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## River Ridge-Scales Mound basketball wins Dakota tournament

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The River Ridge-Scales Mound Lady Wildcats have gotten off to a hot start in their 2021-22 campaign. Despite finishing just 4-11 overall last season, the 'Cats returned a handful of talented players to build around, this season. A pair of All-Conference juniors in Sydney Driscoll and Mickayla Bass lead the way, while a third junior in Sadie Fry provides some athleticism as a state track athlete. With a reliable junior class, the 'Cats also sport a strong group of six seniors, providing Head Coach Dave Wiegel with plenty of depth. Kari Conklin, Josie Korte, Olivia Leonard, Samantha Haring, Jaidyn Strang, and Avri Miller fill out the senior class. Miller provides the squad with some size, standing at six feet tall.

Together, the 'Cats have a nice balance of size, depth, and talent. They have already started putting that mixture on display as they are off to a 6-0 start to their season. They began their 2021 campaign with a 48-40 victory over the Pearl City Wolves. RR-SM was able to rely on a breakout first quarter as they quickly went up 18-4 over the Wolves.

Cheyenne Handsaker led the Wolves with eighteen points. Both Brea Musser and Sidney Wright had eight. The 'Cats had three players reach double digits as Bass had thirteen, Addison Albrecht had twelve, and Driscoll had ten. RR-SM did a majority of their work down low as they hit just one three pointer on the evening.

After winning the season opener, RR-SM began their play in the 2021 Dakota Turkey Tournament on Monday, November 22. Once again, the 'Cats had three players reach double digits as Driscoll led the way with twelve, Strang had ten, and Emily Wiederholt had ten. The trio provided a majority of the offense as they went on to beat Dakota 37-22.

Wiegel's squad managed to keep the early season momen-

tum rolling when they faced off with Aquin Catholic, the next day. After holding a 10-5 lead at the end of the first, the 'Cats would only extend that lead in the second. After outscoring Aquin 13-8, RR-SM was able to take a 23-13 lead into the halftime break. Thanks to another impressive performance in the third quarter, RR-SM was able to coast to a 42-35 victory as they moved to 4-0.

Driscoll led the 'Cats with fourteen, while Bass was right behind her with thirteen points of her own. Strang put up ten points as RR-SM had three players reach double digits for the fourth consecutive game to begin the season.

It was a busy week for the 'Cats as they were set up to face off with Pearl City for the next stage of the Turkey Tournament, just a day later. It was the first rematch of the season for both the Wolves and the 'Cats, after meeting up in the season opener. The Wolves came prepared to give the 'Cats a better matchup in

their second meeting.

After an 8-7 first quarter, it remained a tight race in the second. RR-SM outscored Pearl City by one point in both opening quarters, allowing the 'Cats to take a slim 15-13 lead into the halftime break. The RR-SM defense would prove to be the difference in the second half, however. After holding the Wolves to just three points in the third and four points in the fourth, the 'Cats were able to extend the gap between them and Pearl City.

Driscoll led the team with nine, while Annie Werner was right behind with eight points. Once again, the 'Cats did most of their damage inside as they hit just two three-pointers on the game. RR-SM went on to beat the Wolves 34-20, setting them up with an opportunity to win the Turkey Tournament.

They would have that opportunity on Saturday, November 27, where they began their day with a matchup against North Boone. It was the best offensive performance of the year for Wiegel's squad, as they put up thirty-five first half points. They would nearly match that number in the second half as they went on to win 63-20.

Driscoll was the team's leading scorer again as she finished with twelve points. Bass was next up with nine points, while both Wiederholt and Abigail Frank had seven points each. It was an all-around performance as the 'Cats moved to 5-0 on the year.

With a perfect start and an opportunity to come out on top of the Turkey Tournament,

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The River Ridge FFA Chapter hosted a successful canned food drive the week of Nov. 14. The drive involved the whole school and more than 540 items were collected. Items donated were given to the Elizabeth Food Basket Inc. to help anyone in the community who needs nutritional support over the coming weeks. River Ridge FFA Chapter Vice President Kari Conklin is pictured delivering items to the food pantry. Thank you to all of the families that donated this year.

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# Obituaries

## DOROTHY M. LOWER

Dorothy M. Lower, of Lanark, passed away Thursday, July 8 at Allure Nursing Home in Mt. Carroll. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 5 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lanark. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 5 at the church prior to the service. Masks will be required by all who attend.

Dorothy was born October 25, 1932, daughter of Charles and Edna (Krusey) Diffenderfer. She lived in Lanark her entire life, and attended Lanark schools. At a young age Dorothy met the love of her life, Donald Ray Lower. The couple soon married, and together raised one daughter and celebrated 65 years of

marriage until Ray's passing in 2014.

Dorothy has been a member of the Lutheran Church in Lanark for over 25 years. She has also been a member of WELCA for just as long. Dorothy especially enjoyed quilting for the WELCA quilting drives, providing blankets and quilts to the needy. Dorothy's faith was central to her life. She was Christian in every sense. People have described Dorothy as "so sweet". No one ever had anything bad to say about her. Dorothy was caring, generous, and loved being a grandmother and great-grandmother. Family was the absolute joy of her life.

Dorothy will be dearly missed by her son-in-law, Da-

vid (Jill) Shaulis of Lanark; three grandchildren, Jennifer (Patrick) Hughes of Lubbock, TX, Kristen (Nina) Tatum of Rockford, Betsy (Kipp Meyers) Shaulis of Lanark; and three great-grandchildren, Jack, Mary Kathleen, and Elizabeth Hughes all of Lubbock, TX; one brother, Richard Diffenderfer of Winslow; three sisters, Betty Derrer of Shannon IL, Carol (Rex) Sturtevant of Lanark, and Karen (David) Sloan of Lanark. Dorothy is preceded in death by her beloved daughter Kathleen Shaulis; her husband, Donald Ray Lower; her brother, Tommy (Patricia) Diffenderfer; two brothers-in-law, Glen Derrer, and Tim Lower; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Diffenderfer; and her parents Charles and Edna.

## DONALD CLIFFORD REES

Donald Clifford Rees passed away on Nov. 23, 2021, at Pleasant View Nursing Home, Monroe, WI. Born Oct. 17, 1929, on the family farm in Lena, IL, Donald was the third son of Clifford Karl Rees and Julia Gertrude (Schwindel) Rees. With his brothers Francis and Alfred, Donald worked on the farm from a young age. He spent his first eight years of school at the one-room schoolhouse, the Rees School, located a half-mile up the road. Donald graduated from Lena High School in 1947. Following high school, Donald worked at the State Bank in Freeport until he returned to farming, first as a hired hand on a neighboring farm, and then returning to help on the home place a few months later when his brother Alfred enlisted in the Navy.

Donald married his love, (Dorothy) Ilene Wise on October 10, 1953. Ilene was a surgical nurse, and together they farmed until Donald was drafted into the US Army on Jan. 31, 1955. He did his training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma before shipping out to Okinawa where he was stationed. While in Okinawa, Donald served in an artillery division, where his detail included acting as a surveyor for a M65 280 mm atomic cannon, although in his last six months, he served as a mail clerk. Donald made three life-long friends while



in the Army, Hubert Sellers, Lloyd Smith, and Keith Samuelson. They visited together throughout their lives.

When Donald returned from service, he began working at the Citizen State Bank in Lena on Mar. 1, 1957. He worked in the bank for 20 years, first as cashier and ending as a Vice President of the bank. He also served as a bank director for 33 years, from 1967 until 2000. In 1975 Donald obtained his insurance brokers license and wrote for West Point Mutual Fire Insurance Company assisting Emmerson Lobdell. Donald was elected Treasurer in 1961 and served in that office until 1977. Donald left the bank in March 1977 and worked as agent and manager of West Point Mutual Fire Insurance Company until retiring February 1, 2000.

Donald moved to the Rees farm in 1963 and lived there until a few months before he passed away. He and Ilene always had the highest praise for their friend and neighbor Gary Kempel, who farmed on shares with Donald for many years. Donald and Ilene would not have been able to remain on the farm without the help

of Gary and Amy Kempel. Donald is survived by his daughter Susan (John Hofmann), two grandchildren, Aaron and Brent Rees, step-granddaughter Rachel Hoffmann, and step-grandson Erik Weeks. He is also survived by four great-grandchildren, and nieces, nephews, and friends who enjoyed visiting with him on the farm. Donald was preceded in death by his loving wife Ilene in Mar. 2021, and by his son Dennis in March 2003. He was also preceded by his parents, granddaughter Angella, and brothers Francis and Alfred. Visitation was on Saturday, Nov. 27, at Leamon Funeral Home, Lena, Illinois from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Funeral services began at 11:00 a.m. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lena, with interment to follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery. Donald's family is grateful for the loving and compassionate care he received at Pleasant View Nursing Home, Monroe, WI. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Friends of Pleasant View Foundation, PO Box 733, Monroe, WI 53566-0733 or https://cfs.wi.fcfsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit\_id=1219. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

## DONALD L. PRICE, 87

Donald L. Price, age 87, Master Storyteller, previously of Clinton, IA and Elizabeth, IL passed away peacefully Monday, Nov. 22, 2021 at the Hawkeye Care Center in Dubuque. A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 at Law Jones Funeral Home in Elizabeth, with burial in the Elizabeth Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service. A Masonic Service will follow visitation at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Donald was born June 9, 1934, in Freeport, Illinois,

the son of Roy and Geneva (Hayes) Price. He is a 1952 Elizabeth High School graduate. At the age of 22, Don became a member of the Masonic Lodge. He believed its teachings helped him in life. He was a great storyteller, leaning in and keeping your attention. His stories included friends, family and the real goings-on around his life. Anyone who met him knew they had an immediate friend to share stories.

Don was known for owning the Price Logging and Export Co. for many years, and later in life, restoring old antique tractors. He also worked as a heavy equipment operator and miner before founding Price Logging.

He received widespread recognition for his work with Water Ram technology. If there was a problem, Don wanted to be in on the solution. He has enjoyed sobriety for 51 years through the Grace of God and AA.

Donald will be dearly missed by his son Scott (Debra) Price of Galena; his daughter, Dawn Price of Platteville, Wisconsin; son-in-law, Patrick Cummings of Sierra Vista, AZ; two grandchildren, Marie and Andrew Freese; and a brother, Lloyd Price of New River, AZ. Don is preceded in death by his parents; a sister Luella Price of Salem, Oregon; a brother Robert; and a sister-in-law, Annie Price.

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## JIM BRANDT, 84

Jim Brandt, 84, a 4th generation farmer of Pearl City, IL, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021 at FHN, Freeport, with his loving family present. Jim was the first born to parents Evan and Belva Brandt (Bowers) on May 29, 1937. Jim's education began at Valley View country school for his first four years. He spoke of that school often as they had hot lunches. Jim would reminisce of the different lunch favorites that he & fellow students would request. From 5<sup>th</sup> grade on he attended Pearl City Schools, graduating in 1955. He was the Illinois State FFA President from 1956 to 1957. Jim attended U of IL short classes after graduation but chose to enlist in U.S. Army in 1957 instead of furthering his college education at that time. Perseverance paid as he graduated from Highland Community College in June of 1966 and Illinois State University in May of 1993.

Just a few months before having to report to the Army, Jim met Sally Olson. They were married Sept. 28, 1958, and started their life together in Manhattan, Kansas. Those strong farm roots prevailed, however, and they moved back to Shannon where he worked at Shannon Elevator until able to move to the farm in March of 1960. He lived and farmed the rest of his life on or near the centennial Brandt Family Farm.

For Jim, family was one of his core values. Survivors include his wife Sally, sons Brian (Mary) and Bevan (Angie Kaney), of Pearl City; daughter Barbara (Gene) King, of Stockton; grandsons Andrew



(Nikki), of Winnebago, Nathan (Torie), of Roscoe, Boden (Bryanna) and Brodie Kaney, of Pearl City; Travis Kaney, in U.S. Navy; granddaughters Kelsey King, of Stockton, Savannah Brandt and Macie Kaney, of Pearl City, and Kalli Kaney, of Philadelphia; great grandchildren, Jack and Emerson Brandt of Winnebago; Brayden and Rylan Brandt of Roscoe; two sisters, Janet (Jim) Schmidecamp, of Shannon, and Connie (Jack) Croffoot of Rockford, and sister-in-law Jean Olson of Harlingen, Texas, plus many nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews. Granddaughter Emily Brandt and parents Evan and Belva Brandt preceded him.

His love of farming was evident throughout his entire life. In fact, his family believes corn could have been his middle name. His last combining was a mere five weeks before his passing as he was able to combine his last corn crop. Many hope to die with their boots on and Jim did just that. When not doing his field work, he pursued his interest in archiving the evolution of corn planters. Jim was an avid reader and loved history. He enjoyed sharing his knowledge of the past, especially of the corn planter, with visitors. Entertainment meant going to antique malls and auctions to find whatever he could.

Travel was another interest and together he and his wife

visited all seven continents from Antarctica to Barrow, Alaska. Also, there were many family trips ranging from Hawaii, Germany, and Peru, along with trips to most of the 50 states. Travel also included a recent July trip to Maryland and Pennsylvania as he was researching his mother's family roots to ultimately become an upcoming book for the family. In Jim's memory, the book will be finished.

Jim served his community by being a member on the Pearl City School Board from 1967 until 1976, the Pearl City Elevator board, the Pearl City Historical organization, the Shannon Legion as well as a trustee on the Loran Township Board. He also looked forward to monthly breakfast with friends from his high school days.

Jim was never known to back away from any challenge, including those to his health. He successfully dealt with prostate cancer since 2005. Jim fearlessly fought a 5 week battle with Covid.

Visitation will be at Walker Mortuary in Freeport, Illinois on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 7 pm. The Celebration of Life will also be held at Walker Mortuary in Freeport on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 at 11 a.m. with interment to follow at Chapel Hill in Freeport. In lieu of flowers, the family has established a memorial in Jim's name.

Services have been arranged through Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton, Illinois. Condolences can be left online at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com) or at [www.walkermortuary.com](http://www.walkermortuary.com)

## LLOYD M. BOELK, 82

Lloyd M. Boelk, age 82, of Winslow, IL passed away peacefully on Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 in Freeport, IL. He was born on Apr. 2, 1939, in Warren, IL to Paul and Freida (Butts) Boelk. He married Carma Rabe on May 5, 1962, at the Martintown Church in Martintown, WI. They were married 46 years until her passing in 2008. Lloyd worked at Kelly Tire for 33 years and retired July 1997. He served in the United States Army from 1962 to 1964, and in the reserves until 1967.

He was very active in many organizations during his life. He was a Fireman,



President of the Winslow Park District for many years, where he was very involved in getting the park diamonds started. He could never get enough of sports, slow-pitch softball, golf, Cubs, Packers, deer hunting and taking trips out North. He enjoyed singing, especially Statler Brothers.

He is survived by his brother Allan Boelk of South Wayne, WI, many nieces and nephews and special friends.

He is preceded in death by

his parents, wife Carma, two infant sons in 1975 and 1977, two brothers Roger Boelk and Marvin Boelk, niece Julie Boelk, sister-in-laws Phyllis Boelk, Corrinne Williams, Karen Newill, brother-in-laws Harold Williams, and Don Newill.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena. Officiating at the service was Reverend Robert Patin. Burial was held at Rock Lily Cemetery in Winslow, IL.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com)

## MELVIN E. KEMPEL

Melvin E. Kempel passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021 at the Lena Living Center in Lena. Melvin was born on Dec. 2, 1929 at home in Loran to Fred and Alma (Althoff) Kempel. He was a proud attendee of Loran Country School with all of his siblings. He graduated from Pearl City High School in 1948. He married Joan Nelson on Nov. 29, 1953 in Loran. They dearly loved to dance, spend time with friends, play cards, and go boating on the Mississippi River. He and long-time friend, Dale DeVries, sang at numerous functions in their younger days.

Melvin was often affectionately referred to as the Mayor of Loran and loved social time with the many friends and neighbors that stopped by with local and national news. He loved following the Chicago Cubs and was excited to have lived long enough to enjoy the 2016 World Series win. Melvin was the Jefferson Township Assessor, served as the Township Supervisor for over 50 years, and was a 50-year member of the Pearl City Lions and Pearl



Lodge #823. He and Joan were proud parents of their four sons; Jeff and his wife, Alice; their children, Jennifer and Josh (wife Mara), and their children Natalie and Megan. Joel and his wife, Lori; their children, Jed (wife Elizabeth) and their children Stella, Brooks and Case; Coe (wife Samantha) and their children Audra, Lane and Colt; Jace (wife Danielle) and their children Collins and Crew. Jack and his wife, Chris; their children Jacob (wife Kaitlin) and their children Faith and Charlotte; Lucas (wife Tracey) and their children Clara and Jackson; Logan (wife Kylie). Jay and his wife, Karlyn; their children Jared (wife Sara), Justin and Jason (aka Ted and Paul).

Melvin is survived by three of his siblings; Marion Jones, Jean Grever and John Kempel. Also, his sister-in-laws Nancy Kempel and Donna Nelson and many nieces and nephews. He

was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Stockton.

He is survived by his mother, Pat Simmons of Stockton; his sister, Wendy (Al) Nowvioc of Kent, IL; and his brother, Brian (Vicky) Simmons of Walkerton, IN. One niece, Amber Nowvioc and three nephews, Adam Nowvioc, Ben (Ruth) Chacko, and Joe Chacko; and great nieces and nephews, Maddalyn and Ashton Nowvioc and Amori and

Quinn Chacko. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan, on June 16, 2004. Also preceding him in death were his brother Alden and wife Dorothy, brother Warren and wife Helen, sister Ruth Block and her husband Robert (Bud), brother Ralph, brother-in-laws Robert Jones, Dick Murphy, Glenn Grever, Keith Wise and Wayne Nelson, sisters-in-law Rachel Wise and Donna Kempel.

A memorial service was held on Monday, Nov. 29, at Salem United Church of Christ in Loran with visitation before the service. Jim Brown, former Pastor of the Ebenezer/Salem parish officiated.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Tawfik, Lynda Borsdorf NP, the staff at the Lena Living Center as well as Lana Haas, Melinda Baker, Leann Heimerdinger and Beth Schneider. Also, special thanks to Jodi Nieman and Dee Scace.

There will be a memorial established for Pearl City Lions Club and Pearl City FFA Chapter.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.schwarfh.com](http://www.schwarfh.com)

## BRADLEY W. SIMMONS, 59

Bradley W. Simmons, age 59, of Lena, IL passed away Friday, Nov. 26, 2021 at Freeport Memorial Hospital. Brad was born May 6, 1962 to Wayne (Buck) and Pat Simmons. Being the first born he was always trying new things and watching out for his sister and brother.

Health issues plagued Brad from early in his life but he always had a smile on his face and a "hello" for everyone he met. He enjoyed fishing, being around animals, and singing in the church choir.



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Pastor Roger Bronkema 815-291-6261

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# News briefs

## The Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet will be open on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for free shopping. It is located at Yellow Creek Church of the Brethren 12602 W. Dublin Rd, Pearl City, I. Call Pastor Boughton for more information at 815-238-1137.

## The American Legion

The December meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Lena American Legion Home at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will include Christmas gift wrapping and making tray favors for the Veterans. A light supper will be served. New members are always welcome.

## "Believer's Basics" Bible Study

This Bible study offering

covers the basic truths of Biblical Christianity in order to build believers into the Church God wants. It will be held at Lena Community Center located at 497 Lions Drive on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 5 p.m.

Call Pastor Cliff 716-229-9281 for more information.

## "If my people" meeting and Prayer Drive in Stockton

The Concerned Women of America (CWA) Stockton Group is sponsoring a Prayer Drive the first Monday of the month at 1 pm. This month the day is Dec. 6. Those interested are to meet at the public parking lot off Queen Street by the ambulance building. There are two routes, a northern and a southern, and it takes about 45 minutes to drive around town and pray for the businesses, schools, church-

es, local government, farmers, etc.

The CWA is also sponsoring a prayer meeting in the evening at 6 p.m. at Calvary Church. This is also on the first Monday of the month. This meeting is open to anyone in the Stockton area who would like to pray for the town, the children, schools, government from local to national, etc. The meeting is based on the scripture taken from 2 Chronicles 7:14.

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# Freeport Police warn of officer impersonation scam

The Freeport Police Department has received an influx of complaints regarding phone call scams. Scammers are impersonating Freeport Police Officers and claiming residents have been involved in an ongoing fraud investigation. In these calls, the scammers are asking residents for their social security numbers and banking information.

The Freeport Police Department is

never going to call residents for social security numbers, bank accounts, or passwords. No law enforcement agencies or government agencies conduct business in this manner.

Anyone receiving a suspicious phone call should not give out their personal information. Phone scams can be reported to the Federal Trade Commission online at reportfraud.ftc.gov/.

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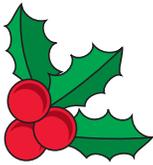
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# JCE announces scholarship opportunities

High school seniors within the Jo-Carroll Energy (JCE) service territory are encouraged to apply for one of 22 scholarships to be awarded to the sons and daughters of cooperative members in 2022.

"The purpose of the scholarship program is to assist cooperative member families in our service area," said Mike Casper, Jo-Carroll Energy president and CEO. "We strive to make a difference in our communities, and we think helping our youth is one of the best ways to do this."

In 2022, JCE will award six \$1,000 JCE Scholarships to current high school seniors whose parents or guardians are members of Jo-Carroll Energy. Two scholarships will be awarded in both Jo Daviess and Carroll counties and one each in Whiteside and Henry counties.

An additional four \$1,000 scholarships – one in each county within the co-op's service territory – will be awarded to students who plan to attend two-year, technical or trade schools.

Ten Director's Scholarships of \$500 each will go to a student from each of the co-op's 10 director districts.

Two Lineworker Scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each will go to students who plan to attend a lineworker school. Applicants or their parent/legal guardian must be co-op members.

Up to four Adult Student Scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each are also available.

Applicants must be a current Jo-Carroll Energy member in good standing and have their name on an active account. One scholarship can be awarded in each of the four counties where the cooperative provides services.

Deadline for applications is Mar. 1, 2022 with the exception of the Director's Scholarships that have a May 1, 2022 deadline.

## IEC Memorial Scholarships also available

Illinois electric cooperatives will award 14 scholarships in 2022 to financially assist deserving students in the electric cooperative family. The 14 scholarships, \$2,000 each, will be awarded through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Eight scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric co-op

member. A ninth scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director. Four additional scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.

The 14th scholarship, the LaVern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker's Scholarship, will help pay for costs to attend lineworker school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. Sons and daughters of co-op members, relatives of co-op employees or directors, and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible for this scholarship.

Deadline to apply for IEC Memorial Scholarships is Dec. 31, 2021. The lineworker scholarship deadline is Apr. 30, 2022.

Details, eligibility requirements and application links for all the scholarships can be found on the cooperative's website at [jocarroll.com/scholarship-program](http://jocarroll.com/scholarship-program).

For more information, contact Peggy Francomb, director of marketing and communications, at 800-858-5522, ext. 1218 or at [communications@jocarroll.com](mailto:communications@jocarroll.com).

# Timber Lake Playhouse to live stream What A Wonderful World

Timber Lake Playhouse, the premier professional summer theatre of northwest Illinois, announces that they will live stream the Saturday, December 11 performance of the new holiday-themed musical comedy *What a Wonderful World*. The musical features a score of classic and contemporary pop hits made famous by artists including Louis Armstrong, Elvis Presley, Kelly Clarkson, R.E.M., Imagine Dragons, Kenny Chesney,

The Romantics, Shawn Mendes, Hootie & The Blowfish, and Nancy Sinatra among many others.

Opening night events will include a tree lighting event where the entire Front of House Forest will be decorated with thousands of lights. The lighting event will take place at 6:30 with hot chocolate, cider and cookies available. Opening Thursday and Friday night patrons can take a ride around the TLP campus on the

Christmas Trolley and Santa Claus will visit TLP before the show the entire first weekend. Pictures can be taken with Santa in the lobby before the show.

Tickets for all Timber Lake events are available online at [www.timberlakeplayhouse.org](http://www.timberlakeplayhouse.org) or by calling the Box Office at (815) 244-2035. The Box Office is open daily from 10:00 – 5:00 and until intermission on show days.

## • Tournament (Continued from front page)

The 'Cats were determined to stay on the prowl in their afternoon championship game against a 3-0 Byron squad. Byron held the advantage in the first quarter, outscoring RR-SM 7-6. It was the first time this season that Wiegel's squad had trailed after the first quarter.

The 'Cats showed they were able to stand up in the face of adversity, however, as they clawed back to take a 16-13 lead into the halftime break. Byron would cut into the lead by outscoring RR-SM 12-10 in the third, setting up an exciting final quarter with the score 26-25.

Bass took over when it mattered most by posting six points in the final quarter, including shooting three of four at the free throw line. Weidert added two key baskets as RR-SM went on to clinch the Turkey Tournament Championship with a 40-35 victory over Byron.

It was a great start to the year for Wiegel's 'Cats as they learned a lot about themselves, got production from multiple shooters, and faced a little

early season adversity in their game against Byron. They will look to keep the momentum rolling on Wednesday, December 1 when they travel to face off with Dakota.

"I am very proud of our team for their performance throughout the entire tournament," Coach David Wiegel

commented. "We took important steps forward as a program and learned a lot about what we are capable of as a team. Overall, it should help us play with confidence as we move into the next few weeks of the season and then into conference play in January."

"We are proud of Sydney

and happy that she earned recognition as an all-tournament team member. She was one of our most efficient players throughout the five tournament games we played and she did a great job helping us win the tournament title. It is definitely a well-deserved honor."



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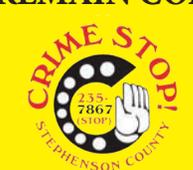


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# Better politics, smarter government: Challenging Illinois to prepare for the future

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By John T. Shaw  
Those in government rarely have time to extract themselves from the relentless rush of daily drama and urgent deadlines to think about the future.

Former North Carolina Gov. Terry Sanford once observed there is no one in the governor's office looking out the window, pondering the problems of the future. Former Congressman Lee Hamilton of Indiana made the same point, writing that members of Congress "never have time to put their feet up on their desks, look out the window, and think about long-term challenges coming at us down the road."

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute welcomes the challenge to help Illinois—and Illinoisans—prepare for what's ahead with our Future of Illinois Project. We are guided by the instructions that

then-U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson gave to his new Policy and Planning staff in 1948 when he told them to "look ahead, not into the distant future, but beyond the visions of the operating officers caught in the smoke and crises of current battles: far enough ahead to see the emerging form of things to come and outline what should be done to meet or anticipate them."

The institute looks forward to convening leading demographers, historians, political scientists, futurists, philanthropists and business leaders to peer out over the horizon and assess fundamental challenges facing Illinois over the next three decades—from now until 2050.

We are preparing two portions of the Future of Illinois Project for next year, which is the institute's 25th anniversary year.

In the first part, the institute invites Illinoisans to submit essays of between 1,000 and 5,000 words that outline the state's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats and offer a specific action agenda for the state.

We are sending invitations to submit essays to Illinois constitutional officers, members of the General Assembly, mayors, academics, business and labor leaders and philanthropists. We also very much want to receive essays from residents who represent the diversity of our state, including community organizers, parents, artists and students.

The institute will compile these responses and publish a "State of Illinois Report" in the summer of 2022. This report will also include a clear and vivid demographic portrayal of Illinois based on the 2020 U.S. Census.

The premise of this portion of the project is that looking to the future first requires that we take stock of where we are now. Abraham Lincoln put it perfectly and precisely: "If we could first know where we are, and whither we are tending, we could better judge what to do and how to do it."

The second part will be to convene a conference in the fall of 2022 based on the responses we receive and the central themes that are evident in the essays. The exact

structure and agenda of the meeting will be determined later, as will subsequent conferences that consider such issues as the budget, health care, education, criminal justice and transportation.

The Future of Illinois Project will also catalog reports and studies about Illinois gen-

erated in the past decade or so, serving as a clearinghouse for researchers and practitioners and helping establish what we know and what we need to know about Illinois. For example, we will track down and assemble reports from the Census Bureau, Illinois Board of Higher Education, Chicago

Council on Global Affairs, Civic Federation, Commercial Club of Chicago, Rural Illinois Summit, Chicago Metropolitan Planning Council, and Forefront's "Giving in Illinois" and "Illinois Transfer of Wealth" studies.

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**SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER** **SANTA'S VISIT & "LETTER DAY"** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Artists & Artisan, 137 N. Main St (Bishop's Building) Santa will be in the window of Artists & Artisans where you will be able to see Santa and tell him if you were naughty or nice. Children can also drop off to letters to him at this time.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

The turkey has been served, and most of the leftovers cleaned up. I guess we have to start thinking about Christmas cooking. We feature some holiday recipes from appetizers to cookies. There is even a high class chicken recipe and a great recipe for turkey soup. Enjoy cooking

this week.

## Olive Pecan Spread

A long time ago we used to make an olive spread at the Red Barn and it was a hit. This recipe is a lot like that one. There are small jars of sliced green olives at Sullivans and most grocery stores. I think you could also add some sliced black olives too. Serve this on the crispy crackers that are on sale this time of the year.

- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 C. mayonnaise
- 1 jar (5 oz.) sliced green olives, drained
- 1 C. chopped pecans

Mix together the cream cheese, mayonnaise, olives and pecans in a bowl. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.

## Turkey Soup

The next recipe is a way to use that leftover turkey. The soup recipe contains how to make the stock from the carcass. If you used a breast and didn't have a carcass, skip to the actual soup recipe.

### Stock:

- 1 turkey carcass, leftover from carving a whole turkey, including any leftover drippings
- Cold water
- 1 medium yellow onion,

- quartered or cut into thick wedges
- 2 carrots, roughly chopped
- 4 sprigs of fresh parsley
- 1 t. dried thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 celery rib including tops, roughly chopped
- 5 to 10 peppercorns
- Salt and pepper

Remove all the usable turkey meat from the turkey carcass and set aside. Place the carcass, herbs, and vegetables in a large pot, cover with cold water. You might have to break up the carcass if it is too large for the pot. Bring to a boil, reduce to simmer, skim the foam. Add salt and pepper. Simmer at least 4 hours

partially covered, skimming any foam that comes to the top. Strain the stock by removing the carcass with tongs and the vegetables with a slotted spoon. Strain the stock through a fine mesh sieve or strainer. You can freeze the stock to use in soup later. Discard carcass, bones, and vegetables.

### Soup

- 3-4 qts. turkey stock
- 2 C. chopped carrots
- 2 C. chopped onion
- 2 C. chopped celery
- 2 to 4 T. chopped parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 t. poultry seasoning
- 3 C. leftover chopped, cooked turkey

Salt and pepper to taste  
8 oz. egg noodles or 1 C. dry rice

Sautee the carrots, onion, and celery in a large pot with 2 T. butter or olive oil on medium-high heat. Cook until the onions are softened, about 5 to 8 minutes. Add the garlic, stock, and seasonings and cook until the vegetables are cooked through, about 5 to 10 minutes. Add the noodles or rice and turkey (noodles for 4 minutes or rice 15 minutes. Serve hot). If you don't have enough stock, you can use chicken stock if you can't find turkey stock.

See KITCHEN, Page 13

## TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF THE STOCKTON FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR FROM MAY 1, 2021 TO APRIL 30, 2022

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STOCKTON FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT:

### Section 1. LEVY

For there be and is hereby levied on all of the taxable property within the corporate limits of the Stockton Fire Protection and Ambulance District subject to taxation for its fiscal year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022, the following sums for the various purposes mentioned in the District's Budget and Appropriation Ordinance as follows:

ITEMS	AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	AMOUNT LEVIED
1. Administration Expense	12,800.00	10,725.00
2. Station Expense	47,500.00	40,490.00
3. Operations Expense	140,000.00	138,500.00
4. Contingent	1,000.00	500.00
Total Appropriation for Corporate (Administration, Station, Operations and Contingent) purposes	\$201,300.00	
TOTAL LEVY FOR CORPORATE (ADMINISTRATION, STATION, OPERATIONS and CONTINGENT) PURPOSES		\$190,215.00
5. Ambulance Service	90,000.00	83,545.00
TOTAL LEVY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE		83,545.00
6. Tort Immunity, Liability and Workman's Compensation Insurance(s)	41,000.00	40,500.00
TOTAL LEVY FOR TORT IMMUNITY, LIABILITY and WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE(S)		40,500.00
7. Audit	5,000.00	4,250.00
TOTAL LEVY FOR AUDIT		4,250.00

### SECTION 2. NECESSITY.

That each and every of the sums of money above set forth and the aggregate thereof are deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees of the Stockton Fire Protection and Ambulance District to defray the necessary expenses of said District during its fiscal year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022.

### SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE.

That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in accordance with law.

APPROVED and PASSED on November 22, 2021.

/s/ D. Robert Melcher  
D. ROBERT MELCHER  
President

/s/ Ernest S. Lieb  
ERNEST S. LIEB  
Secretary

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## Stockton CUSD #206 Temporary Student Records and Special Education Files prior to 2017

In accordance with FERPA rules, Stockton Community Unit School District #206 Records and Special Education Programs will destroy all temporary student records and special education records for students who graduated on or before June 1, 2016. These records may be needed for social security benefit applications or other purposes. Stockton School District will provide an opportunity for former students or legal guardians to retrieve these records from January 10, 2022 to January 14, 2022. With proof of identity, the parent, guardian, or adult student may request student files between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM at:

Stockton High School  
540 North Rush Street  
Stockton, Illinois 61085  
If you would like to recover these records or have questions, please contact Sharon Malone at (815) 947-3323 to request an appointment.

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IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
NEWREZ LLC  
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## FREEPORT, IL 61032 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on October 21, 2021, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on 01/04/2022, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 09:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

THE NORTH HALF OF LOTS 19 AND 20, AND THE EAST 10 FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 18 IN BLOCK 6 OF KNOWLTON'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF FREEPORT, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 4, 1850 IN BOOK I OF DEEDS, PAGE 122 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2976.

TAX NO. 18-14-31-309-020  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 812 South Locust Avenue  
Freeport, IL 61032

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is brick. The color is brown. The gas is on. The water is on. The property does not have a fence. The property is vacant.

The Judgment amount was \$62,252.86.  
Sale Terms: This is an

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public Notice is hereby given that on **November 9th, A.D. 2021**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business **GLOW** located at **2010 W. Galena Ave., Freeport, Illinois 61032**. Dated this 9th day of November A.D. 2021

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Case No. 21 P 100  
CLAIM NOTICE  
TO: CREDITORS AND  
CLAIMANTS

1. Notice is hereby given of the death of NANCY

C. O'LEARY who died on July 25, 2021, a resident of Freeport, Illinois.

2. Letters of Testamentary were issued on August 31, 2021 to the Executor for the estate, KEVIN O'LEARY.

3. The attorney for the estate is Paul J. Huber, 226 Lake Summerset Rd., Davis, IL 61019

4. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 15 N. Galena, Freeport, IL 61032 or with the Executors, or both, on or before May 25, 2022, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney with 10 days after it has been filed.

Paul J. Huber,  
attorney for the  
Executor

Paul J. Huber,  
No. 6192970  
Attorney for the  
Executors  
226 Lake Summerset Rd.  
Davis, IL 61019  
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## Legal Notice Invitation For Bid Stockton School District CUSD # 206 Stockton School District #206 - Construction of a New Middle School

The Board of Education for the Stockton School District #206 is seeking bids for the 2022 construction project at the Stockton Schools. The following list contains the different scopes of work to bid on this project. Located at 540 N. Rush Street Stockton, Illinois 61085.

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Lockers

Interested bidders may obtain drawings, specifications and bid forms by contacting CTS Group. Sumit Ray [cray@ctsgroup.com](mailto:cray@ctsgroup.com) or Brendan Kinzler [bkinzler@ctsgroup.com](mailto:bkinzler@ctsgroup.com)

Sealed bids will be received up to 11 AM on 12/17/21 at the Stockton High School Main Office located at 450 N. Rush Street Stockton, Illinois 61085. Bids must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked with the bidder's name and division of work that is being bid. A bid bond must accompany the bid in the sealed envelope.

Any bids received past the bid date will not be opened.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 11AM on 12/7/21 at Stockton High School CUSD 206, 540 N. Rush Street Stockton, IL. 61085.

All questions can be submitted by e-mail to CTS. Sumit Ray [rsray@ctsgroup.com](mailto:rsray@ctsgroup.com), Brendan Kinzler [bkinzler@ctsgroup.com](mailto:bkinzler@ctsgroup.com), or Dave Ortmann [dortmann@ctsgroup.com](mailto:dortmann@ctsgroup.com). All questions/RFIs must be submitted by Noon on 12/10/21.

The Stockton School District #206 reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Stockton School District actively promotes continuing economic development in compliance with the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575). Successful prospective vendors shall have the sole responsibility of complying with all aspects.

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**Congestion at the nation's largest ports in California, along with a truck driver shortage, are two main factors of the supply chain crisis. However, Allan Gray, director of the Center for Food and Agricultural Business at Purdue University, said it's not a dire situation for farmers.**

## Fixing supply chain woes a balancing act

By Tammie Sloup  
FARMWEEK

The truck driver shortage and congestion at the nation's largest ports in California often dominate discussions about the supply chain crisis, but experts say that's oversimplifying the problem.

"There are a sequence of events, and I think if you take a broader view on the supply chain, so beyond just the logistics side, it is the weather, it is the geopolitics, it is a lot of these exogenous factors, which are very hard to plan for as well," said Sam Taylor, farm inputs analyst for Rabobank's RaboResearch Food & Agribusiness, who spoke during a Farm Journal webinar recently concerning supply chain issues.

From exporting crops to importing active ingredients for crop protection materials, the agriculture industry is feeling the pain of the supply chain clog, which is expected to last

into the new year.

"I had not really understood well, until this summer, how short we are on active ingredients, and the difficulties of getting active ingredients into these plants to produce things like crop protection chemicals. ... These changes take a long time to reset," said Allan Gray, director of the Center for Food and Agricultural Business at Purdue University.

But it's not a dire situation for farmers, Gray said.

"We're going to do it differently," he said. "We're going to choose active ingredients we haven't used before, we're going to do different kinds of production activities that we haven't done before, or haven't thought about before."

President Joe Biden has said the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill includes \$17 billion to improve ports and entry points along the U.S. border.

See SUPPLY CHAIN, Page 15

## 2021 Festival of Giving Toy Drive

Join us for the 9th annual Festival of Giving Toy Drive to benefit the Salvation Army of Northwest Illinois. Volunteers will be working throughout the day so you can drive up and drop off your

new, unwrapped toy or monetary donation without getting out of your vehicle.

The event will be held Saturday, December 4, from 7a.m. to 7p.m. in the Cub Foods parking lot in Freeport.

## • Kitchen (Continued from page 11)

### Coq au Vin

If you have ever been to a nice restaurant, one of the items on the menu is Coq au Vin. You can make it at home any time you have a hankering for it because it isn't that hard. Enjoy this elegant chicken dish.

- ¼ C. flour
- 1 t. dried thyme
- 1 t. salt divided
- 6 boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 1 T. olive oil
- 3 C. sliced mushrooms
- 2 C. sliced carrots
- 3 pieces Canadian bacon, chopped
- 1 T. tomato paste
- 1 C. chicken broth
- 1 C. dry red wine
- Chopped parsley if desired

In a shallow dish, combine the flour, thyme and ½ t. salt. Dip the chicken pieces into the flour mixture on both sides, shake off excess flour.

In a Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook chicken until golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Remove from pan and keep at room temperature.

In the same pan, cook the mushrooms, carrots, Canadian bacon, tomato paste and remaining ½ t. salt for 2 minutes. Add the broth and wine and bring to a boil. Return chicken to the pan, reduce the heat and cook until chicken reaches 170 and carrots are soft, about 10 minutes. Place chicken on a serving dish and surround the chicken with the vegetables. Pour sauce over whole dish. Garnish with chopped parsley if desired.

### Chocolate Crinkle Cookies

If you are looking for something chocolate for your holiday cookie tray,

these cookies will fill bill. You do have to plan ahead because they do need to be in the refrigerator for a couple of hours. Note, when I say sugar in a recipe, I mean white granulated sugar. If it is any other sugar, I will identify it as brown sugar. Most recipes call for light brown sugar. If a recipe calls for dark brown sugar, I will identify it as dark brown sugar.

- 1 stick salted butter, cubed
- 6 oz. semisweet chocolate, chopped
- ½ C. flour
- ½ C. unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 t. baking powder
- ¼ t. baking soda
- ¼ t. salt
- ½ C. packed brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 t. vanilla
- 1½ C. sugar
- 1 C. powdered sugar

Combine the butter and chopped chocolate in a heat resistant bowl and set over a saucepan filled with a few inches of simmering water over low heat. Let melt 3 to 4 minutes, then stir until smooth. Remove the bowl from the pan and let cool slightly.

Combine the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a medium bowl and whisk to combine and get rid of any lumps. Combine the brown sugar, eggs, vanilla, and sugar in a large bowl and beat well with a mixer on medium-high until light and smooth, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the melted chocolate mixture and beat until combined. With the mixer on low speed, add the flour mixture and beat until just combined, about 30 seconds to 1 minute. Cover the dough and refrigerate until firm, at least 2 hours and up to 4

hours.

Preheat the oven to 350. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Spread the remaining 1 C. sugar in a shallow bowl and the powdered sugar in a second shallow bowl. Scoop the dough into balls about 1 tablespoon each. Roll the ball first in the regular sugar and then the powdered sugar, completely covering the cookie. Place on the baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake until the tops of the cookies are cracked and the edges are firm, 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes on the baking sheet, remove to racks to cool completely.

### Rolled Butter Almond Cookies

One of my good friends loves almonds. She will love these cookies because they are flakey and full of almonds. Enjoy a different Christmas cookie.

- 6 T. butter, cubed
- 2 T. heavy whipping cream
- ½ C. sugar
- ½ C. ground almonds
- 2 T. flour

Preheat the oven to 350. In a small saucepan, melt butter with cream. Combine sugar, ground almonds, and flour. Stir into butter mixture until smooth. Cook and stir over low heat for 1 minute. Remove from heat.

Working in batches of 4, drop batter by teaspoonfuls 4 inches apart onto parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake until light golden brown, 5 to 6 minutes. Cool on pan for 1 minute before quickly roll-

ing into a cylinder, using the handle of a wooden spoon. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.

### Final Thoughts

I have started putting up my Christmas decorations. My house resembles a pre-Christmas dump. Boxes are opened, and what I really like about decorating is the discoveries that are made. I find things that I forgot I had. I also find some things that need to go to the Thrift Shop, and I am sure they are excited about people like me! I find things that have great memories connected to them. It will take me a little while to finish and put the tubs away. My elves did a great job bringing them up from the basement. There are a few things I still can't do, so I will get some help from a friend. I had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner with friends, and we watched a little football too. Remember we are looking for some good cookie recipes. If you have found any new ones or want to share some old ones, be sure to send them our way. We continue to look for holiday recipes for Christmas. We are in the market for recipes that use cranberries, apples or pumpkins. We are also in the market for some seasonal side dishes and some soup recipes. I hope that you all have a safe and happy Thanksgiving full of eating and visiting. If you would like to share, contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *Shopper's Guide* at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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# Incidentally; Baby bottle tooth decay • Supply chain

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By Dr. Stephen Petras

Even though your child's baby (primary) teeth will eventually be replaced, it is important that you keep them free of dental disease, so they can do the job they were created for. Healthy primary teeth allow your child to maintain a nutritious diet, speak clearly, hold the proper place for adult teeth to erupt, give your child the confidence to smile and pave the way for healthy permanent teeth.

Although tooth decay is preventable, rampant tooth decay in early childhood; often referred to as baby bottle tooth decay, is still a sad reality for some children. The name refers to tooth decay caused by the frequent and prolonged exposure of a baby's teeth to drinks that contain sugar, such as when a baby is put to bed with a bottle or when a bottle is used as a pacifier throughout the day. Sugars in these liquids (milk, formula, juice) are changed by bacteria in the mouth that form acids that eat away at the soft enamel of primary teeth. This condition is accelerated even further when parents or caretakers put soda or sugared drinks in the bottles. It can also occur when a pacifier is coated with honey or other sweet sub-

stances or when children are allowed to drink any of these fluids from a bottle or sippy cup continuously throughout the day.

Tooth decay can also result when a mother or caretaker cleans a pacifier by placing it in their mouth. The cavity-forming bacteria in the caretaker's mouth is then transferred to the child's mouth. This bacteria exchange also takes place when the caretaker puts the baby's spoon in their mouth.

To prevent decay only put breastmilk or formula in bottles and finish them before putting your child down for a nap or bedtime. Do not use a bottle or sippy cup as a pacifier. If your child wants to have a bottle or sippy cup between meals, fill it with water, preferably fluoridated tap water. The American Association of Pediatrics does not recommend juice for children under one year of age, since it offers no nutritional benefits in this age group. Limit juice for children 1-6 to no more than six ounces per day and only at meals. Do not give them a juice box and let them drink it on and off for prolonged periods of time. This means only 100% fruit juice and not juice drinks. To reduce calories and dilute the sugar exposure, consider

diluting the juice with fluoridated tap water. Whole fruit, with its fiber, is a much better option. Do not give a child cow's milk or honey before age one. Unfortunately, baby food often contains inordinate amounts of sugar. Keep that in mind when choosing brands. Never put soda or sweet drinks in a bottle or sippy cup. Do not put anything on your child's pacifier, do not clean it with your mouth and do not share eating utensils. Keep your child's mouth clean by gently wiping the gums with a baby washcloth. As soon as the first tooth erupts, brush it gently with a baby soft toothbrush. This is all about instilling habits and setting your child up for a lifetime of good oral health. You will need to brush your child's teeth two times a day until they are about age six, then you can adopt the "brushing buddy" system where they brush first and you follow behind. Children do not have the manual dexterity to brush properly before this age and spitting after brushing is a skill that needs time to develop. This is why your dentist will recommend limiting the amount of fluoridated toothpaste to only the size of a grain of rice before age two and the size of a pea until age six.

USDA's chief economist, Seth Meyer, said the department is meeting with constituencies trying to identify short-, medium- and long-term actions that government can take, but tackling the overall supply chain issue is a balancing act.

"Me as an economist is saying, 'Hey, let's make sure we don't improve the flow of one good and then have difficulty getting truck parts from overseas,'" Meyer said. "So, you're trying to balance all of these things in a very tight supply chain."

In the meantime, the panel encouraged farmers to maintain and improve communication with customers and other partners, and plan for the planting season as soon as possible.

Asked whether fertilizer prices will come down in time for the 2022 season, Taylor said it's unlikely.

"I would say if there's one thing that might come down potentially it's potash, given the fact that a huge amount of this is driven by sentiment driven by the concerns about Belarusian production, how much of that is getting onto the global market versus staying in Belarus," he added.

Also, the higher fertilizer prices have less to do with shortages and more with natural gas prices driving nitrogen prices, Gray added.

"That combined with corn prices being higher, those two variables are the predictors of nitrogen prices. Our nitrogen prices are high not

because we're out of supply, but because natural gas is expensive," he said.

Asked what measures they would prioritize to clean up the supply chain situation, the speakers agreed freeing up the bottlenecks at the West Coast ports is a starting point, while farmers' focus should be on crop solution planning.

From a policy perspective and related to the ports, Gray asked the question, "Are there pressure valves we can release?"

He pointed to a recent executive order allowing businesses to stack additional shipping containers in Long Beach, temporarily lifting height limits to help ease the backlog of ships.

"Maybe they're temporary pressure valves, but they're places where regular regulatory is having an impact on our supply chain, and there's opportunities to release some of those pressure valves to try to have some impact on what's happening there."

Clearly there are challenges that can't be solved in the short term, such as the labor shortage, he said, but simple, practical measures can go a long way.

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# New congressional maps signed into law

By Peter Hancock

CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker last week signed legislation redrawing the state's congressional district maps, saying they reflect Illinois' diversity and preserve minority representation.

"These maps align with the landmark Voting Rights Act and will ensure all communities are equitably represented in our congressional delegation," Pritzker said in a statement.

Due to the state's declining population, Illinois will have only 17 congressional seats after the 2022 elections, one fewer than it currently has.

Because most of the state's population loss occurred in southern Illinois, the new maps combine what are currently the 12th and 15th Districts, held by Republican Reps. Mike Bost and Mary Miller, respectively, into a new 12th District that covers most of the southern one-third of the state.

Miller, however, has indicated she might run in the newly-drawn 15th District, which stretches from west-central Illinois eastward across the state, curling around the city of Champaign and stretching back west and south to an area just west of Collinsville.

It also creates a new 13th District stretching from the Metro East region across a narrow strip of land through Springfield and Decatur, to Champaign.

In the Chicago metropolitan area, the maps create a new largely-Latino 3rd District that currently has no incumbent

while also putting Democratic Rep. Marie Newman's residence in the same district as fellow-Democratic Rep. Jesús "Chuy" Garcia.

Newman, however, has indicated she intends to run in the new 6th District where she would face Democratic Rep. Sean Casten in a primary.

Elsewhere, the new maps link Rockford, the Quad Cities, Galesburg, Macomb and Bloomington into one large C-shaped district.

Analysts at the Princeton Gerrymandering Project gave the new maps an overall grade of F in the categories of partisan fairness, competitiveness and compactness. They estimate the maps create 14 likely Democratic districts and three likely Republican districts.

The Illinois delegation is currently split between 13 Democrats and five Republicans.

The political reform advocacy group CHANGE Illinois, which has advocated for an independent redistricting commission, also harshly criticized the new maps, saying it was designed to produce "pre-determined winners and losers in nearly all 17 districts."

"The map is undemocratic and leaves all voters without choices, undermining the very elections that are supposed to allow voters to hold officials accountable," the organization said in a statement.

Pritzker, however, said the maps align with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibits practices and proce-

dures that discriminate on the basis of race, color or membership in a recognized language minority.

He said they also align with the Illinois Voting Rights Act, which requires redistricting plans to preserve clusters of minority voting groups that are large enough and cohesive enough to exert collective electoral power.

Pritzker's signing of the congressional maps comes less than three weeks before a three-judge federal court panel will hear oral arguments in three separate lawsuits challenging the new legislative maps that Democrats pushed through in August and Pritzker signed into law in September.

Plaintiffs in those suits include Republican leaders in the General Assembly; a group of Latino voters in the Chicago area represented by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, or MALDEF; and a group of civil rights organizations that include the East St. Louis Branch of the NAACP, the Illinois State Conference of the NAACP and the United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations, or UCCRO.

Those plaintiffs allege the new legislative maps reduce minority representation by breaking up Latino communities in the Chicago area and Black communities in the Metro East region.

Arguments in those cases are scheduled to begin Tuesday, Dec. 7.

# Future

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Annette Eggers

By Annette Eggers

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# Jo Daviess County Farm Service Agency updates

## 2022 Wheat and fall seeded crops acreage reporting

The 2022 Wheat and Fall Seeded crop acreage, including cover-crops, needs to be reported to the office by

Dec. 15, 2021. Any wheat or other fall seeded crops must be reported by the deadline, or a late filing fee of \$46 will be charged per farm. Producers are encouraged to make sure accurate information is reported with both FSA and your crop insurance provider.

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