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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23, 2022

Stockton Chamber of Commerce presents Festival of Lights and annual Christmas Walk

Celebrate the season with the Festival of Lights and the "Twelve Days of Christmas" annual Christmas walk. The Festival of Lights will be held on Friday, Nov. 25 and will begin at 5 p.m. with the Living Windows displays followed by the lighting ceremony at 7 p.m. Enjoy local business shopping, caroling, holiday cookies, and the crowning of Miss Merry Christmas and Little Jack Frost.

The annual Christmas Walk will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26. Businesses throughout Stockton will offer deals for holiday shopping from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Stockton Township Library will hold Story Hour from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., followed by the chance to meet Santa and Ms. Claus until 1 p.m. at Main Street Parties and Events. Silkrug Stable will have horse-drawn carriage rides at Harvest Baptist Church from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Collect punch cards as you shop and celebrate throughout the day. Punch cards can be picked up at Main Street Parties and Events with each punch qualifying for one entry to win a variety of prizes. Drop off completed punch cards to the mailbox outside of Main Street Parties and Events by 2:30 p.m.



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Stockton Cub Scout Pack 31 earns merit badge

On Nov. 16, 2022, the Stockton Cub Scout Pack 31 met the requirements for a merit badge by learning about and participating in bowling thanks to the generosity of the Stockton VFW Post 1304. The pack would also like to thank Jack and Mary Stayner at Stockton Bowling Lanes for hosting and showing them the inner workings of how the bowling lanes function. Lastly, a thank you goes out to Casey's of Stockton who made pizzas for the cub scouts and their families. Pictured are (back row) VFW member Tim Stocks, Cub Scout leader Brian Kurth, VFW member Ryan Bartell, (middle row) Roman Dickens, Angel Dickens, Daxter Meier, Emma Kurth, Devin Bartell, and Gabriel Bartell, (front row) Leo Randecker, Curtis Jordan, Jack Libberton, Gus Kruse, and Austin Kline.

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News briefs

The Veteran's Pantry

The Veteran's Pantry in Freeport is need of the following donation items:

- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Gold Bond Powder
- Breakfast Bars
- Winter Boots
- Toilet tissue and paper towels

Items may be dropped off on Saturdays at the Lena American Legion Home from 10 to 11:30 a.m., located at 3316 W. Main St. Please call 815-369-4684 with any questions.

Carroll County Help Center Thrift Shop

Shop local on Small Business Saturday on Nov. 26.

Obituary

FRANCES TRICKLER

Frances Trickler, 90 of Machesney Park formerly of Lena, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022. She was born on Aug. 11, 1932 to John and Hattie (Holder) Woods. She married Melvin Trickler on July 31, 1950, and together they had a son Robert.

Carroll County Thrift Shop is celebrating 50 years of service with 50 cent deals. All regularly priced clothing will be marked at 50 cents (sale excludes coats). There is a free kids toy with every purchase while supplies lasts.

The Thrift Shop is located at 126 South 4th St., Savanna. Monetary donations to the Carroll County Help Center may be directed to our Treasurer Carol Gloor. As a 501 c (3) not for profit organization, donations to the Carroll County Help Center are tax deductible.

Salvation Army in need of Red Kettle ringers

The Salvation Army of Freeport needs help ringing

the bell at the Red Kettles this Christmas season. Registration can be completed by visiting registertoring.com. Individuals may sign up to ring, or ring together as a group. Virtual Red Kettles are also available for those unable to ring in person.

Please call 815-275-9520 with questions or for assistance signing up.

What the Flip event

Take part in an event fashioned off the Flea Market T.V. show on Dec. 3, 2022, at Stephenson County Farm Bureau from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Enjoy a dinner of pulled pork or a sloppy joe sandwich, chips, drinks, and coleslaw for \$6. Watch the judging of the flip items with winners announced at 12 p.m. Items will be auctioned off at 1 p.m. Booklets with before and after pictures of the flip items will be on sale at the door for \$6 or on Evenbrite. Food tickets are sold separately. Doors open at 11 a.m.

Lena American Legion Auxiliary

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary would like to thank Christine Liles and family for their generous donation of two new stoves for the Legion kitchen. Liles has helped cook many meals at the Legion home, and the stoves are greatly appreciated.



Lena Business and Professional Association to host annual Christmas parade

The Lena Business and Professional Association (LPBA) Promotional Committee will put on the annual Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 3. The Hometown Christmas will celebrate "The Memories We Make" with activities beginning at 2 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The parade will begin at 6 p.m., starting at the Village Hall, down Railroad Street, crossing the tracks, and coming up Main Street where the tree lighting ceremony with Santa will be held as the conclusion of the parade.

A window decorating contest will be held in conjunction with this themed event. For entry forms or questions, email lenaabpa.org@gmail.com. Forms are due by Dec. 1 and judging will take place on Dec. 2.

A Community Giving Tree will

be located at Lena Mercantile. The tree will have items in need listed on ornaments for families and children in the area. No names will be visible. Adults may be added if donations allow. Donations boxes for the food pantry will also be placed around town at various businesses.

Children may deposit letters to Santa in the mailbox located at the Village Tree in Downtown Lena. Their letters will be answered by Santa.

New this year is the Vendor and Craft Show at the Lena American Legion from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lena Methodist Church will also be hosting their annual Cookie walk from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Games, activities, vendors, crafts, food, and hayrides will be offered throughout Downtown Lena from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Right to unionize amendment projected to pass

Ballot measure carrying 53% of total ballots cast thus far

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois voters have approved a state constitutional amendment guaranteeing workers the right to organize and engage in collective bargaining.

Estimates compiled by multiple media outlets projected Nov. 15 that the ballot

measure had support on an estimated 53 percent of the total ballots cast in the election, with more than 95 percent of the ballots counted. That's enough for approval under one of two paths to passage for a constitutional amendment in Illinois.

The amendment, which will be added to the Bill of Rights of the Illinois Constitution, states that employees have a fundamental right to organize and bargain collectively "for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work."

It also prohibits state and

local governments from enacting laws that interfere with that right, including passage of so-called "right-to-work" laws, which prohibit requiring membership in a union as a condition of employment.

On election night, the Vote Yes for Workers' Rights campaign declared victory, but media outlets were slow to confirm that due to the complicated rules in Illinois for passing a constitutional amendment.

The state constitution provides two pathways for passing an amendment. It must either be approved by 60 percent of all those voting on the measure or by more than 50 percent of all ballots cast in the election.

According to projections, the amendment received about 2.1 million "yes" votes and 1.5 million votes against.

That's 58.4 percent of the votes cast on that issue but about 53 percent of all the ballots cast in the election.

"From day one, the Vote Yes for Workers' Rights campaign has been based on the simple idea that every Illinois worker deserves better. Better pay, stronger benefits, and safer workplaces don't just help workers thrive; they strengthen our state and keep us all safe," Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea said in a statement on election night.

The amendment will become effective once the Illinois State Board of Elections certifies results of the election. The board is scheduled to meet Dec. 5.

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Highland Community College summer graduates 2022

Highland Community College announces the 2022 summer graduates. Forty-Two graduates were awarded associate degrees, an associate of applied science degrees, or certificates.

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Davis: Riley Jones, Associate of Science; Allison Liszka, Associate of Science

Elizabeth: Brittney Brown, Medical Assistant AAS, Medical Assistant Certificate

Freeport: Brock Coleman, Industrial Mechatronics AAS, Basic Welding Certificate, Welding & Fabrication Certificate, Industrial Maintenance Certificate; Molly Farshtchi, Cosmetology Certificate; Ha-

ley Hail, Associate of Arts; Elexis Holmes, Associate of General Studies; Nicholas Janssen, Associate of Arts; Autumn Reeves, Cosmetology Certificate; Holly Swords, Associate of Arts; Mackenzie Thomas, Associate of Arts; Katelyn Thompson, Information Technology Healthcare AAS, Clerical Business Certificate, Clerk Typist Certificate, Medical Coding Certificate; Brittany Vehmeier, Associate of Arts

Lena: Morgan Howe, Associate of Arts; Alayna Yoder, Associate of Science

Orangeville: Zacharey Green, Associate of Arts; Briar Huenefeld, Associate of General Studies

Pearl City: Tyra Clark, Associate of Science; Elizabeth Dixon, Associate of General Studies; Quinn Schneider, Associate of Arts

Pecatonica: Drake Bauch, Associate of Arts; Anna Maz-zari, Medical Assistant Certificate

Stockton: Elizabeth Eden, Associate of Arts; Tessa Tucker, Associate of Science

Warren: Lisa Curran, Information Systems AAS, Clerk Typist Certificate, Clerical Business Certificate; Dylan Hallerman, Automotive Mechanics AAS, Automotive Service - Level II

Winslow: Camree Pelikan, Associate of Arts, Criminal Justice Certificate.

Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL. on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 9:30 a.m. for First Sunday Worship Service. The reading will be from Matthew 24:36-44.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29 Bible Study group will meet at 11 a.m. On Wednesday, Nov. 30 Peace Corps Quilting Group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience necessary and new members are always welcome.

Please contact the church office at 815-369-5552 with any questions.

Orangeville United Methodist Church

On Thursday, Nov. 24 the church will host a community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no charge for this dinner and is open to the public. If unable to attend, meals can be delivered. Carry-out is available by pre-order when possible. Transportation can also be provided if needed.

Please call the Orangeville United Methodist Church office at 815-789-3170 for arrangements, meal orders, or with any questions.

Cedarville Emmanuel Church

Emmanu-

el Church will host its free Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This meal is for people who are alone, who are new to the area, or for those who would like a great meal and family fellowship. The church is located at 175 N. Cedar Street in Cedarville, IL. Meals can also be delivered to community members where required. Please call 815-563-4315 if in need of a delivery.

The menu will include turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls, and dessert.

Elizabeth United Methodist Church

On Thursday, Dec. 8 the Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a holiday gathering and free lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Elizabeth Community Building. Entertainment and music will be provided by "No Worries". All are welcome to attend.

To reserve a spot please call 815-858-2224 and leave a message with the name and number of those attending. Arrangements can be made if in need of transportation to the event.

Lena United Methodist Church

The Lena United Methodist Church, 118 W. Mason St., will be having a Holiday

Cookie Walk as part of the Lena Business and Professional Association Christmas event. The cookie sale will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Calvary Church in Stockton

Calvary Church in Stockton will be having Christ-centered Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. The community is invited to attend. Calvary Church is located just south of the Middle School at the corner of Rush and Maple streets.

Salem United Church of Christ

Join Salem United Church of Christ for a service led by Pastor Christopher Ham on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 10 a.m. The Wednesday Breakfast Bunch will be meeting Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 8 a.m. at Amigos, 306 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois. All are welcome to attend.

If interested in getting more involved with the church consider joining either Men's Night on the first Wednesday of each month for games and companionship, or

Crafternoon on the third Wednesday of each month for snacks, devotional thought, and craft project sharing.

For more information on these gatherings, contact salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com.



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Stagecoach Quilters present local vets with Quilt of Valor

The Stagecoach Quilters recently met for their monthly meeting. The group has been meeting for 35 years and has members from Lena, Pearl City, Stockton, Warren, and Freeport. They have completed a Quilt of Valor which was started by the late Connie Stamm and finish by the Stagecoach Quilters. It was presented to Kathy and Bruce Bumgardner of Lena, Illinois for their service in the Vietnam War.



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God be with you all.
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Many thanks to our friends and relatives for helping us celebrate our 60th anniversary. A special thank you to our family for hosting the party. We appreciate it all very much, we have truly been blessed.



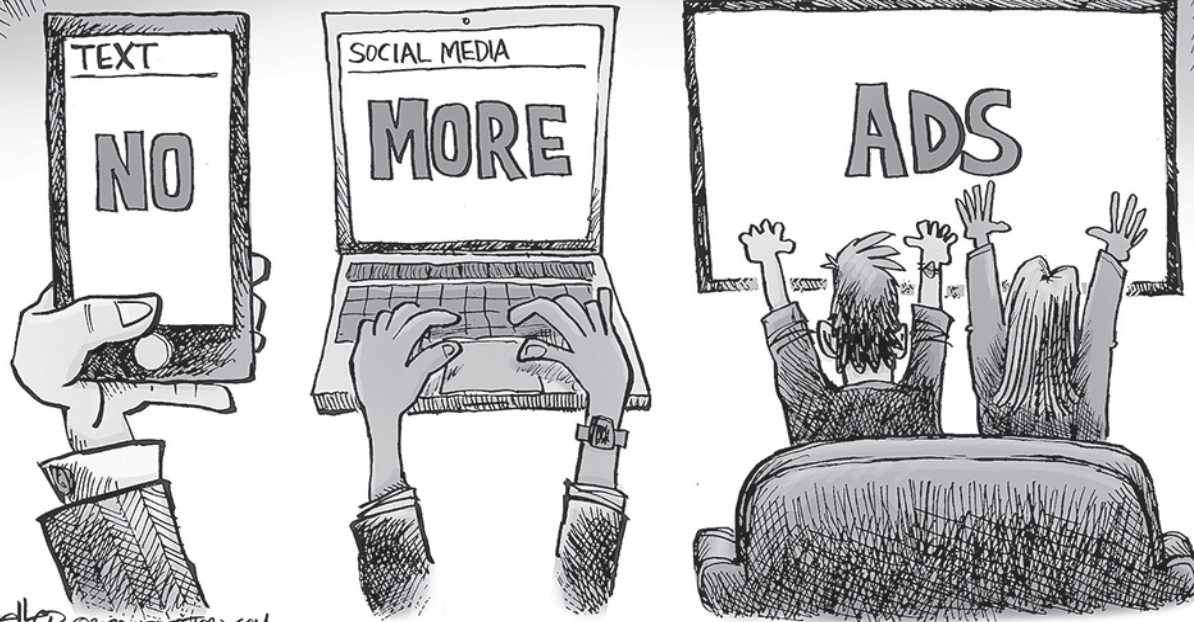
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OPINION

"I'M AN AVERAGE JOE AND I APPROVE THIS MESSAGE."



Slices of life Paint or dandruff

Recently I've been diving into home improvement projects. I like them on the border of loving them. They are fulfilling because at the end of it all, you are left with a clean wall, newly colored cabinets or maybe even just a really frilly, upscaled dollar store soap dispenser.

There's something to be said of an empty paint can and dirty paint brushes that cause you to look at your newest endeavor (with glee) and exclaim, "I did that!"

My latest undertakings have been bittersweet because I always had a partner when completing home improvement projects. He was the CEO, with me standing on the sidelines as the assistant and "Hand me the Phillips" co-conspirator. The last upgrade we completed together was a ceiling fan installation in June, 2020.

My husband died less than four months later. Now it's just me and the hammer, spackle, paint brush and/or glitter, not necessarily in that order.

Lately, I've been painting cupboards and refinishing countertops. No small feat—unless you consider the tiny paint brush I use for touch-ups at the very end. The devil's in the details.

Which leads me to my problem.

I'd finished my last painting project for the season and was feeling quite proud when I encountered an unexpected after-effect. Except I didn't know it at the time.

One day, not long ago, I scratched my head and felt something peculiar under my fingertips. Something flaky, thicker than regular skin and not quite right atop my scalp.

It's interesting, and pretty amazing actually, how we have the ability to sense when something is off about our physical bodies. The patch atop my scalp didn't feel like scalp. But what else could it possibly be? I've always loved a good facetious



By
**JILL
PERTLER**
Columnist

question.

Herein is where I miss my home-improvement honey (again.) If he were here my palpable scalp issue would be resolved in an instant. I'd simply ask him to take a look.

Unfortunately he isn't here right now, so I'm without his eyes (or his body or any of the rest of him). I guess I find myself on my own in more ways than just home improvement. There's an understatement if there ever was one.

I've never dealt with dandruff, but wondered if that's what was happening atop my head. I scratched the area in question and came up with a plethora of white gunk under my fingernails. Are dandruff flakes white, somewhat resembling house paint?

A quick Google showed dandruff resembles skin cells, not paint.

What could the anomaly be? Again, I found myself missing my husband. Where is a guy when you need him to look down on you and examine the top of your head?

In my case his existence, unfortunately, rhymes with 'head,' meaning he's not here and I'm alone with my scalp and whatever entity happens to rest atop it.

After a fair amount of itching and scratching I got desperate to know the source. I leaned forward into the bathroom mirror, trying to see what presence was present on the posterior portion of my scalp. My contortions were in vain. A person is not able to look at the back of their own head. I guess that's why spouses were invented.

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Weekly connection

He is watching over us

I've got a few chickens on my farm and one of them has a real problem. About once a week or so it hangs around inside the chicken coup all day and breaks all the eggs and eats them. It really annoys me when this happens. She obviously has no idea how much eggs cost these days. I think she breaks them just for the fun of it. There's plenty of chicken feed in the feeder and a nice supply of water in the water dish. I think she just gets



By
**SCOTT
CERNEK**
Columnist

bored and has nothing better to do then wreak havoc with the egg production. She probably is just jealous of the other hens because she can't lay eggs herself anymore. I think it's time

to let her know who's boss. I've got some room in the freezer for her.

Chickens are really quite strange creatures. They go to roosting for the night before it is even dark, and then they get up at the crack of dawn. I guess you would call them morning people. My rooster starts crowing before it is even light outside to let everyone know that he knows it's morning. Sometimes in the summer he starts crowing at like

three in the morning. I figure he is trying to scare off the coyotes or impress the ladies with his crow.

Have you noticed at night sometimes that coyotes sound like they are right outside the front door, but when you go to the door and look around, they are nowhere to be found. If you stand there quietly for a couple of minutes, they start yippin' again and it sounds like they are right over by the henhouse, but when you walk out to the henhouse it sounds like they are just out in the field a little ways. They just never seem to be where you think they are.

My neighbor calls eagles, flying coyotes. This is the time of year when the eagles are flying around everywhere in the country. There are so many dead raccoons, possums and deer in the roads and in

the ditches that the eagles stay very busy doing their clean up job. They are sure big birds with some pretty incredible wingspans. I'm surprised I don't lose more chickens to the coyotes or the eagles. I suppose it's because my chickens have their own yard and it's pretty close to the house. Besides that we have two dogs that sure like to bark whenever any strange creature shows up at the farm.

We never really see any coons or possums around the farm and I'm sure it's on account of the dogs patrolling the grounds. We have some sheep and goats in a little pasture by the house, and I'm pretty sure the barking dogs keep predators away from them also. I think the friendliest dog there is has to be the Labradors and yet they are

great watchdogs. Our first lab was a black one named Maggie, and she lived for fourteen and a half years. When she was about ten, we picked up a yellow lab pup. Duke is now seven years old himself and he thinks he is everybody's best friend, except, of course, the coyotes. We also have our son's black mutt here and the two of them do pretty good protecting.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 tells us that the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. He's way better than a watchdog that is for sure. As a Christian I don't think we realize how often the Lord is protecting us from the evil one. He promises to never leave us and I'm mighty glad of that.

Until next week, God bless.

In my opinion

Ode to a 'line-o-type'

As a teen in the 1950s, I worked after school and weekends at my dad's small-town weekly newspaper.

I am reminded of those days of "hot metal type" in the back shop, as I observe the fast-fading institution of the community newspaper. There were 16,000 or so weeklies across our nation back then, in burls tiny and larger; fewer than half remain.

In my lifetime, printing technology has moved, you might say, from the Industrial Revolution to the Space Age. On the community news side, we have morphed from the straightforward reportage of the city council meeting, and weddings of your neighbors' kids, to the oft-uncontrolled acidity of Facebook, which often "lights up" with uninformed, kneejerk commentary.

My job was to help put out the paper, not write it, so forgive me as I step through the door from the front office to the back shop. My nostrils fill with the pungent, metallic brew of printer's ink, gasoline (to clean ink off old forms), paper dust, acrid effusions from the Linotype machine, and tobacco smoke.

I gladly take another deep draught. After all, the intoxicating scent of the newspaper shop tells me important work is going on here: The town's weekly is produced here, with nearly



By
**JIM
NOWLAN**

every household a subscriber, even if a farm wife had to barter eggs with Dad.

I don my grey apron, slip a cupable, steel make-up rule in the front pocket (to scrape lead tailings off the galleys of fresh type), and put a foot-long, metal line gauge in my back pocket (with its printer's measure of "ens" and "ems," six of the latter to an inch). I am ready for work, joining the other two high school "printer's devils."

The small back shop (maybe 20x60') is crammed with dangerous, pre-OSHA machinery—hand-fed "job" presses; saw and router for shaping ads from cast-lead "guts" for national advertisers like General Motors and Ford; California job cases that held the movable type (you've seen the case drawers in antique stores); stone-top tables for making up pages; belt-driven paper cutter, and more.

And, of course, the "big" newspaper press. Ours was a 19th Century flatbed, cylinder press. I stood on a three-step riser to feed sheets the size of four pages of this newspaper (on one side) onto a rotating

cylinder, which would meet the moving flat bed of newspaper pages rumbling back and forth beneath me. I used a bit a glycerin to keep the third finger of my right hand sticky, so I could lift a corner of the big sheet, flick it, creating a small rush of air, just enough to loosen the sheet from the stack, which I then slid down to the guides to meet the cylinder.

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

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax increase for the Lena-Winslow Community Unit School District No. 202 for 2022 will be held on December 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the junior high school library, 517 Fremont St. Lena, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Tom Chiles, Supt. (815-369-2525).

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2021 were \$5,510,896.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$5,923,879. This represents a 7.49% increase over the previous year.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$339,400.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$345,000. This represents a 1.6% increase over the previous year.

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SPORTS

Hornets look to replace talent in hopes of continued success

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Scales Mound Hornets will have to replace a plethora of talent if they hope to continue their success from last season. The 2022 Super Sectional champs finished the season with the second most wins in all of Illinois High School basketball with an overall record of 36-3. It was a year of firsts for the Hornets as the 36 wins was a school record, they captured their first ever conference championship with a 12-0 record in the NUIC-West, they advanced to the state tournament for the first time and were the first ever team out of Jo Daviess County to reach the tournament. The Hornets were also the number one ranked

class 1A team for the first time in team history.

That was last season, however. The 2022-2023 Hornets will have a much different look as they look to replace several key players from the last few years. In total, the Hornets graduated eight seniors who combined for over 5,000 points during their varsity careers. Most notably, Scales Mound lost Benjamin Vandigo who was the NUIC-West Most Valuable Player, First Team All-Conference, and the team captain. They also lost Ben Werner, Collin Fosler, Sam Cocagne, and Zayden Ellsworth, who were all All-Conference award winners.

The good news? Despite losing all that talent, the Hor-

nets still return some key players. Scales Mound Head Coach Erik Kudronowicz is entering his 17th season as head coach. Kudronowicz believes the Hornets may have the best back court in the area with a pair of seniors in Charlie Wiegand and Jacob Deurr leading the way. Wiegand and Deurr possess a ton of experience as they are both four-year varsity players.

A number of this year's players have been waiting for their opportunity as they have been on the Junior Varsity squad with such strong upperclassmen ahead of them. Scales Mound has had one of the best JV programs in recent years, with the team going 22-3 last season and at one

point, had won 53 consecutive matchups. Kudronowicz and the Hornets are hoping that success can translate to the varsity level.

While the Hornets will rely on the experience of their returning players, they have an exciting newcomer that could make a splash this season. Dylan Slavenburg is a six-foot, eight-inch senior foreign exchange student out of the Netherlands. Slavenburg is a versatile player who can play guard and forward, can play above the rim, shoot with touch, and has ball handling skills to go along with it. Kudronowicz believes Slavenburg will be an impactful player for the Hornets this season.

With Wiegand and Deurr re-

turning as four-year players and a trio of three-year varsity players returning in Thomas Hereau, Jonah Driscoll, and Max Wiene, the Hornets have the experience needed to win. To go along with their experience Kudronowicz says this team's work ethic is bar none. "This group of Hornets is tireless workers and is very involved in playing basketball outside of the season. The team has been in numerous tournaments and leagues to sharpen their skills." Kudronowicz added that they went 17-4 during their offseason play.

At the end of the day, the Hornets lost all five of their starters from last season to graduation. There will be

some growing pains and learning curves along the way as they look to find their new identity this season. Experience is something you cannot teach, however, but their work ethic can lead the way. Kudronowicz is keeping the standard high for this season, stating he expects the team to "play competitive basketball all season long and to be one of the best teams in the NUIC-West and in the region."

The Hornets open their season participating in the Turkey tournament where they will face off with Dakota, the host team, on Tuesday, Nov. 22. The next day, the Hornets will face off with the Pearl City Wolves as they continue their tournament play.

Lady Broncos ready to make another run at NUIC-North champions

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Orangeville Broncos girls basketball squad is closing off one of the best years in program history. In the 2021-2022 season, the Lady Broncos finished with an overall record of 27-5 and 11-1 in conference play. That 11-1 record was good enough to name Orangeville the champs of the NUIC-North. Despite losing a pair of starters in Ella Doyle and Kylie Wirth, the Broncos appear poised for another big run in 2022-2023.

Orangeville Head Coach, Jay Doyle, is in his fifth season at that position. Doyle's goal for the team remains the same as last year; to compete

for a conference and regional championship. Despite the high hopes around Orangeville, Doyle knows that is easier said than done. The NUIC-North is loaded with competitive teams and Doyle himself said, "At least half the conference could make an argument for being the favorite."

With three starters returning from last year's 27-win team, the Broncos have certainly thrown their name into the hat as well. Leading the way for Orangeville will be Whitney Sullivan, who is easily one of the top players in the area. Sullivan wasted no time getting to work in the new season. On Monday,

Nov. 14, Sullivan helped lead the Broncos to victory in their season opener with 24 points and 11 rebounds. With the double-double in game one, Sullivan showed she did not have much rust to shake off.

The Broncos have options on offense, though. Their other two returning starters, Leah Baker and Laney Cahoon, are both capable of putting up numbers on offense. Baker finished the season opener with 12 points, while Cahoon had 11. The trio helped the Broncos pick up a 49-26 victory over Morrison to get off to a 1-0 start.

Game two was much of the same for the Broncos. Their trio of returning starters put

their hustle on display, especially Cahoon, who earned a unique double-double with 11 points and 11 steals. Sullivan once again led the way on offense with 17 points and seven rebounds. Baker had eight points of her own as the Broncos picked up a 43-12 blowout victory over the Monroe Cheesemakers.

Perhaps the most notable thing about this year's Orangeville squad is their hustle on both ends of the court. Not only do they have capable scorers on offense, but their hustle on the defensive end is unmatched. Sullivan's rebounding ability, Cahoon's defensive play, and Baker's leadership haven't gone un-

noticed in Orangeville's early games.

While that trio can be expected to lead the way this season, there are some newcomers that Doyle expects to have an impact. Nadalee Doyle, Kaylynn O'Haver, and Addie Wheeler are all expected to have an impact this season. Some of those newcomers came on strong in the Lady Broncos' third game of the season. Nadalee had a season high and led the Broncos in scoring for the first time as she finished with 17 points and five steals. Sullivan had another exceptional performance with 11 points and seven boards, while Cahoon had nine points and six steals. An-

other big performance helped the Broncos pick up another blowout victory as they beat East Dubuque 42-15 to move to 3-0.

With Nadalee coming on strong and Orangeville's big three off to a hot start, the Lady Broncos are looking like a scary team. With so many options on offense, they will be able to attack opponents in various ways.

Orangeville will look to continue through the early part of the season on Tuesday, Nov. 29 when they travel to face off with Ashton-Franklin Center. Later in the week, the Broncos will be at home to play host to the River Ridge-Scales Mound Wildcats.

River Ridge boys look to build under new coach

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The River Ridge boys basketball team is coming off a year in which the team finished 9-15 and graduated their only All-Conference player in Caden Albrecht. River Ridge will be returning to the floor under a new head coach, but it is a familiar face in Jeremy Knauer. It is a busy year for Knauer, who is now the varsity basketball and baseball coach for River Ridge. Knauer is plenty familiar with his roster as he has been the JV basketball coach for the past 14 seasons. If Knauer's ability as a baseball coach can translate to the varsity level on the basketball court, the Wildcats will be in good hands.

In terms of talent, Knauer and the Wildcats will not have a ton to work with. Knauer, who is often a realist when it comes to his teams, spoke about what this upcoming season could

look like for the Wildcats. "Scoring enough points is a big concern. We aren't a great shooting team, so we are going to have to depend on defense to create easy points for us." Knauer shared. The first-year head coach went on to add that "taking care of the basketball is also a big concern." Adding that the team "averaged too many turnovers last season."

Despite those concerns, Knauer has confidence in his squad. "Although we don't have any All-Conference players returning, we have over 10 kids that I believe can all compete for quality minutes. Each night it might be someone different leading us in scoring and foul trouble should never be a concern for us", Knauer said.

The Wildcats do have some experienced players returning from last year's squad. A pair of seniors return after being starters last year in forward Dylan Diehl and guard Mad-

dox Knauer. A third returning starter is back as junior forward, George Winter, looks to have another impactful season.

The Wildcats also have a strong group of newcomers in Seth Nicholas Junior Forward, Isaac Rife Junior Forward, Ethan Walters Junior Guard, Ty Spahn Junior Forward, and Edgar Leon Junior forward. River Ridge has a number of other returning letter winners in Jack Ketelsen Senior Forward, Dawson Kloss Senior Guard, Lebron Ransom Senior Guard, Jamie Schnitzler Senior Guard, Nick Schnitzler Senior Forward.

Knauer says it will come down to the way this team executes. "We will play hard; I have zero doubts about that. The question will be if we can play smart and execute", Knauer shared.

The Wildcats will travel to face off with the Polo Marcos on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

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Panther boys look to find new identity in 2022

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow boys basketball team is prepping for their 2022-2023 season. While several their players, and even their head coach are still focused on the 2022 football season, basketball is right around the corner. Le-Win opens their basketball season with a home matchup against the Warren Warriors on Tuesday, Nov. 29. On Saturday, Dec. 3, the Panthers have a border matchup as they will

play host to the Belleville Wildcats out of Wisconsin.

The two early games should be a good test for the Panthers who will have a lot of questions they will need to find the answers to through experience and trial and error. The Panthers lost four players to graduation last season. All four players had key roles and ate up a ton of minutes for Le-Win. Panther Head Coach, Kyle Benson, will have to replace the likes of Luke Benson, Brody Mahon, Maddex

Sargent, and Kam Klever.

One concern for the team this year will be consistent shooting, especially from outside. The loss of Klever and Luke Benson leaves the Panthers searching for new offensive weapons on the perimeter in 2022. The same could be said about down in the post, where Mahon did a good majority of the damage down low. Benson, a 19-year head coach and 10 years with the Le-Win boys, listed outside shooting and post play as two of the team's biggest concerns for this season.

Benson has gone through plenty of graduations and lineups and has found success with most of them. With the Le-Win boys, Benson holds

a career record of 175-114. Overall, Benson's head coach career record is an even more impressive 306-239. With a lot of new faces in the starting lineup for 2022, the Panthers can take confidence in the fact that their coach has the experience and wherewithal to get the most out of his squads.

The Panthers do return a number of letter winners from last year's squad including Gage Dunker, Owen Gilbertson, Ayden Packard, Rowen Schulz, Drew Streckwald, and Jake Zeal. Benson also has expectations for several newcomers, including Orangeville transfer Gunar Lobdell.

Lobdell, a six-foot senior, helped lead the Broncos to

a 14-9 record last season. Now he joins a Panther team that finished 18-14 last year, and will be looking for new scorers this season. Other newcomers expected to have an impact are Blake Duncan, Cohen Goeke, Casey Klever, Weston Lartz, Alex Packard, Deaken Rendecker, Quinn Rodebaugh, Jake Schumacher, Mason Spidahl, and Garrett Sutter.

While the Panthers will look to replace a strong group of graduated players, one thing that group left behind is their leadership and work ethic. Benson mentioned this team's "great work ethic" is an attribute last year's seniors carried with them all throughout high school. Their leader-

ship left an impact on the program and there is no question that this year's team will give it their all on and off the court.

The 2022-2023 Panthers will have to rely on some tight defense to win them some games this year. Their athleticism should give them an advantage, and they will need to use it unless they can establish some consistent shooters.

Their Dec. 3 matchup with the Wildcats should be a good test for the team, but it is a long season. Benson explained, "We want to be playing our best basketball in January and February. Our record will take care of itself." With the long-term goal in mind, some tough, early matchups should be beneficial for the Panthers.

Lady Panthers split games to begin new basketball season

By Trenten Scheidegger
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The Lena-Winslow girls basketball team is back on the floor as they begin their 2022-2023 basketball season. The Lady Panthers return off a successful 2021-2022 season, where the team finished 21-7 overall and held second place in the NUIC-North with a record of 10-2. That team graduated a trio of seniors in Kalli Humphrey, Cierra Mapes, and Ava Randecker.

Despite losing only three seniors, the Panthers are an even younger squad in 2022. Le-Win Head Coach Dennis Huttenlocher is in his 14th year at the helm. Le-Win has experienced a ton of success under Huttenlocher's time, as he sports a career record of 209-160. Huttenlocher acknowledged the team's age saying, "We are young on paper as we will start two seniors, two juniors, and one sophomore."

The good news? With only three seniors on the roster, several of this year's returning players gained valuable experience at the varsity level in recent years. The Panthers return seven players off last year's squad. Two seniors in Camdyn Huttenlocher and Tianna Esser, a pair of juniors in Grace Groezinger, Molly Amendt, and Janessa Esser, and a pair of sophomores in Alyssa Daughenbaugh and Rachel Setterstrom.

The duo of seniors will handle things in the back court for Le-Win. Camdyn is a

five-foot, three-inch shooting guard, while Esser stands five-foot, four-inches tall and plays both guard positions. Groezinger, who stands six-feet tall, will handle things down low as she holds down the center position. Amendt provides the team with size and athleticism at the wing as a five-foot, eleven-inch small forward. With such a young squad, the Panthers will have several different rotations on the floor this season.

Huttenlocher hopes for his team to once again compete near the top of the NUIC-North. The Le-Win head coach knows that will be no easy task, however. "Pecatonica, Aquin, and Orangeville are all really good and they each return almost every starter. Pecatonica and Aquin each won regionals last year. Orangeville finished 27-4 and has Whitney Sullivan, who is a major Division One recruit", Huttenlocher explained.

The Lady Panthers opened their season with a matchup against the Eastland Cougars on Monday, Nov. 14. It was a game that saw the Panthers fall by a final score of 46-33. Le-Win bounced back three days later, when they beat Amboy 44-36 in tournament play.

After continuing tournament play throughout last weekend and hosting the Warren Warriors on Monday, the Panthers will be back on the floor as they travel to Stockton to face off with the Blackhaws Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Wildcats hoping last year's success carries over

By Trenten Scheidegger
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The River Ridge-Scales Mound Wildcats finished the 2021-2022 season with an overall record of 25-5. At 8-2 in conference play, the Wildcats were not only one of the top teams in the NUIC-West, but one of the top Class 1A girls basketball squads in Illinois. Under the helm of David Wiegel, who has a career record of 140-132 and is in his 11th year with the team, the Wildcats are ready to make another successful run.

Despite losing six players to graduation, the Wildcats return the core of their talent for 2022. A pair of All-Conference seniors will look to lead the way as Sydney Driscoll, who stands six-feet tall, looks to do damage in the post. Driscoll was a Second Team All-Conference selection as a sophomore and a First Team All-Conference selection as a junior. Mickayla Bass is a five-foot, nine-inch senior that gives the Wildcats some size at the guard position. Bass was a Second Team All-Conference selection in both her sophomore and junior campaigns. Wiegel discussed what those two bring to the team. On Driscoll Wiegel said, "Most teams have to send a second defender to her in the post to offset her ability to score. Sydney has also worked hard to develop her shot away from the rim."

The Wildcats also return a strong, athletic class of juniors in Gwen Miller, Addison Albrecht, Annie Werner, Emily Weiderholdt, and Anna Wentz. All of which will have significant playing time for the Wildcats this season.

One of the Wildcats' biggest strengths this season will be their depth. RR-SM has strength in numbers and Wiegel says that has raised the level of competition in the building. "Our team depth helps make practices competitive and good because you really have to pay attention to

On Bass Wiegel described her as "a fast, aggressive player with great athleticism." Adding, "Mickayla has the ability to take over a game."

The Wildcats will have a third senior on the roster this season with five-foot, ten-inch Sadie Fry returning to the post. Wiegel has big expectations for Fry, saying, "I think Sadie holds the secret to our team's success this year." If there is anyone that has had to work for what they have, it's Fry. "Sadie is easy to root for and has overcome some difficult times in her basketball development, which has made her the strong player, mentally and physically, that she is today", Wiegel shared. The Wildcats' head coach says they will rely on Fry's size and physicality, saying, "Her defensive stance is very intimidating."

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detail, work hard, and execute effectively to be successful in drills or when scrimmaging." Wiegel added, "We can simulate other teams' strengths for our starting group and get a great look from a scout team." Wiegel also said it adds a level of accountability to the team explaining, "Players know they have to be fully invested in practice and games because minutes will be challenging to come by. I think this team really buys into team success and is excited when their teammates do something well."

While the team does return their core talent, they will have to replace perhaps the most important position on the floor as they lost their point guard, Jaidyn Strong, to graduation. Wiegel spoke about the team's plan to fill her shoes explaining, "It is always difficult to replace a senior point guard. Jaidyn did a terrific job for us last season being the floor general and coordinating our offensive attack. Fortunately for us, we have multiple options this year to help in regard to point play and these options were able to watch and learn from Jaidyn last year, to help understand everything that goes into running our team. We definitely viewed last year as a double bonus. Not only was Jaidyn able to help our team be successful on the court, but our young-

er up-and-coming players were able to watch and learn from her live, in practice on a nightly basis."

Wiegel also has hopes for a newcomer in sophomore, Laiken Haas saying, "Laiken plays hard and fast every possession. She makes players around her better." With so much talent and depth, it can be hard to find minutes for so many players, but Wiegel plans to get Haas in on the action, especially on offense. "She has never met a shot she doesn't like. As the season goes on, I think we will determine what her role is, and I believe she can be a significant player in our team's success", Wiegel added.

From top to bottom, the 2022-2023 Wildcats seem to have it all. Size, athleticism, experience, depth, and an experienced coach. If RR-SM can find their chemistry with this year's squad, they will be a very dangerous team on the floor. With the ability to attack so many different areas, the Wildcats will be able to expose their opponents' weaknesses in various ways.

Their season got off to a hot start with a blowout victory over the Pearl City Wolves. They will look to keep it rolling in the Turkey Tournament as they face off with Aquin, Tuesday, Nov. 22, in Dakota. The next day the Wildcats are back in Dakota to take on North Boone at 4:30 p.m.

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Orangeville boys look to replace four starters in new campaign

By Trenten Scheidegger
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The Orangeville Broncos will have a number of new faces on the basketball court for their 2022-2023 season. After finishing 14-9 last season, the Broncos suffered a huge loss as they graduated four starters and five bench players. Those four starters were Brayden Cahoon, Nate Anderson, Carson Rote, and Michael Mackenzie. With nine players gone from last season, and that does not include the transfer of Gunar Lobdell, Orangeville's Head coach, Josh Fahs, has some work to do.

While Fahs must replace nearly all of their key contributors, the third-year head coach can find confidence in his familiarity with this year's squad. With Fahs entering his third year, it truly is his program as he has

worked with the entirety of this year's varsity roster for quite some time now. Over the last two years, Fahs holds a record of 20-16 as head coach.

Fahs and the Broncos will look to rely on their three returning letter winners in Cody Wirth, Ben Briggs, and Kyle Kloepping. While those three will have big expectations as leaders this season, there are several newcomers the team will have to rely on. Fahs has expectations for Maisen Pfeiffer, Boden Gustafson, Mitch Soddy, Nathan Brinkmeyer, Blake Folgate, and Paxton Bastian.

Fahs believes the team will have to rely on their guard play and athleticism if they want to find some success this season. There could be some growing pains along the way for the

Broncos as they will certainly be looking to find their new identity on the court. Fahs himself says the team's inexperience, as well as rebounding, are their biggest weaknesses.

The Broncos guards will have to take over some games, both offensively and defensively, in order to come out on top. It will be up to guys like Wirth, Pfeiffer, and Folgate to hold things down in Orangeville's back court. The hope is for Briggs and Gustafson to establish a post presence down low. Briggs, a six-foot, three-inch power forward/center will provide the Broncos with some size in the post. As a junior, if Briggs can get comfortable down low, it should take some pressure off the Broncos guards.

The expectation early on is for the Broncos to rely

on that guard play and their defensive ability, however. Fahs talked about the team's approach to the season saying, "Our varsity team's goal each night will be to get better, be competitive, and have a chance to win in the fourth quarter." It appears those goals could be translated to the full season, as the Broncos will certainly look for improvements throughout the year and will hope to play their best basketball in the latter parts of the season.

The Broncos open their season this Wednesday evening with a Nov. 23 matchup against East Dubuque. On Saturday, Nov. 26 the Broncos will face off with the Scales Mound Hornets in tournament play. That matchup should be a solid early test for the Broncos as they face off with one of the better teams in the area.

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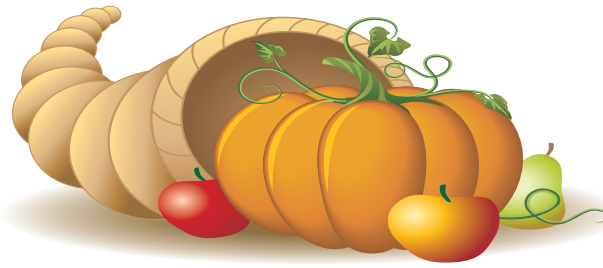
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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

The first snowfall came and went, and the cold weather was a blast. We are supposed to have milder weather for Thanksgiving. The recipes this week are for Thanksgiving and after. Enjoy cooking this week as you prepare for the big Turkey Day!

Just Pickle It

Pickling is the "in" thing in the cooking world. Pickled vegetables are making their way on holiday tables. We have always had the traditional pickled beets, but here are two recipes for some different pickling tastes. These condiments will enhance any holiday table. They are easy to make and tasty too!

8 oz. cherry tomatoes
2 sprigs of fresh tarragon
1/3 C. red wine vinegar
1/3 C. water
1 t. sugar
1 t. salt
Place tomatoes and tarragon in a glass pint jar; in a small saucepan, bring vinegar, water, sugar, and salt to a boil; pour over tomatoes. Let cool for 10 minutes, then chill for at least 8 hours.

6 oz. carrots (cut from sticks)
1 halved red chili
1/2 C. white wine vinegar
1/2 C. water
1 clove garlic, smashed
1 t. sugar
1 t. mustard seeds
1 t. coriander seeds
1 t. salt
Place carrots and chili in glass pint jar. In a small saucepan bring vinegar, water, garlic, sugar, mustard seeds, coriander seeds, and salt to a boil. Pour over carrots. Let cool 10 minutes, then chill for at least 6 hours.

Creamy Cranberry Salad

Cranberry Salads have been featured the last couple of weeks. They make a wonderful salad with turkey and the fixings. This one is pretty in a glass bowl.

3 C. fresh or thawed frozen cranberries, chopped
1 can (20 oz.) unsweetened crushed pineapple, drained
2 C. miniature marshmallows
1 medium apple, chopped
2/3 C. sugar
1/8 t. salt
2 C. heavy whipping cream
1/4 C. chopped nuts
In a large bowl, mix the cranberries, pineapple, marshmallows, apple, sugar, and salt. Refrigerate, covered, overnight. To serve, beat the whipping cream until stiff peaks form. Fold whipped cream into cranberry mixture. Sprinkle nuts on the top.

Stuffing in the Slow Cooker

If you need oven space

for Thanksgiving, this dressing recipe in the slow cooker will help you out. I always use the low sodium broth to cut down on salt. If you want to get ahead, you can do the onions, celery, butter, bread, and seasonings the day before and refrigerate. Put the broth and eggs in the mixture in the morning. In no time at all you can turn the slow cooker on, and you have more oven space.

1 C. chopped onion
1 C. chopped celery
1/4 C. butter
6 C. cubed day-old white bread
6 C. day-old wheat bread
1 t. salt
1 t. poultry seasoning
1 t. rubbed sage
1/2 t. pepper
1 can (14 1/2 oz) chicken or vegetable broth
2 eggs, beaten
In a small nonstick skillet over medium heat, cook onion and celery in butter until tender. In a large bowl, combine the bread cubes, poultry seasoning, sage, and pepper. Stir in onion mixture. Combine broth and eggs in a small bowl; add to bread mixture and toss to coat. Transfer to a 3-quart slow cooker coated with cooking spray. Cover and cook on low for 3 to 4 hours or until a thermometer reads 160.

Wild Rice Stuffed Acorn Squash

This recipe can be used as a side for Thanksgiving or for any weeknight meal. You won't need potatoes if you are

serving it at a regular meal and not the Thanksgiving dinner. The apricot preserves give it just the right amount of sweetness.

4 T. olive oil, divided
2 large acorn squash, halved and seeded
2 C. water
1 C. wild rice blend
1 1/2 C. diced assorted pepper (red, yellow, orange, or green)
1/4 C. chopped nuts
1/4 C. apricot preserves
2 T. Dijon mustard
1/2 t. salt
1/2 t. dried thyme
1/2 t. pepper
Preheat the oven to 350. Line a large, rimmed baking sheet with foil. Brush 2 T. oil onto cut side of squash. Place squash, cut side down, on prepared pan. Bake for 20 minutes. Turn squash cut side up. Leave oven on.

In a medium saucepan, bring 2 C. water to a boil over high heat. Stir in rice. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until rice is tender and liquid is evaporated, 20 to 25 minutes. In a colander, rinse rice and drain. In a large bowl, stir together rice, peppers, apricots, nuts, preserves and remaining 2 T. oil. Divide rice mixture among squash. Bake until squash is tender and rice mixture is heated through, 20 to 30 minutes. Place squash on a serving platter and scoop out the rice mixture and squash to serve.

Pimiento Green Beans

Tired of the traditional

green bean casserole? This is a simple way to make a green bean side with pimientos and Parmesan cheese; it is a great side!

2 lbs. fresh green beans, cut into 20inch pieces
1 can (14 1/2 oz.) chicken broth
1/2 C. chopped onion
1 jar (2 oz.) pimientos, drained
1/2 t. salt
1/8 t. pepper
1/4 C. shredded Parmesan cheese
In a large saucepan, bring beans, broth, and onion to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and cook until crisp-tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Drain. Stir in pimientos, salt, and pepper. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and serve.

Turkey and Rice Soup

If you have leftover turkey, this soup would be a great way to use the leftovers. You can put some veggies in some water and the turkey carcass, boil it on medium heat for an hour, drain the broth in a colander keeping broth; discard the vegetables. Remove turkey from bones, and you will have the best broth for this soup and lots of tender turkey.

1 t. butter
1 celery rib, sliced
1 medium carrot, sliced
1/2 C. chopped fresh mushrooms
2 C. chicken or turkey broth
12 oz. Velveeta cheese, cubed
1 1/2 C. cooked turkey
1 1/2 C. cooked rice

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•Ode (Continued from page 5)

The large keyboard was different from the typewriter, and efficient. Lower-case keys on the left, the vowels all close to the third and fourth fingers of the left hand; upper-case letters on the right. The operator lightly tapped a key, which released a vertical, slender piece of brass, called a matrice, or mat, with a letter indented into one side. The mats came tumbling down on a slender belt, from their temporary storage above, into an expandable metal box, where the mats formed a line of type.

This line of type was transported to a place in front of a pot of liquid lead, where type and pot came together briefly, lead injected into a bar, against the indented, now raised, letters, or type. The bars were ejected, still hot, onto a tray with other lines of type. Ingenious, until the 1960s, when even more efficient "cold type" and offset printing came along.

Out in the front office, Dad and his one reporter would cover the school board and city council meetings. The news office was located on the town's main street and had big plate glass windows. So, whenever news broke, Dad would take a large sheet of newsprint (paper) and

use a grease pen to write out the news that "Harold Settles died this morning at 7 a.m." and of course the local election results, hot from the county clerk's office down the street. Cars drove by our office at a snail's pace, to read the latest from Dad's sheets, hung on a wire with clothespins in the front window.

Each week, Eileen Benedict would make endless phone calls to a list of townspeople. "You have any news this week?" This became the page, or more, of "Personals," e.g.: "George and Effie Bort motored to Peoria Sunday after church to enjoy chicken dinner with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bort. The Donald Borts reported their son Raymond had just completed basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood and was expecting orders to Korea." This was the Facebook of its day. Newsy, civil.

Thanks for letting me reminisce. Dad's paper was important to our town, the glue that bound us. The paper wasn't perfect, but overall, the paper was invaluable.

Jim Nowlan grew up in the Stark County News, Toulon, Ill. He is a former small-town newspaper publisher, professor, and politician.

•Slices (Continued from page 4)

That, and mirrors. I grabbed mine (the mirror) from the drawer and took about 67 seconds to figure out how to position it just so that I could see the part of my head in question. In that instant the problem (or solution, depending on your perspective) was obvious.

My head touted a generous dollop of white primer paint. Primer is sticky on walls, and

apparently also on a scalp. Even though I'd washed my hair multiple times, the sticky stickiness of the primer didn't want to let go. It was a quality paint brand for goodness sakes.

After identifying the problem, the solution was obvious. A fair amount of scrubbing in the shower, dissolved the dollop and my scalp was thankfully naked

In my opinion

A Season of Giving in Northwest Illinois

By Andrew Chesney
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, each of us can find ways to support our neighbors in need; or if you and your family are in need yourselves, to connect with the resources available in your community to help you through difficult times. Numerous civic and faith-based organizations continue to step up each year to lift local families.

Among us there are neighbors who are facing hunger not just during the holidays, but every day. Last week, I donated canned goods at the Cornerstone Credit Union food drive for the Freeport Area Church Cooperative for Families in Need. If you want to help, the Cooperative is sponsoring several opportunities in our community during November's Hunger & Homeless Awareness Month. Find out more by calling (815) 233-0435 or visit Freeport Area Church Cooperative on Facebook.

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We also have an opportunity so support our local small business community throughout northwest Illinois on Small Business Saturday, which is Nov. 26. This year, we know that small businesses need our support now more than ever as they grapple with the lingering effects of the pandemic, supply chain issues, and inflation spurred by the reckless overspending of the federal

government during the last two years under President Joe Biden. As you make your holiday shopping plans this year, I hope you will join me in supporting the local independent retailers and entrepreneurs who are the backbone of our economy here in northwest Illinois.

Finally, a personal note of thanks. On Nov. 8, voters elected me to serve as your next State Senator for Illinois' 45th District. I am profoundly grateful for your confidence in me and pledge to be a champion for northwest Illinois values in the State Senate. It has been my privilege to serve as State Representative for the 89th District during the past four years and I am eager to roll up my sleeves and get to work in my new role

to deliver results for you in Springfield.

As a result of redistricting, residents of northwest Illinois will be served by either John Cabello or Tony McCombie in the Illinois House of Representatives starting in January. I know they will strive to serve you with the same commitment and effective representation that my staff and I have provided since December 2018. Best wishes to each of you and your families for a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.



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-v.-
PAMELA KAY ATILANO A/K/A PAMELA K. ATILANO et al Defendant

2021 CH 39
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Annette L. Rowan;
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2022FC67

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF STEPHENSON PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JON PAUL LORENZ,
Deceased.

CASE NO. 2022 PR 53
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JON PAUL LO-

RENZ, of Rockford, County of Winnebago, and State of Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 to KRISTA LORENZ as Administrator. KRISTA LORENZ's attorney is VELLA & LUND, P.C., by ANDREW VELLA, 401 West State Street, Suite 300, Rockford, Illinois, 61101.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
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In Re the Matter of the Estate of:
Betty J. Duray,
Deceased.

No. 22-PR-89
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

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Winslow, IL 61089
AND
Jody R. Miller
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Monroe, WI 53566

as independent co-Executors of the Estate of Betty J. Duray, whose attorney is

Anthony V. Coon
Attorney At Law
10 N. Galena Ave.,
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Freeport, IL 61032

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| ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|--|--|---------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| The summary must be published in the local newspaper. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 | | | | | will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30 annually. | | | | | |
| Individuals wanting to review this form should contact: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Orangeville CUSD 203 | | 201 S Orange St Orangeville, IL 61060 9720 | | | | 815-789-4450 | | 7:30 am to 4:00 pm | | |
| School District/Joint Agreement Name | | Address | | | | Telephone | | Office Hours | | |
| Also by January 15 annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 | | | | | will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net. | | | | | |
| SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2022 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Educational | Operations & Maintenance | Debt Services | Transportation | Municipal Retirement/Social Security | Capital Projects | Working Cash | Tort | Fire Prevention & Safety |
| Local Sources | 1000 | 2,207,446 | 367,775 | 426,235 | 165,464 | 101,434 | 0 | 28,517 | 32,605 | 49,988 |
| Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District | 2000 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| State Sources | 3000 | 1,180,277 | 407 | 0 | 148,288 | 1,692 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Sources | 4000 | 571,816 | 47,608 | 0 | 0 | 3,878 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Direct Receipts/Revenues | | 3,959,539 | 415,790 | 426,235 | 313,752 | 107,004 | 0 | 28,517 | 32,605 | 49,988 |
| Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures | | 3,639,481 | 356,875 | 422,753 | 467,700 | 88,479 | 0 | | 32,605 | 0 |
| Other Sources/Uses of Funds | | 815 | 0 | -815 | 229,237 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2021 | | 359,496 | 226,630 | 7,254 | 273,536 | 122,840 | 0 | 748,929 | 0 | 90,580 |
| Other Changes in Fund Balances | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022 | | 680,369 | 285,545 | 9,921 | 348,825 | 141,365 | 0 | 777,446 | 0 | 140,568 |
| Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022 | | 773,687 | 285,545 | 9,921 | 348,825 | 141,365 | 0 | 777,446 | 0 | 140,568 |
| GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL | | | Blue Cross Blue Shield | | | 360,806 | First American Bank | | | 8,067 |
| Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000 | | | Kristi Buss; James Dusing; Mary Gerbode; Ashley Hayes; Julie Johnson; Zowie Kauffman; Annalee Kelly; Ann Kitch; Kenneth Lawson; Julie Maurer; James Moscato; Lisa Nadig-Mehdipour; Mark Peterson; Rebecca Sandstrom; Steven Snider; David Unger; Marcia Wells | | | 338,418 | Ill Assn of School Boards | | | 7,843 |
| Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999 | | | Samantha Bid-dick; Kendahlyn Schlueter | | | 247,611 | Volume Cases | | | 7,357 |
| Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999 | | | Mitchell Dean; Joshua Fahs; Heather Hanson; Raizel Hanson; Tonya Heldt; David Hoshaw; Christina Howard; Jayne Kleckler; Erica Kraft; Sharon McDivitt; Amber Misek; Christopher Moore; Joseph Pisciotti; Chelsea Shellhause; Katie Wells; Col-lin Zier | | | 228,686 | Gills Disposal | | | 6,249 |
| Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999 | | | Stacey Brown; Julie Cahoon; Emily Campbell; Toby Golembiewski; Kari Janecke; Elizabeth MacKenzie; William Meier; Kelly Scheuerell; Lon Scheuerell; Stacey Schulz | | | 118,510 | Lakeside International | | | 6,122 |
| Salary Range: \$90,000 and Over | | | Danielle Hoshaw; Andrew Janecke; Jeffery Milburn | | | 92,567 | Community Bank | | | 6,105 |
| GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL | | | Julie Behrends; Julianna Bonifay; Brayden Cahoon; Joseph Davis; Cheyanne Doyle; Patricia Doyle; Terry Elgin; Lauren Enzinger; Amy Finn; Blake Folgate; Dale Gullickson; Austin Guy; Clair Hanks; Victor Huerta; Stephanie Jackson; Tessa Janecke; David Jordan; Ra-chel Klein; Ryan Klein; Alan Lenior; Sabrina Lewis; Gunnar Lobdell; Angela Longamore; Donald Longamore Jr.; Kendra Love; Garilynne Reed; Stephanie Riedel; Adam Rodebaugh; Duane Rosemeier; Adam Scherer; Brooks Scherer; Megan Schiesher; Paul Schindler; Leslie Schmidt; Gerald Schneider-man; Patricia Schneiderman; Ashley Schoger; Scott Setter-strom; Adron Simmons Jr; Jessica Smith; Ryan Smith; Tammy Stark; Melissa Stiefel; Bret Thoman; Joshua Wallin; Rhonda Wessels; Catherine Williams; Catherine Wilson; Cody Wirth; Nicole Wirtjes; Alice Wise | | | 88,565 | SDU | | | 6,092 |
| Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999 | | | William Guy; Rachel Heck; Melissa Walsh; Cindy Wells | | | 85,644 | Grizzly Industrial | | | 6,054 |
| Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999 | | | Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries. | | | 62,587 | VISA | | | 5,680 |
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| | | | | | | 11,085 | Ward Brodt Music | | | 2,708 |
| | | | | | | 10,800 | Dearborn Life Insurance | | | 2,640 |
| | | | | | | 10,329 | School Specialties | | | 2,548 |

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| IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF QUERCUS MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST, Plaintiff, | EDMOND W. ELLIS JR.; et al., Defendants. Case No.: 2022FC65 Property Address: 1304 WEST LOGAN ST, FREEPORT, IL 61032 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS 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: LOT 37 AND 38 IN ELM PARK SUBDIVISION OF WEST FREEPORT (NOW CITY OF FREEPORT); SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF IL- LINOIS. | Commonly known as: 1304 WEST LOGAN ST, FREEPORT, IL 61032 Names of the titlehold- ers of record: EDMOND ELLIS A/K/A EDMOND W. ELLIS JR. and BETTY ELLIS A/K/A BETTY R. ELLIS. Date of the Mortgage: June 19, 2009. Name or names of the mortgagors: EDMOND ELLIS A/K/A EDMOND W. ELLIS JR. and BETTY ELLIS A/K/A BETTY R. | ELLIS. Name of the mortgagee: State Bank of Paw Paw. Date and place of re- cording: June 23, 2019; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Stephenson County, Illinois. Identification of re- cording: Document No. 200900104362. NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your an- swer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before December | 23, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DE- FAULT MAY BE TAK- EN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-fil- ing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts. gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you Continued on next page |
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GOP chooses new leadership in General Assembly as Dems retain control

McCombie, Curran chosen to lead House, Senate caucuses

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Republicans chose new leadership for their caucuses in the Illinois General Assembly on Nov. 15, while the two Democratic leaders have each announced they have the votes to maintain their positions.

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House Republicans elected Tony McCombie of Savanna and Senate Republicans chose John Curran of Downers Grove.

The change in leadership comes after Democrats maintained control of every statewide office and had strong gains in the elections across the rest of state government, aside from in the state Senate.

In that chamber, Curran will preside over a Republican caucus outnumbered by Democrats by a likely margin of 40-19 after GOP candidate Patrick Sheehan conceded to Democrat Michael Hastings in the 19th District Nov. 16. That means the GOP will have picked up one seat.

First appointed in 2017 to the suburban district where former GOP Senate leader Christine Radogno was previously seated, Curran won reelection in 2018 and ran unopposed in 2022. He previously served as an assistant Cook County prosecutor and DuPage County Board vice chairman, and he is now a private practice attorney.

"I am humbled and hon-

ored to have the full support of my Senate Republican colleagues to serve as their new leader in the 103rd General Assembly," Curran said in a statement. "We stand ready, with our focus directed toward the future, on developing solutions that will address the critical issues facing our state. We are equally dedicated to growing our ranks, which will give all Illinoisans greater representation and balance in their state government."

He replaces Dan McConchie, of Hawthorn Woods, who was chosen as Senate minority leader after the 2020 elections. McConchie called his leadership run a privilege and wished Curran well.

"When I assumed this role, I committed to grow the caucus by recruiting outstanding candidates and providing them with resources so they had a chance to win despite Pritzker's wallet and the gerrymandered maps that put us at a severe disadvantage," McConchie said in a statement. "To that end, I was able to raise the most money the

Senate Republicans have perhaps ever seen and will leave the caucus with more members than I started—even as our party saw defeats in every other area."

McCombie previously served as mayor of Savanna and was first elected state representative in 2016, defeating incumbent Democrat Mike Smiddy for the seat in the Quad Cities area. She easily won reelection in 2018 and 2020 and ran unopposed this year.

"The House Republican Caucus is focused on helping Illinois families by offering common sense solutions to the many problems our state faces," McCombie said in a statement. "We will be a unified force that will grow our party by sticking to our core values and ending the corruption that has pervaded state government."

McCombie's name briefly surfaced in 2020 as a potential challenger for former House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs. But Durkin secured the votes for reelection at the time.

After House Republicans lost at least four, or potentially five, net seats in this year's general election, giving Democrats up to a 78-40 supermajority, Durkin announced he would not seek another term as leader. He had not announced plans to resign his seat as of Nov. 15.

Durkin had served as minority leader since 2013 and said last week the near decade run has "been the honor of a lifetime."

"But it's time for the Illinois Republican Party to rebuild with new leaders who can bring independents back to the party that are needed to bring change to the state," he said in a statement. "I am proud of the work the House Republican caucus has accomplished under my tenure and thank everyone who played a part along the way. I began this journey as a voice of moderation and conclude this journey the same way I started, a voice of moderation."

Senate President Don Harmon also announced he had the votes to retain that title

Nov. 15.

"I want to thank my colleagues for their continued support," he said in a statement. "Our accomplishments in the Senate are a team effort. We head into a new session collectively focused on moving Illinois forward."

House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch announced that he had the votes for another term last week, touting his caucus' efforts toward fiscal stability, expanding resources for community outreach, protecting abortion rights and taking "steps to rebuild confidence in state government."

"We have more work to do—and with a strong, diverse, and talented Democratic Caucus alongside me, I am excited to continue the work Illinoisans have sent us to do," Welch said in a statement.

Editor's note: The story has been corrected to reflect the correct number of seats picked up by Republicans in the Senate in the Nov. 8 election. They picked up one net seat.

•Kitchen (Continued from page 12)

2 t. chicken bouillon granules
½ t. celery salt
¼ t. pepper

In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add celery, carrot, and mushrooms; cook and stir 6 to 8 minutes or until tender. Stir in broth, cheese, turkey, rice, bouillon, celery salt and pepper. Cook and stir until cheese is melted and soup is heated through.

Cranberry Orange Chicken

If you are tired of turkey, this chicken recipe is a good one for a weeknight meal. It has the vegetable included, so cook a little rice and serve up supper quickly.

1 large navel orange, sliced
5 T. honey, divided
3 T. olive oil, divided
2¼ t. salt, divided
1¼ t. pepper, divided
½ t. allspice
4 bone-in, skin on chicken breasts
1 lb. French green beans, trimmed
1 C. fresh cranberries
2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
1 T. chopped fresh rosemary

Position oven rack in top third of oven. Preheat to 375. Line a 17 x 12 rimmed baking pan with parchment paper. On prepared pan, place orange slices in a single layer. In a large bowl, whisk together, 4 T. honey, 2 T. oil, 2 t. salt, 1 t. pepper and allspice. Add chicken; stir until fully coated. Place chicken skin side up on orange slices. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from oven.

In another large bowl, stir together green beans, cranberries, garlic, rosemary, and remaining tablespoon of honey, 1 T. oil, remaining salt and pepper. Place around the chicken. Bake until instant read thermometer inserted in thickest portion of chicken registers 165, about 15 minutes. Garnish with rosemary sprigs.

Pecan Pie Bars

I have had a recipe for pecan pie bars before, but this one is easier because it uses a cake mix. Try these easy bars as an alternative to pecan pie.

1 pkg. yellow cake mix, regular size
¼ C. butter, softened
1 egg, room temperature

Filling:

½ C. corn syrup
1½ C. packed brown sugar
1 t. vanilla
3 large eggs, room temperature
1 C. chopped pecans
Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 9 x 13 baking dish. Reserve 2/3 C. cake mix; set aside. Combine the remaining cake mix, butter and egg; beat on low speed until blended. Press onto bottom of prepared pan. Bake 15 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

Filling: Beat corn syrup, brown sugar, vanilla, and reserved cake mix until blended. Add eggs; beat on low speed just until combined. Pour over warm crust, sprinkle with pecans. Bake until center is set, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Refrigerate at least 15 minutes before cutting bars and serving.

Pumpkin Shortbread Dessert

If you are looking for an alternative to pumpkin pie that will feed a bunch of people, this dessert will help you bridge the gap. You only need one of these rather than several pies. I checked solid pumpkin cans for 29 oz. I didn't find one for exactly that, so use the large can of solid pumpkin or two regular sizes.

I also have used pumpkin pie spice and cinnamon instead of ginger and cloves. It seems to be a milder taste. Experiment with what tastes good for your family.

1¾ C. sugar, divided
1½ C. flour
½ C. cold butter
4 eggs, lightly beaten
1 can (29 oz.) solid pumpkin
1 t. salt
1 t. ground cinnamon
1 t. ground ginger
½ t. ground cloves
2 cans (12 oz. each) evaporated milk

Whipped cream for garnish
Preheat oven to 425. In a bowl, combine ¼ C. sugar and the flour; cut in butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press into an ungreased 9 x 13 baking pan. In a separate bowl, combine the eggs, pumpkin, salt, spices, and remaining sugar. Stir in milk. Pour over crust. Bake at 425 for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350. Bake 50 to 55 minutes longer or until filling is set. Cool on a wire rack. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Cut into 15 squares. Top with whipped cream and sprinkle with cinnamon.

Final Thoughts

Because I write this ahead of time, our boys of fall have one more game to win if they want to play in Champaign on

Thanksgiving weekend. We are all hoping (maybe not those who are for Make the trip).

There are some exciting things happening in town besides football games. We have a new craft shop on Rt. 73 across from the Citizens Bank parking lot. Stop in and see the things that are on display as well as how beautiful the little house has been fixed up. The Saturday after Thanksgiving is always Small Business Saturday. Be sure to stop into the small businesses in your town. They are the lifeblood of our communities.

I hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving. We live in an area where we have many blessings to celebrate. Sometimes it is easier to see what is wrong with our little corner of the world than what is right. We have a lot of "rights", so I urge you to count your many blessings, as the song says and celebrate with gusto. Happy Thanksgiving!

If you have some good cookie recipes (because it is time to think about baking cookies), we would like you to share them. Or if you have enjoyed this column for many years, let me know that too. You can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchen, Shopper's Guide at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND
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Plaintiff,
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PAMELA KAY ATILANO A/K/A
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Defendant

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Property Index No. 43-18-009-080-00
The real estate is improved with a residence.

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Helpful tips and harmful myths

When it comes to discussing dental care, how to achieve a brighter, whiter smile is consistently one of the top questions that patients ask. The decision to undergo tooth whitening treatments, as with any decision, should be an informed one. There are many misconceptions about how to achieve whiter teeth. There are also numerous "whitening" products and protocols that are marketed or promoted on social media that range from innocuous or ridiculous to harmful.

Before pursuing any whitening procedures, it is important to schedule a dental visit. A dental exam, along with a health history (including all medications and supplements), dental history, and x-rays will provide insight into the specific cause(s) of dental discolorations, the presence and degree of tooth sensitivity, oral disease, and/or systemic disease that may contraindicate or affect the treatment's level of success and the presence of allergies (which will dictate what whitening agents will be safe for you to use). This visit will also shed light on any misconceptions about teeth whitening, preventative care issues, and any foods or practices that are contributing to staining. Your dentist will take all of this into consideration when discussing whether tooth whitening is advisable. He or she will address any oral health issues that must be considered



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before proceeding, your individualized in-office and at-home treatment options, each treatment's projected level of success, and the steps that you can take to prevent staining.

Many people have the misconception that the harder they scrub when brushing, the whiter their teeth will get. Aggressively scrubbing your teeth can wear down your enamel and harm your gums or gingiva. Enamel is what makes your teeth look white. Dentin, the structure that makes up the inner part of the tooth, is typically a yellow color. If you wear down the enamel too much, the color of the dentin starts to show through. Once you wear the enamel away, it's gone. It cannot repair or regenerate itself. Aggressive tooth brushing and/or using a toothbrush with stiff, coarse bristles not only wears away the enamel but can injure the gingiva (gums) and lead to gum recession, exposing the roots of the teeth. As the roots of your teeth are not protected by enamel, this makes them sensitive or painful and vulnerable to decay. Both worn enamel and exposed roots are contraindications for tooth whitening procedures.

Other contraindications for whitening treatments include periodontal disease, oral cancer, and untreated decay. In addition, while having tooth-colored restorations (including crowns or implants) does not make you ineligible for tooth whitening, you must be aware that only natural teeth will be affected by the bleaching agent, and treatment could result in differences between the color of your whitened natural teeth and your restorations, as they will not change color.

The health of your teeth affects your overall health. Whether you choose in-office or at-home treatment, follow your dentist's advice when it comes to whitening. Don't use any products or suggested treatments on social media without consulting him/her first.

Here are just a few of the many harmful "tooth whitening" practices that are currently being touted on Youtube and other social media platforms.

Swishing apple cider vinegar in your mouth: While there is no evidence it will whiten your teeth; the high levels of acid will most definitely wear away your enamel. Lemon juice and baking soda: This combination not only causes enamel damage from both the abrasiveness of the baking soda and the acid from the juice, but citric acid can bind to calcium and leech it from your teeth. Oil pulling: Not only is there no evidence that this will whiten your teeth, but it can also cause digestive issues and, if accidentally inhaled, lipid pneumonia. Brushing with charcoal toothpaste: Charcoal

toothpaste is highly abrasive. It not only damages the enamel, but it can also damage and stain your gingiva. Youtube videos promoting scaling your teeth at home/purchasing at-home scaling kits: Instruments to remove dental plaque are sharp and Hygienists undergo extensive training to safely use them. Attempting to perform a dental cleaning on your own can lead to serious injuries to your tongue, gingiva, cheeks, and the roof of your mouth, uncontrolled bleeding, infections, permanent damage to your teeth and oral tissues, as well as accidental removal or damage to crowns, bridges, and other dental restorations.

When it comes to achieving and maintaining a white smile, prevention is the cornerstone. While you may already be aware that dark foods, such as red wine, coffee, and tea can stain your teeth, foods that are dark, sticky, and eaten when hot (such as barbeque and teriyaki sauces) cause more intense and difficult-to-remove stains. Always rinse your mouth out with fluoridated tap water immediately after consuming these types of foods, then brush with fluoridated toothpaste 30 minutes later (once your saliva has neutralized the acids in your mouth). Avoid any form of tobacco use as all are major contributors to tooth staining. Floss and brush your teeth twice a day for two minutes. Schedule regular dental exams and cleanings. If you are going to begin a whitening regime, schedule a professional dental cleaning first. This will ensure that you are whitening your teeth and not a mouth full of dental plaque.

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Diesel supply tight, but it won't run out

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The supply of diesel fuel has become uncomfortably tight this fall, drumming up concerns about future availability.

The U.S. started the month with about a 25-day supply of diesel in storage.

But that doesn't mean the tanks will run dry in that amount of time, according to Tim Abel, GROWMARK refined fuels, supply and trading manager.

"We do have tight supplies," Abel told the RFD Radio Network. "This time of year, maybe 32 days supply or 34 days supply would be more applicable."

"But I think it (the 25-day supply) has been overplayed in the media," he said. "We're not going to run out (of diesel) in 25 days. It just means we're extremely low — it's just another metric for measuring what we have."

The amount of diesel measured as "days of supply" factors the current demand divided into the availability of inventory, according to Abel.

The situation certainly continues to pressure prices, though.

Average diesel prices started the month at \$5.31

per gallon nationwide, up \$1.59 compared to last year, and \$5.32 in the Midwest, \$1.68 higher than last year.

"From a U.S. and world perspective, heating oil, diesel fuel and jet fuel supplies have been extremely tight," Abel said. "A lot of dynamics have gotten us to where we are today."

The refined fuels expert traces the start of the rise in diesel prices back to 2019 when the International Maritime Organization implemented lower sulfur content standards for its fuel. That was followed by demand destruction from the COVID pandemic in 2020-21 followed by the industry trying to adjust to a rebound in fuel demand this year amid the ongoing war in Ukraine.

"The EU is trying to wean itself off Russian fuel,"

Abel said. "When you look at the different supply disruptions, that's why we're at where we are today."

During recent years, some refining capacity was taken offline amid the chaos and market uncertainty. And some companies are now unsure how much to invest in production with mixed signals about the future use of carbon-based fuels.

"Global refining capacity is down 3 million barrels per day from where we were in 2019 and here in the U.S. it's down about 1 million barrels," Abel said. "Overall, the view on carbon-based fuel has changed. As companies look how to spend money, we've seen a retraction of carbon-based fuel."

Meanwhile, fuel supplies for ag purposes typically tighten this time of year fol-

lowing peak harvest activity. The question this year is how quickly will fuel storage tanks be replenished.

"It's not unusual for the (diesel) supply to be tight in the fall. We go through peaks and valleys," Abel said. "It's also normal to see a rebuild in the non-peak season."

The rebuild process could be slowed in the weeks ahead, though. With diesel prices still at historic highs, many mid-sized fuel suppliers may opt to keep a "just-in-time" inventory on hand in anticipation of lower prices this winter, according to Abel.

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This week's little Blackhawks

Congratulations to Stockton Elementary and Middle School students who were recognized this week for following the Blackhawk Way - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe.



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Reading to the rescue

Students from Stockton Elementary School read to rescue cats at Safe Haven Humane Society on Sunday, Nov. 13. The event was organized by Cher Dyle, Volunteer Coordinator at Safe Haven and Reading Specialists Jeni Pearce and Angie Kurth at Stockton Elementary. Student readers read to cats for 20 minutes and then played with the cats for another 10 minutes. Students then switched rooms and read some more. Kittens of various ages interacted and listened to the readers.



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Stockton students read to the cats at Safe Haven Home for Pets. "The students really enjoyed reading and playing with the cats. It helps the cats socialize and increases their readiness for adoption," Cher Dyle explained. Any interested children may come and read with the cats by making an appointment. Appointments can be made by calling the shelter at 815-858-2265. More information can be found at safehavenforpets.org.

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