so they passed on it for 2019.

Would like to thank the Social Committee; Judy Scott, Rose Marie Steuart, and Darlene Smith for the lunch we had.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 25, 2020 at 12 Noon at the Stagecoach Event Center. Our program will be Jeanne Massingill about food dehydration and preparing food gifts.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

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Pearl City Education Foundation thanks those whose efforts and/or donations have added to our capabilities to offer a growing number of senior scholarships.



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Poppy patches

Riley Durling and Evelyn Karnatz are presented with Poppy Patches from Andrea Karnatz, Unit Poppy Co-Chairman. Riley and Evelyn are Junior Members of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary and earned their patches by doing projects promoting and learning about the Poppy Program.



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District Spelling Bee Winners

The winners of the Lena-Winslow School District Spelling Bee pictured from left to right are: Max Krzeminski (3rd), Madalyn Schierloh (2nd), and Sarah Geiseman (1st).

• REAL ESTATE •

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS Fifth Third Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF

Vs. City of Freeport; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Lois A. Moore; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Lois A. Moore (deceased) DEFENDANTS

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Lady Broncos vs. Kirkland's Hiawatha

Alyssa Ostendorf sets up outside adding the three for the Lady Broncos.



Ella Doyle hangs tight to the ball after bringing in the rebound.

Lena American Legion Auxiliary to host brunch

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Emily Georgege finds herself on the line after drawing the foul down low.



Head Coach Jay Doyle talks strategy with the Lady Broncos during a time out.



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