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Lady Wildcats improve to 8-2

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The River Ridge-Scales Mound girls' basketball team bounced back in a big way last week. After suffering a heartbreaking 44-43 loss to the Orangeville Broncos on Friday, Dec. 2 the Lady Wildcats responded with a pair of blowout wins.

On Monday, Dec. 5 it was a new week for the Cats. They had little time to settle into the week with a Monday matchup against the Milledgeville Missiles. The Missiles came into the matchup with a record of 1-2, while the Cats were a solid 6-2. This one was never really close as the Cats were off and running from the opening tip. RR-SM jumped out to a 16-2 lead in the opening quarter. While the Missiles struggled to put up points, the Cats had one of their best first half offensive performances. By half-time, the Cats already held a 38-5 lead.

The Cats were led by a strong free throw shooting performance. At the line, RR-SM shot 8-10 as a team. It was the Cats' defense that made the real difference, however. RR-SM had 22 steals as a team. Addison Albrecht was all over on

defense with a team leading seven steals on the night. Emily Wiederholt added five steals of her own in the victory.

Offensively, it was Albrecht who led the way with 11 points. Both Wiederholt and Laiken Haas finished the game with eight points. Micaela Miller had seven points, while both Abigail Frank and Sydney Driscoll finished with six. Thanks to a combination of balanced offense and lockdown defense, the Cats dominated their way towards a 59-15 victory.

Two days later, the Cats were back on the road as they made the trip to Pecatonica to face off with the Indians. The Indians came into the matchup riding a two-game winning streak as they held a record of 5-2. On Paper, it appeared to be an even matchup. Things didn't play out like that on the court, however.

The Cats were boosted by another hot start as their offense hit the floor running. RR-SM jumped out to an 11 point lead in the first quarter as they outscored the Indians 18-7. The Cats were able to make a difference in the paint and on the boards with their size advantage over the Indians.

While Pecatonica had just nine total rebounds on the game, the Cats racked up 43 boards as a team. Albrecht led the team with eight rebounds, but Annie Werner, Gwen Miller, and Driscoll each finished the game with seven rebounds. Haas added five boards of her own as everyone seemed to get in on the action.

The plethora of rebounds gave the Wildcats control of the ball and plenty of second-chance opportunities on offense. As a team, the Cats had 18 rebounds on the offensive end. That allowed the offense to get up more shots which, typically, works in the offense's favor. Werner took advantage of those opportunities as she led RR-SM with 15 points on the night. Albrecht was next up for the Cats with 11 points, and Miller finished with eight.

While the Cats struggled to be consistent on offense shooting just 32 percent as a team, they were able to make up for it in other areas. After improving their record to 8-2, the Cats had a pair of matchups with Durand and Shullsburg. RR-SM's next matchup comes this Thursday when they travel to face off with the Eastland Cougars.



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NHS students serve the community

The Warren High School chapter of the National Honor Society has been involved with community service activities the past month. Chapter members created Thanksgiving crafts to be sent with the FCCLA/NHS holiday platters for community senior citizens. Members along with chapter co-advisors, Mrs. Brenner and Mr. Zink, also served cocoa and cookies at the Warren Drug store during the Warren Christmas walk.

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Obituaries

LAWRENCE W. MILLER

Lawrence W. Miller, age 84, of Pearl City, IL passed away Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, at OSF St. Anthony's in Rockford, IL. He was born in Lena, IL on Nov. 6, 1938, to the late Walter and Nellie (Harter) Miller. Lawrence married Sharon Wilkinson on Feb. 22, 1957, in Carroll County.

Lawrence attended the country schools in the area. He was a member of Ebenezer/Salem United Church. Lawrence had worked as a welder for Stover Tanks for 22 years and hauled fuel for Stephenson and Ferrell Gas. He also farmed with his wife on their farmette. Lawrence enjoyed playing cards, hunting, mushroom hunting, and fishing. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family and playing with the kids. He especially enjoyed family time around the bonfires. He always said they had the best nieces and nephews around.

Lawrence is survived by his wife, Sharon Miller; his daughters, Theresa (Bernie) Crackenberger and Connie Gillen; his son, Lawrence "Butch" (Doreen) Miller; his grandchildren, Eric (Ja-



mie), Elizabeth, Dale (Mindy), Christopher, Tamara (Brandon), Darren, Kevin and Cody; his 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; his brother, Elmer Miller; his sister-in-law, Diane Wilkinson; and his brothers-in-law, Harry and Herbie Wilkinson. He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandsons, Jamie and Butch; his great grandson, Dale Jr., his sisters-in-law, Alice (George) Yeager and Velma Wilkinson; and his brothers-in-law, Dwight (Estella) and Gene Wilkinson.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 1 p.m. with a visitation beginning at noon at Salem United Church in Loran. There was a visitation at Hermann Funeral Home in Pearl City on Monday, Dec. 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. Interment will take place at Salem Cemetery in Loran. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

RODNEY BRANDT

Rodney Brandt, age 80, died on Dec. 5, 2022, in Stockton, Ill. — a village that wouldn't have been the same without him. It's where he spent most of his life with his wife of 48 years, where he raised his children, served as mayor for 21 years, and played active roles in his family and community that he cared about deeply.

A 1959 graduate of Stockton High School, he was known best by some as a dedicated civil servant, acting as a Stockton Village board member since May 1989, then as village president, a role he had from May 2001 to the very end of his life. Some knew him in his professional life, working at Hudson's grocery store, as a real estate broker, then for First National Bank of Stockton and its successors. Others might have recognized his booming voice from the stands of a sporting event, of which he attended and supported many as a Stockton Blackhawk booster, Little League Commissioner and part of the Blackhawk Football Chain Gang Crew. He was a member and talented golfer at the Stockton Atwood Golf Course (where he was a men's club champion) and a student in childhood and congregant in adulthood of the Holy Cross Catholic Church.

But the titles Rod may have been most proud of were husband and father. He was one half of the inseparable, active, adventurous, ever-present "Rod and Lou," and the patriarch of a blended clan that he never treated as anything other than his own family.

While he was born an only child to Bart and Anita Brandt



on Dec. 19, 1941, in Dubuque, Iowa, he went on to fill his life and his West Benton Avenue home to the brim with children, then grandchildren. Rod had his first three kids, Becky, Barry and Brian, with the late Jo Ann (Heidenrieck) Bower, whom he shared 11 years of marriage with.

Later, Lou and two more children, Kirk and Jesse, would come into his life. About a year before Rod and Lou's humble wedding on Nov. 16, 1974, Lou remembers when she first met the tall, handsome, mustachioed man at the golf course. Their first date, which involved taking a bunch of Holy Cross basketball players to Dixon, Illinois, would foreshadow a life filled with going to sporting events together. They attended every state basketball tournament from 1974 to 2019, and they traveled to many NCAA Final Fours and other March Madness games. Their shared love for Stockton athletics and the Chicago Cubs, as well as their competing loves for the Chicago Bears (Rod) and Green Bay Packers (Lou), were only topped by their dedicated fandom for whatever sports teams their kids and grandkids were on. They were the pair you could always count on to be on the sidelines, present for every game they could be.

But it wasn't just at sporting events, Rod was there at Thanksgiving with a homemade pecan pie in hand; at birthdays with his favorite

cherry cake; at the lake on the Fourth of July with a whole mess of fireworks and no formal training; he was there at Christmas, where he always made the entire Brandt/Bower group feel like one family; he was on the party bus for family trips to Wrigley Field; at a family tailgate in some parking lot; or spending time at his kids' vacation homes in Breckenridge, Fort Myers, and on Lake Wisconsin. Time spent was one of Rod's love languages, and he showed it with abandon. He gave all of his children the will and determination to succeed in life, and he taught them how to find their own paths to raising loving families.

His long and fun-filled retirement allowed him to travel, go on afternoon rides with Lou and friends, check out breweries, perform mayoral duties and drive wherever family was on any given day. Rod will be remembered as someone who chose his words carefully, set high standards for himself and others, gave sage advice, helped fill the room with laughter and showed his love in actions. He was well-dressed, he worked hard and played hard, but a handyman he was not. (Just ask his kids who received electric shocks getting on the camper bus that wasn't properly grounded.)

But one thing he was exceptionally good at was making people feel connected. His support for his kids, his grandkids, his community, his church, and his sports teams created countless memories, strong family bonds and lasting friendships that went beyond him.

A battle with cancer cut his

active life too short. But even in his last two challenging years, made better by the compassionate medical oversight of his daughter and a nurse practitioner, Becky, Rod lived his life, as he always had, with dignity, strength, and love.

He built the foundation for a strong family and a strong community, and they are his legacy. Rod Brandt was a husband, father, stepfather, father-in-law, grandfather, mayor, coach, fan, golfer, and friend who will be loved and remembered forever by so many.

Rod is preceded in death by his parents, Bart and Anita Brandt, and his granddaughter, Taylor Brandt. He is survived by his wife, Lou Brandt; his children, Becky (Dave) Behling, Barry (Marci) Brandt, Brian (Brenda) Brandt, Kirk (Amy) Haring and Jesse (Kellie) Brandt; and his grandchildren, Alex (Natalie), Andie, Jonah, Grant, Casey, Connor, Anna, Branden, Caleb, Payton and Bryce.

A visitation was held on Monday, Dec. 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church 223 E Front Ave in Stockton. The funeral service was Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 11 a.m. with a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. also at the church. Interment took place at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Stockton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Rod's name can be made to Holy Cross Catholic Church or the V Foundation, a cancer research foundation founded by ESPN and legendary basketball coach Jim Valvano, at vffoundation.donordrive.com/campaign/Rod-Brandt-Memorial.

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ANELENE F. HEIDENREICH

Anelene F. Heidenreich, age 88, of Stockton, IL passed away Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, at FHN Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She was born in Apple River, IL on Nov. 6, 1934, to the late Vernon and Catherine (Watson) Grindey. Anelene married Laurence Heidenreich on Aug. 23, 1953, at EUB Church in Stockton. Laurence passed away July 19, 2002.

Anelene was a 1953 graduate of Apple River High School. She was a member



of Calvary United Methodist Church in Stockton, the Greenvale Neighborhood Club and Stella's Coffee Group. She was a hardworking, dedicated farm wife who was always willing to drive machinery, milk cows and take care of the family. She enjoyed needlepoint, Blackhawk sporting events, plays, and concerts, and baking rolls, mints and especially

cakes for special occasions. Most of all, Anelene loved her family and spending time with the grandkids and great grandkids.

She is survived by her sons, Craig (Kris — Mrs. Heidenreich) of Stockton and Mark (Deb) of Stockton; her grandsons, Timothy (Dannielle) of Chadwick, David (Anna) of Bettendorf, IA, Jon (Jenna Lafferty) of Stockton, Garrett (Andrea) of Dubuque, IA, William (Jaycee) of Warren and special grandson, Kyle Hubb of Stockton; her great grandchildren, Nathaniel, Malia,

Matthew, Gavin, Paxton, and Oliver. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brother, Clifford (Pauline) Grindey; her nephew, Mike Grindey; and her niece Michelle Grindey.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, Dec. 16, at Calvary United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. with a visitation beginning at 9 a.m. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We finely had some December weather this past week. A lot of people have been waiting for snow. Those snow waiting people didn't get a lot, but it was a start. Those snow people are people who plow driveways, people who want overtime because they plow streets and highways, snowmobilers, and people who like to ski and sled. I am not any of those people be-

cause I walk with a cane and a walker. I wouldn't mind a little snow for Christmas, but then it can stop. I think the people I mentioned above have a pretty good chance of having some more snow in the next month. Snow would put us in the mood for Christmas. This week's recipes are featured to help us all to get ready for Christmas.

Cranberry and Bacon Cheese Dip

This baked appetizer can be made ahead of time, so it is a good one to serve for the holidays. Yes, it does have cranberries in it. I seem to be on a cranberry roll this year. Serve it on toasted sliced French bread baguettes, cut 1/4 inch thick or toasted pita bread.

2/3 C. mayonnaise
1/3 C. spreadable chive and onion cream cheese
1 T. stone-ground mustard
1/4 t. garlic pepper
3 C. shredded Swiss cheese
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped onions, thawed and patted dry
8 pieces of bacon, cooked crisp and chopped
1/2 C. sliced almonds, divided
1/3 C. dried cranberries, chopped
Slices of French bread baguette, toasted or toasted pita bread

Preheat the oven to 325. In a large bowl, combine mayo, cream cheese, mustard, and garlic pepper. Add Swiss cheese; mix well. Stir in onions, bacon, 1/4 C. almonds and cranberries. Spread into a greased 1 or 2-quart baking dish. Sprin-

kle with remaining almonds. Place on a baking sheet. Bake, uncovered, until bubbly, 25 to 30 minutes. Serve warm with bread.

Wedge Salad with Blue Cheese Ranch Dressing

The PBS channel out of Wisconsin is one of my go-to stations to watch. They have had several specials about the history of Wisconsin supper clubs. Did you know that the term supper club originated in Wisconsin? I didn't because we have had supper clubs in northwest Illinois all my life. Do you remember the Red Cedar Inn and The Esquire in Freeport? I remember those places from my childhood, and that our family would go to a supper club once a year. What

has that info to do with the recipe below? The wedge salad is a standard in any supper club that doesn't have a salad bar. This salad is a favorite of men because they love iceberg lettuce. Enjoy this blast from the supper club past.

Dressing:

1 1/2 C. mayonnaise
1 C. whole buttermilk
2 t. garlic powder
2 t. onion powder
4 t. hot sauce
1 t. salt
1 t. sugar
1 t. pepper
8 oz. blue cheese crumbles, divided
1/4 C. finely chopped fresh parsley
1/4 C. minced fresh chives
2 T. chopped fresh dill
Salad:
2 heads iceberg lettuce
8 slices chopped cooked bacon
2 C. cherry tomatoes, halved
Garnish: sliced fresh chives and black pepper

In the work bowl of a food processor, pulse together mayo, buttermilk, garlic powder, onion powder, hot sauce, salt, sugar, and pepper until well combined and mixture is slightly thickened. Add half of the blue cheese; pulse until cheese is incorporated and mixture is smooth.

In a medium bowl, stir together mayo mixture, parsley, sliced chives, dill, and remaining cheese. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to 3 days. Before assembling the salad, plunge the heads of lettuce into ice cold water. Let dry on a kitchen towel. Cut into quartered wedges. Divide lettuce wedges, bacon, and tomatoes among serving plates; serve with blue cheese dressing. Garnish with sliced chives and pepper

Cranberry-Orange Chicken

Sticking with my cranberry theme, this main dish is a great one to serve for company or for a family dinner. The green beans in the dish make

for great color, and you have your vegetable taken care of too. If you like dark meat better, substitute chicken thighs for chicken breasts.

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

Position oven rack on top third of oven. Preheat oven to 375. Line a rimmed baking sheet 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.

In another large bowl, stir together green beans, cranberries, garlic, rosemary remaining tablespoon of honey, remaining tablespoon of oil, remaining salt and pepper. Place around chicken, bake until thermometer reads 165 when inserted into thickest part of chicken, about 15 minutes. Garnish with rosemary if desired.

Beefy Shepherd's Pie

This casserole is a hearty one for a cold weeknight meal. You can prepare the meat and onions the night before and peel the potatoes and turnips, placing them in water. It is easy to assemble. The turnips add a sharp flavor to the potatoes. There are a lot of recipes using turnips for winter cooking. They are inexpensive and really help extend a dish. Try using them with things if you are not of fan of their stand-alone taste.

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Obituaries

WADE FLACK

Wade Flack, 52 years young, of Rock City, IL unexpectedly passed away on Nov. 25, 2022. He was born on May 13, 1970, in Woonsocket RI, the son of Donald Flack and Terri (King) Murrell. Wade's words as a young man, "I'm going to marry you one day" came to life on Nov. 7, 1998, as he took the hand of Denise Fox into the promise of marriage until death do them part, 24 years later.

Wade had an unwavering love for his wife and dedicated himself to his pride and joy, Big O and Tweety. He was a former member of the Rock City Fire Department, former coach of Dakota Youth Football, D & D baseball and softball, and coordinator of the Rock City Tap dart league. Wade



thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors which included camping, more hunting, meat fest and maintaining his beloved yard. Through the cooler months it was Monday night dart league and card nights with friends. He was a staple in the community and a 'yes man' to anyone needing a helping hand. He prided himself in that his family were his friends, and his friends and neighbors were his family.

Everyone knew Wade as an honorable hardworking man of strong character who had a love for music (except rap), was outgoing and sociable

with a vibrant and humorous personality. But Wade was best known for his giant hugs, I love you's, and his loud, contagious laugh that would light up the room.

Wade is survived by his wife, Denise; son, Wade (Orion) of Rockford, IL; daughter, Chloe of Rock City, IL, and bonus daughter, Tonya Orshall of Lake Mills, WI; mother, Terri (John) Murrell of Lena, IL; brother, Jason (Jake) Flack of Rock City; sisters, Jessica (Darin) Peight of Lena and Jenni Hepler of Nashville, TN; and mother and father-in-law, Paul and Shirley Fox. It goes without saying that Wade's brotherhood extends to Shane (Stacey) Flack of Freeport, and Doug Ireton of Rock City, and many sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, aunts,

uncles, and cousins. He will be greatly missed by 'not his dog' Luka, cats, Jozie and Dash and the infamous, Steve. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Flack, grandparents Helen and Robert Flack, Gene and Trudy King, Uncle Roger Flack, Cousin Jana Olsen and beloved animals, Rusty, Newman, Cooper, Belle, Lucky, George and Oliver.

A visitation was held on Sunday, Dec. 4, at Daughenbaugh Funeral Home in Dakota IL. Cremation rights have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Rock City Fire Dept. The family was assisted by Daughenbaugh Funeral Home and condolences may be shared at www.walkermortuary.com.

MARLAND K. JORDAN

Marland K. Jordan entered his heavenly reward surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022. Marland was born Aug. 1, 1935, to Kenneth and Elva (Straub) Jordan on the family farm in Tipton Iowa. Marland attended school in Bennett Iowa graduating from Bennett High School in 1954. During Marland's high school years, he was involved in many sports activities and soon had a reputation for being a great athlete blessed with being a speedy runner. He even competed in the Jr. Olympics running in the Los Angeles Coliseum. He also developed a love for baseball and softball.

While attending High School he met the love of his life Deanna Marks. They were united in marriage on Sept. 1, 1957. They were blessed with 5 children. Tracie Jordan-Deaver Wyoming; Marty (Jeanie) Jordan-Two



Harbors Minnesota; Roland Jordan-deceased in infancy; Robinn (John) Leuenberger-Winslow Illinois; and Laurie (Randy) Thiele Roscoe Illinois. Also survived by 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. One brother Richard (Dick) Jordan of Nashua, IA; sister-in-law Janice Meier of Marengo, IA; and brother-in-law Kirby (Linda) Marks of Colorado.

During his life Marland was a man of many talents. After he and Deanna were married, he began his career as a herdsman at a dairy farm in Bismarck North Dakota. From there he came back to the Family Farm in Iowa. Then the family moved to California, and he continued

working on dairies. While in California Marland attended evening classes to become a radio broadcaster. In 1971 he started his radio broadcasting career in Thermopolis, WY then to Iowa again and continued to Lena where he was a broadcaster for Freeport Station WACI. He called sporting events for local High School teams. From there he moved on to a sales career working for various seed and fertilizer companies. When he decided to "retire" he and Deanna opened a small restaurant in Bennett, IA called Jordan's Midway. The grandchildren had many fond memories of spending time with them there.

After that adventure, they moved to Winslow, IL and helped John and Robinn on their dairy farm, and finally officially retiring to their current home in Lena, IL. Marland remained an avid sports fan, with a love for college football as an Iowa Hawkeye

fan. He also enjoyed women's softball and coaching girls in the art of fast pitch. He was very well known for his superman push-ups. We never have found another person that could do it.

Marland also had a very strong faith life as a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church in Lena where he served as an Elder, Sunday School Teacher and helped at the Thrift store where he enjoyed many conversations. Marland always had a joke or story to share.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 12, at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Lena, IL. Rev. Rick Bader officiated the service. Burial took place at Inland Cemetery in Bennett, Iowa at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

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Pretzel City Brewfest wins Best Event at the Illinois Excellence in Tourism Awards

The Illinois Office of Tourism awarded Pretzel City Brewfest the best event or festival at the Illinois Governor's Conference on Travel and Tourism on Monday, Dec. 5, at Chicago's Navy Pier.

Pretzel City Brewfest, hosted by the Greater Freeport Partnership, is held annually on the last Saturday in September and has drawn thousands of visitors to downtown Freeport in its ten years of existence. The craft beer festival celebrates local, regional, and national brands for an amazing tasting experience, along with games, food, and a kinship for beer. The 2022 event was held in the Freeport Arts Plaza and welcomed 800 attendees, with more than 50 percent being outside a 30-mile radius of Freeport.

"We are humbled by this honor and so proud of the collaboration and efforts by volunteers and community organizations who continue

to make this event a success. Freeport is a great place to not only attend a festival, but to visit and enjoy time with friends," said Partnership Brand Director Nicole Haas. "Our efforts make a difference in attracting and introducing the Freeport area to new visitors."

The Illinois Excellence in Tourism Awards were presented to honor the most successful tourism marketing and advertising initiatives, from tourism destinations to attractions and innovators throughout the state who make Illinois shine. Nine categories of tourism marketing awards were honored at the event with winners in categories for Budget A for budgets of \$750,000 and above, and Budget B for organizations with budgets under \$750,000. Pretzel City Brewfest received the award in the Budget B category. "The winners of the Illinois Excellence in Tourism Awards reflect the resil-

ience, creativity, and passion of Illinois' dynamic tourism industry," said Sylvia I. Garcia, Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO). "Under Governor Pritzker's leadership, we have awarded an unprecedented level of grant funding to support tourism recovery and we remain focused on supporting the tourism sector, driving economic development, and bringing our communities together."

Greater Freeport Partnership Brand Director Nicole Haas accepts the award for Best Event from Illinois Dept of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Sylvia I. Garcia at the Illinois Excellence in Tourism Awards on Dec. 5, at Chicago's Navy Pier.

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Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL. on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 9:30 a.m. for Third Sunday of Advent. The reading will be from Matthew 1:18-25.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20 Bible Study group will meet at 11 a.m. On Wednesday, Dec. 21 Peace Corps Quilting Group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience necessary and all are welcome to attend.

On Saturday, Dec. 24, Good Shepherd will be at the Le-Win Food Pantry from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. There will

also be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on the same day, starting at 7 p.m. Worship service will include hymns by the chime choir and choir.

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

St. John's Lutheran Church

Join St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City every Sunday, at 9 a.m. for Worship, Sunday School and Communion. Worship is led by Pastor Shellie Knight. Join the fun for monthly dominoes and card games, Men's Breakfast, and Women's gatherings. St. John's also continually serves

the local community with the Healthy Wolves Backpack program.

The community grace meal will be held on Dec. 18. The menu is ham, baked potato, green bean casserole, Jell-O, and dessert. All meals will be curbside pick-up with reservations due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15 to the church office. Orders can be placed by calling 815-443-2215. Curbside pick-up is available Sunday, Dec. 18, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Funding for the Grace Meal is provided by a grant from the Freeport Community Foundation and Thrivent.

St. John's Lutheran Church is located at 229 S First St., Pearl City, IL.

Pearl City First United Methodist Church

Join the Community Christmas Dinner at Pearl City First United Methodist Church, 411

S Main St., on Sunday, Dec. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dine in, carry-out and delivery (within the Pearl City area) will be available. To reserve a meal please call the church at 815-443-2177. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church in Derinda will host Christmas in the Valley Brass Quintet on Dec. 23 at 6:30 p.m. A five-piece brass quintet performance will include festive Christmas Classics.

Trinity Church is located at 8393 S Derinda Road, Elizabeth IL. All are welcome. For directions or additional information please call 815-291-4673.

Apple River Community Churches

Bring the whole family to watch Christmas from the perspective of the shepherds,

Mary, and Joseph on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy popcorn and other goodies while you watch, and door prizes will be awarded.

This event will be held at the Apple River Event Center and is sponsored the Apple River Community Churches - St. Joseph's Catholic Church, First Presbyterian Church and Apple River United Methodist Church. There is no charge to attend. Please contact Pastor Libby Rutherford at rutherford.libby@gmail.com or 815-990-1428 with any questions.

Stockton CWA

The Concerned Women for America (CWA), Stockton Group, will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. at Calvary Church in Stockton. The CWA is a group of concerned Christian women who meet to be informed, to pray, and act. The CWA is a non-denominational group that is pro-family, pro-life, pro-religious freedom, pro-national sovereignty, and against sexual exploitation.

Any interested woman is welcome to join us. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Carol Rowe at 815-947-2122 or Pam Hess at 815-947-9154.

A Prayer Drive is also held on the first Monday of each month starting at 1 p.m. in Stockton. Those interested meet at the village parking lot by the ambulance building on Queen Street and carpool around town, covering the town in roughly 60 minutes. The next Prayer Drive will be held on Jan. 2.

Apple River United Methodist Church

Apple River UMC's Dec. 13 Young at Heart gathering will feature Sandy Wolfman and Becky Riedl. Wolfman and Riedl will take attendees on a behind-the-scenes look at Oak Hill Weddings and lead a Christmas sing-along. The event starts at 1:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Church

The Annual Community Christmas Dinner will be held in Stockton on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25 at noon at Holy Cross Church. This is the 36th dinner put on by the churches and the community. Everyone is invited, especially those who are not with family on Christmas day.

Deliveries to the Stockton area and carry outs will be available. Please call Elaine Schlichting at 815-947-3795 to make reservations for a delivery and give your name, address, and phone number. Reservations for those attending or picking up are appreciated but not necessary. If able to volunteer, please call Elaine. Holy Cross to set up and prepare. The menu will consist of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, green beans, raspberry jello salad, and dessert.

New South Church

New South Church in Historic Downtown Galena invites the community to attend their Christmas services. Services will be offered on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 25 at 11 a.m.

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News briefs

The Carroll County Thrift Shop

The Carroll County Help Center Thrift Shop will hold Santa's Bag Sale Fri-

days and Saturdays in December. Everything is a "Buck-a-Bag" with a limit of five bags per person.

The Thrift Shop, located

at 126 South 4th St. Savanna, is celebrating 50 years of service to Carroll County. The shop is open Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Thrift Shop will be close Dec. 24 through the rest of the year, and will reopen on Jan. 6. The shop will not be accepting any

donations of used items after Dec. 23 until it reopens on Jan. 6, 2023.

Community Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will host a community blood drives in Elizabeth. Drive in will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Community building located

at 402 North West Street from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Appointments are encouraged and can be made by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or by visiting redcrossblood.org.

Salvation Army of Freeport requests donations

The Salvation Army of

Freeport is hoping to fill the Angel Tree Toy Store this season. Drop off any unwrapped, new toy to the downtown location at 106 W. Exchange St. or place toys in any red barrel at locations such as Walmart, Cub Foods and more. Every toy and donation is greatly appreciated.

Crime news

Attempted armed robbery arrest

On Nov. 7, at approximately 4:45 p.m., officers of the Freeport Police Department investigated an attempted armed robbery in the 2000 Block of W. Galeana. The 81-year-old female victim reported that a black male approached her demanding money and threatened her life by saying he was armed with a weapon. The victim refused and was able to get away from the suspect, later identified as Issom Brown, who then left the area.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Issom Brown on Nov. 20, for the charges of Attempted Armed Robbery. On Nov. 22, Issom Brown was taken into custody in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and was transported to the Stephenson County Jail on Dec. 7.

Issom Brown is being held at the Stephenson County Jail on bond which was set at \$100,000, 10% applies. The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Attempted robbery

On Dec. 8, at approximately 4:50 p.m., officers of the Freeport Police Department responded to shots fired in the 600 block of W. Avon Street. On arrival, officers located two male vic-

tims, aged 18 and 20, who had been struck by gunfire. Both victims were transported to the Freeport Memorial Hospital. The 18-year-old was then transferred to a Rockford area hospital for treatment. Both victims are in stable condition.

During the investigation, officers learned that the suspect was known to the victims and met up at another location to ride in the same vehicle. While driving, the suspect had attempted to rob the victims, which ended in the suspect firing shots at the victims.

The suspect in the shooting has been identified as a 16-year-old juvenile and charges have been approved for the suspect's arrest. Police are actively searching for his whereabouts.

The Freeport Police Department is asking anyone who has any information about this crime to contact either the Freeport Police Department at 815-235-8222, or Stateline Area Crime Stoppers at 866-TIPSNOW.

Tips to Stateline Area Crime Stoppers can also be submitted online at www.statelineareacrimestoppers.com or on the P-3 mobile app. Tipsters to the Stateline Area Crime Stoppers always remains anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward up to \$1,000. Stateline Area Crime Stoppers is the official Crime Stoppers organization of Freeport and Stephenson County.

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Lady Blackhawks fighting for first win of season

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Stockton girls basketball team has struggled throughout the young 2022-2023 season. While a zero remains in their win column as the team sits at 0-8, the Blackhawk have made steady improvements. Although it hasn't resulted in wins, you can't deny the progress Stockton has made with this year's squad.

Led by Head Coach Robyn Schulz, the Blackhawks have been looking to develop their young roster. Currently, a pair of sophomores in Kacy Wright and Katelyn Winters have played vital roles in the offense. Wright is near the top in points

per game with just over four, while Winters is right behind her at 3.9 points per game. The Blackhawks are led in scoring by a pair of seniors. Whitney Sullivan and Morgan Blair each lead Stockton with 5.3 points per game.

In the early season, the Blackhawks were struggling to keep pace with anyone. Their first two losses came with final scores of 55-14 and 44-12. Their offense finally showed some chemistry on November 19, when they fell 53-41 to Rochelle. Since then, the offense has appeared to be improved albeit not enough to have gotten a win, the Blackhawks are competing.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29 the Blackhawks faced off with the Lena-Winslow Panthers. While the Panthers came away with a 54-33 victory, it was a promising showing for Stockton, including a 16-point fourth quarter. Winters had a solid game with 10 points and nine rebounds as the sophomore nearly tallied a double-double in the loss. Blair was next up with nine points in the loss.

On Thursday, Dec. 1 the Blackhawks looked to turn the page with a new month. They had a tough matchup ahead of them, however, as they traveled to face off with the Pecatonica Indians. The Indians came into the game with a record of 4-2, while Stockton was still searching for its first win of the year.

Despite a solid 11-point performance from Sullivan, it was far from efficient for the Stockton offense. Sullivan hit just two of 14 shots from the floor

and was five of nine from the free throw line. Sullivan hit two of her nine three-point attempts as she handled a majority of the offense in the loss. Sullivan wasn't the only Blackhawk to struggle to find consistency, however. Blair shot 20 percent on the night as she finished with eight points. Dylann Broshous was next up for Stockton with three points. Due to the inefficient offense, Pecatonica wound up defending their home court with a 53-25 victory. The loss dropped Stockton's record to 0-7 on the year.

On Saturday, Dec. 3 the

Blackhawks had a shot at redemption as they faced off with the 2-6 Pearl City Wolves. While the Blackhawks were hopeful for their first win, the Wolves had the advantage of being on their home court. The home court may have been the biggest difference in this one as the game came down to the wire.

Stockton got off to a slow start in the first quarter. The Blackhawks found themselves trailing big as Pearl City jumped out to a 13-6 lead. The Blackhawks would answer back with a strong second

quarter. In fact, it was a strong quarter from Wright, who provided 100 percent of the team's offense in the quarter. Wright's seven points were enough to help outscore the Wolves 7-3 in the second, cutting into their lead. Still, Stockton found themselves trailing 16-13 at the halftime break.

The Blackhawks came out of halftime feeling good. They continued to play well on the court as they outscored the Wolves once again. Blair hit a clutch three pointer, while

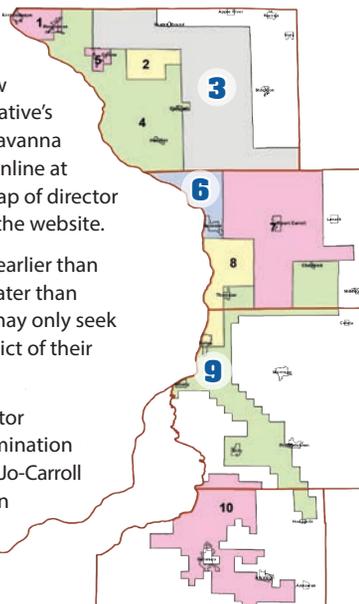
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Jo-Carroll Energy seeks board of director nominations for districts 3, 6 and 9

Nomination petitions for the Jo-Carroll Energy Board of Directors are now available from the cooperative's Elizabeth headquarters, Savanna office, Geneseo office or online at jocarroll.com. A larger map of director districts can be found on the website.

Petitions may be filed no earlier than **January 6, 2023** and no later than **April 6, 2023**. Members may only seek nomination from the district of their primary residence.

Complete details on director qualifications and the nomination procedure can be found in Jo-Carroll Energy's bylaws, posted on the cooperative's website.



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Volunteers needed for Midwinter Bald Eagle Count

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count the bald eagles in their own locality on the official count day. At least 90% of the eagles will be counted before 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Each year some counters start the day by counting the bald eagles that may be seen leaving their nighttime roosts, while it is still so dark that the birds are only silhouettes flying overhead. Some conservation organizations use teams to count the bald eagles as a proj-

ect for their club. Counters have used cars, boats, and airplanes to count the bald eagles during past counts. This annual count was started and coordinated for 22 years by the late Elton Fawks from Moline, IL. Terrence Ingram, President of ENF, from Apple River, has been the coordinator of the count for the past 42 years.

The last few years have documented a low number of immatures being recorded during this count. This num-

ber is actually lower than the same low number that the count had recorded in the early 1960's. The cause for this low number of documented immatures on this count is unknown and any suggestions about a cause have been purely speculative.

Organizations and volunteers for this count are need-

ed all across the Midwest. ENF would like to document the bald eagles that may be found all along the Mississippi River, from Minnesota to Louisiana, as well as along the Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Rock, Peconica, Des Moines, Iowa, Skunk, Cedar, Turkey, Maquoketa and Wisconsin Rivers, and many historic inland win-

tering areas, which the bald eagle still uses.

Anyone interested in helping with this research should contact Mr. Ingram at ENF, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001 or by phone at 815-594-2306 to get the necessary count forms and to receive area assignment. Advance registration is required.

Around the Northern Hills

Last weekend, representatives from Jo Daviess County traveled to Chicago for Illinois Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting. Our delegates, along with others from across the state, worked hard to determine the changes and additions to Illinois Farm Bureau's policy. This is what is so great about the Farm Bureau, it is truly a grassroots effort.

What would Christmas be like without our country's strong agricultural base? The first thought that comes to mind is all the great food that we celebrate holidays with, but without agriculture, Christmas would be different in many ways. Agricultural products touch our daily lives in every way, and that's never more evident than during the Christmas season.

The Christmas tree, if you have a traditional Christmas tree, goes back to a Christmas tree farmer. If you get a ham or a turkey, it goes back to the farmer raising the turkeys or the hogs. When you decide to bake, whether it be bread or



By **ANNETTE EGGERTS**
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cookies, whatever you decide to bake, whatever you use has an agricultural base, had to come from a farmer.

Ag producers also deserve a lot of credit for many of the gifts we give and receive at Christmas. That belt that you get as a gift, boots, or shoes go back to the leather of a beef farmer. Shirts that you get, pants, and dresses all back to the farmer that raises cotton. Even some toys have roots in agriculture. Whether it's that Christmas Day turkey your family is enjoying, or the gifts we share with one another during this special time, it's all related back to agriculture.

Mark your calendars! Do you have questions on trucking issues on your farm? We have Rodney Knittel, Assis-

tant Director of Transportation at Illinois Farm Bureau, coming to Jo Daviess County on Mar. 15, 2023. Watch for the full details coming soon.

Did you know that if you are a Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau member and a customer of Stephenson Service Company that you may be eligible for FS patronage benefits? Qualified purchases you make from FS gives you the potential to become an owner of the company, thereby giving you a voice in its governance. Each year, the FS Board of Directors considers the payment of patronage refunds based on each division's sales and profitability and only pays patronage refunds to Farm Bureau members. If you are not already a member, please contact our office at 815-858-2235 or sign up at www.myifb.org.

Farm Fun Fact

The value of all Christmas trees harvested was \$399 million. Illinois' crop was worth 7.6 million.

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Winters added four points of her own in the third. It was one of Stockton's best quarters as they gave themselves their first lead of the season. After outscoring the Wolves 9-2 in the third, Stockton took a 22-18 lead into the final quarter.

The Blackhawks came just minutes away from their first win, but the Wolves fed off the energy in their home court. The Pearl City offense managed to get to the line 10 times in the fourth quarter, which resulted in six made free throws. Stockton's late foul trouble allowed the Wolves to get right back in the lead.

Blair used the three-point shot to keep the pace as she hit another in the fourth. Sullivan would sink a fourth quarter free throw, but other than that, Blair's six fourth quarter points provided all of Stockton's offense in the quarter. While Stockton had to mostly rely on one player, the Wolves

were able to expand their lead. Eventually, Pearl City walked away with a 34-29 victory.

Although it was their eighth loss and this one slipped through their fingers, there are silver linings in the loss. Winter's big second quarter and Blair's competitive fourth gave the Blackhawks a chance. If Schulz can get the team to play a complete game of bas-

ketball with consistency from their main shooters, the Blackhawks should be able to crack the win column sooner rather than later.

The Blackhawks will get that opportunity when they defend their home court against the Milledgeville Missiles this Thursday, Dec. 15. Currently, the Missiles are just 1-4 on the young season.

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Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International news

Every year the November meeting of the Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society is a joint meeting with a neighboring chapter, Alpha Mu. It gives the chapters a chance to broaden their reach and make new friends.

This year the chapters met at The Thistle in Apple River with a program led by Jeff Wood. Wood led a presentation on honeybees, as he has been a beekeeper for 40 years. Wood is a retired educator who taught at the high school, community college, and university levels. His love of bees has enabled him to produce one of the oldest food products known to man, honey. He and his wife Maddie have traveled rather extensively and become the coordinators for the Galena Community Garden since his retirement and most recently he is substitute teaching agriculture at Galena High School. He continues to learn about bees and has a passion for sharing his knowledge and experience with others.

During the November meeting of the Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Jeff Wood presented a lecture on honeybees. This past summer Wood maintained 13 beehives. In his presentation he explained that a hive will consist of a Queen, some drones or male bees, and tens of thousands worker or female bees. The Queen bee leaves the hive only once to mate and she could lay several hundred thousand eggs.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - 15 North Galena Avenue, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF Daryoush Bagheri, DECEASED. 22 PR 95

Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Tchernavia Rocker, 100 Harborview Drive, Unit 207, Baltimore, Maryland 21230, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Grace Luetkemeyer, Hoogendoorn & Talbot, LLP, 122 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60603. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act III. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

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Kitchen (Continued from page 3)

1½ lbs. baking potatoes, peeled, cut into 1½ inch pieces

1 lb. turnips, peeled, cut into 1 inch pieces
 ¾ C. milk
 4 T. butter
 ½ t. salt
 ¼ t. pepper
 ¾ C. shredded cheddar cheese

1 small onion, finely chopped
 3 T. fresh herbs (Parsley, chives, rosemary)

1½ lbs. ground beef
 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen mixed vegetables
 1 envelope (1 oz.) gravy mix

Preheat oven to 400. Coat a 2-qt. baking dish with cooking spray. In a large pot, combine potatoes and turnips with enough salted water to cover by 1 inch. Over high heat, bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium-low. Cook until tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain and return to pot. In a microwave-safe bowl, heat the milk and butter until hot, about 45 seconds. Add to potato mixture with salt and pepper, mash. Stir in cheese and 2 T. fresh herbs. Reserve.

Coat a large nonstick skillet with cooking spray, heat over medium heat. Add onion; cook, stirring, until softened, 7 to 8 minutes. Increase heat to high and add beef. Cook, stirring and breaking up with spoon until browned, 7 to 8 minutes. Drain; return to skillet. Add vegetables; cook for 1 minutes. Add gravy mix, 1 C. water and remaining 1 T. fresh herbs. Cook until thickened, 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer to baking dish. Top with reserved potato mixture. Bake until golden brown on top, 20 minutes. Let stand 10

minutes before serving.

Easy Mint Thins

These easy mint cookies taste a lot like the Girl Scout Mint cookies. They are perfect for a Christmas tray. They require the purchase of candy coating. You decide if you want milk or dark chocolate. The candy coating is available in large grocery stores and sometimes at Dollar General.

24 oz. milk or dark chocolate candy coating
 1½ t. peppermint extract
 60 Ritz crackers
 12 oz. white candy coating, melted

Chopped Andes mint candies, crushed spearmint candies, and green colored sprinkles

In a microwaveable bowl, melt chocolate candy coating, stirring until smooth. Stir in extract. Dip crackers in chocolate candy coating; allow excess to drip off. Place on waxed paper; let stand until set. Drizzle tops with white candy coating; decorate as desired; let stand until set. Store in airtight containers.

Final Thoughts

Lena had a great parade the first weekend in December. There were plenty of entries—lots of lights, candy, and people. Santa and Mrs. Claus' float was beautiful, the tree lighting went forward without a hitch, and there was plenty of action downtown with food trucks and decorations. It was a great night. Hats off to the Lena Business and Professional Association for a great job to get us all thinking about Christmas.

In Lena there are plenty of places to buy gifts. You can buy clothes and gifts at

Ev Marie Boutique, Sweet Stitches, the Lena Drug Store, Lena Mercantile, DeVoe Floral, Down on the Farm, The Mill, The South Door Décor, Crafty Collections, Sugarbakers, and Hometown Trophies. You can find something at the Thrift Shop, Wolf Hollow Golf Course, Sweetie Me, and Brandon's Hardware. Gift certificates and food items are available from all of the previous businesses as well as Torkelson Cheese, Barrel and Brie, A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats, Coaches Bar and Grill, Mulligans, Rafters, Subway, Saporitos, The Garden View Restaurant, and Main Street Eats and Treats. If you want to be practical, there are also gift cards at Dollar General, Casey's, Sullivan's, FS Fast Stop, and Spirit Gas. You don't have to go far to get any Christmas gifts. If you don't live in Lena, check out your Hometown businesses for their unique items. Remember that local businesses are the lifeblood of your community.

I set as my goal to get some cookies baked; I did get two kinds made and hope to do a little more. I need to do some Christmas cards this coming week. I had my first Christmas gatherings last week. It was wonderful to eat good food and see old friends. That is what the holidays are all about.

If you have some good cookie recipes, we would like you to share them. If you have some good holiday recipes, we would like to see them too. 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 Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 5 IN BLOCK 9 OF SOULARDS FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GALENA, WEST SIDE OF THE GALENA RIVER, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THENCE SOUTH 55 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 5, A DISTANCE OF 38.88 FEET; THENCE NORTH 46 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 78.69 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY HALF OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE NORTH 38 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 23.45 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY HALF OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE SOUTH 56 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 9, A DISTANCE OF 90.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID TRACT CONTAINING 2.548 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RECORDED EASE-

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OPINION

Chesney warns of lame duck shenanigans

Democrats plan to attack 2nd Amendment rights

Illinois State Representative Andrew Chesney (R-89) is outraged by the Democrat's planned attack on Illinoisans' right to protect themselves, their families and their property from criminals intent on doing them harm. "The introduction of HB 5855 earlier this week by Democrats who are more concerned with protecting criminals than victims and our families, is just one more assault on our Constitutional rights," explained Chesney. "Moreover, the proposed legislation contains provisions that would make criminals of

law-abiding citizens." Some of the provisions of HB 5855 include:

- Creating a gun registry for almost every kind of semi-automatic weapon,
- Outlawing magazines holding more than 10 rounds from being made, sold, or possessed,
- Restricting individuals under the age of 21 from obtaining a FOID card,
- Limiting the ability of individuals under the age of 21 to hunt, and
- Requiring law-abiding citizens to pay a \$25 fee each for certain firearms currently owned or risk being charged as a felon.

"It is not lost on me that the Democrat's SAFE-T Act, signed into law earlier this year, releases those cur-

rently charged with violent acts back out on the streets while at the same time this new legislation creates felons out of law abiding citizens," said Chesney. "Democrats are making our communities less safe and then taking away our ability to protect ourselves. It is absurd and reckless." Chesney warns there is still time for HB 5855 to be called for a vote in the January lame duck session and

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Income Guidelines:

Family Size	30 Day Income	Family Size	30 Day Income
1	\$2,265	6	\$6,198
2	\$3,052	7	\$6,985
3	\$3,838	8	\$7,324
4	\$4,625	9	\$7,484
5	\$5,412	10	\$7,643
		11	\$7,802

For more than 11 household members, please add \$590 for each additional person.

Please call the Freeport office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 to receive information on how to receive a pre-application packet. Completed pre-application packets and required documents listed below may be submitted for processing by mail, email, drop box or fax. Appointments will be made for those needing help with the packet.

**** To submit an application, you MUST submit ALL of the required documents. ****

- Proof of Social Security numbers (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all household members. Individuals without an SSN or ITIN can still apply and NICAA will advise.
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days prior and including the application date, such as paycheck stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD income, pension/retirement statements, unemployment reports, child support, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance, self-employment reports and proof of zero income.
- Complete current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days.
- Copy of current lease if any utilities are included in the rent payment.

There is no more funding for LIHWAP water and sewer bill assistance.

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